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ARREST SLAYERS OF THEATRE MAN

Mismanagement of Tarleton College Cl

AUSTIN, Feb. 2.—Charges of mismanagement of John Tarleton Agricultural College were made before the House today in a report of the investigating committee appointed at the special session of the last legislature.

Representative Pope introduced a minority report declaring "much of the testimony will show elements of personal grudge and business rivalry" against Dean Thomas Davis of the college.

The majority report was signed by Representative Graves, of Stephenville, chairman of the committee; Representative Henry Webb, of Odessa; Senator Harding, of Stephenville; and Senator Miller, of Weatherford.

It is asserted that the allegations in the House concurrent resolution at the special session "have been fully sustained," and with "additional irregularities."

It was charged that Dean Davis had spent \$1,065 for travelling expenses for himself alone and that the legislature had appropriated only \$250 for such expenses during the fiscal year ending last August.

"The dean, in many instances," the report said, "charged his travelling expenses to the college fund, and for some reason did not state for what purpose he had travelled in many of these instances."

STOKES AGAIN HEADS COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Lynn Stokes, prominent farmer and gin man of Runnels county, was elected president of the Runnels County Farm Bureau at a meeting of the organization held here in January. Mr. Stokes has served as president of this organization several times.

Other officers elected were: Ben Curry, of Norton, vice-president; B. M. Batts, Ballinger, secretary; J. P. Wessels, Hatchel; B. R. King, Crews; G. S. Walker and Clarence Routh, Ballinger, were elected directors.

A large number of the communities of the county were represented at this meeting. General discussions were held on co-operative farm marketing with particular attention given to co-operative marketing of poultry.

Leslie White, local manager of the Acorn Stores Inc., has returned from Abilene and Fort Worth, where he had been looking after business.

FAIR MEETING HERE FEB. 8

J. D. Motley, secretary of the Runnels County Fair Association, announced Thursday that he was preparing a letter to be sent to the stockholders of the association, calling the regular annual meeting of the stockholders to be held here on Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, February 8th, in the district court room of the court house.

At this time plans will be made for the seventh annual fair of this county. A new board of directors will be named for the year of 1927, who will in turn elect new officers for the year.

Fair dates have been tentatively set for October 4, 5, 6 and 7, but these dates will be presented to the stockholders for their consideration and if they are to be changed they will be done at that time.

YOUTH FACING GRAVE CHARGES

Leonard Pace, alias Frank Walker, is being held on a charge of seduction in the Coleman county jail, Sheriff R. E. McWilliams declared Thursday morning. The local officer went to Coleman Wednesday night to identify the young man as Leonard Pace. He was arrested in Coleman by Sheriff W. R. Hamilton as Frank Walker.

Pace is out on \$1,000 bond here on charges of car theft and also for giving "hot" checks for more than \$50, Sheriff McWilliams said.

Some few months ago, it is alleged that Pace purchased a car in Winters from a Winters automobile agency and gave two checks in payment for the car. One was for \$650 and the other was for \$400.

He was, however, arrested in Cross Plains a short time after the alleged transaction and was returned to this county, where charges were filed against him. It is expected that the man will be called for trial within the near future in district court here.

Sheriff McWilliams went to Coleman Wednesday evening at the request of the Coleman county sheriff to identify the young man. Pace is about 23 or 24 years of age, Sheriff McWilliams said.

The seduction charge was filed after the man left Coleman with a 19-year-old girl and spent several days in the Reagan county oil fields.

MAN PAYS FINE FOR DISTURBING PEACE

Orange Burrell paid a fine of \$12.70 in the justice court here Saturday for disturbing the peace. He was arrested Friday night by Sheriff R. E. McWilliams.

Dr. E. R. Walker has returned from Temple, where he had been with his daughter, Mrs. Bartlett Mann, of San Angelo, who recently underwent a serious operation in a Temple hospital.

What's good for the community is good for the individual resident. Prosperity among cotton growers means prosperity for other people, too.

That's why this bank has persistently advocated diversified farming; has urged the one crop customer to devote a little more time to poultry and dairying, and get away from the hazards of depending upon one crop.

Let's all cooperate for the best interests of the entire community and that will prove a benefit to each of us individually.

We are here to do the part that a bank can do and we warmly urge every farmer to feel free to drop in and talk over the crop situation.

You are always welcome here.

The Winters State Bank

Winters "Starting on Its Third Decade" Texas

Total	2	4	11	8
Winters	FG	FP	PF	T
Dedmon, c	0	0	2	0
Roberts, f (c)	1	1	3	3
Phillips, f	1	0	0	2
Newby, g	0	0	2	0
Campbell, g	0	0	1	0
McAdams, f	0	0	1	0
Bedford, f	2	0	3	4
Total	4	1	12	5

STOP CATARRH! OPEN NOSTRILS AND HEAD

Says Cream Applied in Nostrils Relieves Head-Colds at Once.

If your nostrils are clogged and your head is stuffer and you can't breathe freely because of a cold or catarrh, just get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm at any drug store. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic cream into your nostrils and let it penetrate through every air passage and your head, soothing and healing the inflamed, swollen mucous membrane and you get instant relief. Ah! how good it feels. Your nostrils are open your head is clear, no more hawking, snuffing, blowing; no more headache, dryness or struggling for breath. Ely's Cream Balm is just what sufferers from head colds and catarrh need. It's a delight.

Stuart Shultz, of Paint Rock, was in Ballinger Wednesday looking after business.

PERIOD CLOSED FOR TAX PAYING

The 1926 tax paying period came to a close Monday at midnight when W. L. Brown, tax collector, and his deputies closed their offices after waiting on several customers Monday night. The last tax payer visited the window about 9:30 o'clock Monday night.

It is not known just how much of the tax rolls is delinquent in this county and will not be known until about February 10, or after all the taxes collected at the two Winters banks, and all mail bringing in tax money has been checked. Only a few days ago approximately \$60,000 in taxes was not paid and just how much of that amount came in during the past two days is not known at the office.

Poll tax receipts issued Monday night numbered 4,883, and there are several yet to be checked over and mailed out. The revised total will be given out in the next few days.

In the motor vehicle division a total of 4,268 had been licensed up to Monday night. There were 3,952 cars and 316 trucks registered. This total lacks about 200 of the total for the same date of 1926.

Senator

LEGION TO MEET IN SWEETWATER

Members of the American Legion in Division No. 5 of the Department of Texas have received a special invitation to be present at a meeting to be held at Sweetwater on Sunday, Feb. 20th, at which time Governor Dan Moody will probably address the Legionnaires.

W. J. Buie Jr., of Stamford, commander of this division, has called this meeting. This division is the largest in Texas, reaching from El Paso on the Rio Grande to Mineral Wells in the Panhandle to Kerrville. The division is composed of districts 16, 17 and 18. Commander Buie expects a large number of ex-service men to be present at this meeting.

It was said here that quite a number of the members of Pat Williams Post No. 8 will go to Sweetwater for this gathering. A meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary is also being planned for the same date also to be held in Sweetwater, and a number of the local Auxiliary members will attend, it is announced.

SCHOOLS GET \$14,820 AID

Thirty-six Runnels county schools will get state aid for the 1926-27 term, it was announced Tuesday from the office of R. E. White, county superintendent.

Thirty-eight schools asked for this aid but two did not qualify. Total aid for the thirty-six schools amounts to \$14,820, more than \$1,000 more than has ever been granted Runnels county schools.

Jefferson G. Smith, of Austin, state rural school inspector, working in this section of the state, visiting the schools here during the past two weeks and made a very favorable report on almost every one. The two schools that did not qualify for the aid lacked only a few points.

Be wise and advertise

SULPHUR, Okla., Feb. 1.—Two men, arrested here last night, were identified here today by Sheriff Smith of Fort Worth, as the men who yesterday killed Roscoe Wilson in a theatre hold-up there.

The men gave their names as Roy Wilson and Cecil Chambers.

Approximately \$2,200 was found in the automobile driven by the men.

SAFE BLOWERS DO JOB HERE

The safe at the Pierce Petroleum Corporation station on the Santa Fe tracks near the compress, was torn from its moorings Thursday morning when safe-blowers attempted to take money from the safe. The safe was minus of money and had only a few papers in it, and the yeggs did not bother the papers.

And the door on the safe was not locked. Before the yeggs poured in their nitro-glycerine or whatever they might have used in forcing the strong-box open, they forgot to see if it was open. It was not locked and they wasted what explosives they used. The door was badly damaged but the interior of the building was not wrecked.

There was neither money nor valuable papers in the safe which might be used by the safe-crackers. The papers were only of value to E. P. Talbott, manager of the oil station here.

Entrance was gained through a window.

Sheriff R. E. McWilliams, who investigated the safe-blowing is of the opinion that it occurred about 2:00 o'clock a. m., and a woman resident of the vicinity of the station declared Thursday that she heard a blast about that time.

DUCK SEASON CLOSING IN THIS SECTION TODAY

Open season for duck closed in West Texas today for another year. During the 1926-27 season many of the web-footed birds were killed on lakes and streams of this and surrounding counties.

The birds were late in coming down from the north but after finally arriving here there were plenty of them.

This closes all of the wild game season for 1926-27 in this section, and although there was much hunting no casualties were reported here.

SULPHUR, Okla., Feb. 1.—Two men, believed by the authorities to be the pair, who yesterday killed Roscoe Wilson, treasurer of the Majestic Theatre at Fort Worth in a hold-up, were captured here last night.

The men refused to divulge their names. They were driving an automobile of the same make as one stolen in Fort Worth shortly after the killing.

Two revolvers were found in the car.

The men declared they would not return to Texas without extradition papers.

DALLAS, Jan. 31.—A reward of \$1,000 for the capture of the robbers who shot Roscoe Wilson to death in Fort Worth today, was offered by Karl Hohlitzelle, president of the Interstate Amusement Company.

The number of the automobile in which the slayers escaped corresponds with that of a car stolen here yesterday.

DENISON, Tex., Feb. 1.—An unidentified man was shot to death, and Patrolman T. W. Price, 50, was probably fatally wounded here today when officers found two men looting a store in the residential district.

The other man escaped in the darkness.

A small touring car, said to have been stolen in Dallas, was found near the store.

Officers are working on the theory that the men may know something about the killing yesterday in Fort Worth of Roscoe R. Wilson, in a theatre hold-up.

\$45,000 INVOLVED IN TWO LIVESTOCK DEALS

W. O. Shultz of Paint Rock, has purchased 600 four- and five-year old steers from Claude Linthieum of San Angelo, and Pat Jackson, Tom Green and Schleicher county ranchman, for May 1st delivery. The cattle are now in the XQZ ranch.

Mr. Shultz bought 200 cows from Linthieum, receiving them Thursday and moving them to his ranch in Concho county. The two deals involved around \$45,000.

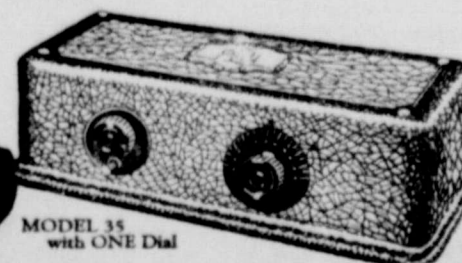
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The old-fashioned cameratook pictures. The old-fashioned watch kept time. But how much better are the trim, quick-action camera and the compact watch of today!

So Radio has come along the road of progress. Now you may

enjoy Atwater Kent Radio with ONE Dial—the simplest, most compact and most efficient of all.

Come in and see the new Receiving Sets. Turn that astonishing ONE Dial yourself. Demonstration at your convenience.



MODEL 35 with ONE Dial

Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

Ballinger's Greatest Store

After the "Flu" is over — you need a Tonic

Help is Needed to Restore Your Wasted Strength and Energy.

"Flu" leaves the body weakened and rundown. In such cases, a tonic is clearly indicated. Restore the appetite and rid yourself of that let-down feeling.

"Flu" is a very enervating disease. It leaves its victims so weak and debilitated that there is as much danger from the after-effects as from the disease itself. In other words, after an attack of the "flu," you need a selective

tonic to rebuild the system so that you may have your old-time strength and energy restored.

S.S.S. is unequalled for restoring strength and vitality.

You owe it to yourself and family to give S.S.S. a trial. It helps Nature build up red blood corpuscles. It improves the processes by which the body is nourished. It is time-tried and reliable. S.S.S. is made from the roots of fresh herbs and plants, and is prepared in a scientific way in a modern laboratory.

S.S.S. is sold at all good drug stores in two sizes. The larger size is more economical.

Small Things Furnish Clues in Tracking Down Criminals

HOUSTON, Jan. 28.—The business of tracking down men accused of crimes sometimes has its thrills but usually it is somewhat prosaic. A large part of it at least is that genius which takes the most pains.

Little things often furnish clues. Laundry marks, for instance, more than once have been instrumental in enmeshing men in the law's spider web. A laundry mark on another man's clothes and he was dead, sent Houston man-hunters on the trail of G. E. Hunton, of Fort Worth, who has just been indicted here on seven charges of robbery. He maintained that he was innocent, but certain marks, made doubtless by a girl in a Fort Worth laundry in the dull business of sorting soiled linen, came under the eyes of Houston detectives. One of their number had shot and killed a Fort Worth man who later was identified as F. G. Pierce. The detective's pistol larked when Pierce whirled on him with a gun in his hand while he was robbing the cash register in an open drug store late on the night of December 17th.

Near the store a coupe was parked. It contained another man who apparently had driven Pierce to the spot on his robbery mission. When the confusion in the drug store had subsided, the police who came swarming to the scene, were unable to find the coupe. The detective said he had followed it to the store and had arrived at the moment Pierce was taking money from the cash register.

For a few days clues to the identity of the dead man were lacking. Finally when Pierce failed to return to his apartment in one of the newer buildings here, the news filtered through to the police department. Search of his room disclosed clothing bearing laundry marks. Through a process of elimination, it was established that they were made in Fort Worth, the name of the man was easily secured and when it was made public, a Houston woman came forward with the statement that she knew Pierce.

She also said that she had often seen Hunton in his company. From that time swift moves by the police were made. Hunton was arrested in Fort Worth, brought here and bail fixed at \$45,000. Subsequently at a habeas corpus hearing it was reduced to \$16,000, which Hunton was unable to furnish.

Immediately preceding the drug store robbery, and on the same night, reports of six hold-ups

were made to the police. These reports led the detective who killed Pierce to follow his machine to the drug store. The six robberies netted approximately \$350.

SAGE AND SULPHUR DARKENS GRAY HAIR

It's Grandmother's Recipe to Restore Color, Gloss and Attractiveness

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome. Nowadays, by asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," you will get a large bottle of this famous old recipe, improved by the addition of other ingredients, at a small cost.

Don't stay gray! Try it! No one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, glossy and attractive.

WOMEN'S COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The first Women's County Council meeting for the year was held at Ballinger, Saturday, Jan. 29th.

The president being absent the house was called to order by Mrs. Hollingsworth.

Several matters of importance were discussed among which was the kitchen apron contest to be held the first Saturday in March. Prizes are as follows: First, cutlery set; second, mixing bowls; third, stainless paring knives.

The plan of work for the year was discussed.

Council officers for the year were elected as follows: Mrs. Ross Smith, South Ballinger, president; Mrs. B. J. Smith, Wingate, vice-president; Mrs. Hall, Bethel, secretary; Mrs. Bloxom, Hatchel, reporter.

Reports were read from the following clubs: Rowena, Hagan, Wingate and South Ballinger. There were 17 council representatives present.

The council adjourned to meet in Winters for the next session, the last Saturday in February.

It is the aim of the council to put home demonstration work on the map in 1927.

"Reporter."

FIGURES PROFITS IN FREAKISH FRACTIONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Dissecting to the one hundred-thousandth part of a cent the costs, profits and losses in handling 25,438,528,621 pieces of mail last year is the delicate task just concluded by Joseph Stewart, executive assistant to Postmaster General New.

Not only was it a delicate task but it was an enormous one, for it required collection of statistics in four separate weekly periods throughout the year, the compilation of elaborate tables of figures and the calculation of many problems to obtain a minute picture of the United States Postal Service, the biggest single business in the world.

Mr. Stewart, whose postal career began in 1882, is perhaps the foremost expert today on postal affairs. He is not only a statistician, but a lawyer, author and diplomat. To him are referred the intricate problems of the Postoffice Department.

Oil Activities are Increasing Over County

Drilling at the Red Bank No. 1 Fowler, section 514, J. H. Wills survey, south of Ballinger, was suspended Friday morning to enable drillers to repair the boiler. The hole is at the 3,750-foot mark, it is understood.

Zoch-McCamey No. 1 Bruce, section 9, Washington County Railway survey, 3 miles south of the Red Bank well, is being plugged at 2,950 feet after four strings of tools were lost in the hole. It is not known whether another well will be drilled on the Zoch acreage. The contract of the first well called for a 3,000 foot hole.

Location has been made for J. A. Johnson and the Noble Oil & Gas Company, of Tulsa, Okla., for a third well, south of Ballinger. This is on the Sims land, section 12 of the J. J. McHenry survey.

Frank Yates et al No. 1 McMillan, north of this city, has the rig completed. Drilling will start soon, it has been announced.

Moore & Bell also have a rig on their No. 1 Ferguson location near Rowena. This is in section 152 of the F. J. Ford survey.

In Concho county there are seven wells going down. Five are drilling, one location has been made, and one is shut down. They are as follows:

Arkansas Fuel & Oil Co. No. 1 Hartgrove, section 49, block 70, H. & T. C. Ry. survey. Shut down at 1145 feet.

Associated Petroleum Co., section 2035, J. Gotthardt survey. Drilling at 1575 feet.

Eugene Mays No. 1 Hartgrove, section 312, A. Schmitz survey. Drilling at 1343 feet.

Exploration Co. No. 1 Hartgrove, section 240, Schenek survey. Drilling at 1625 feet.

Marland-Taylor No. 1 M. Sanson, section 128, block 72, T. & N. O. Ry. Co. survey. Drilling at 565 feet.

Mullins, Davis et al No. 1 Martin, section 6, J. R. Ward survey. Drilling at 1500 feet.

Swoveland-Lewis No. 1 Plants, section 8, Plants & Bacon survey. Location.

Coke county has one well under way but it was shut down at 2,736 feet. It is the Lipan Oil Co. Rawlins No. 1, section 4, block 1A, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey.

In Tom Green county one location is being rigged. It is the Marland No. 1 Llano, section 11, Llano county school lands.

Numerous wells are under way in Coleman and Taylor counties.

Thirty-eight West Texas counties, including Runnels, have development in progress. Crane, Howard and Upton counties are among those with a large number of tests being put down.

Other locations are expected to be announced for Runnels county in the near future. Quite a number of geologists are again working in this county and lease buyers are buying and selling Runnels county acreage.

PREVENTS INFECTION

The greatest discovery in flesh healing is the marvelous Borozone, a preparation that comes in liquid and powder form. It is a combination treatment that not only purifies the wound of germs that cause infection but it heals the flesh with extraordinary speed. Bad wounds or cuts which take weeks to heal with the ordinary liniments mend quickly under the powerful influence of this wonderful remedy. Price (liquid) 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Powder 30c and 60c. Sold by Weeks Drug Store

MRS. EVADNE CADY YEAGLE DIES AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mrs. Evadne Cady Yeagle, known here as Miss Evadne Cady some fifteen years ago, died at her home in Washington, D. C., from pneumonia on December 22nd, 1926, according to word received here by friends and relatives of the family.

Mrs. Yeagle was a daughter of H. A. Cady, formerly postmaster of this city. She is survived by two children, Miss Frances Yeagle, 11 years of age; and Charles Yeagle, 7 years of age; also two sisters, Mrs. George Pearce, of Washington; and Mrs. W. F. Allen, of New York.

The Cads formerly lived on Eleventh Street in the residence now occupied by the W. E. Allen family.

Be wise and advertise:

DEMOLAY WILL INSTALL GYM

The local chapter Order of Demolay in their regular meeting Thursday night decided to install a modern gymnasium at once. Arrangements have been made with the Masonic Lodge for the boys to use the entire side of the building known as the banquet hall, which takes in a space 30x120 feet. This will give ample room and will be an attraction for boys of that order.

The work will begin at once and within a short time it is hoped to have the gym equipped with a basketball court, volley ball court, indoor baseball diamond, boxing ring with padded mat for either boxing or wrestling, punching bags, swings, par-

Will Surprise

at the firm of Hyatt-Nichols.

order that The Acorn Store every item will be new and should pay a high price will agree with us that

MEN'S UNION

Good weight, fleeced Union suits, finished perfectly in detail, regularly 95c, sale price

BIG BILL WORK

Fine yarn, ideal chambray cut, regularly 98c, sale price

MEN'S OVER

220 weight denim, triple stitched, priced regularly \$1.65, sale price

SATEEN

Extra heavy grade, width under price 35c; sale price

BABY BLANK

section where he lived. He was assessed a fine of \$125.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Instantly relieves Itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after first application. 40c.

R. R. Williams, of The Hub, has gone to Dallas to attend the Shoe Men's Convention.

Children At School Need To Be Well-Nourished
SCOTT'S EMULSION
Supplies Cod-liver Oil Vitamins
That Children Need

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J. 25-37

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Phone 204 Phone 48

MANY WRECKS; FEW INJURIES OVER WEEK-END

Many wrecks and only a few injuries were reported over the week-end on Ballinger streets and roads leading from the city.

There were three wrecks Saturday night on the Ballinger-Rowena highway, but no one was seriously injured. The cars in these smashes, however, were badly damaged.

A fourth wreck was reported on Ballinger streets in the business section Saturday night when a couple of Fords collided. No one was hurt.

A closed car, occupied by three or four young ladies overturned on Eighth Street Sunday morning about 11:30 o'clock. No one was hurt.

A Ford ran into a Buick roadster at the intersection of Eighth Street and Hutchings Avenue Sunday afternoon. Both received smashed fenders but no one was injured.

A Ford ran into the rear end of an Oakland sedan at the First Methodist church Sunday morning. Damage was done only to the sedan.

There were probably other wrecks in and near Ballinger during the week-end but no one was reported to have been seriously injured in any of them.

Rio Coffee per pound 25c. Cane Syrup 75 cents per gallon. U. E. Hartman, Grocer.

STOP THAT COLD TODAY

—it may be the FLU tomorrow don't trifle—don't wait
Sure Relief in a Few Hours
PAPE'S COLD COMPOUND (LAXATIVE)

KILLS 11 MONSTER RATTLE-SNAKES, 5 SKUNKS IN HOLE

Bob Bailey, Hatchel farmer, killed eleven monster rattlesnakes and five pole-cats in one hole Friday night on the Stan Cameron place up the Colorado River from Ballinger.

The snakes were on display here Saturday afternoon. The smallest snake measured about 4 feet long while the largest measured between 5 1/2 and 6 feet long. The largest reptile had fourteen rattles. Mr. Bailey and a party were hunting for possums, skunks and coons and just happened to run onto the snakes that were bedded up in a hole with five skunks.

"I have killed as many as 27 rattlesnakes at one time," Mr. Bailey said, "but they have, for the most been small ones."

These were the largest rattlesnakes seen in Ballinger in recent years.

Miss Ruth Holliday is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Mattie Holliday. Miss Holliday is attending Simmons University at Abilene.



DR. W. B. CALDWELL AT THE AGE OF 83

Women Need a Mild Laxative —Not a "Physic"

Countless girls and women now know how foolish and needless it is to "purge" and "physic" themselves to avoid sick headaches, dizziness, biliousness, sallow skin, colds, or sour, gassy stomach.

They have found that Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin helps to establish natural bowel "regularity" even for those heretofore chronically constipated. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin not only causes a gentle, easy bowel movement but, best of all, it never gripes, sickens or upsets the most delicate girl or woman. Besides, it is absolutely harmless and so pleasant that even a cross, feverish, bilious, sick child gladly

takes it. Buy a large 60-cent bottle at any store that sells medicine or write "Syrup Pepsin," Monticello, Illinois, for a FREE SAMPLE BOTTLE and just see for yourself.

Dr. Caldwell's SYRUP PEPSIN

FARM AND RANCH LOANS

We can make you a 34 year loan at 6% interest payable either annually or semi-annually, no stock to buy and no association to join, simply interest at 6%.

We can also make you a 10 year loan at 6% simple interest, with option to pay as much as one-fifth of principle each year. No extra cost in securing our loans. Get ahead of low cotton and feed and get your land notes extended NOW.

McCarver and Lynn

ABSTRACTS, LAND LOANS, GENERAL INSURANCE
Ballinger, Texas.

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Skunks, 'Possum, Coons, Civet Cats—in good demand. Bring us your Furs, we have a St. Louis fur buyer with us.

Pecan Valley Produce Co.

109 Broadway—Jeanes' Old Stand



"See What I Did for 30 cts!"

You needn't be rich to always wear the latest colors. Just keep your clothes bright and new by home dyeing! It's easy, and anyone can get perfect results. You can Diamond dye anything.

Take out some old, faded suit or dress and have it the season's fashionable shade tomorrow! Restore dull drapes, scarfs and spreads. You can work wonders with a few, inexpensive Diamond Dyes (true dyes). New colors right over the old. Any kind of material.

FREE! call at your druggist's and get a free Diamond Dye Cyclopedic. Valuable suggestions, simple directions. Piece-goods color samples. Or, big illustrated book Color Craft free from DIAMOND DYES, Dept. N9, Burlington, Vermont.

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Make it NEW for 15 cts!

LOOK AT CHILD'S TONGUE IF SICK, CROSS, FEVERISH

Hurry, Mother! Remove poisons from little stomach, liver, bowels

Give "California Fig Syrup" at once if bilious or constipated



Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, it is a sure sign that your little one's stomach, liver and bowels need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once.

When peevish, cross, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, doesn't eat or act naturally, or is feverish, stomach sour, breath bad; has stomachache, sore throat, diarrhoea, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Fig Syrup," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of the little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again.

You needn't coax sick children to take this harmless, "fruity laxative;" they love its delicious taste, and it always makes them feel splendid.

Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Fig Syrup," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. To be sure you get the genuine, ask to see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY'S ENROLLMENT IS LARGEST

The University of California has the largest enrollment of any university in the United States, according to figures compiled at the close of the first semester of the various educational institutions.

Columbia is second in the list, and Texas U. ranks 19th among the leading institutions of higher learning.

The figures are as follows:

California, University of	16,771
Columbia University	12,519
Illinois	11,810
Minnesota	10,319
Michigan	9,597
Pennsylvania	9,483
New York	9,357
Ohio State	9,209
Wisconsin	8,220
Harvard	7,661
Washington	6,851
Nebraska	5,988
Chicago	5,694
Cornell	5,471
State U. of Iowa	5,343
Syracuse	5,148
Yale	4,960
Northwestern	4,948
Texas	4,841
Pittsburgh	4,386
Indiana	4,066
Missouri	3,907
Washington	3,800
Oregon	2,971

CHANGES NAME TO W. B. CURRIE PRODUCE CO.

The name of the Currie Mercantile Company has been changed to the W. B. Currie Produce Co., effective today, W. B. Currie, owner of the concern announced.

The new business will handle eggs, poultry, produce, feeds, seeds, and in connection operates two of the largest incubators in the county. Some 2,000 chicks have already been hatched, and Mr. Currie says he has 2,000 more coming off today.

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WINTERS AGAIN BEATS BEARCATS

Ballinger lost her chance to go into the finals with the winner of the Drasco-Norton contest for the basketball championship of Runnels county Monday afternoon at Winters when the Bearcats were defeated by the Winters Blizzards 19 to 15 in a fast contest that was marred by many fouls.

The Bearcats could not shoot the goals that the Winters youths did when personal fouls were marked against the players and as a result the Ballinger quintet came out with the little end of the score.

Nine of the points obtained by Winters were from free pitches at the goal after the Bearcats had been fouled. Twelve personal fouls were marked against the Ballingerites and nine of these counted for scores to aid the Blizzards in their win. The Blizzards scored five field goals while the Bearcats scored seven.

Phillips, forward of the Blizzards five, was high point man. He scored one field goal and 7 out of 10 free tosses at the basket, which gave him a total of nine points. Marecek, center for the Bearcats, followed with four field goals, accounting for 8 of the 15 Ballinger scores.

Although he was ousted on account of four personal fouls, James Parrish at guard played a good game. Some of the fouls might have been a little extreme but Parrish was one of the best defense men the Bearcats had on the court.

Campbell, Blizzards guard, was credited with three personal fouls, but was not put out of the game. He seemed to be aware of the fact that a fourth personal foul would count him out, as far as for playing in this game, so he held up and did not play quite as good as he did during the first half.

The Bearcats and Blizzards played a third game Monday night, as scheduled. This game resulted in a win for the Bearcats. The score was 26 to 6.

Following is the condensed report of the first game:

Player	FG	FP	PF	T
Ballinger	—	—	—	—
Elkins, f	0	0	1	0
Cervenke, f	1	1	2	3
Marecek, c	4	0	0	8
Parrish, g	0	0	4	0
Rayburn, g	2	0	2	4
Alagood, s	0	0	1	0
Middleton, s	0	0	2	0
Turner, s	0	0	0	0
Arthur, s	0	0	0	0
Totals	7	1	12	15
Winters—	FG	FP	PF	T
Phillips, f	1	7	0	9
Roberts, f	1	0	1	2
Dedmon, c	0	0	1	0
Newby, g	2	1	2	5
Campbell, g	0	0	3	0
Bedford, s	1	1	2	3
Barber, s	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	9	9	19
Referee, DeBerry (Simmons).				

The Winters Blizzards took the Ballinger Bearcats to a 9 to 8 defeat here Friday afternoon in a closely contested basketball game at Fair Park. The teams proved to be very evenly matched, but the Blizzards goal tappers worked more frequently than the Bearcats and thus came the score.

Pete Marecek, center for the Bearcats was high point man, with six scores to his credit. The other two resulted from free tosses by Arthur and Elkins. Marecek got two field goals and two free tosses thru the basket.

Bedford, in the last half, scored two field goals for the Winters five, which gave the victory to the visitors. He shot a couple of good goals from the side of the court. Phillips and A. Roberts (captain) scored the other five points for the Blizzards.

The schedule calls for the best two out of three games in the semi-final, and as a result the Bearcats will play the Blizzards Monday afternoon and night in Winters in the second and third contests.

A fair sized crowd saw the Bearcats go down in defeat here but it was not a bad defeat. A number were down from Winters to see their team in action.

The game was marred by 23 personal fouls. Winters was given 12 of these fouls while Ballinger was given 11. Rayburn, a forward, and James Parrish, guard, were ousted from the game with each having four personal fouls to his credit. Many free tosses at the goals were missed by both teams. Winters got one free shot thru the basket

while the Bearcats tossed four thru.

Harris, coach from Bradshaw, was the referee.

Coach Wright and his Bearcats are going to Winters Monday afternoon determined to win the second and third games of the they will go into the final. The Bearcats were to go thru a stiff workout Saturday afternoon and expected to spend much time tossing at the goal.

A large crowd is requested to go to Winters Monday afternoon to boost for the Bearcats.

The line-ups:

Player	FG	FP	PF	T
Ballinger	—	—	—	—
Marecek, c	2	2	0	6
Elkins, f	0	1	0	1
Rayburn, f	0	0	4	0
Alagood, g	0	0	0	0
Parrish, g	0	0	4	0
Cervenke, f	0	0	2	0
Middleton, g	0	0	1	0
Arthur, f	0	1	0	1
Turner, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	2	4	11	8
Winters—	FG	FP	PF	T
Dedmon, c	0	0	2	0
Roberts, f (c)	1	1	3	3
Phillips, f	1	0	0	2
Newby, g	0	0	2	0
Campbell, g	0	0	1	0
McAdams, f	0	0	1	0
Bedford, f	2	2	0	3
Totals	4	1	12	9

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Louis Castor visited relatives in Ballinger Sunday.

GUARD TO HAVE ANNUAL FEAST

The fourth annual banquet of Company C, 142nd Infantry, Texas National Guard, will be held Thursday night at a local restaurant.

Captain W. C. McCarver, company commander, will preside. Practically every member of the company is expected to be present, and several prominent citizens, boosters for the National Guard, have been invited. Short talks will be made by several guests but the affair will be very informal.

"This is the fourth annual banquet since I have been in command of Company C," Capt. McCarver said Tuesday. "We hold these feasts for the purpose of interesting the boys more in their work and preparatory to federal inspection which is to be held about April 1st, and also preparatory to the annual statewide encampment held usually in July and August."

An order was issued at the last drill night of the company, compelling every member to attend all drills that are to be held between now and federal inspection date. Assembly is called regularly every Thursday night at the Armory, located in the American Legion building on Eighth Street.

"Capt. Floyd Moore, of Amarillo, who is instructor for this district, says we have the best quarters of any company in Texas," Capt. McCarver declared. "We are housed with the American Legion post here and have a very good organization."

"I want all members to be present Thursday night. It will not cost anyone one cent as the feed will be paid for out of the company funds. There will be a good menu and plenty of it."

F. G. Lippitt, secretary of the West Texas Coaches, of Fort Worth, was in Ballinger Monday looking after business.

GOV. MOODY APPOINTS 5

AUSTIN, Feb. 1.—Gov. Moody today named W. R. Ely, of Taylor county, as a member of the State Highway Commission for the two-year term, succeeding Scott Woodward of Fort Worth.

Other appointments included Mitchell Campbell, of Anderson county, to membership on the State Fire Commission, succeeding J. J. Timmins; Charles McKamey, of Grayson county, as State Labor Commissioner, succeeding Miss Fannie Daniels; F. O. Weinert, of Guadalupe county, as State Tax Commissioner, succeeding Edward Edwards.

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W. W. Lancaster, of Marie, is in Ballinger Monday on business. While here Mr. Lancaster renewed his Banner-Ledger for another year.

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Make your tree planting program to include a few pecan trees and grow nuts while beautifying your premises.

Now is the time to plant trees and make parks and lawns. Ballinger has many pretty parks and lawns but the city could stand a few more.

The best season for many years is in the ground for a bumper crop in 1927, and if things run right there will be a bumper crop.

Spend two or three dollars and buy good locks for your doors. You may need them before the year 1927 is put into history.

Rays of sunshine broke through the clouds Friday for the first time in seven days. Farmers and ranchmen will greet the sun with open arms.

There is only one vacant building in the city and it is understood that a firm is endeavoring to lease it and if the terms can be agreed to, it will be leased soon.

Diversification on the farm may not mean that any one crop will be a "bumper," but means that the bank accounts of those who practice the balanced farm program will be larger than many can remember.

Runnels county's oil play is coming in this year. Watch this county develop into an oil producing county that will probably rank with the best of Central Texas.

All that is lacking to close the sale of the A. & S. to the T. & P. is the approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and this will be forthcoming, according to the latest report from Abilene. The deal may mean much to Ballinger.

The Norris murder trial only cost the insignificant sum of \$75,000, according to the court clerk. Crime comes high but probably everybody got their money's worth except the taxpayer.

Stock swapping among the poultry raisers and orders for new blood are being placed, which indicates increased interest in this part of the balanced farm program. There is no danger in increasing the acreage in poultry. The world must be fed.

Cans are cheap and the home demonstrator takes pleasure in directing the work, and beef canned now will help to keep down the grocery bill through the summer. Home canned beef, or home canned foods of other kinds are superior to some of the shipped in varieties.

After pegging away at the game for ten or twelve years, Brown county now occupies third place in Texas oil production. Hutchinson county, in the Panhandle, was first last week, Reagan county second, and Brown third. Just another instance of what perseverance will do.

We like to boost ourselves into believing the world is getting better but it does look like crime is getting mighty close to home. The slaying of a man in his home at Coleman by a hi-jacker is almost unbelievable for a civilized nation, and a people who send money to help convert the heathens.

Night latches should be turned on and a few loaded sawed-off shot guns kept handy in Ballinger for safety's sake. From time to time during the present winter night prowlers have appeared at homes in different sections of this city, and several bad cases of fright among the women reported.

An oil man visiting in San Angelo this week says the park around the Tom Green county court house is one of the prettiest things he ever saw and much more beautiful than one his county paid \$600,000 for. He

should come to Ballinger and look over the park at the court house here and also view the Santa Fe park.

Out of the 150 members of the present session of the Texas legislature 63, or 42 per cent, are lawyers. Notwithstanding the legislature is almost half lawyers, the House voted to employ a lawyer whose duty it will be to tell the lawyers how to pass laws. Under such circumstances it would be contrary to human nature not to anticipate a little class legislation.

The maximum penalty for robbery with firearms in Texas is death in the electric chair, but not in recent years has the maximum been assessed against hi-jackers. Tender-hearted jurors and merciful courts fix the lowest penalty and in the meantime hi-jacking is on the increase. No doubt the average robber considers his chances of escape before shooting down his victim for a few paltry dollars. Feeding these fellows on some of their own medicine is the only solution for the evil.

MAKING TEXAS DRY

Bootleggers will no doubt continue to carry on their nefarious trade in Texas, but this will be the only source of supply for the wets who have persistently kept up the campaign to discredit the dry law.

Any success that the wets meet with in congress to bring about repeal or modification of the national prohibition law would have little to do with relieving the drought in Texas.

Texas is operating under the Dean law—a state measure—and bootleggers who are going to the pen are being sent up under the state law and not under the national law.

The Texas senate recently adopted a resolution which shows that body to be overwhelmingly in favor of strengthening the Dean law, and the law which permits the procuring of liquor under doctor's prescription is now under fire in the Texas legislature. It is probable that this favorite "flu" remedy will be made more difficult to purchase over the prescription counter.

Sentimentally New York may be wet, and when left to a popular vote other states would show a majority for a return of the liquor traffic, but this is due to the conditions brought about by immigration.

Sentimentally Texas is dry, and any hopes that the laws governing the sale of liquor in this state will be modified are far fetched. Public sentiment is demanding a more rigid enforcement of the law, and public sentiment generally rules.

PARDONS

Senator A. E. Wood, of Granger, has asked an increase of \$5,000 in the governor's law enforcement appropriation to provide for criminal investigation. What is needed worse is a sufficient fund to prevent the governor from turning criminals out of the penitentiary when petitions to do so by politicians with or without power, Texas juries can be depended upon in the future, as never before, to convict the prisoner at the bar.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

And no doubt Texas governors can be depended upon in the future as never before to keep the prison gates closed.

On extreme generally follows another, and in support of public sentiment there is danger that Gov. Moody will not use the pardoning power as liberally as he should, and many deserving convicts who should be given their liberty will be made to serve and must suffer for the way Mr. Moody's predecessor abused her power and privilege of extending clemency to the unfortunates.

Texas will not be able to care for her criminals if a pretty good per cent are not released from prison before their terms expire. Notwithstanding that Mrs. Ferguson set free more than 3,500 inmates of the penitentiary in two years there were more prisoners behind the bars and on state farms when she issued her last pardon than when she set free her first convict. Perhaps the liberal way in which she exercised her "motherly" mercy encouraged the boys to go wrong.

Hobby, Neff and Mrs. Ferguson. In round numbers, Colquitt set free 2,400 convicts; J. E. Ferguson, 2,400; Hobby, 2,400; Neff, 1,000; and Mrs. Ferguson, 3,500. If a check up on these ex-convicts could be had, to see what their attitude towards law and society had been since they left prison, no doubt the information would be valuable in aiding future governors in passing on applications and petitions for pardons.

WILL IMPROVE OUR CEMETERY

Improvements will be started on the new section of the North side of Evergreen Cemetery in the near future. E. Shepperd, president of the Ballinger Cemetery Association, declared Wednesday morning. New curbs will be constructed, new water mains laid to a number of new lots, new graveled streets will be built through the addition and trees will be planted.

"We are planning to build from 1,000 feet to 1,200 feet of new curbing along the north side of the cemetery, north of the north well," Mr. Shepperd said. "New graveled streets will be run to the north side exit, and extra water mains will be laid in this section."

M. C. Falls, formerly gardener for the court house park, has been employed by the association and will assist I. F. Watson, cemetery caretaker. Mr. Falls is an experienced landscape gardener and knows how to make a park look pretty. He has ordered flower seeds and in the near future they will be planted in all sections of the cemetery to beautify the place.

Trees will be set out in the new section and watered from mains to be run from the north well. These trees will be similar to the ones now growing in the older sections of the cemetery.

"Taxes are coming in very nicely," Mr. Shepperd asserted, "we have a few delinquent lots but the taxes will sooner or later be collected on these."

"We believe Mr. Falls and Mr. Watson will make this cemetery one of the prettiest in West Texas," Mr. Shepperd continued, "and with the co-operation of the lot owners, it can be made such."

It has been pointed out that there are few towns in Texas the size of Ballinger that keep their burial grounds in such condition as Evergreen Cemetery and that Ballinger citizens should take more interest individually than they do now in the work at the cemetery.

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"MERRY WIVES" HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Merry Wives Club met January 18th with Mrs. B. M. Batts.

The new home demonstration agent, Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, met with the club and discussed the work for the next meeting.

Poultry, dairying and gardening will be the subjects discussed at the next meeting.

A good per cent of the members were present at the last session, as follows: Mrs. H. Greer, Mrs. V. L. McShan, Mrs. B. M. Batts, Mrs. V. B. Jones, Mrs. Charles Midgeley, Mrs. T. P. Brown, Mrs. James Barron, Mrs. W. B. Hill, Miss Bessie Brown, Miss Faye Evans. New members were: Mrs. G. E. Kemp, Mrs. G. R. Proffitt, and Miss Barron.

The meeting dates were changed from the second and fourth weeks to the first and third Tuesdays. The club will meet February 1st with Mrs. E. F. Batts, 1008 Ninth Street, Ballinger.

Club Reporter.

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NEW WAR ON MOONSHINERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—A new war against moonshiners was opened today by Assistant Secretary of Treasury Lincoln C. Andrews.

In a letter of instructions to prohibition administrators, he called attention to the old revenue laws against the unlicensed manufacture of liquor.

The dry chief said he was facing an increasingly dangerous moonshine problem.

Amplifying on a recent letter to the Senate, on the necessity for under-cover operators, Andrews claimed the government must be permitted to use secret agents if it is to be held responsible for law enforcement.

Dr. E. R. Walker has gone to Temple to be with his daughter, Mrs. Bartlett Mann, of San Angelo, who is to undergo an operation.

H. Giesecke has returned from San Antonio, where he had been spending several weeks with Mrs. Giesecke and children.

This is to announce that I have failed to interest any company to drill the well on my block south of Rowena. All those who have leased me their land can call for their leases at C. R. Roesler's, Rowena. Wm. Gallia. 1tw.*

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many dear friends and neighbors for their many kindnesses shown us during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother. May God bless each one of them and may they have just such kindness shown them when sickness and death visit their homes. We also wish to thank friends for the beautiful floral offerings.

B. R. Williams and Children, and Her Brothers and Sister. 4-1tw

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nance and baby, of Brady, were in Ballinger Sunday, visiting their parents

TO HAVE CHURCH MEET IN ABILENE

ABILENE, Feb. 2.—The Bishops' Crusade, a movement within the Protestant Episcopal Church for reconsecration and a quickening of the spiritual life of the membership, comes to the Abilene Parish the week of February 6-11.

This Crusade is being held in two parishes of every Diocese and Missionary District of the United States; and in the North Texas Missionary District, embracing about 80 West Texas counties, it is to be held at Abilene and Amarillo.

The Crusade opens in the Episcopal church at Abilene Sunday Night, Feb. 6th, and for the ensuing week there will be three services daily, as follows:

7:30 a. m., Celebration of the Holy Communion.

3:00 p. m. Women's meeting.

7:30 p. m., Preaching mission, prayer, congregational singing of old time hymns.

The Crusaders are Bishop Robt. M. Mize of Salina, Kansas; Rev. Phil Porter of Akron, Ohio; and Mrs. W. P. Telman, of Houston, Bishop Mize will preach every night.

Episcopalians scattered throughout the territory contiguous to Abilene are expected and invited to attend any or all of these services. Max Bentley, general local chairman for the Crusade, announces that those visiting

Episcopalians will be given lodging and breakfast in the homes of Abilene members of the church. Dinner and supper will not be included in the hospitality, as the local committee does not want to keep the Abilene membership of the church from attending the afternoon and night services.

Episcopalians expecting to attend any of these services are requested to report at the Abilene rectory immediately upon arrival, and quarters will be assigned them.

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. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or digest the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lynn and Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe DeMotive left Thursday afternoon for Abilene in response to a message stating that T. S. Lankford, formerly of this city, the father of Mmes. Lynn and DeMotive, was seriously ill. Just how sick Mr. Lankford is was not determined. A. B. Lankford, a son, telephoned Mrs. Lynn Thursday morning and requested that they come to Abilene immediately.

Dr. Sylvester J. Beach, Portland, Me., oculist says it is possible to learn a person's age by examining the eyes.

Vic Cooper, of Georgetown, is here visiting his uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Love.

What to Do First For Colds and Flu

Your doctor will prescribe something to quickly and completely cleanse out the entire bowel tract. Frequently constipation is the cause of colds and flu. The new way and the sure way to do this is with Klok-Lax which contains ingredients now recognized the world over to completely cleanse out the 28-foot intestinal canal of all poisonous wastes. And Klok-Lax is so easy to take—no nausea—no griping—no salts or oils the next day—and yet you are thoroughly cleaned out, congestion relieved, liver active—head clear and the poisons in the bowels moved out. Just Klok-Lax with a swallow of water tonight and by morning you surely will feel great. Your druggist will guarantee Klok-Lax.

NEW PALACE THEATRE
Friday and Saturday, February 4th-5th
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COLEMAN MAN SHOT TO DEATH BY BANDIT

COLEMAN, Jan. 28.—J. A. Mitchell, 45, operator of a filling station in Coleman, was instantly killed in his home Friday night about 8:00 o'clock by a lone bandit, while his wife and young daughter looked on.

Mitchell was sweeping a room in his home when the masked man made his appearance. The bandit demanded that Mitchell throw up his hands, but instead Mitchell struck at the bandit. One shot was fired. It struck Mitchell in the right side about the center of the body.

The only description obtained of the intruder was that he was masked, wearing a dove-colored hat and a pair of overalls. It is not known whether he escaped on foot or in an automobile.

Sheriff W. K. Hamilton notified officers of adjoining counties and a search was started for the murderer immediately after the slaying.

Mitchell was formerly a merchant at Silver Valley on the Santa Fe northwest of Coleman. He is survived by his widow; one son, Glenn Mitchell, a teacher at Millersview, Concho county; and a 10-year-old daughter; his mother, Mrs. J. M. Summers, Allison, N. M.; and two sisters, Mrs. Bryan Buck, of Sweetwater; and Mrs. Mattie Yates, of Roby.

Sheriff R. E. McWilliams and his deputies watched roads leading into Ballinger until late Thursday night, but no trace of the murderer was picked up. A search is also being instituted in this and surrounding counties today for the highwayman.

COLEMAN, Jan. 29.—A reward of \$1,500 cash has been offered by Coleman citizens and Gov. Moody for the arrest of the slayer of J. A. Mitchell, 45, it was announced here today. Coleman citizens have made up a reward of \$1,250 while the governor posted a \$250 reward for the murderer.

No arrests have been made of any other than suspects in connection with the killing of Mitchell, a Coleman merchant, Thursday night about 7:30 o'clock in his place of business here while his wife and ten-year-old daughter looked on.

Funeral services have been delayed on account of the late arrival of Mitchell's mother from New Mexico. The services are to be held at the Baptist church here Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Interment will be made in a Coleman cemetery.

Three or four suspects have been arrested here but they were released after some questioning.

Rev. J. R. McCorkle, of this city, formerly a resident of Coleman, will go to Coleman Sunday to assist in conducting the services. He returned from Coleman Saturday when the funeral was postponed a day.

N. Dow Chapman INCOME TAX CONSULTANT

Will be in Ballinger, at the First National Bank, on Feb 10th, 11th and 12th to prepare income tax returns. 21-3w 4d

TUSCOLA MAN KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE CRASH

William E. Culpepper, 26, of Tuscola, a railroad employe, was killed Tuesday shortly before midnight, and John Minatree, also of Tuscola, was seriously injured when the car in which they were riding plunged off a 12-foot embankment near Buffalo Gap.

Minatree is in an Abilene hospital under treatment.

Culpepper is survived by his wife; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Culpepper, of DeLeon; two brothers, Luther of Tuscola, and J. T. of Slaton; and three sisters, Mrs. Loyce Carnes, Mrs. Etta B. Walls, and Mrs. Riley Hudson, all of DeLeon.

COUNTRY CLUB PLANS SOCIAL

At a meeting Thursday morning of the entertainment committee of the Ballinger Country Club, arrangements were outlined and discussed for an entertainment to be held at the club house on Tuesday, February 22, George Washington's Birthday.

This committee met for the purpose of setting a date for this year's first social function and also to making preliminary plans for the affair.

Estes M. Lynn, president of the club, met with the committee and discussed with them the plans for the affair. The exact form of the entertainment has not yet been announced but plans are being made for a very interesting occasion, in which all club members are expected to take part.

The entertainment committee will hold further meetings for the purpose of discussing plans for this event. The committee is composed of Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw, Mrs. Ira L. Sims, J. D. Motley, Alex McGregor and C. J. Lynn.

All members will be notified as to what the committee will expect of them, within the near future, and announcement will probably be made at the next meeting of this committee.

The cook, myself, and two other men, whose names I can not recall. All of this little party has long since gone 'the way of the earth' except Jess Hittson and myself. With twelve men pitted against seventy-five picked Comanche warriors, the odds were very much against us, but we resolved to sell out as dearly as possible.

A Deserter

"I forgot to say that when the Indians first began to advance on us Dutchey deserted and I never saw him afterward. How-

BLANTON HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The ladies of the Blanton community met at the Blanton school house on Tuesday, January 25th and organized a club.

Mrs. Hollingsworth was present and made a very interesting talk on club work.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. D. L. Brevard, president; Mrs. Frank Booth, vice-president; Mrs. Chas. James, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. W. A. Malone, council member.

The next meeting of the club will be held with Mrs. J. P. Booth on February 8th. The following subjects will be discussed: "Gardening," Mrs. J. A. Fareman; "Poultry," Mrs. Frank Booth; "Dairying," Mrs. E. E. Gray.

Club Reporter.

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 GROVES' O-PEN-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.

The healing effect of Hayes' Healing Honey inside the throat combined with the heating effect of Groves' O-Pen-trate Salve through the pores of the skin soon stops a cough.

Both remedies are packed in one carton and the cost of the combined treatment is 35c. Just ask your druggist for HAYES' HEALING HONEY.

WEST TEXAS COACHES PAY HIGHWAY FINES

Four drivers of the West Texas Coaches, operating between San Angelo and Fort Worth, were fined here Monday in the justice court and each assessed \$21.70 for operating busses without 1927 highway license plates.

The busses were tagged on January 14th, and a telephone call from the head office at Fort Worth held up the cases until Monday when F. G. Lippitt, secretary of the company, came to Ballinger and told the company's side of the question. Each was fined \$21.70. Mr. Lippitt paid the fines.

Rio Coffee per pound 25c. Cane Syrup 75 cents per gallon. U. E. Hartman, Grocer. 19-tfw

Be wise and advertise.

Society

Ranch Hospitality Extended

In the pleasant atmosphere of hospitality members of her forty-two club and a large assemblage of additional friends spent a happy occasion on Thursday afternoon and evening of last week in the Herring home, on the ranch, about ten miles from town, with Miss Mildred Herring a most gracious hostess.

In rooms cheerful with the glow of open fires nine tables were prettily appointed for the series of games. Miss Herring was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Bob Herring, in serving a most palatable salad course with coffee.

The list for the afternoon was: Mmes. Sim Cottle, R. L. Harwell, Malcolm McGregor, Ira Sims, M. H. Watson, A. B. Stobaugh, J. J. Beck, R. G. Parks, Oscar Pearson, Asa Cordill, J. E. Brewer, Jno. Currie, Elmer Shepper, Henry Jones, James Wear, Dan Moser, J. R. Lusk, J. Y. Pearce, A. K. Doss, Geo. Holman, E. D. Walker, J. W. Powell, C. P. Shepherd, I. Vancil, D. C. Middleton, S. P. Stone, Will Gross of Mineral Wells, E. A. Giesecke, Joe Simmons, B. C. Kirk, U. E. Hartman, H. S. Strain, Will Dunlap, Frank Pearce, Will Dooze, Bruce Creasy, J. G. Douglass, Ralph Erwin, R. T. Williams, Jno. Weeks and Velma Hale.

Those included in the evening were: Messrs. and Mmes. Floyd Carr, R. W. Earnshaw, Alex McGregor, Homer Carsey, H. H. Thomson, C. W. Cheatham, C. W. Thorp, Ralph Vancil, L. R. Tigner, C. B. Penn, Harry Lynn, W. B. Woody, Leslie Baker, Ross Murchison, K. V. Northington, C. R. Stone, A. R. Jones, R. L. Stephenson, Troy Simpson, Misses Nell Alexander, Katharine Penn, Louise Orgain, Anna Jean

Sharp, Minnie Johnson, Winnie Trail; Messrs. Delbert Vancil, Homer Sykes, Marvin Atkins and Roy Reeder.

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.

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is simply Iron and Quinine suspended in syrup. So pleasant even children like it. The blood needs QUININE to Purify it and IRON to Enrich it. Destroys Malarial germs and Grip germs by its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60c.

PASTORS PASS RESOLUTIONS ON REMOVAL OF SWINDELL

In connection with the removal of Rev. Alvin Swindell from Ballinger to Hillsboro, Texas, and the consequent severance of ministerial and personal associations, the Pastors' Association of Ballinger, Texas, at their last meeting expressed the following words of appreciation:

"We deeply regret the loss of our chairman, friend and Christian co-worker and of his family from the social, moral and church life of our town; and we shall miss his happy disposition, open fellowship, and willing cooperation in the meetings and deliberations of our Association.

"We desire to express our appreciation of him as a man, in his sterling qualities of conviction, interest in man, fairness, friendliness, and unflinching dependability; as a minister and pastor, in his devoted labor, zeal, earnest constructive work, wide sympathies, fraternal cooperation, and sane counsel in matters of common interest and effort; and as a preacher and student of the Word, in his loyalty to the Bible, his knowledge of the Bible as a modest, painstaking and accurate scholar and his ever

standing for the great essentials of Christian belief and practice. "We commend him and his family in their new home and work to the guidance and favor of God whom we all serve.

"One copy of this expression of our appreciation of Rev. Alvin Swindell is to be sent to the Pastors' Association of Hillsboro, Texas, one copy to be sent to Rev. Swindell, one copy to the Hillsboro Mirror, one to the Ballinger Ledger, and one copy included in the minutes of our Association.

"E. W. McLAURIN, Chairman
"ALVIN O. RUE, Secretary."

MISS GARLINGTON AGAIN ON TEXAS U. HONOR ROLL

Miss Mae Garlington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garlington of this city, a Sophomore in the University of Texas, is on the university's honor roll again this year, according to word received here by friends.

Miss Garlington made the honor roll her first year at the university and this year she is keeping up her mark.

She is the only student from Ballinger attending the university this year.

Habitual Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days

"LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN" is a specially prepared Syrup Tonic-Laxative for Habitual Constipation. It relieves promptly but should be taken regularly for 14 to 21 days to induce regular action. It Stimulates and Regulates. •Very Pleasant to Take. •60c per bottle.

Miss Ruth Holliday has returned to Simmons University at Abilene after spending the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Mattie Holliday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sims left Saturday morning for San Antonio, where they will spend several days visiting relatives.

Mounted traffic police in Chicago are to be supplanted with motorcycle officers.

Mrs. Moody Youngest Texas "First Lady"



Mrs. Dan Moody

Mrs. Dan Moody, 29 year old wife of the Texas governor, is the youngest woman to preside at the executive mansion, and is a huntress and journalist as well. On a recent deer hunt with her husband, Mrs. Moody

killed a 12 point buck while Mr. Moody's best was one of 11 points. Mrs. Moody is a graduate of the University of Texas. She later worked on an Abilene newspaper. Although the governor's salary is only \$4,000 Mrs. Moody declared that she and her 33 year old husband would try to be examples for other young married folk and live on their salary. The Moodys were married April 20, at the home of Mrs. Moody's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Paxton of Abilene.

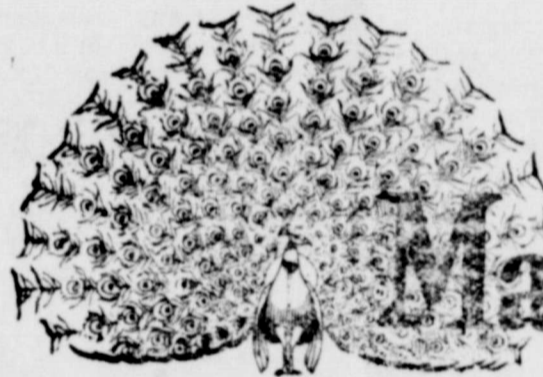
MRS. C. D. EVERITT WINS IN ELECTRICAL CONTEST

Mrs. C. D. Everitt, wife of C. D. Everitt of the Everitt Electric Co., has received a \$2 check from "Electrical Goods," an electrical magazine published in the East, as one of the prizes in a recent electrical salesmanship contest conducted by the magazine.

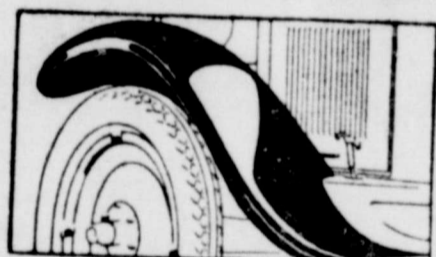
The contest was held during January, and Feb. 1 Mrs. Everitt received a letter from the editor of the magazine and a check, declaring she was one of the winners.

Miss Florence Westbrook, of San Antonio, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Westbrook.

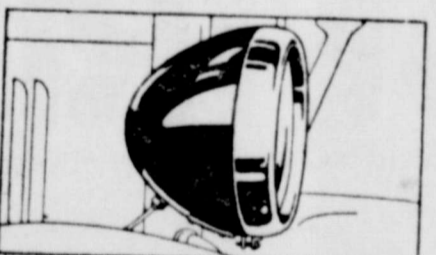
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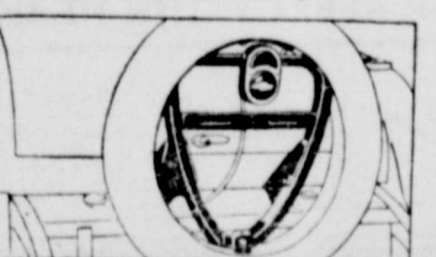
FISH-TAIL MODELING—adds a distinguished sweep to the rear deck of Roadster, Coupe and Sport Cabriolet.



FULL CROWN FENDERS (one-piece)—quality features which lend grace to the sweeping body lines.



BULLET TYPE HEADLAMPS—with cow-lamps to match. Rakish, smart and up-to-the-minute in style.



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In addition to masterly new bodies by Fisher—in addition to a host of mechanical improvements typified by AC oil filter and AC air cleaner—the Most Beautiful Chevrolet offers certain features heretofore regarded as marks of distinction on the costliest cars. These are made possible at Chevrolet's amazingly reduced prices only because volume production results in definite economies and because Chevrolet now, as always, passes these savings on to the buyer in the form of added value.

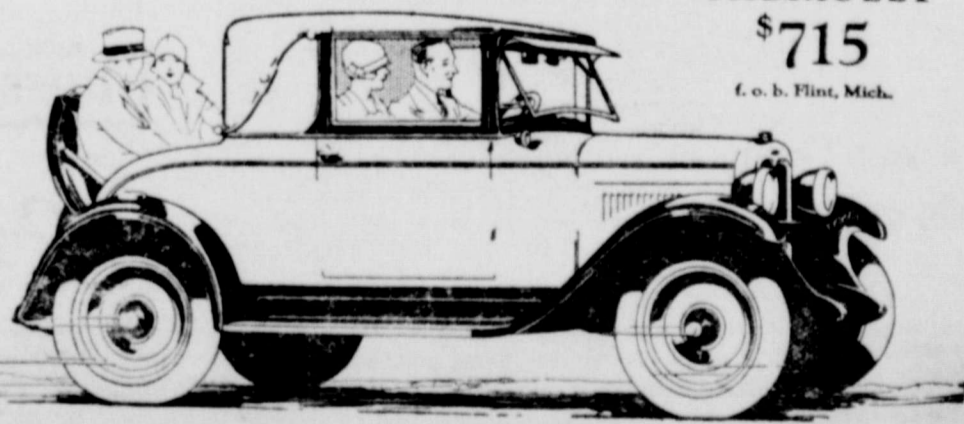
No other car, as low in price, offers such features as fish-tail modeling, full crown one-piece fenders, bullet-type lamps and the like. Come in—and see for yourself!

Reduced Prices!

The Coach \$595
The Coupe \$625
The Sedan \$695
The Landau \$745

The Touring \$525
1-Ton Truck \$495 (Chassis Only)
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Balloon Tire Now Standard On All Models
All prices f. o. b. Flint, Mich.

The Sport CABRIOLET \$715
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Ballinger Auto Co. QUALITY AT LOW COST



Before Baby Comes

WONDERFUL! Gloriously wonderful is the achievement of Mother's Friend in relieving suffering incident to motherhood. Its benefits are amazing! Its soothing, relaxing qualities make the months before maternity comfortable. You can rub discomfort away with Mother's Friend! Mrs. John S. Herr, Mannheim, Pa., writes: "Mother's Friend did wonders for me. I can almost say my baby was born without pain." Mother's Friend is the formula of an eminent physician and has been used by expectant mothers for over three generations. Mother's Friend is externally applied. It soothes the nerves and muscles as month follows month. Finally, it makes childbirth a joy! Mother! Insist on Mother's Friend—the same as used by our mothers and grandmothers—don't wait until it's too late—and meanwhile write Bradford Regulator Co., Dept. 35, Atlanta, Ga., for free valuable booklet "Motherhood and the Coming Baby" (sent in plain envelope). It tells how Mother's Friend can help you during expectancy and at childbirth. This booklet also tells you many other things you want to know. "Mother's Friend" is sold by all druggists everywhere.

DESERT FLOWER CROP SPOILS MOVIE PICTURE

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Jan. 29.—Here are two samples of how overhead charges pile up in motion pictures:

A company "shooting" on the desert, was driven off by a storm. Two weeks later the company returned to find the barren waste totally changed by the wild flowers that followed the rain. All the desert scenes had to be retaken.

Adolph Menjou and his company returned to find the barren clude a new-born colt in one scene. When they reached the colt's stable it was raining and the owner would not let the baby be taken out in the wet weather. Menjou et al waited three days until the sun came out, then discovered that the colt was too old to take the new-born part, and had to scour the country for another.

OUCH! LUMBAGO! RUB BACKACHE AWAY

Kidneys cause backache! No! Your backache is caused by lumbago, rheumatism or a strain and the quickest relief is soothing penetrating St. Jacobs Oil. Rub it right on your painful back, and instantly the soreness, stiffness and lameness disappears. Don't stay crippled! Get a 35 cent bottle of St. Jacobs Oil from your druggist. A moment after it is applied you'll wonder what became of the backache or lumbago pain.

In use for 65 years for lumbago, backache, sciatica, neuralgia, rheumatism or sprains. Absolutely harmless. Doesn't burn the skin.

PAINT ROCK WOMAN IN HOSPITAL HERE

Mrs. R. S. Dozier, of Paint Rock, was brought to the Halley & Love Sanitarium Sunday afternoon from her home, for treatment. She was in a serious condition when brought here but was reported to be somewhat improved Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Dozier and little daughter, of Brownwood, are here. Mr. Dozier will be remembered here as a former football coach of the Ballinger high school.

H. A. Dozier, of Cross Cut, is also here to be with his mother, and Ed Dozier, of Midland, is here.

E. B. Dozier, of Mexia, is expected to arrive here Monday afternoon.

How Doctors Treat Colds and the Flu

To break up a cold overnight or to cut short an attack of grippe, influenza, sore throat or tonsillitis, physicians and druggists are now recommending Calotabs, the purified and refined calomel compound tablet that gives you the effects of calomel and salts combined, without the unpleasant effects of either.

One or two Calotabs at bed-time with a swallow of water,—that's all. No salts, no nausea nor the slightest interference with your eating, work or pleasure. Next morning your cold has vanished, your system is thoroughly purified and you are feeling fine with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat what you please,—no danger.

Get a family package, containing full directions, only 35 cents. At any drug store. (adv)

Lyon Requests Home Study

"In an open letter to you about the time school opened it was stated as the best opinion of the faculty of the school that pupils cannot do satisfactory school work above the primary grades without systematic home preparation of part of the daily lessons.

"Pupils frequently tell their parents that there is sufficient time at school to prepare lessons, but this is not true except in a very few instances. The records of the school show that those pupils who do regular home study make the highest grades.

"The first term of school has come to an end and the record of number of pupils who passed the first term's work was not at all satisfactory. From the standpoint of the teacher there is just one cause for this, and that cause is the fact that a large number of pupils are practically allowed to spend their evenings in pursuit of pleasures and social intercourse. Some children are often away from their homes until a late hour and rarely ever take a book home from school to study lessons. We insist that this is the responsibility of the parent.

"It is but fair to warn parents that they should not expect their children to pass the work of the school when there is not sufficient home cooperation in the matter of preparation of work.

"It is frequently the case that the most indifferent and slack parents are the ones to complain most bitterly at the end of school when their children fail of promotion. The thoughtful parent registers complaint to the child before the time of failure arrives.

"Modern public schools cost a lot of money and it is incumbent upon the government which maintains them to insist that the patrons of the school make an effort to receive value for the money which they have invested. This can only be done by having pupils do honest, consistent, and thorough school work.

"The teacher can instruct but she cannot compel effort, application, or interest. School attitudes and school habits in the matter of study and application are mostly the responsibility of parents. There is entirely too much of the get-by system in the minds of both parents and pupils. It is not enough that a child pass his work. The passing grades are only a minimum of work and are slight indications of the pupil's proficiency.

"Teachers insist that pupils study to learn for the benefits of learning and not just to pass the grade and assume an artificial rating in the scheme of education. Parents should keep informed as to the amount of knowledge and kind of knowledge the pupils are receiving at school and should not be content with just the minimum amount required to pass.

"It is respectfully suggested that children are not economical in the buying and care of school supplies. Much paper is wasted which is not required for regular school use. Many pencils and pens are lost as a result of careless habits on the part of students. Individual copies of school books are not properly cared for. Such careless practices affect very materially the character of children and sometimes lead to dishonesty and disregard for property. The teacher can assist in such matters but the principal responsibility in these things rests with parents.

"Permit us to thank you for your good will and kindly interest. We believe that you will arrange the proper home schedules to insure good school work on the part of your children if you will but consider the matter seriously and remember that there is but one time in the life of the individual in which he may attend school and that there will be many opportunities in the future for the same individual to engage in the less important things of life.

"Reports on all pupils are sent out each six weeks. We ask that you study them and then consult us if we can serve you in a more efficient manner.

"Respectfully,
"H. C. LYON, Supt."

SORE BLEEDING GUMS: Only one bottle LETO'S PYORRHEA REMEDY is needed to convince anyone. Get a bottle, use as directed, and if you are not satisfied druggists will return your money. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

YOUTH BEATS GAMING CASE

A boy, one of seven caught Sunday in a dice game raid at a tourist camp by Chief of Police B. W. Pileher, was found "not guilty" by a jury in the municipal court Thursday morning.

The youth plead his own case before a jury of six citizens.

Two of the seven entered pleas of guilty and paid their fines but the five decided to fight their cases. The first boy tried was acquitted.

The second trial was docketed to be held Friday morning at the city hall.

Another one of the gambling cases resulting from the raid made by Chief of Police Pileher last Sunday afternoon at a local tourist camp was tried in the city court Friday. The state introduced as a witness one of the alleged participants in the game, who testified that he was in the game and had plead guilty and paid his fine, and that he loaned the defendant some money during the game, and saw the defendant lose it "shooting craps." Mr. Pileher testified that he broke in on the game, but that he was unable to find the dice, but that he did find some of the players with money in their hands.

The defendant Friday represented himself and introduced no evidence whatever, and did not even testify in his own behalf.

The jury deliberated about thirty minutes and brought in a verdict of not guilty.

As a result of these two trials, the one Friday and the one the day before, both defendants being freed by juries, the city officials dismissed the remaining three cases. Two of the defendants had previously pleaded guilty.

TWO ARE FINED FOR FIGHTING AT DANCE

Two were fined in the justice court Monday morning for fighting at a dance at Rowena Saturday night. One entered a plea of guilty and paid his fine, which amounted to \$21.70. The other boy had not entered a plea of guilty.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lueckett and children, of San Angelo, were visiting relatives in Ballinger Sunday.

ABOUT HALF OF TAXES UNPAID

About half of the county and state taxes of Runnels county remained unpaid Thursday morning, according to a report made by W. L. Brown, county tax collector.

To date \$68,847.10 had been collected for 1926, according to the records, while the tax rolls also showed about \$60,447.00 still left for collection between this date and Monday midnight, when the time expires for legal payment to avoid penalty.

Poll tax payments are also slack, only 3,873 receipts being issued to Thursday. Mr. Brown stated that he did not expect a very large sum to be collected here during the last three days of the tax paying period.

The tax collector's force is on the job early and late and will issue the receipts as fast as the property holders call and pay their taxes.

RED PEPPER HEAT BREAKS BAD CHEST COLDS OVER NIGHT

Ease your tight, aching chest. Stop the pain. Break up the congestion. Feel a bad cold loosen up in just a short time.

"Red Pepper Rub" is the cold remedy that brings quickest relief. It cannot hurt you and it certainly seems to end the tightness and drive the congestion and soreness right out.

Nothing has such concentrated, penetrating heat as red peppers, and when heat penetrates right down into colds, congestion, aching muscles and sore, stiff joints relief comes at once.

The moment you apply Red Pepper Rub you feel the tingling heat. In three minutes the congested spot is warmed through and through. When you are suffering from a cold, rheumatism, backache, stiff neck or sore muscles, just get a jar of Rowles Red Pepper Rub, made from red peppers, at any drug store. You will have the quickest relief known. Always say "Rowles."

AIR MAIL RATE IS TEN CENTS PER HALF OUNCE

Instead of ten cents per ounce as was stated in Saturday's issue of The Ledger, air mail rates, recently revised are ten cents per half ounce or fraction thereof, and twenty cents per ounce or fraction thereof.

NETS PROFIT OF \$5,455 ON 140 ACRES WHEAT

PERRYTOWN, Tex., Jan. 21.—Enough money to pay his way through a university for four years was the profit from an agricultural class project in the high school here last year chosen by Dean Conner, freshman at the University of Texas.

While a senior at the high school, Dean planted and harvested a 140-acre wheat crop as part of his school work, and the gross production of 6,200 bushels netted him a profit of \$5,455.

In addition to doing all of the labor on his own 140 acres, Dean cared for 660 acres of wheat for his father with the aid of a man in drilling and the usual labor at harvesting time.

Dean was a member of the Perrytown high school basketball and football teams.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Schuhmann left Friday afternoon for College Station to be with their son, Willard, a student at A. & M. College, who received a broken leg last week in an inter-class football game.

Keep in Trim!

Good Elimination Is Essential to Good Health.

THE kidneys are the blood filters. If they fail to function properly there is apt to be a retention of toxic poisons in the blood. A dull, languid feeling and, sometimes, toxic backaches, headaches, and dizziness are symptoms of this condition. Further evidence of improper kidney function is often found in burning or scanty passage of secretions. Each year more and more people are learning the value of **Doan's Pills**, a stimulant diuretic, in this condition. Scarcely a nook or hamlet anywhere but has many enthusiastic users. Ask your neighbor!

DOAN'S PILLS 60c

Stimulant Diuretic to the Kidneys
Foster-Milburn Co., Mfg. Chem., Buffalo, N. Y.

Claudia Inez, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Freeman, returned from Fort Worth Friday, where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. C. Kirksey. Mrs. Kirksey will be remembered here as Tessye McGehee.

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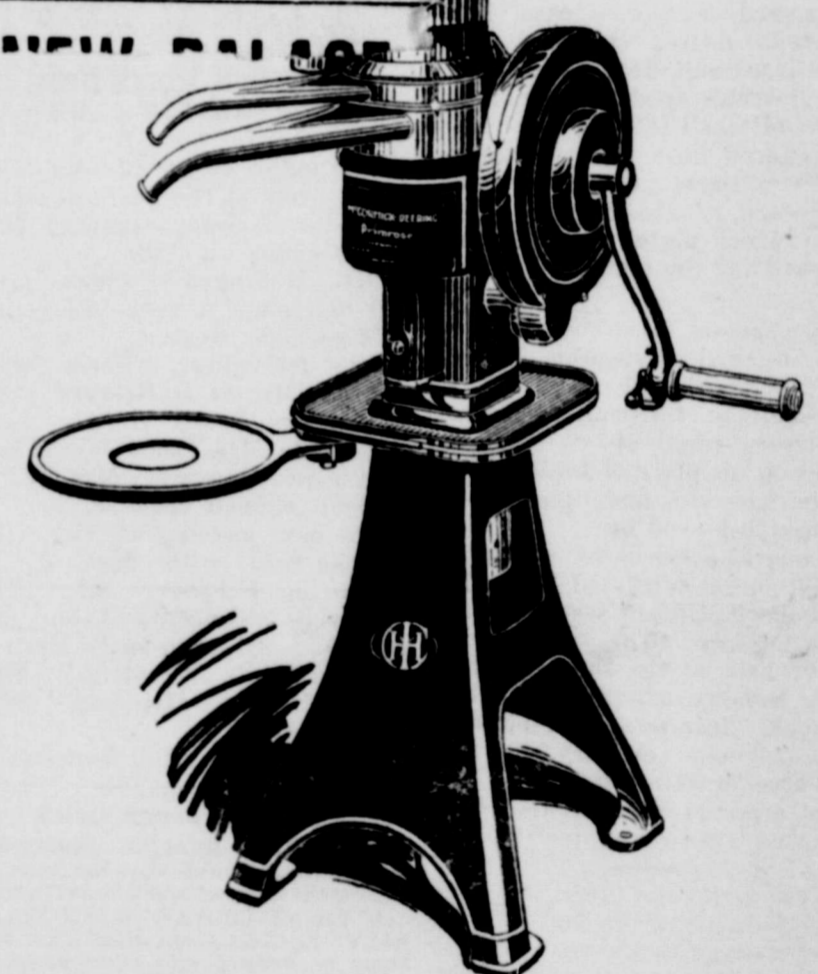
—Pecans, we pay highest market price.

See us.

Pecan Valley Produce Co.

Your doctor will prescribe was something to quickly and completely cleanse out the entire tract. Frequently constipation is the cause of colds and the new way and the sure to do this is with Klok-Lax which contains ingredients now recognized the world over to completely cleanse out the 28-foot intestinal canal of all poisonous

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12 Months to Pay

To see the McCormick-Deering Primrose in actual operation, running smoothly, quietly and doing a real job of skimming, is to want it for your very own.

A small payment down, and a year to pay, places "the world's easiest-running cream separator" on your farm. Thousands of dairymen and farmers have taken advantage of this liberal time-payment plan. Invest in a McCormick-Deering Primrose and you can save as you go and pay as you save. Our time-payment plan makes it easy.

Don't use all your time in the production of cotton, but devote a small portion of it each day to using a cream separator and it will pay big dividends.

Van Pelt, Kirk and Mack

For Colds

ASPIRIN

Proved safe by millions and prescribed by physicians for

Colds	Headache	Neuralgia	Lumbago
Pain	Toothache	Neuritis	Rheumatism

DOES NOT AFFECT THE HEART

Safe → Accept only "Bayer" package which contains proven directions. Handy "Bayer" boxes of 12 tablets. Also bottles of 24 and 100—Druggists.

Aspirin is the trade mark of Bayer Manufacture of Monocroticacidester of Salicylicacid

Cotton Seed

We are in the market all the time for COTTON SEED.

See us before selling—we pay the top for Prime Seed.

Vaughn Grain Co.

Tells of Unrecorded Battle With Indians Near Here

An Indian battle, between 75 Comanches and 12 white cowboys, which occurred near this city, at Picketville, on the eastern bank of Elm Creek, between the Elm Creek bridge and the confluence of the creek and the Colorado River, had never been related until J. T. Small, a staff writer on the Dallas News, talked to M. L. Johnson, pioneer Texan, a few weeks ago.

Mr. Small prepared the article for the magazine section of the News. It appeared in a recent Sunday issue and is of much interest to citizens of this county.

D. C. Underwood, veteran Runnels county citizen and now the agent for all state newspapers in Ballinger, threw a little more light on the battle when he declared that he was told of this battle by the Guest brothers, who helped build Picketville. Other citizens of this county were also told of the battle by the Guest brothers, Bill and Nat, who have since died.

Picketville was established about Dec. 14, 1862. Mr. Underwood said, "when the white settlers pitched camp on the east bank of Elm Creek. The pickets were made of limbs cut from wild Chinaberry trees and hackberry trees. It was pretty cold about that time of the year and this action was taken in an effort to break the cold north winds. Nat Guest told me the story of the battle."

Mr. Johnson spent seven years in this section of the country and in the book he has recently prepared, he tells of many interesting and thrilling experiences he and his companions went through during the period.

The two men Mr. Johnson refers to in the following article, as the two whose names he does not remember, were probably Bill and Nat Guest. They took part in the battle, according to old timers of this section.

Following is Mr. Johnson's account of the battle:

"The Indians had become so troublesome in West Texas that John Hittson and his son, Jess, concluded to move their entire stock of cattle and horses to Deer Trail, Colo. At that time their cattle were scattered over six or eight counties, Coleman, Callahan and Runnels counties, being the hot-bed of depredations, and their home ranches were located in these counties.

"About July 1, 1872, we were ordered to round up all the cattle we could find in Runnels county. We started out from the main ranch on Battle Creek, Callahan county, and moved southward, rounding up cattle as we went, standing guard at night over them and our horses. On July 10 we had rounded up about seven hundred cattle and had driven them into the pens at old Picketville, on the Colorado River, near where Ballinger is located. These were the only pens in the county at that time and we enjoyed an all-night's sleep for the first time since leaving Battle Creek—never dreaming of what was going on around us that night.

Horses Stolen by the Indians

"We were up early next morning and discovered that the Indians had stolen and driven off about thirty-five of our horses. Fortunately for us, they did not find all our horses and we had enough left to mount our entire force. When we did not stand guard at night over our horses, we made it a rule to put them out away from the camp in widely-separated groups so that, thus scattered, the Indians would not be likely to find them all, and this precaution saved a goodly number of our mounts. The signs we observed indicated there was a large band of the redskins, so we decided to turn the cattle out and drive them to the home ranch on Battle Creek, Callahan county, some fifty miles to the northeast. We saw no Indians until we had gone about five miles north when, on looking back in the direction of our camp, we saw about seventy-five Comanche warriors with a large herd of horses, about half a mile from us. The country was comparatively level, with no timber or brush to obstruct our view, and we could see them plainly. We halted and made ready for the worst—examined our firearms to see that they were all in commission, and then held a short council of war. The Indians, seemingly, were doing the same thing.

"Jess Hittson, now living at Ft. Worth, proposed that we hoist a flag of truce and go out and meet the big chief to form a treaty of peace, as we were outnumbered at least six to one.

The Indians Advance

"By this time the main body of the Indians began to advance on us slowly. It is strange that an old Indian fighter, like Mr. Hittson, knowing the Comanches so well, would even think of treating with a large band of them. But as there seemed to be no chance of our escape, three of us volunteered to go with Hittson and, if possible, perfect a treaty with the Indians.

"We advanced with friendly tokens until we had gone about 300 yards from our wagon and were about the same distance from the Indians, when the war whoop was sounded by the chief and caught up by the entire band. This was followed by a charge at us that looked desperate. You have heard of the rebel yell and no doubt have heard the college yell, but pen can not depict the hellishness of the yell coming from the throats of seventy-five Comanche warriors. Of course we ran until we reached our wagon. There we took a stand to defend 'the fort,' or die game. The big chief was in the lead and came dashing up within fifty feet of us. Hittson declared he could have hit him with a rock.

Only Twelve White Men

"Our force consisted of twelve men as follows: Jess Hittson, Ben Wilson, Jim Wilson, Bill Coakrell, Ed Emerson, Frank Emerson, Charley Eslinger, Dutchey, the cook, myself, and two other men, whose names I can not recall. All of this little party has long since gone 'the way of the earth' except Jess Hittson and myself. With twelve men pitted against seventy-five picked Comanche warriors, the odds were very much against us, but we resolved to sell out as dearly as possible.

A Deserter

"I forgot to say that when the Indians first began to advance on us Dutchey deserted and I never saw him afterward. However he made his escape and, going to S. S. Gholson's camp, reported that we were all killed. He finally made his way back to the settlement at Weatherford, it was learned.

The Indian Chief Wounded

"We were well supplied with modern firearms at that time—Winchesters and Colts six-shooters—and when the Indians made their first charge we pumped lead into them so fast they retreated and held a council of war. Jess Hittson had wounded the chief and he was carried off the battle-ground by several of his braves. It has been established, beyond a doubt, that this same old chief died at Lawton, Oklahoma, twenty-five years after that fight, from the wound he received in the first charge on us.

"The fight began about 10 a. m. and lasted until 6 p. m., the longest struggle I ever had with known Indians to engage in.

The Battle Renewed

"After holding a council some distance away, they made another charge, almost in a body, until they were within 200 yards of us, when they divided in two columns, which almost surrounded us as they ran by at full speed, shooting arrows from both sides. Meanwhile, we had no time to read Sunday school tracts. Our business was to kill as many Indians as we could, and during that mortal struggle we made ten or twelve 'good Indians' out of bad ones. They continued charging us in the same way for several hours, never changing their tactics, but finally withdrew some distance and held a council for nearly an hour, after which five of them advanced toward us, making friendly signs, which indicated that they were willing to formulate a treaty of peace. We well knew it would be unsafe to trust them. There was no honor, according to our belief, in their composition. A treaty to them was merely time to take breath and make preparations for a more advantageous attack upon the too confiding white man.

The Psychology of Battle

"We promptly declined all friendly relations with them and gave them to understand that lead was all they might expect from us. By this time fear had

entirely left us and we had become desperate. My experience in battle is that one is very much excited—almost seared to death—until after the first few rounds are fought, and then fear is all gone, and the biggest coward on earth will fight with as much unconcern as if hoeing in a garden.

"Again and again they charged us, but after the first few charges they circled around some distance away, screaming like a hundred panthers—the most unearthly sound the human ear ever caught.

"Late in the afternoon they withdrew and, after a short consultation, bunched their herd of horses and rounded up all of our 700 head of cattle and drove them off, leaving about twenty Indians to stand guard over us until nearly dark, when the whole band disappeared in the distance.

Not a White Man Killed!

"It seems unreasonable to say that these Indians did not kill a single one of us, although several members of our party were severely wounded.

"Ten or twelve Indians and about as many horses were killed and a number of Indians were wounded.

"Years after this fight Jess Hittson sued the Government for the loss of his horses and cattle. Nearly all of the boys had died and my whereabouts was unknown to Mr. Hittson. Hence he was unable to prove his claim. After the lapse of thirty-seven years Hittson learned that I lived at Austin and his suit against the Government was renewed. My evidence in the case enabled Mr. Hittson to recover \$14,900, which was paid over to the Hittson estate in 1909. (See Government Brief, Indian Depredations.)

Runnels County History

"This narrative is literally true, with no exaggeration whatever, and should be of special interest to the people now living in Runnels county, from the fact that it has never before been published. The scene of this struggle is now in a densely populated section. Farm homes, churches and school buildings have long since been erected along the bloody trail of that murderous band of Indians. The bear, buffalo, Indian and antelope are gone and a peaceful civilization has taken their place. Nothing but the little pestiferous prairie dog remains to contest its right to that beautiful country."

A Single Handed Combat

"The second year Mr. Johnson was on the frontier he was surrounded by a band of Comanches, while a short distance from camp, and engaged them in battle single-handed until his companions came to his rescue.

"In 1868 I was working under W. D. Clark of Ft. Worth, manager of John Hittson's camp and branding pen, which was situated at the head of Battle Creek in Callahan county," says Mr. Johnson. "There were but few cattlemen in that part of the state. Weatherford, in Parker county, was the dividing line between the white people and the Indians. Frequent raids were made by Indians near Weatherford at that time and it was unsafe for anyone to go alone west of that place. Cattlemen and cowboys took the precaution to go well armed, in squads of not less than five or ten, in order to be prepared to meet the scalping Comanches and Kiowas, two of the most warlike tribes on the frontier. Not many of the Indians, however, possessed modern firearms, the bow and arrow, the scalping knife and the tomahawk being their principal weapons, while the cattlemen and cowboys were well supplied with Winchesters and Colts six-shooters.

Attacked by Twenty Comanches

"John and Jim Hart, Jim Carter, John Hazelwood and John Hittson were about all the cattlemen in that part of the country, and they had agreed to begin branding cattle early that year. Accordingly, on the first day of March, we made our first round-up on Sandy Creek, some ten miles east of Battle Creek, where we established a temporary camp and branding pen. In the afternoon I was sent out about half a mile from camp to bring in a few horses that had been left to graze on the range. Each cowboy had two or three horses, and even that number were ridden almost to death. I had rounded up the horses and started to camp with them when about twenty Comanches came in sight. Although armed with a Winchester and two Colts six-shooters, I saw no chance of

escape except to beat the Indians to camp. Immediately the race began, but I had not gone far until I discovered that another band of Indians had cut me off from camp, a bit of strategy the warlike tribes never lost an opportunity to employ. Realizing that I was facing a perilous situation, I dismounted, crawled up under a steep bank on Sandy Creek and decided to sell out to the best marksman, some of them being equipped with firearms. They passed me several times in a ring fight, but the only injury I sustained was from a rifle ball that plowed thru my cheek, but proved to be only a flesh wound. One Indian passed to his 'happy hunting ground' and two others fell from their horses, but managed to drag themselves from the line of battle and were carried away. However, had it not been for my comrades, who heard the firing and came to my rescue, the grass would have been growing over my grave for more than fifty years, as my ammunition was about exhausted when help arrived.

A Running Fight

"When the Indians saw the cowboys coming, they withdrew and a running fight ensued, in which several members of the band and two members of our party were wounded."

Mr. Johnson was born in Cumberland county, N. C., Sept. 7, 1848. His father, Kindred Johnson, moved with his family to Macon, Mo., in 1853, and to Texas in 1855, locating near Greenville, Hunt county. In 1862 the family moved to Tarrant county, settling some miles south of Fort Worth in the cross timbers, where Mr. Johnson grew to manhood.

Leaving the frontier after seven years of strenuous life, Mr. Johnson lived at Fort Worth several years. He then attended school four years at Cleburne. Later he married and lived at Austin 25 years, where he was engaged in business. Five years ago he moved to Dallas and has since been operating a small job printing plant at 2611 Elm Street. He has lived in Texas seventy-one years and has known Dallas since it was a trading post on the banks of the Trinity River.

A Sale of Slaves

But not all of the animation and pathos incident to Mr. Johnson's eventful life were gained in Texas. When a boy in Missouri, seventy-two years ago, he witnessed an annual sale of slaves, a brief but pathetic account of which is also given in his book.

"At the beginning of the year, in ante-bellum days, slave buyers of the South would visit Missouri and purchase slaves at auction in a manner similar to the way horses and mules are bought today," says Mr. Johnson. "It is needless to say this was looked up with disfavor by the slaves. They dreaded the call to the Southern cotton and cane fields.

"The stories that had come from the land of the pine and the date palm to the Missouri prairies may have been wild distortion. But one part of the traffic was not fancy—the breaking of home ties by separating the family, for the slave was true to the mother of his children and he loved her and his kin with an affection unsurpassed today.

"The big annual sales occurred the first Monday in January in one of the county seat towns. There was always a number of wide-hatted, long-booted Southern buyers on hand, which insured lively bidding. The slaves would stand around in groups, tearfully awaiting their turn to fall into the hands of the stranger from 'way down South.'

"He's gone Souf, po niggah!" Thus one of the bondmen who remained would speak of another who had been bid in.

"There was such a sale at Macon, Mo., in January, 1854.

Sold Like Livestock

"I have here, gentlemen," said the auctioneer, "a strong-limbed, healthy young negro, David Jenkins by name, sired by Tom Jenkins, who lived to be 100 years old and could work almost up to the day he died. There isn't a blemish about him anywhere; you can see for yourself. I'm bid \$1,000 as a starter. Yes, he's married; that yellow gal there is his wife, but you don't have to take her. Eleven hundred! Why gentlemen, that nigger's good for fifty years at least!"

A Real Hero

"As the bidding proceeded the negro stood by the block with his young wife's arms around his neck and her face buried in his broad bosom. Then occurred an incident which, perhaps, is without parallel in the history of

American slavery. When Jenkins was finally bid in at a fancy price and was being torn from the arms of his wife, Zimariah, a negro belonging to Dr. John Fort, walked up to the block and stated that he had his master's permission to go South in Jenkins' place. Zimariah was a stalwart young negro, fully the equal of Jenkins, and without family ties.

"What do you say?" asked the auctioneer of the spectator. "I'd as soon have this nigger as the other," replied the buyer, looking admirably at the sinewy offering who had bared his arms and legs to show how well he was fashioned.

"It makes no difference to me," said the auctioneer; "I get my commission just the same. But what do you want to do it for, Zim?" "It isn't your funeral."

"Ah knows it, sah," said the big negro, as his eyes shot swiftly toward Jenkins and his wife. "But Ah can't stan' to see Zerella cry, cawse Ah—Ah lubs her mer-self!"

"Nobody laid a wreath on Zim's kinky head. Nobody heralded his act in poetry or in song. Nobody erected a monument to his memory when he died far from the scenes of his nativity. But when he passed down the lane with the chain gang, following in the wake of an armed horseman, he glanced to one side and saw by the fence a little yellow woman with tears in her eyes. This time he knew the tears were for him, and that was enough."

A SPLENDID FEELING

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Weeks Drug Store

A. E. Bozelle, of Bettis & Sturges, is in Dallas attending the Shoe Men's Convention. He will return the latter part of this week.

Mrs. Emma Nash left Thursday for Wichita Falls, where she was called on account of the serious illness of her grandson, Billie Nash Jr.

WHEN KIDNEYS HURT DRINK MORE WATER

If Your Back Aches or Bladder Bothers, Take a Little Salts

The American men and women must guard constantly against kidney trouble because we often eat too much rich food. Our blood is filled with acids which the kidneys strive to filter out; they weaken from overwork, become sluggish, the eliminative tissues clog and the result is kidney trouble, bladder weakness and a general decline in health.

When your kidneys feel like lumps of lead; your back hurts or the urine is cloudy, full of sediment, or you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night; if you suffer with sick headache, or dizzy, nervous spells, acid stomach, or if you have rheumatism when the weather is bad, begin drinking lots of good soft water and 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 salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to help flush and stimulate clogged kidneys, to neutralize the acids in the system so they no longer are a source of irritation, thus often relieving bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure, makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink and belongs in every home, because nobody can make a mistake by having a good kidney flushing any time.

A new industry for the development of shark products is proposed in New Zealand. Products to be obtained include leather, fertilizer, oil, glue and a medical substance.

Ford 13-Plate Battery \$12

The recent reduction in the price of the Ford Battery has resulted in tremendous increase in sales.

Retailing at the Price of \$12

the Ford 13-plate battery represents an excellent value. Its sturdy construction throughout meets every battery requirement efficiently and economically and its 13-plate type battery a decided advantage in cold weather when greater power is required to turn the engine over.

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CREWS NEWS

There are several cases of chicken pox in this community at present, but none are serious.

Mrs. J. B. Walden, Mrs. Pearl Norris and son have returned from Abilene.

Mrs. R. M. Davis is very ill with pneumonia. Mr. Davis is also ill.

The fifth Sunday meeting was held at Crews this month. It began Thursday evening, closing Sunday evening. There were a number of preachers present. The services were enjoyed by all who attended.

The B. Y. P. U. was reorganized Sunday evening, and a Junior B. Y. P. U. was also organized. We are very proud of our B. Y. P. U. and do not think we could be without an organization.

The Crews girls basketball team went to Herring last Friday and played a game. The score was 20 to 9 in favor of Herring.

The party at Vernon Bradley's Friday night was well attended. Everyone had a nice time.

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A Special prescription for intractable diseases of the urinary tract. Painful, non-painful. Package contains all needed, will not cause irritation.
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HERRING TOPICS

The Herring Parent-Teachers Association met in regular meeting at Herring school house last Thursday night. A very interesting program was rendered by the parents and teachers who were on the program. Both parents and teachers got a new idea of the proper relation of teachers and parents. The association is regularly affiliated with the state organization and has sixteen members, with a number more to join before the next meeting. We are expecting great results from this organization.

Grandpa Edwards is still on the sick list. His daughter, Mrs. Harold, of Temple, came in to be at his bedside this week.

Ellis Madison and Gerald Madison, of San Antonio, are visiting friends and relatives in this community this week.

Mrs. G. C. Arent, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Stovall, of Ranger, returned home last Wednesday.

Marvin Hale, Ellis Madison and his brother and family spent Monday and Tuesday with their aunt, Mrs. Fannie Scott, of Lawn.

Eldon Arent, who had been in Oklahoma for some time, returned home last week by way of Electra, where he visited relatives.

Grady Miller and family, of Coleman, visited relatives in this community last week.

Alta and Clyde Brevard spent Tuesday night with their Grandma Brevard at Blanton. She has been ill the last few days.

Marvin Hale, Ellis Madison and Miss Grace Bragg spent a pleasant evening with Miss Alta Brevard Thursday.

The ball game with Crews Friday afternoon was very satisfactory to us in some respects. The score was 20 to 8 in our favor. It was not a league game. The league game will be played next Friday afternoon.

Rio Coffee per pound 25c. Cane Syrup 75 cents per gallon. U. E. Hartman, Grocer. 19-tfw

Be wise and advertise.

Rev. Smyth's Young Men Class Largest in County

Smyth's Young Men, the young men's Sunday school class of the First Christian Church, has the largest enrollment of any young men's class of any church in either Ballinger or Runnels county. The class now has 103 active members. Rev. Leslie G. Smyth, pastor of the church, is the teacher.

Recently an athletic organization was perfected by this class, and Rev. Smyth acts as the "big boss," or in the same capacity as Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis does in the baseball world. There are four athletic clubs in the class, each with a manager and under the managers are various teams, with their captains in charge. The men are responsible to the captains of the team, the captains are responsible to the managers, and the managers are in turn responsible to the commissioner, Rev. Smyth.

The class has a board of directors, composed of the officers of the organization. Rev. Smyth is the teacher; M. J. Weaver, Jr., president; Donnel Macune, general secretary; M. B. Webb Jr., treasurer; and Willard Wooden, athletic secretary. Other members of the board are as follows: Ross Black, service program; H. T. Fortson, employment; J. P. Rhuman, orchestra; Troy Stewart, social activities; W. C. Coleman, advertising; Chas. Dankworth, basketball; Randall Campbell, Giant athletic club; Arthur Richardson, Senators; Curtis Jones, Cardinals; Floyd Carr, Tigers; Oscar Douglass, wrestling; Eli Smith, volley ball; and Earl Baker, basketball. Managers of the class baseball and tennis teams have not yet been elected.

The class teams will be composed of the best players of the four athletic clubs that are in the organization.

A "top-notch" list will be posted at the church each month, and members of the clubs leading in the class will be among the "top-notchers." The clubs will be graded as follows: attendance at Sunday school, study, personal calls, new members, church attendance, gym work, games in all of the athletic contests.

On the first Sunday in June, a loving cup will be awarded to the club grading the highest. On this cup will be engraved the name of the club and the names of the club members. At this time a banquet will be held for all members of the class.

Next week a class banquet is to be held at the Central Hotel. Rev. Smyth is busy making arrangements for this feed and a large number of the members is expected to be present.

Rev. Smyth is a leader, and always has been, in the development of the physical abilities of the boys in cities where he has labored. Thursday night he goes to San Saba, where he will give a lecture and demonstration under the auspices of the San Saba high school athletic club.

He also has a contract for a series of twelve lectures at Abilene Christian College. The pastor turns over the money he receives for these lectures to the class secretary for use in activities of the class.

"This class is composed of some of the finest young men of Texas," Rev. Smyth declared. "We have members from almost every religious faith in Texas. Every member is equal in this class and is referred to or spoken to by his first name or nick-name because it is democratic and not 'high-hat' methods we use."

Basketball, tennis and volley ball courts are being erected on the church lot for the games, and a fine baseball diamond will be laid out as soon as baseball training is started.

Last Sunday there were 76 young men present at Sunday school, members of Smyth's Young Men. Pictures of the class were taken at that time, which will soon be seen in various show-windows over the city.

Less than six months ago Rev. Smyth started this class with only a few members, and the enrollment is now more than one hundred. It is the largest class of young men, and probably the largest of any class in Runnels county. Rev. Smyth hopes to make this class the largest in West Texas.

PIMPLES DRIED RIGHT UP WITH SULPHUR

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Any breaking out of the skin on face, neck, arms or body is overcome quickly by applying Mentho-Sulphur. The pimples seem to dry right up and go away, declares a noted skin specialist.

Nothing has ever been found to take the place of sulphur as a pimple remover. It is harmless and inexpensive. Just ask any druggist for a small jar of Rowles Mentho-Sulphur.

NEW AIRMAIL RATES ARE ANNOUNCED HERE

Postmaster J. A. Reese announced Saturday the new postal rates for air mail leaving Ballinger. Heretofore the rate has been according to zones but it has been changed to the basis of weight.

The rate is ten cents per ounce or fraction thereof.

This mail leaves Ballinger at 5:20 in the evening, arrives at Fort Worth early the next morning and leaving there at 8:00 a. m. arrives in Chicago at 7:20 p. m. Leaving Chicago at 8:00 p. m. the air mail arrives in New York at 6:15 o'clock the next morning.

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Sweeping Price Reduction on WHIPPET

Effective now the following prices are in effect on all models of the Whippet, delivered:

	Old Price	New Price
Chassis	\$590.00	\$545.00
Touring	748.00	728.00
Roadster	798.00	798.00
Coupe	810.00	740.00
Coach	815.00	740.00
Sedan	857.50	840.00
Landau	882.50	872.50

Sedan and Landau are both new additions to the line and will be displayed on our floor next week.

This delivered price includes Snubbers and Four-Wheel Brakes, and either 28x4.75 or 29x4.40 Balloon Tires.



WEDDING BELLS

Miss Alma Murphy and Albert Spann were married, sitting in their car in front of the Methodist church in Ballinger, Saturday evening at 5:30. Rev. R. B. Hooper, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated at the ceremony.

Mrs. Spann is a daughter of W. R. Murphy, of the Hagan community, and one of the most popular young ladies of that section. Mr. Spann is a son of I. W. Spann of the Barnett community, and is a popular and worthy young man. The couple left for Coleman and other points on a few days honeymoon, after which they will make their home on Mr. Spann's farm in the Barnett community.

Notice

The First National Bank of Norton, Texas, located at Norton, State of Texas, is closing its affairs. All note holders and other creditors of the Association are therefore hereby notified to present the notes and other claims for payment.

Dec. 15, 1926.
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MARRIAGE LICENSES

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Albert J. Spann and Miss Alma Murphy.

SICKLY, PEEVISH CHILDREN

Children suffering from intestinal worms are cross, restless and unhealthy. There are other symptoms, however. If the child is pale, has dark rings under the eyes, bad breath and takes no interest in play, it is almost a certainty that worms are eating away its vitality. The surest remedy for worms is White's Cream Vermifuge. It is positive destruction to the worms but harmless to the child. Price 35c. Sold by

Weeks Drug Store

Bicycling is popular in Holland. It is estimated that one of every three inhabitants owns a wheel. In England, France and Switzerland the proportion is one in six.

Be wise and advertise.

Judge O. L. Parish, representative from this district, who has been at home since Friday looking after business, returned to Austin Monday afternoon to attend the sessions of the House.

Mrs. Troy Simpson and little daughter returned Sunday from Abilene, where they had been visiting Mrs. Simpson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Goss, here.

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- One big lot of Men's Dress Shirts, attached and detached collars, to close at \$1.00
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- All Men's and Boys' Union Suits, reduced in price.
- All Men's and Boys' Lumber Jacks reduced one-third in price, good ones from \$1.50 to \$5.00
- All Shirts reduced, including Manhattans, at a substantial reduction.
- Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats reduced 25% or more, including Hart, Schaffner & Marx and Curlees.
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We are showing one of the most complete lines of Ladies' Dresses, Coats and Millinery for Spring we have ever shown at this time.

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