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TO COUNT VOTE IN MAYFIELD CASE

BOND REFUSED MAN HELD FOR SHOOTING

Judge A. K. Doss, counsel for J. S. McDaniels, held in jail in Ballinger charged with the murder of Elmer Wright in Concho county, announced Thursday that a petition would be filed with District Judge J. O. Woodward within a few days asking for a hearing to fix bond for McDaniels.

The defense waived hearing first of the week, but the state's counsel would not agree to bond and McDaniels was remanded to jail. Nothing has been given out to indicate what the defense will be in the case.

J. S. McDaniels, of Eola, charged with the murder of Elmer Wright, at Eola, on December 29th, will remain in jail at Ballinger until his case is disposed of, unless habeas corpus proceedings are instituted and a hearing held to fix bond.

After taking some testimony in the case at Paint Rock Wednesday, District Attorney Walter U. Early, for the state, refused to agree to bond for McDaniels, and the defense has taken no steps to secure bond.

McDaniels was brought to Ballinger last Saturday afternoon and placed in the county jail charged with shooting Wright to death with a shot gun at Eola, Concho county. The defendant retained Judge A. K. Doss, of this city, to defend him within a few minutes after he had been placed in jail.

RELATIVES PLAN FUNERAL FOR 2

McKINNEY, Tex., Jan. 8.—Relatives from Denison are here today arranging for the funerals of Mrs. M. A. Yargan, age 75, and her son Gus, age 45, whose bodies were found last night at their home here.

Mrs. Yargan was shot to death and her son's body also bore gunshot wounds, and the man's throat had been slashed. The dead man was gripping a shotgun in his hands.

It is said that Yargan had been worrying over financial affairs.

Cicero Smith left Wednesday morning for Dallas where he will enter the Southwestern School of Printing. Cicero is one of the 23 graduates of the Ballinger High School. He will take a course in linotyping and stereotyping.

W. J. Smith, of Wingate, was among the farmers who were in the city Monday.

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ASKS GOVERNOR REMOVE SHERIFF

MARION, Ill., Jan. 9.—The removal of Sheriff George Galligan from office has been asked for, according to John Whiteside, leading member of the Ku Klux Klan in Williamson county, Illinois.

Sheriff Galligan yesterday requested the governor to furnish him with troops, saying that he feared rioting as the result of a "bootleggers' war" and today three companies of National Guards were on duty in the county.

It is said that wholesale liquor raids have been conducted in the county recently without the sheriff's knowledge, and Whiteside, leader of the Klan forces, stated today that Governor Small had been requested to remove Galligan from office.

MODERN BUNGALOW TO REPLACE LAND MARK

The house now owned by W. V. Connelly, and located on the corner of Eighth Street and Phillips Avenue North of the Carnegie Library, is to be wrecked at once to make room for a new modern five-room bungalow. Mr. Connelly has let the contract for the work to Jess McDonald, and the contractor has placed some of the material on the ground and will begin work of razing the old building as soon as Mr. Connelly can vacate. Mr. Connelly will probably move his family to down-town rooms and live on the short-order plan until the new home is completed. He says he "ransacked" the city for a residence, but cannot find a house or suitable rooms for a temporary home.

The old house which is about to be wrecked is a landmark, and one of the first residences built in this city.

Chas. Boyd had business at Coleman Tuesday afternoon.

REBELS CAPTURE OTHER OIL FIELDS

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Officers of the Hand-American Petroleum & Transport Company today announced that the Mexican rebels had taken possession of its fields at Tierra Blanca and the Chapapote Nomez wells and pipe lines had been shut down.

In a statement issued by the officers it was said that no oil was coming through from those fields, and the activities of the revolutionists are causing the company loss of between 35,000 and 40,000 barrels of oil daily. The statement also said that operations of the rebels were spreading, the rebels gaining considerable strength.

R. L. Bates, of the Novice section, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday. Mr. Bates says another week of sunshine and farmers will be able to get in the fields. The pioneer farmer says it is the first time he can recall when he was kept out of the field for three months on account of wet weather.

Garland Dickenson is at home from a visit to Fort Worth and Cleburne. He denied going on the mission for which some of his friends accused him.

Y. M. B. L. Opens Drive for New Year Finances

Better Roads, Greater Commercial, Civic and Agricultural Interests for Runnels County in General and Ballinger in Particular, is the Slogan of the Young Men's Business League for 1924.

Immediately after adjournment of a meeting of the board of directors of the Young Men's Business League, held at their office, Monday morning, several sets of committeemen were appointed to carry out the membership drive, and active work is now being done. There were many important matters to come before the meeting Monday morning, which were deferred to the completion of the membership drive which will be pushed with much energy.

The drive now on is only to secure individual members to the league for 1924. If you are already a member of the Y. M. B. L. you will be given an opportunity to renew your membership for the new year and if you are not a member you will be solicited and urged to become one. Good road projects, commercial and civic affairs, agricultural and live stock interests will be included in the program of work by the Y. M. B. L. for 1924, aside from many other miscellaneous activities that will be for the best interests of Runnels county in general and Ballinger in particular. The league realizes the necessity of the right kind of membership service, and if you are interested in the promotion of these important affairs, the Y. M. B. L. needs you as a member

of the organization and especially solicits and urges your co-operation. The following list are those who have renewed or become new members. If your name does not appear on this list it is because the committee has not yet reached you, but it is on the way, and you will be given an opportunity to line up for the best interests of your home town. H. M. Josey, Alfred Cramer, Alvin Swindell, E. Shepperd, R. G. Erwin, J. W. Patterson, L. Cohen, E. P. Talbot, W. L. Brown, O. L. Parish, Estes Lynn, J. McGregor, C. R. Stephens, Henry G. Truly, Malcolm Wardlaw, J. J. Beck, Will Stephens, W. S. Moss, Clarence Rosenfield, Homer C. Daniel, W. A. Nance, J. G. Douglass, Chester Cherry, C. J. Lynn, W. A. Francis, T. J. Chaney, A. McGregor, J. F. McMillan, F. M. Hale, J. S. Jones, J. R. Lusk, A. B. Stobaugh, Chas. Boyd, E. C. Baskin, C. L. Baker, R. B. Twitty, C. W. Gilbert, C. W. Leubberg, Jas. E. Pirie, A. J. Thorp, J. D. Motley, J. L. Chastain, Scott H. Maek, E. E. King, R. H. Ward, M. L. Northington, J. O. Cline, J. C. Cline, R. L. Harwell, W. A. Bridwell, R. W. DeMotive, H. G. Jones, A. W. Sledge, O. C. Williams, M. C. Atkins, R. W. Earnshaw, H. C. Gardner, B. C. Kirk.

JAN. 15 IS DEAD LINE FOR AUTOMOBILE TAX

"It is very probable that persons who do not equip their autos with a 1924 seal by January 15th will be flirting with the traffic officer. "I am waiting to hear from the highway department," said Tax Collector W. L. Brown Thursday, "and it is very probable that the latest date given will be January 15th."

Mr. Brown has received 3,900 auto seals and issued 2,300 of them. He is expecting a new supply daily, and will be prepared to supply all those who come, provided January 15th is made the dead line. The heavy rush in paying property taxes will come during the last day of January as February 1st is the dead line on tax paying, and the collector will have all that he can handle without being troubled

with the auto tax collections. An effort will be made to get all motor vehicles in the county qualified to operate on the highways by the 15th of the present month. It is a foregone fact that Runnels county will have the largest voting strength in its history, 2,700 polls have been paid to date, and it is estimated that the total payments will figure between 6,000 and 6,500. There would be 7,000 voters in the county if every man and woman subject to poll tax payment would "kick in."

This promises to be the hottest political campaign year in the history of the county, if not in the history of the state, and the fellow or fellowess, who is not armed with a poll tax receipt will be like the fellow, or fellowess, at a dance without a partner.

COUNTIES CHOSEN SLIGHT INCREASE FOR ED. SURVEY IN COTTON RAISED

AUSTIN, Jan. 7.—The first field work of the Texas education survey will be started in the counties of Bee, Comal, Cooke, Karnes, Nacogdoches, McCulloch, Montgomery and Titus, according to an announcement made today by Dr. G. A. Works, director of the survey. These counties have been selected for testing pupils in arithmetic, reading, spelling, geography, and algebra. The work will start next week.

S. E. Willis, of Miles, had business at Ballinger a few hours Tuesday.

MONEY LENDERS IN ANNUAL MEET

The stockholders of several Runnels county banks held annual meetings Tuesday, checked up for the past year and elected directors for the ensuing year. The First National Bank of Ballinger, the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Ballinger, the First National of Rowena and the First National of Norton, begin the new year by re-electing all directors, and no changes were reported in the officers of any of the banks. The Ballinger State Bank is due to hold its annual stockholders' meeting within a few days.

Good showings made in statements just issued were supplemented by announcements that satisfactory dividends were paid and amounts passed to the surplus funds, and the re-election of an old board within itself is indication that a bank has enjoyed a good year's business and the stockholders are satisfied to continue business under the old management.

Following are the line-ups in the various banks as they have stood for the year just closed, and as re-elected for the ensuing year:

First National—J. Y. Pearce, president; D. M. Baker, vice-president; A. J. Thorp, vice-president; R. G. Erwin, cashier; J. Whit Patterson, asst. cashier; W. R. Bogle, asst. cashier; J. A. Walker, J. Y. Pearce, R. G. Erwin, A. J. Thorp, D. M. Baker, W. W. Fowler, J. McGregor and F. M. Pearce, directors.

Farmers & Merchants—G. G. Odom, president; J. F. Currie, vice-president; R. F. Spencer, vice-president; E. D. Walker, acting vice-president; J. L. Chastain, cashier; J. F. Currie, G. G. Odom, R. F. Spencer, E. D. Walker, J. L. Chastain and J. A. Zak, directors.

First National, Rowena—M. Feist, president; Fred Keichle, cashier; E. J. Corvenka, asst. cashier; M. Feist, Fred Keichle, H. B. Halfmann, G. H. Dierschke, P. P. Ewald, C. R. Roessler and John Simecek, directors.

First National, Norton—J. D. Good, president; E. M. Setser, vice-president; W. W. Mitchell, vice-president; T. J. McLaughlin, cashier; D. W. Turner, J. Stubblefield, E. S. McWilliams, A. J. Thorp, R. G. Erwin, directors.

NOTORIOUS GANG OUTLAWS KILLED

(By Associated Press) WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 9.—The notorious Ashley-Mobley gang of bank robbers and desperadoes, which made the Florida everglades its rendezvous for years, was wiped out today by the Palm Beach county sheriff's forces and a posse of citizens. Five members of the gang were killed by the officers.

Chester Cherry was a visitor to Miles between trains Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—All the ballots cast in the Mayfield-Peddy senatorial race in the general election last November will be shipped from Texas to Washington, according to a decision reached by the Senate committee appointed to investigate the charges filed by the defeated candidate.

The committee has reached a unanimous decision to have brought to Washington all the ballots cast in the election. It will be recalled that an order was obtained from the court by Geo. E. B. Peddy some time ago holding intact the ballots for use in the investigation.

After it was announced today that the Senate election committee had agreed to bring the ballots to Washington for a formal counting, it was said that the special sub-committee appointed to investigate the election, and counsel for both Mayfield and Peddy will agree to the methods of both collecting and counting the ballots.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—A sweeping denial of all allegations of George E. B. Peddy, his defeated opponent for the Senate, was made today in an answer filed with the Senate elections committee by Senator Earle B. Mayfield, of Texas. Mayfield denies every charge made by Peddy in the contest growing out of the senatorial primary election.

JACKSON SPIRIT INSPIRES NATION

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8.—"It something of the rugged character and leadership of Andrew Jackson could be injected into American public affairs it would re-inspire the nation." William Gibbs McAdoo today told the democrats of Tennessee in a message sent to the conference of party leaders which is meeting at Nashville in celebrating Jackson Day.

"Please extend my greetings and best wishes to my friends who are meeting in Nashville on Jackson Day," McAdoo's message said.

POSTAL BUSINESS WAS 17 PER CENT BETTER

Postmaster J. A. Reese reported that business at the Ballinger office for the quarter just closed shows an increase of 17 per cent over the last quarter of 1922, which adds considerable to the revenue of the postal department at Ballinger.

It must be remembered that the fall of 1922 was a good fall for Ballinger also, and that business showed a big increase over the 1921 fourth quarter. Mr. Reese stated that most of the seventeen per cent increase made for the quarter came in holiday business, the Christmas business being much heavier than for many years at Ballinger.

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JANUARY! The month of invoices, of turning new leaves, of clean pages and of resolutions! The only way we can use 1923 now is to profit by her mistakes. How best may we use the days and weeks and months of '24? We have resolved that we shall do less resolving and more work. By that we mean we shall put forth every possible effort in making 1924 a banner year for every patron of ours. If we can do this we shall rest easy as to our own prosperity, secure in the belief that "Who serves most serves best," and also "Who serves best profits most." We hope you will consider this a personal promise if you are already a patron of our bank. If you are not, we hope you will consider this a personal invitation to become one. A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS "TWENTY-FOUR" TO ALL. The Winters State Bank Winters, Texas. Yes, we have a calendar for you.

"Built Me Up"

"I USED Cardui for years and it did me more good than any medicine I ever used," writes Mrs. M. C. Ragsdale, of Fort Towson, Okla. "I used to suffer with womanly trouble that weakened me until I was a mere shadow, nervous, and could not sleep. I could not feel like I could live.

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Cardui acts on the womanly system and helps relieve pain and discomfort due to female ailments.

Try Cardui, today, for your trouble.

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New Farm Agent Will Office in Court House

The Commissioners' Court was in session here Wednesday for the purpose of transacting business pertaining to the change in highway work, and to pass on the question of locating an office for the county farm agent.

The State Highway Department is now responsible for the maintenance of all the highways which have been adopted and designated as part of the seven per cent system of highways of the state, taking over this part of the work on January 1st.

Until a more definite program for carrying on the work can be worked out, the highway department has arranged with the commissioners' court to keep up the work in this county under the direction of the state's engineers, and the State Highway Department will foot the bill, and according to this plan the work will be carried on as heretofore, with the exception that the State Highway Department will furnish the money, the work to be financed under the new system of auto and highway taxation.

The court voted to locate the farm agent at Ballinger, and his office will be in the court house. Citizens from the North end of the county petitioned the court to place the agent at Winters, and the question was brought up at the meeting Wednesday. A district representative of the extension department was here to get the matter settled and check in the new agent, and appeared before the court and asked the court to pass on the question and urged that the agent be retained at the county site.

After some discussion of the question Commissioner Deens made a motion that the agent be furnished office room in the court house, and when put to a vote

Commissioners Deens and Curry voted for the adoption of the motion and Commissioners Miller and Yeager voted that the agent be placed at Winters. County Judge Trimmer voted for Ballinger, deciding the question, and County Agent Lehberg will occupy the office on the second floor of the court house, directly over the county judge's office and with the county engineer.

Aching joints, rheumatic pains, neuralgia, can be relieved quickly by a rubbing application of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It is a powerful penetrating remedy. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by John A. Weeks.

RENTS GARAGE FOR SECOND HAND FORDS

R. L. Harwell has rented the building opposite his garage and which was recently vacated by the Williams Confectionery, and will use the building as a dispensary for second-hand Fords. The Harwell garage is now filled with new Fords, a big shipment of cars coming in this week, following the receipt of a shipment just before the holidays. Deliveries are being made daily, and all orders booked are expected to be filled within a short time. The Ford dealer was behind about one hundred orders during the fall rush.

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The Best Resolution

As a New Year's Resolution, what could be more sensible or more profitable for every member of the family, than the following:

I Resolve to Start an Account and Save Systematically.

A good place to start your Thrift Account is this strong Bank, where every convenience for saving is at your command.

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COKE COUNTY HAS OLDEST RANGER

SWEETWATER, Jan. 4.—Benjamin Hamilton Anderson, 82-year-old Coke county rancher, is probably the oldest living Texas Ranger in this part of the state and one of the earliest settlers in West Texas. Mr. Anderson came to West Texas in 1867. He was a buffalo hunter—a Texas Ranger—an Indian fighter—a cowboy and horse racer in the days when stake races were the chief form of amusement about the out-skirt army posts in this section. Today, grizzled, stooped a little, but keen-eyed and energetic he operates his ranch in Coke county. He drove one of his well-bred horses to Sweetwater on his 82nd birthday, when the roads were as bad as they ever get in West Texas—and made the trip alone. He was almost insulted when asked if he "came alone."

Born in Lancashire, England, on Dec. 19, 1841, Mr. Anderson came to America with his parents when he was a lad of a few years. The family settled first in Ohio, and then moved to Illinois and finally to Iowa. As a youngster he struck out for the West. Kansas then was the land of the buffalo and the Indians. At Dodge City he joined a buffalo hunting outfit and spent a year or so with them. He fell in with the Osage Indians, lived with them a while and learned to speak their tongue fairly well.

But in 1867 he drifted farther into the wilderness and in the spring of that year crossed the Red River and came on down into West Texas.

COMB SAGE TEA IN FADED OR GRAY HAIR

If Mixed with Sulphur it Darkens so Naturally Nobody can Tell.

Grandmother kept her hair beautifully darkened, glossy and attractive with a brew of Sage Tea and Sulphur. Whenever her hair took on that dull, faded or streaked appearance, this simple mixture was applied with wonderful effect. By asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," you will get a large bottle of this old-time recipe, improved by the addition of other ingredients, all ready to use, at very little cost. This simple mixture can be depended upon to restore natural color and beauty to the hair.

A well known downtown druggist says everybody uses Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound now because it darkens so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied—it's so easy to use too. You simply dampen a comb or soft brush and draw it through your hair, taking one strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; after another application or two, it is restored to its natural color and looks glossy, soft and beautiful.

NEW MEMBER IN TAILORING BUSINESS

A deal was closed Wednesday whereby Cecil Thorp bought a one-half interest in the tailoring company formerly operated by Weinberg & Wardlaw, buying the interest from V. Weinberg.

The new firm will be known as Thorp & Wardlaw, and will continue the business at the same stand. An expert man will be put in charge of the cleaning and pressing department and this will also be supervised by Mr. Wardlaw, each garment receiving his inspection before leaving the plant.

Mr. Thorp is not new as a business man in Ballinger. For a number of years he was with the First National Bank of this city, during the fall season he was with the Texas Compress Company's local press, and lately has been with the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Ballinger. He has made his home in Ballinger for the past ten years and has many friends here who will be glad to know that he has entered this business field. Both members of the firm are young men, are ex-service men and loyal members of the American Legion.

A complete line of gent's furnishings will be carried in connection with the dry cleaning plant.

Mr. Weinberg has not announced just what he will do but it is probable that he will leave Ballinger.

L. E. Low was among the Winters folks who had business in Ballinger Thursday.

CITY TAXES ARE BEING PAID FAST

It is believed by the city tax collector that more money will be collected during the 1923 tax paying season on city taxes than the city tax rolls amounted to in 1922. "Tax money is coming in good," said Oscar Williams, who issues the city tax receipts, "and the delinquents are paying up at such rate that our 1923 collections will exceed the entire total of 1922."

The collections in city taxes up to date are far in excess of collections for the same date in many years in the past. In fact more city taxes have been paid since the rolls were opened for collection last October than was ever collected before in the history of the city. This is due both to the prompt payments being made and to the fact that the city rate calls for more money in settling 1922 and 1923 taxes.

Contrary to first reports, a city poll tax is not a prerequisite to voting, and the city is collecting poll taxes only from the men, and no poll receipts are being issued. The poll tax payment being included in the regular property tax.

STOP THAT ITCHING

If you suffer from any form of skin diseases, such as Eczema, Itch, Tetter, Cracked Hands, Poison Oak, Ringworm, Old Sores and Sores on Children, Scalded Feet or any other skin diseases, we will sell you a jar of Blue Star Remedy on a guarantee will not stain your clothing and has a pleasant odor.

Sold by Weeks Drug Store.

JUDGE A. K. DOSS TAKES IN PARTNER

M. H. Boynton, a young attorney, who recently came to Ballinger and who has been officiating with Judge A. K. Doss, has been taken in as a partner in the firm, and the style of the attorneys' sign is Doss & Boynton.

Judge Boynton was associated with McCulloch & Thomas at Dallas before coming to Ballinger, being with that law firm for six or eight months, and he has been practicing law since completing his law course in the university.

SEWING MACHINE MAN WINS FORD

W. L. Riley, sewing machine salesman for the King-Holt Furniture and Undertaking Co., held the lucky number at the tent show Saturday night and drove away in the new Ford which was given away. The theatre company gave a double show Saturday night, and played to packed houses at both performances, that gambling spirit which man is heir to causing the crowd to "scramble" for seats in the tent theatre. The show company gave away quite a bunch of prizes during the week here, but the capital prize was the Ford car and it was awarded Saturday night after the curtain dropped for the final performance.

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CITY INSTALLS NEW FIRE-PROOF SAFE

The city has just installed a new fire-proof safe, replacing the old safe which was too small to take care of the city books, records, etc. The new safe is modernly arranged, and while it does not take up any more room in the city hall than the old safe, it furnishes twice as much room, and is more conveniently arranged. The old safe was taken in by the company on the deal.

FORGEY IN RACE FOR RE-ELECTION

County Clerk Forgey says he will be in the running for the clerkship of Runnels county again. "I will make my formal announcement in a few days," said Mr. Forgey, when discussing the political outlook for 1924.

Mr. Forgey is serving his second term, and says that so far as he knows he will enter the campaign for re-election without an opponent. He was elected in the first race he made over strong opposition, and will no doubt make it interesting for anyone who comes out against him this time. He had no opposition for the second race.

Leon Ward came in from Austin Thursday at noon, to visit relatives and spend a few days here looking after business.

DEATHS

R. T. Corum

The remains of R. T. Corum were laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery at 3:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon, Elder A. H. Clark conducting the funeral services at the cemetery.

Mr. Corum died at Winters Wednesday night following an operation. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Corum, of Winters; and a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Corum, of this city, and was among the most popular young men of the Winters country.

Deceased was born May 22, 1902, and was twenty-one years, seven months and eleven days of age at the time of his death. Besides the bereaved family, grandparents and other relatives, the young man is survived by a wife. He had been married about a year.

The bereaved families have many friends among the pioneers of Ballinger, as well as among their many new acquaintances, who sympathize with them in their sorrow.

MILES PERSONALS

Special to The Ledger:

MILES, Jan. 2.—New Year's day was celebrated in many various ways. One social function was a three-course luncheon given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Jenness. A large number of friends and relatives were present, enjoying the day to the fullest.

Miss Lena Pettis left today for Abilene where she will attend Draughon's business college.

Miss Frances Thiele has returned from Ballinger where she spent a few days with Miss Edna Earle Schwartz.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Curry have returned from Sweetwater, where they spent the holidays with relatives.

Miller-Finck Wedding is Solemnized

The wedding of Moody Miller and Miss Natalie Finck was solemnized at 3:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. J. T. Tracey performing the ceremony.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Finck, who reside two miles North of town. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Miller, of Cuero. Both are popular in the society circle here.

The happy couple will make their home on a farm a mile South of town.

Baby Dies

Marvin Howard Boykin, the 2 1/2 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Boykin, who reside a few miles South of town, died

MOTHER!

Clean Child's Bow with "California Fig Syrup"



Even if cross, feverish, bilious, constipated or full of cold, children love the pleasant taste of "California Fig Syrup." A teaspoonful never fails to clean the liver and bowels.

Ask your druggist for genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has directions for babies and children of all ages printed on bottle. Mother! You must say "California" or you may get an imitation fig syrup.

Tuesday. Death was due to a case of the flu. He was ill only a few days.

Interment was held in the Miles cemetery at 3:00 o'clock this afternoon.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of H. W. GROVE. 30c.

LOCAL ATTORNEY DONATES TO THIEVES

Judge A. K. Doss contributed to thieves Saturday night, and is driving his jitney without an extra. Judge Doss was en route from Stamford, where he had been on business, and stopped for a while in Winters about 10:00 o'clock Saturday night, and he thinks the thief lifted the casing while he was in Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kelm returned to their home at McGregor Wednesday afternoon, after a visit to Mrs. Kelm's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gottschalk, of the Norton country. Mr. and Mrs. Gottschalk were in Ballinger to see them off.

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Don't hurt one bit! Drop a little "Freezone" on an aching corn, instantly that darn stone hurting, then shortly you lift it right off with fingers. Your druggist sells a tiny bottle of "Freezone" for a few cents, sufficient to remove every hard corn, soft corn, or corn between the toes, and the foot calluses, without soreness or irritation.

MANY STUDENTS ENTER SIMMONS

ABILENE, Jan. 5.—Registration at Simmons College for the winter term reached the figure of 585 for the first two days' registration, which is the largest two day registration following the holidays the college has ever had. A large group of students are yet to come in, and although classes have not started some registration will go on during the first part of the week. Over fifty new students who were not in attendance in the fall have signed up for the winter session.

The first chapel service of the year was held Friday with an unusually crowded house. President J. D. Sandefur made the statement that it was the largest group to attend a first chapel service during the entire period of his connection with the college. He predicted the greatest quarter in the history of the school in a brief talk to the student body, mentioning not only the matter of attendance, which is slated to go well past the thousand mark for the whole year, but in the general situation as well, in buildings, endowment, curriculum and activities. The campaign for \$300,000 additional endowment is in progress in Abilene at the present time.

Several new courses have been added for the winter term at Simmons. Among the new students registering in the college for the first time, there are several from New Mexico and Oklahoma, and one from Missouri.

CATARRH
of head or throat is usually benefited by the vapors of—
VICKS VAPORUB
Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

RUNNELS COUNTY PIONEER HERE

J. N. Winters is here from Fort Worth to be at the bedside of his sister, Mrs. H. C. Conner, who is seriously ill at her home near Benoit. Mr. Conner died Tuesday, and Mrs. Conner has been lying at the point of death since, and there is little hope for her recovery.

Mr. Winters was one of the trail blazers for this country. He came here several years before Ballinger was founded, and taught school at Fort Chadbourne, later locating at Runnels City, and when the boom came Mr. Winters was on the ground floor, helped to develop the county by bringing in many settlers. The town of Winters was named for him, he being instrumental in surveying out that country and locating the town.

Child-birth

WHEN the little one arrives, you can have that moment more free from suffering than you have perhaps imagined. An eminent physician, expert in this science, has shown the way. It was he who first produced the great remedy, "Mother's Friend." Mrs. C. J. Hartman, Escorton, Texas, writes: "With my first two children I had a doctor and a nurse and then they had to use instruments, but with my last two children I used 'Mother's Friend' and had only a nurse; we had no time to get a doctor because I wasn't very sick—only about ten or fifteen minutes." Use "Mother's Friend" as our mothers and grandmothers did. Don't wait, start today, and meanwhile write to Bradfield Regulator Co., B. A. 75, Atlanta, Ga., for a free illustrated book containing information every expectant mother should have. "Mother's Friend" is sold by all drug stores—everywhere.

Baby Found Dead in Bed By Mother

WINTERS, Jan. 5.—The two months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jordan was found dead in bed when the mother awoke Friday morning. Mrs. Jordan arrived here a few days ago to make her home and was visiting with her brother, Oscar Brannon, pending the arrival of Mr. Jordan, who was coming through the country from Galveston in a truck loaded with their household goods.

The baby showed symptoms of a bad cold during the night, but did not appear to be ill. The mother pulled the baby up to her cheek and both went to sleep, and when Mrs. Jordan awoke the baby was in the same position but dead.

The funeral was held Saturday, and the little remains laid to rest in the cemetery at this place. All efforts to locate the father, who is en route to Winters to make home, failed, and he will probably know nothing of the death and burial of his baby until he arrives here.

DRINK WATER WHEN KIDNEYS HURT YOU

Take Glass of Salts if Your Back Aches or Bladder Troubles You

When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the kidney region it may mean you have been eating foods which create acids, says a well-known authority. An excess of such acids overworks the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood and they become sort of paralyzed and loggy. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog you must relieve them, like you relieve your bowels, removing all the body's urinous waste, else you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells, your stomach sour, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, chances often get sore, water scalds and you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night.

Either consult a good, reliable physician at once or get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys may then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to help clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize acids in the urine so they no longer irritate thus often ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, cannot injure and makes a delightful, effervescent lithia water drink. Drink lots of soft water. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least twice a year.

JIM FLYNT WANTS TO REMAIN ON THE JOB

"I am going to announce for sheriff in a few days," said Sheriff J. P. Flynt Friday, "and you can just say that I am in the running for re-election." Mr. Flynt stated that he intended to make his formal bow to the voters before now, but he has been busy, and out of the city a good part of the time working on the Tabor case, and other violations, and had not hardly had time to eat or sleep.

Mr. Flynt served three terms as sheriff, retired and then came back four years later and has served two more terms. His enemies for the most part are those who have been made to answer to crime during his term in office. Like most peace officers, he spends all the office pays him and then some in running down criminals, and he has driven thousands of miles in answering calls to investigate crime and minor law violations.

As a prohibition officer Sheriff Flynt has the reputation of being one of the best in the state, and bootleggers have learned that it is dangerous to ply their trade in Runnels county. Mr. Flynt's opponent has not made himself known.

O. S. Clark, of the Winters section, was a visitor to Ballinger Thursday.

COLDS

Break a Cold Right Up with "Pape's Cold Compound"

Take two tablets every three hours until three doses are taken. The first dose always gives relief. The second and third doses completely break up the cold. Pleasant and safe to take. Contains no quinine or opiates. Millions use "Pape's Cold Compound." Price, thirty-five cents. Druggists guarantee it.

WINTERS AFTER FREE DELIVERY

WINTERS, Jan. 5.—Winters has begun the naming of its streets and numbering the houses. This improvement has been under discussion for some time, and is badly needed as the first step toward paving the way for free mail delivery.

The city has installed an electric motor to run the pump in supplying water for the city. Meters will also be installed and water consumers will be required to pay according to the water consumed. It is believed that this will prove profitable to the city, as well as being a means of conserving its water supply, preventing a waste, especially during the summer months.

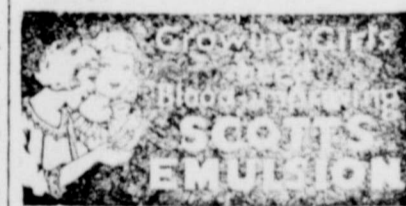
Take a dose of Herbine when you are bilious or constipated, or your stomach is out of order. It is a marvel of promptness in correcting these conditions. Price 60c. Sold by John A. Weeks.

CARL EUBANK IS LOCATED IN OKLAHOMA

E. M. Eubank received a message from his son, Carl, Friday morning, and the young man wired that he was all right. The telegram was filed at Wewoka, Oklahoma, and stated that a letter would follow.

The Eubank family had been caused considerable anxiety on account of failure to hear from their son for more than a month, and after he had written that he would be home for the holidays. An inquiry failed to locate the young man at his last address, and a search was started, and after more than a week the message was received Friday. The message did not state why so long a time had elapsed without news from Carl, but stated that a letter would follow, which will probably explain everything.

The boy had been regular in writing to his parents, or some member of the family, and his sudden disappearance and failure to hear from him in more than a month, were good grounds for alarm, especially after he had written that he had planned to come home for Christmas, and then failed to show up, or write the home folks.



W. S. Syler, of Winters, passed thru Ballinger Thursday afternoon, en route to Austin, in response to a message stating that his brother was seriously ill.

R. Boynton has moved from Route 3 out of Winters to Route B out of Ballinger, and orders his Ledger changed to the new address.

"Cascarets" 10c Best Laxative for Bowels

"They Work While You Sleep." If you feel sick, dizzy, upset, if your head is dull or aching, or your stomach is sour or gassy, just take one or two pleasant "Cascarets" to relieve constipation and biliousness. No griping—nicotinic cathartic-laxative on earth for Women and Children. 10c boxes, 25 and 50c sizes—any drug store.

MORE MONEY FOR COUNTRY ROADS

As a result of the State Highway Department taking over the maintenance of the state highways, local county commissioners will have more money to spend in building up the lateral and cross roads leading into the state highways. The money which the county has been spending heretofore on the main highways, or what is known as the state highways, can now be used in the laterals or cross roads.

In taking over the state highways the highway department of the state has undertaken a tremendous work, and a work of vital importance to the citizenship of Texas. The success of the undertaking depends largely on the support and co-operation from the citizens in counties through which state approved highways pass.

The state has been divided into sixteen districts with a district engineer in each district, and county engineers working under the direction of the district engineers. The roads in each county will be under care of road foremen, repair gangs, etc., and the work will be carried on under the new system which will be financed from the state department.

If the new program is what it should be, it will bring relief to the farmer who lives on the cross road, or public road leading into the main highway. The commissioners' court can devote more attention to these roads, and leave the main highways for the state department to be responsible for. It will take some time to get the new program to working as it should, and in the meantime the highway department has arranged with the commissioners in many counties to assist in the maintenance. Such arrangements have been made with the Runnels county commissioners.

RED PEPPERS WILL HEAT AWAY PAINS OF RHEUMATISM

Red Pepper Rub takes the "ouch" from sore, stiff, aching joints. It cannot hurt you, and it certainly stops that old rheumatism torture at once.

When you are suffering so you can hardly get around, just try Red Pepper Rub and you will have the quickest relief known. Nothing has such concentrated penetrating heat as red peppers. Just as soon as you apply Red Pepper Rub you will feel the tingling heat. In three minutes it warms the sore spot through and through. Pain and soreness are gone.

Ask any good druggist for a jar of Rowles Red Pepper Rub. Be sure to get the genuine, with the name Rowles on each package.

WINTERS GINS 17,843 BALES

WINTERS, Jan. 3.—Thirty-two students returned to colleges and universities from Winters this week, and they were accompanied by six other young folks from Winters who will enter college. The new pupils are Miss Bessie Mae Wheeler, Lloyd Stokessberry, L. G. Mosley, Ohio Hillyard, who go to Simmons College, Abilene; Miss Mattie Fae Reed and Towner Key, Abilene Christian College.

Jackson & Holcomb, of Belton, have purchased Owens Drug Store No. 2, and have come in to take charge of the business. Both gentlemen have moved their families to Winters.

The cold wave has caused a lull in business, but gave the merchants an opportunity to take stock. It has also been a good time for farmers to kill hogs, and town folks have been enjoying country sausage.

Winters gins have turned out 17,843 bales of cotton up to date, valued at \$3,012,635. The number of bales shipped so far is 21,830. Last year Winters gins turned out 17,110 bales.

C. W. Lehberg, the new farm agent, who arrived here this week to succeed D. F. Eaton, who is moving to Lubbock; will not bring his family to Ballinger until school closes at Seguin, where Mrs. Lehberg and the children are now living. Mr. Lehberg stated that the children were doing so well in school, that he preferred not to move them at this time. Mr. Lehberg will office at the court house.

Ledger want ads day.

DOUBLE HOLDUP AT SAN ANGELO

(San Angelo Standard) Decoying Jim Lane, service car operator and proprietor of the Cozy Rooms, to a point on the Sonora pike just beyond the city limits, on the pretense that they wanted to go "across the river," two unidentified men shortly before 8:00 o'clock Saturday night held up the taxicab driver at the point of a revolver, robbed him before tying him insecurely to a mesquite tree on the banks of Red Arroya, and escaped in his 1924 model Dodge touring car.

When Mr. Lane returned to the city in another service car, for which he telephoned from a suburban grocery on the pike, and reported the "hi-jacking" to the sheriff's office, he was advised of the robbing of Pace Brother's store on East Harris. These robbers drove away in a new Dodge car with curtains up and what description of them the grocers were able to give corresponded with that which Mr. Lane furnished, tending to the belief that the perpetrators of both acts were the same men.

One of the strangers is dark complexioned, square built and weighs perhaps 150 to 160 pounds. The other is taller, hat-faced, has light blue eyes and weighs around 150 pounds. Both men wore what appeared to be working clothes and hats and were without overcoats. Mr. Lane noted these things when the men called at his service car stand, 17 South Chadbourne street, and said they wanted to go across the river past the Lone Wolf bridge. Just before the car reached the culvert spanning Red Arroya on the curve at the foot of the hill leading to the bridge, one of the men stuck a pistol against Mr. Lane's head and commanded: "I guess we'll stop here."

"I reckon we will," was the reply.

Mr. Lane, still covered, climbed out from behind the wheel and was robbed of \$7 or \$8 in change, a watch chain with a \$10 gold coin appended, and his keys. The robbers overlooked his pocketbook in his hip pocket. There was \$19 in it. Mr. Lane was rushed off to the South side of the road and was tied to a tree. Only a stiff window cord was used, however, and the captive had freed himself before the robbers had returned to his car.

Members of both sheriff's and police departments were searching for the robbers Saturday night but at midnight no report of an arrest had been made.

Two armed men entered the Pace Brothers Grocery Store at 701 East Harris avenue about 8 o'clock Saturday evening and with drawn revolvers rifled the cash register, escaping with between \$50 and \$100 in cash, according to estimates by the owners.

The men entered, one of them ordering some apples, and showing a gun in the face of one of the Pace brothers as he started to comply with the order. At the same time the other highwayman confronted the partner in the store with another weapon and ordered them to turn over the cash.

At the request of the owners, they did not disturb the checks in the till and also left a leather bag. A description of the men was furnished the police.

407 ACRE FARM DEAL CLOSED

A deal was closed recently in which R. G. Erwin sold his 407 acre farm four miles East of Ballinger, to H. F. Lindeman for a total consideration of \$16,000. The farm is one of the best improved in the county, and is well located, being close to Benoit and Ballinger.

A. R. Spann orders The Ledger to go to I. W. Spann, in Phoenix, Arizona, for a year. When folks leave Ballinger they want to keep up with the home news, and the local paper is the best way to get it.

Sidney Neely, of Winters, passed thru the city Thursday afternoon, en route to Stephenville, to attend John Tarleton College.

HAIR STAYS COMBED, GLOSSY

Millions Use It—Few Cents Buys Jar at Drugstore



Even stubborn, unruly or shampooed hair stays combed all day in any style you like. "Hair-Groom" is a dignified combing cream which gives that natural gloss and well-groomed effect to your hair—that final touch to good dress both in business and on social occasions. "Hair-Groom" is greaseless; also helps grow thick, heavy, lustrous hair. Beware of greasy, harmful imitations.

WILL ENTER RACE FOR COMMISSIONER

E. W. Patterson, of the Winters country, will be a candidate for county commissioner from Precinct No. 2, which includes the town of Winters. Mr. Patterson was in the city Friday looking after business and announced that he would be a candidate, unless he should change his mind, and declared that his announcement would appear in the paper in a short time.

Mr. Patterson has been a citizen of the county for almost a quarter of a century, coming here in 1899, and locating in the Norton country. He resided in that section for thirteen years, later moving to the Crews country where he lived for three years and has been living North of Winters for eight years. He is one of the county's best and most substantial citizens and will make the commissioner's race interesting for the fellow who runs against him.

No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with Worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVES' TASTELESS CHLORIDE gives readiness for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Keep no worms in the bowels or disrupt the system, and the child will be in perfect health. Price net to take, 60c per bottle.

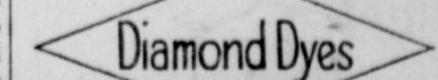
STUDENTS LEAVE FOR COLLEGE

By the end of the week all the students who came home from the various colleges and universities will have returned to resume their studies, after spending from ten days to two weeks with their folks. Among those leaving Wednesday afternoon were: Paul Jeanes, for S. M. U., Dallas; Miss Katherine Penn, T. C. U., Ft. Worth; Roy Mack, T. C. U., Ft. Worth; Herbert Sledge, Trinity University, Waxahatchie; Robert Bruce, State University, Austin; Miss Imogene Francis, McMurry College, Abilene; Miss Maggie Herring, C. I. A., Denton; Miss Lillian Knowles, C. I. A., Denton. The Santa Fe was pulling an extra Pullman Wednesday to handle the increased travel due to many pupils returning to school.

R. L. Condra, one of the substantial citizens of Norton, was paying taxes in Ballinger Saturday.

WOMEN! DYE OLD THINGS NEW

Sweaters Waists Draperies
Skirts Dresses Gingham
Coats Kimonos Stockings



Each 15-cent package of "Diamond Dyes" contains directions so simple any woman can dye or tint any old, worn, faded thing new, even if she has never dyed before. Choose any color at drug store.

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Girls, this is leap year, but you should be careful and look before you leap.

Bandits are not the only people who believe there should be plenty of money in the tax collector's office.

There is a big demand for farm land in Runnels county. There are more renters than farms. This should encourage breaking new ground.

The state of Texas entered the new year only \$5,000,000 in debt. That's just a notice to the tax payers that somebody is going to have to dig up.

It is an unpleasant matter to mention, but the state is five million dollars in the hole. The only chance to dig out is to stop the legislature from convening for a few years.

The idea that there is more stealing and robbery when times are hard than when prosperous conditions prevail is all a mistake. For further proof read any newspaper today.

You can now write it 1924, but you should write it in such a way that you will not be ashamed of the record when the calendar of time moves up another notch.

Hollywood is not the only spot on the map where scandals run rife, but stories from that movie village get first place in the big daily papers, and the people read it that way.

If the farmers are going to control the price of cotton by holding down the production, why not control the price of turkeys, and find out how many million pounds of turks are on cold storage before planting the 1924 crop?

The real winter season is due to come later, but we can already say it is colder this winter than last winter. If cold weather and a wet ground counts for crop making, Runnels county should turn out enough stuff this year to feed the world.

Robbers are working overtime in Texas, and honest people do not know when they are going to be called on. Keeping a good shot-gun handy loaded with buck shot is one preventative against the hijacking epidemic.

The family which puts out the family washing on Tuesday will have fifty-three wash days this year, and our electric light bill will be one night longer in February.

West Texas potash deposits are worth more than the state's petroleum, according to a scientist. We have always contended that all West Texas needs to put her on the map is somebody to develop her natural resources.

President Coolidge has endorsed the move to cut the wheat acreage. Cotton growers are saying nothing and sawing wood, but wait until a fourteen million bale crop is raised, and we will all come in and endorse a move for cutting the cotton acreage.

Some expert on tax figures is out with the claim that the American people give one-sixth of all they make each year to the tax collector. He should have also said that you pay the one-sixth regardless of whether you make it or not. You can't stand the tax collector off.

District court meets in Coleman county on January 7th, and nineteen criminal cases are docketed for the term. No, Runnels county does not lead in crime in the 35th Judicial District. There are less than a half dozen criminal cases on the docket in Runnels.

Melot, a French inventor, who has made a number of freak fast machines, has invented an airplane which will travel six miles per minute, or 360 miles an hour. We believe it because the word impossible has been eliminated from the English language.

Some people are howling about the increased auto tax. They have no howl coming if the money is properly used in improving highways. The burden is placed where it belongs. But if the money is squandered and no relief in better roads is given, the public should do something besides howl.

Latest press reports on the Walton case say that the former governor has resigned as a member of the Kiwanis Club and been expelled from the Masonic lodge after a formal meeting attended by hundreds of Masons. When a man starts down grade it seems hard to scotch the skids.

The author who wrote "Where is My Wandering Boy Tonight?" should be living today and write a companion song, and make it "Where is My Wandering Girl Tonight?" We are told that sixty thousand girls vanish every year in the United States, girls being missed from all classes of homes.

2,460 persons in the United States turned their noses to the daisies as the result of drinking poison liquor in 1923. Physicians have long since declared that alcohol is injurious to the inner man, but it seems that the bootleg brand does its work on the spot.

Uncle Sam is selling the Mexican government arms and munitions with which to put down the latest revolution. This may stir the anger of the revolutionists, but if Oregon can't quell the little racket after being supplied with U. S. guns and airplanes, he should step down and out and turn the job over to Texas.

Coolidge is going to represent the republicans in the grand final next November, but the demerits are due for a pretty good tilt before they can center on a leader. McAdoo and Underwood are creating the greatest noise, but either of these gentlemen will be a pretty bitter pill for many democrats.

The Ministerial Association of San Angelo has filed a protest with the captain of that city's National Guard company, requesting that the troops be released from Sunday drill. It does appear reasonable, and in keeping with American ideals that Sunday be devoted to studying plans for peace instead of studying tactics for war.

Dallas motorists will pay into the treasury of the auto tax collector this year \$1,200,000, according to an estimate based on the number of cars in Dallas county. Dallas county will only get \$200,000 of that amount. The other million dollars will be handled in such a way that the smaller counties will get part of it. Runnels county received more highway aid in 1922 than she paid in auto taxes. See the advantage!

The appeal to farmers to cut the cotton acreage should apply more strongly to the counties where other crops are easily produced. Runnels county is free from boll weevil and is a mighty good cotton county. However, it is better to be safe than sorry, and the way to be safe, is not to depend altogether on cotton for money with which to pay the 1924 taxes.

The Abilene Reporter upholds the court for upholding the hog law in Ballinger, and remarks that "it is a good law." There are many families in Ballinger who no doubt would like to keep swine in the back lot to consume the scraps from the table, and at the same time to have a very popular animal at hog killing time. But hogs are unsanitary and it is unhealthy to be unsanitary.

The Department of Agriculture figures that it costs the farmer an average of \$200 a year to own and operate an automobile, including the depreciation, interest on investment, etc. The cost may be correctly figured at \$200, or even a greater amount, but nothing is more handy around the farm than a good car when the farmer wants to make a hurry up trip to town, and as a joy riding proposition, what more could he get for his money?

The Coleman Times suggests that the Women's Chamber of Commerce of that city circulate among the business men and make up a jackpot of two bits from each firm and have the mud cleaned off the sidewalks of Coleman. A paving contract

would bring more lasting results in this wet country.

A West Virginia girl has been sentenced to seven years' imprisonment and fined \$6,000 for operating a still in her mountain home. She has no money with which to pay the fine and the court has ruled that she must serve out the fine in the workhouse at 60 cents a day. She will be in prison 34 years. Looks bad for the poor girl when there are thousands of bootleggers who have evaded the law.

TAXES

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Naturally all of us know that government cannot be maintained and operated without revenue, and that the only way to get this revenue is through taxation. We all concede that point. But the thing about it all is, why can't there be a limit to it all? Most of us can't see why the time has not arrived for that limit.

The fact remains, on the other hand, that government must be kept running smoothly and successfully, and this cannot be done without money. And where increased taxation means increased efficiency and in the end increased prosperity, there is no just argument against boosting the tax limit. Take the instance of the school tax election which Abilene is to hold the 19th of this month. There is adequate justification in carrying this election. It will mean better schools for Abilene. And if you think you can figure in dollars and cents what better schools mean to your children, then you are very much in error. The matter is not a financial one.—Abilene Reporter.

Yes, we must have good schools, but there is a limit. Get out your old tax receipts and figure the increase for the last six, eight or ten years, and you will see that your 1923 receipts cost you about four times as much as six years ago.

We are for good schools, and for good government, but there is a limit. At the rate we have been going for the last few years, we will find ourselves facing a condition which our old socialist friends used to preach, and instead of the people owning the government, the government will own the people.

Yes, there must be a limit, and it strikes our pocket book like we have reached the limit. We have reached the point in this year of taxation where owning a home is an expensive luxury, and the home owner is paying dearly for the satisfaction of knowing that he does not have to move when the other fellow says move.

Progress is our watch-word, and good government our slogan, but it is high time to do a little hedging. It is going to be an uphill job to put over good road measures, or build new schools until the people can be made to believe that they are going to get more

for their money. We are for tax reduction, somewhere, somehow. It is costing entirely too much to run this government. Our Uncle Sam is living beyond his means.

\$ Big Money \$

Is being offered to Draughton-trained men and women every day. Positions secured or money refunded. Catalog and Guarantee Contract free. Address Draughton's College at Abilene or Wichita Falls now.

LOCAL NEWS

Hugo Halfmann, of the Rowena country, was trading in the city Saturday.

Lynn Stokes left for Dallas Sunday afternoon, where he went to attend a meeting of the executive board of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation.

Judge Walter Woodward was here from Coleman Sunday, conferring with Judge A. K. Doss in cases which the two attorneys are interested.

Will Globber returned to his home at Austin, Thursday afternoon, after a holiday visit with his mother, Mrs. Aug. Globber, and family.

We regret to report that D. Reeder is quite ill at his home on Eighth Street.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Osteen have been here from Vernon for several days visiting Mrs. Osteen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Gressett, and looking after property. Mr. Osteen has his home place on the market here, and will probably dispose of it.

C. Black, of the Marie country, was in the city Thursday. Mr. Black and family recently returned from a Christmas visit to Falls county. He says the roads are just about as bad as they can be to be passable.

W. T. Caudle was in to see The Ledger Thursday, and arranged to keep the paper going to his grand daughter, Mrs. G. B. Shelburne, at Stanton.

W. A. Francis was able to be out Wednesday after a day or two of illness. Mr. Francis attended a meeting of Walker-Smith salesmen at Brownwood Friday and Saturday, and returned home sick.

J. T. Russell, of the Winters country, was transacting business in the county site Wednesday.

W. G. Allen, one of the pioneer Wingate citizens, had business in Ballinger Wednesday.

J. A. Zak, of the Rowena country, was looking after business in Ballinger Tuesday.

H. W. Lynn was in Ballinger Tuesday, coming down from Winters to spend a few hours on business.

Cheese Salad.

Break a cake of cream cheese into pieces and mash to a paste with two tablespoonfuls of cream and one of softened butter. Season well with salt, cayenne, and add eight large olives, pitted and chopped, one tablespoonful of a smooth paste and one tablespoonful of parsley chopped. Add a pinch of thyme and mix all together. Press into a wet mold and chill thoroughly. Serve unmolded on a bed of lettuce or sliced as an individual serving.

NOTICE!

I have recently sold a half interest in the Ballinger Marble & Granite Works to L. E. Bair, for the sole purpose of cutting out the agent's commission. Mr. Bair will take the agent's place and will be on the road practically all the time. Buying our material in car load lots, taking our own orders and doing the work right here at home enables us to make closer prices than ever.

We use only the best Vermont Marble and Llano Granite and guarantee satisfaction in every respect.

F. W. Willhausen

MAN-MADE FLOOD POILS BANDITS MENACES POSSE

Washing away the concerted attack of a horde of angry bandits by turning loose a roaring torrent from a big reservoir, and then being trapped in its rising flood, is one of the thrilling predicaments in which Pete Morrison figures together with Margaret Morris, in the third episode of "The Ghost City," which will be seen at the Fo-to-sho Theatre Saturday.

The exciting Universal serial, a story of the modern West in which Morrison, bravest horse-man on the screen; Al Wilson, the celebrated stunt aviator; "Slim" Coles, the motorcycle racer; and Miss Morris stage thrill after thrill is creating intense comment in Ballinger and surrounding territory.

Thrills cram every moment of the swift action; there is a daring dash over the prairie, Coles rounds up cattle with a motorcycle, halting a stampede, and there is a desperate battle in the

face of an onrushing band. Al Wilson, the aviator, adding a bit of sky trickery to the ensemble of excitement.

The new thriller was written by Paul Bryan, and a notable including Bud Osborne, Lola Todd, Alfred Allen, Frank Rice and others appear in it. James Marchant is the director.

Head Ledger "wants" column

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For County Superintendent: ROBERT L. WHITE For Tax Collector: W. L. BROWN For Tax Assessor: HENRY TODD For Sheriff: J. P. FLYNT For County Judge: PAUL TRIMMER For County Treasurer: MRS. JENNIE KIRK For State Senate (27th District): WALTER C. WOODWARD (of Coleman)

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK at Rowena in the State of Texas, at the close of business on Dec. 31st, 1923.

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Amount. Includes RESOURCES (Loans, Bonds, etc.) and LIABILITIES (Capital stock, Surplus, etc.). Total Assets: \$663,914.55. Total Liabilities: \$35,000.00.

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF RUNNELS, ss: I, Fred Kiechle, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. FRED KIECHLE, Cashier.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK at Norton in the State of Texas, at the close of business on Dec. 31st, 1923.

Table with 2 columns: Item description and Amount. Includes RESOURCES (Loans, Bonds, etc.) and LIABILITIES (Capital stock, Surplus, etc.). Total Assets: \$81,877.22. Total Liabilities: \$81,877.22.

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF RUNNELS, ss: I, T. J. McCaughan, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. T. J. McCaughan, Cashier.

MILES NEWS EVENTS

MILES Jan. 8.—Weldon Moreland left this morning for his home at Austin after a few days visit with friends and relatives here. Mr. Moreland came here from Kaufman, where he has had employment with the Texas Midland Railway Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hoch and Miss Dusek were over from Rowena last night to attend the tent show here.

Elmer Johnson left Tuesday morning for Austin on business.

Quite a number of Miles people went to Harriett Monday afternoon to witness the basket ball game between the Miles High School boys and the Harriett boys. The game was interesting from start to finish. The score stood 30 to 10 in our favor at the close.

Horace Donalson left recently for Temple in search of employment.

Carl Kincaid and family have moved from their farm six miles North of town to a farm four miles East of San Angelo.

Mrs. J. C. McDonald went to Ballinger Monday and had a growth cut off her nose.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tyler and baby, and Mrs. A. C. Page and Mrs. J. F. Barker were Ballinger visitors today.

Rev. Scott W. Hickey and wife and Miss Nettie Tyler visited in San Angelo Tuesday.

Miss Buell Farmer is here from Holland, Texas to visit her mother, Mrs. S. D. Farmer, and other relatives.

S. E. Willis was in Ballinger on business today.

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

A. E. Dennis returned to his work at Snyder this week, after a two weeks visit with his family.

T. P. Brown returned home Sunday from a visit to San Saba, where he went to visit his father, who is seriously ill. We regret to note that Grandpa Brown is growing feeble.

Miss Effie Parker has been spending the past two weeks with her sister and family near Blanton.

Mrs. J. B. Taylor and children returned to their home at Hedrick, Oklahoma, Sunday, after a two weeks' stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Brown.

We are glad to know that Rev. W. H. Doss, who suffered from a slight fall a few days ago, has recovered and is able to be about again.

The Literary Society met Monday night with a large crowd present and carried out a splendid program.

Everyone is urged to attend Sunday school Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. A hearty welcome awaits you.

"BLUE BONNET."

BETHEL NEWS

Whooping cough has come into the Bethel school and many of the children have it.

Grady Cotton's little son broke his arm by falling from a little merry-go-round.

The Bethel young people enjoyed a party at Mrs. Alexander's Saturday night.

Fern Killam gave a birthday party Saturday afternoon. Those present were Fay and Roy Muncy, Gladys and Rowland Cotter, Herman and Pauline Crockett, Opal and Maurine Goodwin, and Dora Mae Smith. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Goodwin were also present. The children played out-of-doors, but the most fun was blowing out the twelve candles on the cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Higginbotham, of Dry Ridge, with Mrs. Higginbotham's sister, Mrs. Batchelor, were at Bethel Sunday morning.

The Parent-Teacher Association

and the Mission Study Class were put off last Friday because of the cold weather. They will meet in the school house next Friday.

"BETHELINE"

OUCH! RUB BACKACHE, STIFFNESS, LUMBAGO

Back hurts you? Can't straighten up without sudden pain, sharp aches and twinges? Now listen! That's lumbago, sciatica, or maybe from a strain, and you'll get relief the moment you rub your back with soothing, penetrating St. Jacobs Oil. Nothing else takes out soreness, lameness and stiffness so quickly. You simply rub it on your back, and out comes the pain. It is harmless, and doesn't burn the skin.

Limber up! Don't suffer! Get a small trial bottle of old honest St. Jacobs Oil from any drug store, and after using it just once you'll forget that you ever had backache, lumbago or sciatica, because your back will never hurt, or cause any more misery. It never disappoints, and has been recommended for 60 years.

P-T ASSOCIATION FOR MAZELAND

A number of the patrons of the Mazeland school met at the school house Friday evening, Dec. 28, 1923 at the request of the principal, Mr. E. E. Hancock. After a talk by the principal on general needs of the school and ways of obtaining those needs, he asked that a Parent-Teacher Association be organized. Miss Addie Jane Hancock then explained what the organization was and benefits that were being derived from such organizations elsewhere.

A. M. Moreland then made a splendid talk in favor of organizing after which we went into the organization of the association.

John Heck was elected president; Miss Grace Hancock, secretary and reporter; Mrs. Frank Berryman, treasurer; E. E. Hancock, Miss Mattye Hudson and Mrs. R. N. Ensor were appointed as the program committee; Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. Ensor and A. M. Moreland were appointed as the membership committee.

We then decided that we shall meet the second Friday evening in each month. Our next meeting will be Friday night, January 11, 1924. After the program we shall have a pie supper. Everybody come and bring money to buy all the good pies you want to eat for one time.

"REPORTER"

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Gray are entertaining a new boy baby at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Crager are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby daughter at their home last Saturday.

NORTON BANK MAKES A FINE SHOWING

The statement just issued by the First National Bank of Norton shows that institution to have gained an important place in the financial roster of Runnels county, notwithstanding that the institution is only five months old. The first statement issued since the bank was organized last August shows that the bank has on deposit \$56,798.45, and is carrying loans amounting to more than \$50,000. The bank is capitalized for \$25,000, owns its banking house valued at more than \$5,000, its furniture and fixtures valued at about \$1,500, and owes nothing. For a young bank in an inland town, the First National at Norton is showing up in good shape.

"I notice you refer to one of the new school teachers as a 'Mistress,'" said W. C. Penn, chairman of the school board of trustees, "and you are dead wrong about it; she is Miss Kathleen Douglass, the daughter of a Sterling City banker, and one of the most excellent little ladies it has ever been our pleasure to employ on the faculty, and I want you to get it right." Somehow, or somehow else, we got it down that the new teacher's name was preceded by the title "Mrs.," and we are glad to keep the record straight and make it "Miss," until Dan Cupid interferes.

WOOD FAMINE PREVAILS IN CITY

Nothing but home-made wood is available for fuel in Ballinger, and that is not as plentiful as it was in days gone by when you could step out on the streets and buy a load of wood cut to order for two-fifty. The city is experiencing a wood famine. The fuel dealers declare that they have not been able to get wood loaded on cars at the other end of the line and shipped to Ballinger on account of the condition of the public roads. Wood haulers have been on a strike, and refused to haul wood over bad roads. People who depend on keeping comfortable by stoves heated with wood, may have to discard their wood burners and install coal stoves.

SIMS & SONS RECEIVE CONSIGNMENT STEERS

D. E. Sims & Sons of Paint Rock, Concho county, have received 250 out of approximately 1,000 head of four-year-old steers they have purchased in Kimble, Mason, Gillespie and other counties, it was learned in San Angelo Saturday.

The 250 animals were purchased from George Farmer of Kimble county. The price paid for the steers averaged around \$50, it is understood.

Mr. Sims and sons handled around 2,000 steers last season and of this number about 1,400 still are on feed in Kansas.—San Angelo Standard.

OTHER BUSINESS CHANGES REPORTED

The Rho-Mae Cafe will move into the building now occupied by the Higginbotham garage on Eighth Street, Mr. McWilliams having purchased that building from George Holman. The Globe will move from its 8th Street location to the building now occupied by the Rho-Mae Cafe. The Bon Ton Cafe, which had

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE First National Bank

at Ballinger, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on Dec. 31st, 1923.

RESOURCES	
1. a. Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, acceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank (except those shown in b and c).....	\$583,403.39
Total loans.....	\$583,403.39
2. Overdrafts, unsecured.....	168.70
4. U. S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES OWNED:	
a. Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value).....	\$25,000.00
b. All other United States Government securities (including premiums if any).....	5,546.13
Total.....	30,546.13
5. OTHER BONDS, STOCKS, SECURITIES, etc.:	
6. Banking House, \$20,460.00; Furniture & Fixt., \$6,525.00.....	26,985.00
7. Real estate owned other than banking house.....	17,500.00
8. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	58,909.95
10. Cash in vault and amount due from national banks.....	294,509.60
11. Amount due from State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9 and 10).....	519.24
13. Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 12).....	12,283.94
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.....	307,312.78
14. a. Checks and drafts on banks (including Federal Reserve Bank) located outside of city of reporting bank.....	4,337.12
b. Miscellaneous cash items.....	11,165.84
15. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer.....	1,250.00
TOTAL.....	\$1,048,113.82

LIABILITIES	
17. Capital stock paid in.....	\$100,000.00
18. Surplus fund.....	50,000.00
19. Undivided profits.....	\$12,753.80
b. Reserved for Unearned Interest.....	4,500.00
c. Less current expenses, interest and, taxes paid.....	17,253.80
20. Circulating notes outstanding.....	25,000.00
22. Amount due to national banks.....	57,226.08
23. Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States and foreign countries (other than included in Items 21 or 22).....	2,452.86
24. Certified checks outstanding.....	323.50
25. Cashier's checks outstanding.....	3,248.12
Total of Items 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25.....	63,260.56
26. Individual deposits subject to check.....	767,082.27
27. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed).....	5,600.00
28. State, county, or other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank or surety bond.....	12,817.19
30. Dividends unpaid.....	6,000.00
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve Items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.....	790,959.46
TIME DEPOSITS SUBJECT TO RESERVE (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice and postal savings):	
32. Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed).....	1,600.00
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve Items 32, 33, 34, and 35.....	1,600.00
TOTAL.....	\$1,048,113.82

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels, ss:
I, R. G. Erwin, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
R. G. ERWIN, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January, 1924.
(Seal)
HARRY LYNN, Notary Public.
CORRECT—Attest: D. M. Baker, J. McGregory, J. Y. Pearce, Directors.

RECAPITULATION	
RESOURCES:	LIABILITIES:
Loans and Discounts.....\$482,114.88	Capital Stock.....\$100,000.00
Overdrafts.....168.70	Surplus and Undivided Profits.....67,253.80
U. S. Bonds.....30,546.13	Circulation.....25,000.00
Bonds, Stocks, Securities, etc.....6,525.00	Dividends unpaid.....6,000.00
Banking House, F. & F.....26,985.00	Rediscounts.....NONE
Real Estate.....17,500.00	Bills Payable.....NONE
Acceptances (Cotton).....101,288.42	Deposits.....849,860.02
Cash and Exchange.....382,975.69	
\$1,048,113.82	\$1,048,113.82

EDEN YOUNG MAN MEETS DEATH IN AUTO ACCIDENT

It would seem that this Christmas season has been marked by an unusual number of fatalities, perhaps being more noticeable because several took place near Brady, or else the victims were related to Bradyites or were well-known here. One of the most tragic deaths was that of John Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Turner of the Brady valley community near Eden, who was killed in an auto accident in the Live Oak section of Concho county. It seems that a pinion on the car wheel became crystallized, allowing the wheel to break, and catapulting the unfortunate driver through the windshield. When the body was found the next morning, it was pinned underneath the wrecked car, with a portion of the windshield through the heart.—Brady Standard.

H. C. CONNER TO BE BURIED AT RUNNELS

The remains of H. C. Conner will be laid to rest in the Runnels Cemetery Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Rev. R. B. Twitty will conduct the funeral and the Old Fellows will take charge and lay the remains to rest with ceremonies of that lodge.

The deceased will be buried near the town where he first settled in Runnels county, forty-one years ago, and by the members of the secret order which he helped to organize forty years ago, being a charter member of the Runnels I. O. O. F. lodge.

Mr. Conner is survived by six children, three boys and three girls. Mrs. T. M. Rabb, of Roswell, New Mexico, will probably not be here for the funeral on account of the illness of Mr. Rabb, according to telegram received from her. Mrs. Lola Roberts, of McGregor, arrived Wednesday at noon. H. C. Conner Jr., Henry, John and Mrs. Mary Gilbert, are all at home.

Reports from Mrs. Conner Wednesday stated that she was still very low, and not expected to recover. She has been ill for several weeks, and the sudden death of her husband has added to the seriousness of her condition.

J. N. Winters, brother of Mrs. Conner, and a pioneer of West Texas, wired from Fort Worth that he would arrive here Wednesday night.

R. M. Davis was among the citizens from the Northern part of the county, who was looking after business in Ballinger Thursday.

Would Shut Down Gas Works

"My stomach has been so filled with gas for the last three years that I felt I could pretty nearly supply our town. I also had frequent pains in right side in region of the appendix. Doctors didn't help much. One day my neighbor told me about what Mayr's Wonderful Remedy had done for him and I got a bottle of our druggist. I can say that it will do all and more than you claim for it." It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded.—All druggists.

Mrs. D. Reeder left for Dallas Saturday afternoon to visit her daughter, Mrs. Frank Drews, and family, for a week or more. She was accompanied as far as Dallas by her son, Roy Reeder, who is going to the Eastern markets to buy fixtures and goods for the new department of the D. Reeder store.

Mrs. S. P. Fritz came in Tuesday from Wilcox, Arizona. She is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Mapes.

Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co.

at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1923, published in The Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 8th day of January, 1924.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$118,879.04
Loans, real estate.....	2,250.00
Overdrafts.....	1,654.00
Bonds and Stocks.....	2,850.00
Real Estate (banking house).....	20,000.00
Other Real Estate.....	44,783.81
Furniture and Fixtures.....	6,298.55
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand.....	146,765.95
Interest on Depositors' Guaranty Fund.....	5,867.58
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund.....	8,522.22
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange.....	4,990.93
Other Resources.....	NONE
TOTAL.....	\$362,885.13

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in.....	\$60,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	4,000.00
Undivided Profits, net.....	1,558.53
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net.....	11,809.17
Individual Deposits, subject to check.....	265,685.04
Savings Deposits.....	NONE
Time Certificates of Deposit.....	6,716.19
Demand Certificates of Deposit.....	NONE
Cashier's Checks.....	13,117.20
Bills Payable and Rediscounts.....	NONE
Certificates of Deposits, issued for money borrowed.....	NONE
State Funds.....	NONE
Bonds Deposited.....	NONE
Other Liabilities.....	NONE
TOTAL.....	\$362,885.13

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels, ss:
We, R. W. Bruce, as President, and N. K. Freeman, as Cashier, of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

R. W. Bruce, President
N. K. Freeman, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of January, A. D. 1924.
(Seal)
Rufus J. Wheeler,
Notary Public Runnels County, Texas.

Farmers and Merchants State Bank

at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of Dec., 1923, published in The Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published in Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 8th day of January, 1924.

Resources	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$361,264.31
Loans, real estate.....	13,000.00
County, School and City Warrants.....	18,472.00
Bonds and Stocks (Liberty Bonds).....	11,809.17
Real Estate (banking house).....	25,000.00
Other Real Estate.....	5,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	5,000.00
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand.....	343,540.82
Interest on Depositors' Guaranty Fund.....	8,466.04
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund.....	6,000.00
TOTAL.....	\$785,843.18

Liabilities	
Capital Stock paid in.....	\$100,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	40,000.00
Undivided Profits, net.....	4,464.57
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net.....	167.29
Individual Deposits, subject to check.....	606,158.09
Time Certificates of Deposit.....	27,611.60
Cashier's Checks.....	7,441.63
TOTAL.....	\$785,843.18

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels, ss:
We, G. G. Odom, as president, and J. L. Chastain, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
G. G. ODOM, President
J. L. CHASTAIN, Cashier.
(Seal)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of January, A. D. 1924.
E. SHEPPERD,
Notary Public, Runnels Co., Texas.

RECAPITULATION	
Resources	Liabilities
Loans and Discounts.....\$392,836.32	Capital Stock.....\$100,000.00
Real Estate, Banking House and Fixtures.....30,000.00	Surplus and Profits.....44,464.57
Other Real Estate.....5,000.00	Deposits.....641,378.61
Depositors' Guaranty Fund.....8,466.04	
Guaranty Assessment Fund.....6,000.00	
Cash and Exchange.....343,540.82	
TOTAL.....	\$785,843.18

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ROWENA NEWS

Edward Winkler, who spent the holidays with the L. Tepliczek family, left for his home at Sealy Wednesday.

Gordon Phillips left for his home at Waco after spending the holidays with his Rowena friends.

Miss Wilma Huebner, competent saleslady for the dry goods department of the firm of Weisner & Pustka, returned Thursday to resume her duties, after visiting her parents and other relatives at Cistern, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Palmer returned to their home at Rockdale Thursday, after spending the holidays here with his uncle, Paul Palmer, and family. Mr. Palmer was a former citizen of our community and is thinking of returning in the near future and making Runnels county his permanent home.

Mrs. Calvert, of Taylor, arrived first of the week to visit her daughter, Mrs. Alfons Pustka, for some time.

Miss Olga Kuhn and brother, of Westphalia, are visiting relatives here this week.

E. S. Kubela, Ant. Pospiehal, Emil Chylek, and Ed Pospiehal returned Thursday from a several days business trip to different points in Wilson and Atascosa counties. The trip was made in a car via San Antonio. Anton Pospiehal returned the owner of the two hundred acre farm one mile North of Rowena, known as the R. Mieha place, which he bought of Chas. Ergemeyer, of Stockdale.

A large crowd of relatives and friends gathered at the Santa Fe station Wednesday to see several of Rowena's young folks return to their respective schools at different points. Miss Amalee Turck returned to the State University at Austin; Willard Schuhman and Edgar Schlake, for Robinson Academy, near Waco; accompanied by Miss Minnie Pieper, who went to enter the same institution. John Tepliczek left for Kansas City to enter a mechanics

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Ballinger Banks Make Gain of 60% Since Last September

There is practically two million dollars on deposit in the three Ballinger banks, and the statements just issued, or forthcoming, in response to calls by the state and national banking commissioners show that the citizens have banked an increase of \$675,000.00 in round numbers, since the last statement was issued at the close of business on September 14th.

At the close of business on September 14th there was on deposit in the three local banks, \$1,151,150.00. That was just as the crop harvest was getting under good headway, but prior to debt paying time. The deposits at the close of business December 31st, as shown by the public

statements, amount to \$1,822,186.00, or the neat gain of about sixty per cent.

At certain intervals during the heavy marketing season the deposits of the three city banks were considerably above what the present showing makes. Heavy checking followed the crop harvest, and in liquidating debts, Runnels county farmers and Ballinger merchants have reduced their bank balances, greatly reducing the deposits.

Thus it will be seen that the people—patrons of the three Ballinger banks enter the new year after debt paying time—with a cash balance which is perhaps greater than ever before at this season of the year.

Necessarily bank deposits do not always reflect the financial condition—nor can be taken as an

index to the prosperity of the citizenship. The liabilities must be taken into count, as well as the assets, but at this season of the year, after a bulk of the taxes have been paid, and after 1923 accounts have been squared up, the bank deposits can be relied on to show how the people are "hooked up" financially.

Aside from the good financial showing of the country at this time, the country is enjoying the best season for many years in the past. In fact it is seldom too wet to plow in Runnels county on January 1st, but farmers from all parts of the county and adjoining counties in Ballinger's trade territory, are waiting for their land to get dry enough for them to get in the fields and begin breaking ground for the 1924 crop.

school. Rowena should be proud of her girls and boys who are striving for an education to better prepare themselves to make good citizens.

"REPORTER."

A TONIC

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic restores Energy and Vitality by Purifying and Enriching the Blood. When you feel its strengthening, invigorating effect, see how it brings color to the cheeks and how it improves the appetite, you will then appreciate its true tonic value.

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MOVABLE HOUSES FOR POULTRY

By SETH W. SHOEMAKER (Director, School of Agriculture, International Correspondence Schools, Scranton, Pa.)

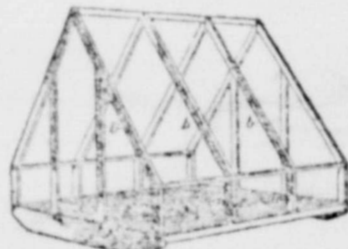
The accompanying illustration shows an A shaped colony house built on runners made of oak planks 2 inches thick and 12 inches wide set on edge. If pine or hemlock runners are used, they should be 2 1/2 inches thick. Runners must be quite strong as the entire weight of the house rests on them and there is also considerable strain on them when moving the house from place to place.

The base frame, a, is made of 2x4 inch scantlings and is from 12 inches to 24 inches high above the floor, according to the required height of the entire building.

Above the base frame is an apex frame, b, which is also made of 2x4 inch scantlings and is built to an inside height of 5 feet above the base frame.

The floor of the house, which is 8 feet square, is built of tongued and grooved boards strongly fastened to the runners.

The frame is sheathed with the



Apex Movable Colony House, showing construction.

cheapest kind of lumber dressed on one side and laid with the smooth side in. The sheathing is then covered with one of the many kinds of roofing paper on the market.

In some cases the frame is made so that the entire house can be covered with heavy roofing paper. To do this the uprights and cross bases should be set to correspond with the width of the roofing paper used.

The interior of the house is furnished with dropping boards, roosts and nest boxes on both sides when it is used for laying hens.

When houses are to be moved, it is necessary to use some motive power that is equal to the task and that will not cause damage to the building because of quick jerks and starts.

A single horse may be used for the smaller houses, but several may be required to move a larger one. Rings or hooks should be fastened to the runners or holes made thru them to provide a

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strong hitch for the chains or hooks to be used in hauling. It is necessary that the hitch be substantial so it will stand the strain of moving.

To assist in this a strong rope may be wound around the house, resting low against the rear and only high enough in front for the height of the team. It is always better to have an excess of power rather than not enough.

I have for sale at a bargain, a well improved farm, 200 acres, 75 in cultivation, well improved. Plenty of water. Will sell at a bargain. Close to Byrds oil field. This land is not leased. It lies 3 1/2 miles Northwest of Grosvener, Brown county, R. M. Gabbest, Norton, Texas. 13-1td-tfw

ANNUAL MEETING FARM BUREAU

The Runnels County Farm Bureau convened in annual session in Ballinger Thursday afternoon with a good representation of the membership present. The work of the Farm Bureau for the past year was reviewed and reports given which showed that the organization had experienced a most successful year, and enters the present year with prospects for even greater accomplishments.

Officers and directors for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

- Lynn Stokes, president, Ballinger
- E. M. Setser, vice-president, Norton
- B. M. Batts, secretary-treasurer, Ballinger
- Directors elected were as follows: Bert Fletcher, Precinct No. 4, Maverick
- J. P. Wessels, Prec. No. 2, Hatchel
- F. L. Harper, Prec. No. 1, Ballinger
- B. R. King, Prec. No. 3, Winters.

Delegates to attend Texas Farm Bureau Federation convention at Dallas, January 15th and 16th: Bert Fletcher, J. P. Wessels, B. R. King, J. T. Routh, and F. L. Harper.

Herbina corrects biliousness, indigestion and constipation. It is a fine herbal medicine that drives out impurities and restores healthy conditions in the system. Price, 60c. Sold by John A. Weeks.

MILES PERSONALS

MILES, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Taylor Scott left yesterday for Lubbock to be with her daughter, who is ill.

Mrs. S. C. Rogers left yesterday afternoon for Hico, Texas, after spending the holidays with her son, F. G. Rogers, here.

Jerry Brazile was here Thursday from San Angelo.

Mrs. Joe Williams and son, Billie Joe, arrived here last night from San Diego, California, to visit the former's father, T. J. Motley.

Louis Hale, salesman, was here from Ballinger Thursday.

Ledger visit 665 pag.



The delightful, spicy fragrance of a morning cup of White Swan Coffee awakens the appetite to keen enjoyment of the flavor. The first delicious cup makes breakfast a pronounced success.

Try it today—one and three pound full weight cans—whole or ground—at your grocer's.

WAPLES-PLATTER GROCER CO. TEXAS

White Swan COFFEE

COMMISSIONER DEENS TO MAKE RACE AGAIN

County Commissioner R. J. Deens will submit his name to the voters of Precinct No. 1 again this year and ask them to re-elect him. Mr. Deens stated Saturday that he would make his announcement next week, and requested The Ledger to say for him that he would be in the running.

"Quite a number have solicited me to offer for re-election," said Mr. Deens, "and I have never given them any definite answer, but I have decided to make the race, and will be glad for my friends to know it."

Mr. Deens has served the precinct two terms, or at least is now serving his second term, as county commissioner, having defeated his opponent in the last campaign.

FOR OVER 40 YEARS

HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE has been used successfully in the treatment of Catarrh. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE consists of an Ointment which quickly Relieves by local application, and the Internal Medicine, a Tonic, which acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces, thus reducing the inflammation. Sold by all druggists. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

TOM GREEN OFFICERS CUT OUT TELEPHONES

The "dear peepul" Wednesday were finding out the inconvenience of having a county court house without telephones while county officials were enjoying a day of undisturbed quiet from the ringing jangle of such an instrument. All phones at the court house save that in the county judge's office and that in the engineering department either have been or are in process of being removed as the result of the action of the County Commissioners recently. The court voted that in the light of a decision from the attorney general's office county funds could not be used for the maintenance of a telephone service nor for the purchase of postage stamps for the county officers.

The county judge, county attorney and the sheriff's departments are continuing the use of their telephones at their own expense, but not so with the tax collector, the county clerk, the district clerk, the county superintendent of public instruction. The phone for the district court room was still intact Wednesday morning and it could not be ascertained if it also was to go.—San Angelo Standard.

C. C. Carter, of the Norton section, had business in Ballinger Saturday, and ordered The Ledger to go to his son at Tyler.

MILES NEWS NOTES

Special to The Ledger: MILES, Jan. 3.—Misses Thresa Mae and Mary Boss Herndon left today for Howard Payne College, Brownwood, after spending the holidays with their parents.

Misses Mary Lee O'Quinn and Jeffie Lee Brooks left today for C. L. A. Denton, after spending the holidays with relatives here.

F. Blumentritt was here from San Angelo today on business.

Mr. Davis was here from San Angelo today.

C. R. Tidwell was in Ballinger today on business.

Mrs. Rankin Jones returned to her home at Ballinger today after spending the holidays here.

THIEVES RAID TURKEY ROOST

L. K. Parr, who lives Southwest of Ballinger, was in the city Thursday conferring with the officers, and trying to get a clue on a pretty good turkey loss he sustained New Year's night. Thieves raided the turkey roost at Mr. Parr's home and carried away eight nice birds. While in the city Thursday Mr. Parr laid in a supply of buckshot shells, and he says he is going to keep "Old Betsy" handy. But what's the use to lock the stable door, after the horse is gone?

R. P. Greenwell was in the city Saturday and ordered his Ledger sent to his address on Route A., Ballinger. Mr. Greenwell has been living on Route A. out of Miles.

GIRLS! HAIR GROWS THICK AND BEAUTIFUL

35-Cent "Danderine" Does Wonders for Lifeless, Neglected Hair



A gleamy mass of luxuriant hair full of gloss, lustre and life shortly follows a genuine toning up of neglected scalps with dependable "Danderine." Falling hair, itching scalp and the dandruff is corrected immediately. Thin, dry, wispy or fading hair is quickly invigorated, taking on new strength, color and youthful beauty. "Danderine" is delightful on the hair; a refreshing, stimulating tonic—not sticky or greasy! Any Drugstore.

"AFFLICTED FOR SIXTEEN YEARS"

"For 16 years I was afflicted with chronic sore legs and had used and tried every known remedy for it. It grew worse from year to year until I was forced to take to my bed. About that time I began to take FERRASAL and Mayflower Tonic to correct my blood and Veradium locally on the chronic sores. My legs no longer trouble me. My general health is excellent, having improved wonderfully. I cannot say enough in praise of these wonderful remedies."



ROBSTOWN SHIPS SPECIAL TRAIN OF PLANTING SEED

ROBSTOWN, Tex., Jan. 7.—What is believed to have been the first solid trainload of cotton planting seed ever shipped by a single Texas breeder to one particular section of the state, was made from this point during the past week, and was consigned to points in the lower Rio Grande valley. This shipment was made by S. Maston Nixon, local breeder and grower of Blue Wagon staple cotton seed, and consisted of a special train of seventeen carloads of his products.

To Stop a Cough Quick take HAYES' HEALING HONEY, a cough medicine which stops the cough by healing the inflamed and irritated tissues. A box of GROVE'S O-FEN-TRATE SALVE for Chest Colds, Head Colds and Croup is enclosed with every bottle of HAYES' HEALING HONEY. The salve should be rubbed on the chest and throat of children suffering from a Cold or Croup.

MIKE C. BOYD AFTER TAX ASSESSOR'S JOB

"I will hand you my announcement for Tax Assessor," said Mike C. Boyd Wednesday morning, "and I will have it ready in a few days." Mr. Boyd stated positively that he would be in the race for this office. It had been rumored that he would get in the sweepstakes.

Mr. Boyd served the county as tax assessor for four terms—eight years—by election, and retired without being defeated. He also served one year of the term of Will Stephens when Mr. Stephens was called into the war. He made the county a good officer, and no doubt has many friends who will rally to his support.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Chastain returned home Sunday night from Mertzon, where they had spent several days visiting their daughter, Mrs. Van Howell.

O. B. Tounget, of the Oxien country, was looking after business in Ballinger Monday, and was all smiles as the result of the stork leaving a fine girl at his home Saturday night.

STOMACH MISERY, GAS, INDIGESTION "Pape's Diapepsin" Corrects Sour, Upset Stomachs at Once

NEW FARM AGENT READY FOR WORK

The the Farmers of Runnels County: "Since I am a stranger to Runnels county and not acquainted with the different sections of the county and the needs and requirements of individual farmers of the various sections I take this means of offering my service to you."

"My motto is 'Service without Choice.' I want to work with all the farmers in every section of the county and in order to get the best results I hereby request that you let me know at once what phase of County Agent's work you wish to have done on your farm at this time of the year."

"This is the season of the year for terracing, contouring and laying off rows, drainage work and other phases of farm engineering work."

"This is also the time to organize Boys and Girls Agricultural Clubs and I hereby earnestly solicit the hearty co-operation of the schools of the county in putting over this phase of the work."

"Now is a good time to organize Community Centers in order to foster and develop community interest."

"I am planning to visit the various communities in the county at the earliest possible date. In the meantime let me know your wants in order that I may be able to serve you properly. Yours for service,"

C. W. LEHMBERG, County Agent, Runnels Co., "Office at Court House."

SULPHUR CLEARS YOUR ECZEMA SKIN

Costs Little and Overcomes Trouble Almost Over Night Any breaking out of the skin, even fiery, itching eczema, can be quickly overcome by applying Mentho-Sulphur, declares a noted skin specialist. Because of its germ destroying properties, this sulphur preparation instantly brings ease from skin irritation, soothes and heals the eczema right up and leaves the skin clear and smooth.

It seldom fails to relieve torment without delay. Sufferers from skin trouble should obtain a small jar of Rowles Mentho-Sulphur from any good druggist and use it like cold cream.

NOW AND 30 YEARS AGO A certain wholesale coffee company gets off a little piece of doggerel in sending out a letter of Christmas and New Year greetings to its customers, the letter being dated 1893—1923. It says: "When eggs were 3 dozen for 25c; butter 10c a pound; milk was 5c a quart; the butcher gave away liver and treated the kids with Bologna; the hired girl received two dollars a week and did the washin'. Women did not powder and paint (in public), smoke, vote, play poker or shake the shimie."

Men wore whiskers and boots, chewed tobacco, spit on the sidewalk and cussed. Beer was 5c and the lunch was free. Laborers worked ten hours a day and never went on a strike. No tips were given to waiters and the hat check grafter was unknown. A kerosene hanging lamp and a stereoscope in the parlor were considered luxuries.

"No one was ever operated on for appendicitis or bought glands. Microbes were unheard of; folks lived to a good old age and every year walked miles to wish their friends a Merry Christmas. "Today, you know, everybody rides in automobiles, or flies; plays golf; shoots craps; plays the piano with their feet; go to the movies nightly, or tune in on the radio; smoke cigarettes, drink Rukus Juice; blame the H. C. of L. on their neighbors; never go to bed the same day they get up, and think they are having a hilarious time. These are the days of suffragettes, profiteering, road hogs and prohibition. If you think life is worth living, we wish you a Happy New Year."

Dismiss that cough take SCOTT'S EMULSION

ROYAL NEIGHBORS IN MEETING

The Royal Neighbors met in their second meeting in December and elected the following officers: Nana Mae Thomas, Oracle; Katy Blewett, Vice; Rena Morrison, Chancellor; Abbie Pogue, Recorder; Mitte Belle Middleton, Receiver; Winnie Cameron, Marshal; Inez Thomas, Asst. Marshal; Claudie Taylor, Inner Sentinel; Ellie Carroll, Outer Sentinel; H. S. Yeager, Lula Oliver and Dora Lee Pape, Managers; Dr. E. R. Walker, Physician; Frances Stallworth, Musician; Pearl Corum, Faith; Grace Crimm, Courage; Anna Belle Hash, Endurance; Effie Williams, Unselfishness; Edie Bella Walker, Modesty.—Characters.

After the election of officers delicious refreshments were served. The above officers will be installed Friday night, Jan. 11th, and all members are urged to be present. The installation will not be in connection with the Modern Woodmen.

To drive out worms that are eating away the strength and vitality of your child, use White's Cream Vermifuge. It expels the worms without injury to the child. Price 35c. Sold by John A. Weeks.

MAEROY INSTALLS IMPROVED LIGHTS

The Maeroy Theatre has installed a General Electric Company improved incandescent lighting system on its projection machines, and has eliminated the use of arc lights for projecting pictures.

This is said to be a great advance in picture projection, doing away with carbon fumes, and giving a much clearer, whiter image on the screen, and with attachments prevents blackening of corners and reddening of the entire picture. Mr. Hodge, owner of the theatre here, had previously used an incandescent lighting system for his houses in Abilene, and which proved good, but that installed in the Maeroy is said to be much better and an improvement over the older type.

BRITISH SHIP HELD AT TEXAS PORT WITH RYE

GALVESTON, Jan. 8.—The British schooner Muriel L. Winters, with approximately \$100,000 worth of liquor aboard, is tied up here today under patrol of government guards. The schooner is being held awaiting formal action by the authorities against the vessel, her cargo and her crew.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The seizure of the British schooner Kwasind by the United States customs authorities at Wilmington, North Carolina, after the ship had put into port for repairs, carrying a cargo of intoxicating liquors, has been made the subject of a new inquiry with the state department by the British government through its embassy here.

The action is believed to be preliminary to the filing of a formal protest.

BRYAN TO NAME HIS DARK HORSE

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 8.—William Jennings Bryan, who is a candidate as a delegate from Florida to the Democratic National Convention, today declared in a statement that if he was elected to represent this state at the convention, he would present the name of a Florida citizen for the democratic nomination for president.

Bryan's statement did not give the name of the citizen, but said the name would be given to the public before the national committee convened on January 15th.

NEXT BEST BET FOR AN OIL WELL

"We haven't anything to report," said H. Giesecke, head of the Russell Production Company, when asked Tuesday if there was anything to the street talk to the effect that his company would resume work in the Russell oil field 15 miles East of Ballinger.

Mr. Giesecke talked optimistically, however, and admitted that some day the Russell Production Company would steam up and resume operations, "and we are going to bring in an oil well—you can say that much," said Mr. Giesecke.

It had been rumored that another well would be drilled in the Russell field, where the best showing of oil and gas in Runnels county has been found. However, wildcat work is at a standstill in most all fields at this time, and development companies are not putting out any money while the larger companies are holding the price down.

It is expected that the Russell Company will drill the well which was capped some time ago after the drill went into sand at 2500 feet. This well made several good showings of oil, and is at present in good condition, fully rigged and cased, and drilling could be resumed on short notice.

Russell No. 1, which was drilled by the Gulf Production Company, and which started development in Runnels county, is still the weller well. It is the well which seat the golden fluid over the top several times, and which has developed into a strong gas well. Gas from No. 1 has been used for fuel in carrying on development in that territory, and today the well is stronger than it was a month ago. It has shown a gradual increase since being rigged up for supplying gas, and oil men declare that the well is producing sufficient gas to supply Ballinger for all purposes, and then some.

That the interests who own the Russell field expect to make further development tests is shown by the fact that all the equipment for drilling has not been disturbed, the machinery remaining intact, and the last well drilled cased in and capped, and can be opened at any time and drilling resumed on short notice.

MODERN WOODMEN INSTALL OFFICERS

State Deputy R. J. Vidler, assisted by District Deputy C. W. Van Dyke, and B. L. Bert, special deputy, was here last Saturday night and helped the Ballinger camp in initiating a fine class of husky candidates.

The hall was filled with anxious waiting neighbors to witness the impressive ceremonies and share in the fun. After the new members had been initiated the visiting deputies assisted in installing the new officers of the lodge, and the following officers were installed:

H. S. Yeager, V. C.; Dee Oliver, P. C.; W. E. Middleton, advisor; H. F. Demmer, banker; Joe Thomas, escort; Ed Pape, watchman; Frank Corder, sentry; E. J. Cathey, manager; Dr. E. R. Walker, physician.

At the conclusion of the installation ceremonies a banquet spread was served.

To Cure a Cold in One Day TAKE LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 25c.

COOLIDGE GIVES SURTAX VIEWS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—President Coolidge regards the surtax provisions of the Garner democratic tax program as disregarding the principle of government investment which should encourage investment of capital in business enterprises rather than in tax free securities.

President Coolidge told visitors today that although he had not made a detailed study, or received advice from the experts on the Garner program, that he believed the high rates proposed would tend to continue the present objectionable practice on the part of capital to invest in such securities as would escape tax payments.

LUMBER TRADE PICKS UP HERE

Runnels county is experiencing the best building boom that she has had since the palmy days of 1900 when new homes were springing up all over the county, and when thousands of acres of land were turned under and planted for the first time.

Farmers who have been planning improvements around their country homes for several years, are now on the job, and wagon loads of lumber can be seen leaving the city daily, and the demand for carpenters throughout the county is somewhat of an index to the building activities. New rooms are being added to many homes in the county, new roofs are replacing leaky ones, new barns, new garages, new poultry houses, new yard fences, etc., has created a better demand for building materials.

The building in Ballinger has been gradual during the last year, but regular, quite a number of new homes having been completed. Many jobs of minor improvement have been made in the city, and such work is still under way, and new homes are in the course of construction and being planned.

Winters has experienced somewhat of a building boom during the last twelve months, many new homes having been completed in that city, and several houses are now being constructed in that city, and three new business houses are going up at that place.

At this time there is not a vacant residence in Ballinger, or in any other town in the county, and there is a demand for farms, many renters seeking places to make crops this year. The county can increase in population only in proportion to the preparations made to take care of the increase, and more building in the only solution to the problem. There are many more families in the county at this time than there are homes for them. They are doubled-up two, and in some instances more, families in one house.

Good crops for the last two years, coupled with the good price paid for cotton, has made it possible for the farmers to carry out building programs, and has created a demand for additional homes.

Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Company of Ballinger, Texas, will be held in the offices of said bank on Thursday, January 10th, 1924 at 10:00 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

R. W. BRUCE, President. SAM BAKER, Secretary. 2-4td-2tw

Advertisement for "10-NIGHT Tomorrow Alright" medicine, featuring a box of the product and text describing its benefits for various ailments.

PERMANENT CULVERTS FOR EIGHTH STREET

The city is extending its improvements on Eighth Street, and while the street is being improved only with grade and gravel, the culvert work is of a more permanent character. Reinforced concrete culverts are being put in to take care of the drainage system, and at some future date when the property owners decide to pave the thoroughfare this much of the work will be out of the way.

The street has been graded and gravelled from the down town pavement to the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church, and the improvement will be extended to the Reeder corner, the property owners having agreed to share in the cost of the work on a one-third basis.

With the building of the West line of the Ballinger-Winters highway, which will be brought into the city down Broadway to the home of Dr. J. W. Blasdel, Broadway will be in line for improvement from the pavement at the Santa Fe right-of-way on Broadway to connect with the cross-county highway. It is expected that the state and county will advertise for bids for the building of the new highway within a few days, and work will probably start not later than Feb. 1st.

MERCHANT SHOT TO DEATH IN STORE BY CLERK

GREENVILLE, Jan. 8.—Charlie Haekensmith, age 39, owner of a coffee and tea store here, was shot and almost instantly killed in his store today. D. E. Johnston, an employee of the store, surrendered to the police soon after the shooting and was placed in jail without making a statement.

Advertisement for Wm. Cameron & Co., Inc. featuring an illustration of a family and the slogan "But it isn't a Home".

SEE US FOR FREE BUILDING HELPS-PLANS AND ESTIMATES Wm. Cameron & Co., Inc.

Advertisement for Dean Brothers Tire & Battery Station, featuring Exide Batteries, Seiberling Casings and Tubes, and contact information.

Banner-Ledger Want Ads

LOST—Dark brindle black nose female Bull Dog, not trimmed. Reward. Notify R. E. Dorsey, Route B, Ballinger. 11-1tw.*

FOR SALE—165 1-2 acres, 100 acres in cultivation, 80 per cent tillable, plenty good water, good buildings, one mile of school, 9 miles from Ballinger, \$50.00 per acre, good terms. Give possession. C. W. Northington, Ballinger. 11-2tw.*

FOR SALE—Full blood Buff Orpington Cockerels. Mrs. D. Oliver, Ballinger, Texas, Route B. 15-4tw

FOR SALE—315 1-2 acres Farm on highway between Rowena and Miles; 200 acres in cultivation; two houses, plenty well water. See Fred Machotka, Rowena, Texas. 21-4tw.*

FOR SALE—White Leghorn Cockerels, M. Johnson strain. George Wood, nine miles North of Ballinger. 28-4w.*

FOR SALE—5 white Leghorn hens and one cockerel, pure \$8.00—guaranteed to be pure bred. See W. H. Evans on 7th Street. 4-2tw.*

CEMETERY BOARD IS RE-ELECTED

The annual meeting of the Cemetery Association was held Tuesday afternoon, quite a number of the members of the association meeting in the office of E. Shepperd.

So well pleased with the work which has been carried on under the direction of the old board of directors, the old board was re-elected, as follows: E. Shepperd, president; E. D. Walker, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. G. M. Vaughn, Mrs. R. P. Conn, J. McGregor, C. R. Crews, M. C. Boyd.

The work of the past year was reviewed, and reports of the secretary and treasurer made. The financial statement was ordered printed, and it will be given to the public at an early date. It was reported that the fountain which is under the course of construction, would be completed at an early date, or as soon as the weather was favorable for doing the work. The fountain basin is to be stocked with gold fish.

The question of fixing a tax rate for 1924 was discussed. It had been reported that the tax would probably be reduced, but after working a program of improvements to be made this year, it was decided to adopt the old tax rate of \$5 per lot for another year, and the treasurer was instructed to send out notices at once.

The improvement program for 1924 includes the construction of a tabernacle, and the extension of concrete curbs and driveways. It was pointed out that a tabernacle was needed as a place to conduct funerals and for the people to gather in when funerals are held at the cemetery in bad weather.

The city of the dead has undergone wonderful improvements during the last year and a half, all because the directors had the funds to carry on the work, and another year will put the cemetery in such condition that the upkeep will not be so expensive, and the taxes can be cut. Lot owners will be asked to pay \$5 per lot this year, and this rate will probably be cut fifty per cent after 1924.

The board of directors and officers have given of their time freely in improving the cemetery, and they deserve the support of every citizen in carrying out the 1924 improvement program.

MEXICO LAND

For Sale—30,000,000 acres of Mexico land, 25 cents per acre and up; also 500 Texas farms and ranches. P. L. Crews, Real Estate and Loans, 726 Brady Bldg., San Antonio, Texas. 2-8td-2tw

Misses Mildred Holliday, Marthyle Bridwell and Marguerite Doose left for Belton Thursday afternoon to resume their school duties in Baylor College. This departure takes back to school most of the pupils who came home for Christmas.

COLEMAN MAN FOR SENATOR

We are in receipt of a letter from Walter C. Woodward, of Coleman, in which he announces as a candidate for the state senate from this district, and Mr. Woodward's name will appear in the announcement column of this paper.

The district is composed of Comanche, Mills, Brown, Coleman, McCulloch, Mason, Menard, Concho, Runnels, Coke, Tom Green, Schleicher, Irion, Sterling, Gillespie and Kimble counties, and there are few men in the district who are better known than the Coleman attorney.

Walter Woodward is the son of District Judge J. O. Woodward, and he has been practicing in the courts of the district, as well as in other courts in the state, since being admitted to the bar several years ago. He also served as assistant in the attorney general's department until he saw fit to leave the department and again take up private practice, and he has been successful in the law practice.

Of course Mr. Woodward is making the race subject to the action of the democratic primary, having been active in the democratic party in his home county, in district politics and state politics since reaching the age of "political accountability." He has always advocated and been a leader in the fight for principles which he believed to be for the best interests of his country and the uplift of mankind, and it goes without saying that he is for the strict enforcement of the Volstead law, as well as the enforcement of other laws.

Mr. Woodward will probably have something to say later regarding any issues which are before the people in the campaign which is just breaking.

TWICE PROVEN

If you suffer backache, sleepless nights, tired, dull days and distressing urinary disorders, don't experiment. Read this twice-told testimony. It's Ballinger evidence—doubly proven.

Mrs. R. A. Williamson, 205 N. Sixth St., says: "I had kidney complaint and my back ached. I felt dull and languid, especially in the morning and could hardly keep going. Dizzy headaches annoyed me and the action of my kidneys was irregular. I read of Doan's Pills, and bought some at Pearce's Drug Store. Doan's benefited me greatly by relieving all the symptoms of kidney complaint and strengthening my back."

NEARLY FOUR YEARS LATER, Mrs. Williamson added: "Doan's relieved me from kidney trouble and I have had no occasion to use them since."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Pills—the same that Mrs. Williamson had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

MRS. KIRK SEEKS TO HOLD OFFICE OF TREASURER

Mrs. Jennie Kirk will submit her name to the voters of Runnels county this year, and ask to be re-elected treasurer of Runnels county. Mrs. Kirk is serving her second term as county treasurer, and we have never heard a word of adverse criticism against her. She has been faithful to her duties, and kept the records of her office in perfect order.

Mrs. Kirk will probably be re-elected without opposition, at least no opposition has developed. She will probably not be able to make a canvass, and see the voters in person, but that should not be necessary, as she is well-known throughout the county, and her good record as a county officer stands for itself. She has authorized the announcement that she will be a candidate, and any statement she wishes to make will appear in The Ledger later.

ROCK WORK

For Rock, Brick and Cement work, see J. A. Cavanaugh. Phone 509, Ballinger. 11-4tw.*

Mrs. Alice Green and sister, Mrs. Sloan, are now living at the Tindall place on Tenth Street, having moved to that place from the Singletary place.

Mrs. L. B. Rudder returned to her home at El Campo, Sunday afternoon. She had been here on a visit to her father, Nick Stalworth and other relatives.

END CATARRH WITH THIS HEALING CREAM

Clogged Air Passages Open at Once—Nostrils Cleared

If your nostrils are clogged and your head stuffed because of catarrh or a cold, get Ely's Cream Balm at any drug store. Apply a little of this pure, antiseptic, germ destroying cream into your nostrils and let it penetrate through every air passage of your head and membranes. Instant relief.

How good it feels. Your head is clear. Your nostrils are open. You breathe freely. No more hawking or snuffling. Head colds and catarrh yield like magic. Don't stay stuffed up, choked up and miserable. Relief is sure.

BETHEL ORGANIZES DEBATING SOCIETY

The Bethel High School met Wednesday and organized a debating society. The following officers were elected:

President—John Lee Simmons
Vice-President—Kempner Shelburne

Secretary—Veda Greenhill.
It was also definitely decided that the Bethel High School should enter the Interscholastic debates, which will be held at Winters during the month of April, the exact date of which is to be fixed later.

The following were elected to represent Bethel High School:
Girls—Misses Edna Simmons and Veda Greenhill
Boys—Paul Killam and Kempner Shelburne.

"REPORTER."

Card of Thanks

We are deeply grateful for the many favors shown us during the recent sorrow brought upon us by the death of our husband and father. We appreciate more than words can express the many deeds of kindness and words of sympathy.

Mrs. H. Conner
Mrs. T. M. Rabb
Mrs. Bob Roberts
Mrs. Mary Gilbert
H. C. Conner
J. W. Conner
P. H. Conner

7-1td-1tw.*

MEXICO LAND FOR TRADE

859,000 acres in the Musquiz District, State of Coahuila; will trade for farm, ranch or city property. Will cut in tracts from 10,000 acres up. Price \$1 to \$2 per acre. P. L. CREWS, Real Estate and Loans, 726 Brady Bldg., San Antonio, Texas. 2-8td-2tw

J. M. Simmons left Monday afternoon for Dallas, where he will be for a few days on business.

NEW FURNITURE FOR LEGION CLUB

The Pat Williams Post of the American Legion is taking on new life and in the next week will make their new club rooms look like a different place. A successful membership drive has been staged and while that work is not complete many new members have been added and the post will be one of the strongest in the 17th district for the coming year and expects to make a great showing when the state convention meets in Brownwood.

A committee from the post has placed an order for additional furniture that will be placed in the club rooms in the next few days and this furniture will fill a great need and will add much to the beauty of the club. A new floor covering of the best grade cork was purchased for the pool room and an art square and five small rugs purchased for the game room. Both pool tables have been sent away for new covering, side and end rails and will be put in good condition. The entire inside of the club quarters is being gone over with the brush and all stains and smoke signs obliterated. New draperies will be placed on all windows and the club put in the best shape it has ever been since it was new.

A porter will be kept on the job all the time and will look after the club daily as well as for the comfort of the members. A drive will start shortly for social members that will have privileges to the rooms at all times.

Many of the members are planning to attend the district meeting at Breckenridge this month, and extend an invitation to the district to meet in Ballinger some time in April. Those promoting this plan think that it is very likely that the meeting will come to Ballinger and the boys are preparing the club rooms for the meeting when it is held.

Trees

We can save you money on Fruit, Shade and Budded Pecan Trees, Roses, Berries, Grape Vines and Shrubbery.

Send for Price List.

San Angelo Nursery

at Oakes Street Bridge.

San Angelo, Texas



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FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER Dec. 31st, 1923

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	\$482,114.88
Overdrafts	168.70
U. S. Bonds	30,546.13
Bonds, Stocks, Securities, etc.	6,525.00
Banking House, F. and F.	26,995.00
Real Estate	17,500.00
Acceptances [cotton]	101,288.42
Cash and Exchange	382,975.69
	\$1,048,113.82

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	67,253.80
Circulation	25,000.00
Dividends unpaid	6,000.00
Rediscounts	NONE
Bills Payable	NONE
Deposits	849,860.02
	\$1,048,113.82

We Carry No State, County or Municipal Interest-bearing Deposits.

We desire to thank our many friends and customers for all business entrusted us, making it possible for our bank to render this most satisfactory statement.

Y. M. B. L. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE SUCCESSFUL

Committeemen who are carrying on the Young Men's Business League membership drive are meeting with splendid success. While it is taking some little time to make the thorough canvass that is intended to be made, however, those who have been given an opportunity to renew or become members are doing so.

As was stated in The Ledger Tuesday additional members would be published, the following names were enrolled as new and old members Tuesday morning with active committees still on the job:

Ira L. Sims, Asa Cordill, W. C. McCarver, O. P. Dorsey, Frank

H. Cameron, C. W. Cheatham, Paul Trimmer, H. S. Strain, E. C. Moor, H. O. Rhodes, T. M. Marsh, J. A. Williams, Tom Caudle, Floyd J. Carr, E. J. McWilliams, J. L. Hardin, E. J. Carroll, Coy Drennan, A. L. Spann, R. B. Creasy, E. J. Catney, Cecil Dickinson, Fred Holliday, Floyd Smith, H. H. Thomson, G. G. Justin, Kirk Gregory, O. R. Lasater, J. M. Pyburn.

J. B. Parks, one of the prominent citizens of the Waters section, was attending to business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mrs. Ira Sims returned from a visit to Houston Thursday afternoon. Mr. Sims and the children returned first of the week.

In Finance, When a Man Says "New or Never" --- Tell Him "NEVER"

It doesn't pay to hurry when parting with your money. You can easily lose in a minute the savings of a whole year.

Once in a while you may lose a real opportunity for investment by waiting until tomorrow, but in the long run you will have more money and fewer regrets.

We will gladly share with you our experience in investment matters.

**BALLINGER STATE BANK
AND TRUST CO.**

Guaranty Fund Bank

Announcement!

V. Weinberg has sold his one-half interest in the firm of Weinberg & Wardlaw to Mr. Cecil Thorp, and the firm will continue business at the same place under the name of Thorp & Wardlaw.

A complete stock of up-to-date Gents' Furnishing goods has been bought and will arrive in the near future and will give a practically complete new stock.

An expert Cleaner and Presser has been employed and our big cleaning and pressing plant will be run with a guarantee on every piece of work we do.

We invite you to inspect our place—if you are not a customer call and get acquainted with us. We are here to serve you and will give you the best in our line.

THORP & WARDLAW

The Men's Store.

FO-TO-SHO THEATRE

"Where the Best Pictures are Shown."

SATURDAY

Pete Morrison in

"THE GHOST CITY"

Chapter 3

Jack Mower in

"Stolen Gold"

A Universal Western

Mack Sennett Presents

"One Cylinder Love"

A Pathe comedy.

Admission 10c and 25c