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COLD, RAIN AND SNOW GRIPS ROCKY STATES

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 9.—Snow and sleet were swept out of the Rocky Mountain region today, bringing freezing temperatures to the Middle West and Southwest after more than a week of unusually mild weather.

Nearly all of the Rocky Mountain states were in the grip of sub-zero temperatures today.

Freezing weather, accompanied by snow was reported in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma, while freezing temperatures accompanied by rain prevailed in the Panhandle and Western Texas. Other sections of Texas reported light rains.

MAN FOUND HURT; DIES IN SAN ANGELO

SAN ANGELO, Feb. 8.—An unidentified man, about 30 years of age, who was found with a bullet wound in his head, in a pasture north of here yesterday, died in a hospital here today.

The name of "J. Lux" was found in the waist-band of his trousers.

Officers are divided between theories of murder and suicide.

The man was found in the Llano pasture, about 10 miles north of San Angelo Monday morning by Jim Hersey, whose home is about 150 yards from where the man was found.

A .32 calibre revolver with one shot fired from a chamber was found by the man's side. Tracks of an automobile led from the scene, where it appeared a struggle had taken place.

The wounded man was rushed to St. John's Sanitarium where he died today.

Officers are making efforts to identify the man.

COURT HOUSE EQUIPPED WITH FIRST SCREENS

For the first time since the present court house was built, the windows and doors are equipped to keep out flies and other insects.

The Commissioners Court recently ordered this improvement and the screens are now all in.

This is believed to be one of the few court houses in Texas equipped with screened windows and doors.

Ledger advertising pays.

RAIN DELAYS CONTEST GAME

Cold weather and rain caused the postponement of the bi-county championship basketball game between the Drasco Colliers, winners in Runnels county, and the San Angelo Bobcats, winners in Tom Green county, which was to have been played here Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock.

The game has been postponed until Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and will be played at the basketball court on the high school campus.

The Colliers and Bobcats will spend the extra time in preparing for the clash. Coach Watts of the Colliers, and Coach Pope of the Bobcats, each feels confident of a victory, and the game promises to be the hottest conflict of the season. Both teams are in excellent condition now, but with a few more days to work for the contest the teams are bound to get in better condition.

Officials for the game will come from Abilene and San Angelo.

CLUB WORKERS PLAN KITCHEN APRON CONTEST

The various home demonstration clubs of Runnels county are planning a kitchen apron contest to be held on Saturday, March 5th in the court house in Ballinger.

The following score-card will be used:

1. Suitability of article to purpose	20
Materials used	5
Trimming	5
Laundering possibilities	5
2. Design	15
Originality and interest	5
Beauty of lines and color	10
3. Workmanship	40
Symmetry	15
Choice, neatness of seams etc.	10
Perfection of stitches	15
4. Pressing	5
5. Posture and Carriage	5
6. Appearance on Woman	15
Total	100

The program for the afternoon will begin at 1:30, in the court house auditorium, as follows:

Song, "America," all
Lord's Prayer, all
Song, "The Eyes of Texas," all
Address, J. D. Motley, secretary of Chamber of Commerce
Song, "Old Kentucky Home," all

Presentation of prizes, R. E. White, county superintendent

Miss Brent, home demonstration agent of Coleman county, as chairman of the judging committee, with help of two local women, will begin judging promptly at 1:30 o'clock p. m. So all contestants must be sure to have aprons on display by that hour on that date.

TEACHERS EXAMINATIONS ARE BEING HELD HERE

Examinations for teachers' certificates are being held today and Saturday, six young people entering the examinations. These tests are being held at the court house with R. E. White, county superintendent, supervising.

Two young women were taking the examinations Friday and on Saturday four more will join the applicants.

These are the first teachers' examinations for the new year. The next tests will be held sometime in April.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Shaw and little son J. P. Jr., spent Saturday night with Mrs. Shaw's mother, Mrs. M. D. Freeman. They were en route to Kansas where Mr. Shaw is employed with a construction company. He has just returned from Iowa where he had been on a job for some time.

LYNN ELECTED ASST. CASHIER

Harry W. Lynn was elected assistant cashier of the First National Bank by the board of directors Tuesday. He immediately assumed his new duties.

Mr. Lynn has been with the bank for almost seventeen years, he having started work there in 1914, immediately after completing his high school course. He has remained with this institution continuously since he first started his banking career.

A general promotion was made on this election. Joe Forman takes the place at the window made vacant by Mr. Lynn's election; Bill Griffin takes Mr. Forman's place, and D. C. Middleton, Jr., takes Mr. Griffin's place.

LEAHY IS GIVEN DEATH SENTENCE

King is Elected to Head Runnels Fair Association

W. J. Smith, Wingate druggist, and E. E. King, of Ballinger, were elected as new directors of the Runnels County Fair Association Tuesday afternoon, and Mr. King was later named on the executive board and president for 1927, at a meeting held at the court house.

The stockholders' meeting was held with W. C. McCarver, retiring president, in the chair. J. D. Motley, secretary of the association, read his report to the stockholders, which was approved and adopted.

Fair dates for 1927 were set by the association as October 4th to 7th, inclusive.

Plans for the premium list and catalogue were made and it was announced that the committee expects to have the catalogue ready for distribution during the month of March, about five months earlier than usual.

Mr. McCarver named the following as the nominating committee: J. D. Motley, John W. Bigby and Scott Gain. Their report was adopted.

The new board of directors is as follows: W. J. Smith, Wingate; E. D. Walker, Ballinger; Dee Oliver, Ballinger; J. D. Good, Norton; Bert Fletcher, Maverick; Edgar Jayroe, Crews; John Semieek, Rowena; John Bigby, Bethel; E. A. Jeanes Jr., Ballinger; I. A. Curry, Miles; E. E. King, Ballinger; Will Hale, Talpa; T. J. McCaughan, Norton; August Vogelsang, Ballinger; D. B. Thornton, Winters; J. S. Neely, Winters; F. E. Clayton, Talpa; John Heck, Wilmett; R. G. Erwin, Ballinger; Bert E. Low, Winters; H. A. Mitchell, Drasco; W. R. Hunton, Miles; George Kemp, Ballinger; E. Shepperd, Ballinger; S. H. Guin, Hatchel; J. S. Reese, Benoit; C. W. Lehmburg, Ballinger; W. C. McCarver, Ballinger; J. D. Motley, Ballinger; and Jess Harris, Hatchel.

Mr. Smith takes the place made vacant by the death of George W. Miller, of Wingate, and Mr. King takes the place of Karl Word, of Rowena, who has moved from the county.

The executive board as named by the directors is as follows: J. D. Good, Norton; Bert E. Low, Winters; C. W. Lehmburg, Ballinger.

JURY EXPECTS ADJOURN TODAY

The February grand jury expects to complete its work this afternoon and adjourn for the February term. The body is attempting to finish its work this afternoon.

Several cases have been investigated but a few more witnesses were to be examined today.

A report will be given at the close of the present session.

Only one civil case was heard in the court Tuesday, that of the First National Bank of Merton vs. R. P. Bray. Judge J. O. Woodward, presiding, returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff.

Several other civil cases received default judgments. Other civil cases were expected to be heard Wednesday afternoon, among which are several divorce cases.

Criminal cases will not be called until next Monday morning.

"Maggie" Magee, formerly connected with the West Texas Utilities Company here, was a visitor to Ballinger Tuesday. Mr. Magee is now a travelling salesman, covering a large territory.

Grady Kinsolving, of Abilene, was in Ballinger Tuesday looking after business for the West Texas Utilities Company.

ger; E. Shepperd, Ballinger; W. C. McCarver, Ballinger; W. R. Hunton, Miles; R. G. Erwin, Ballinger; J. D. Motley and E. E. King.

The board elected officers as follows: E. E. King, president; J. D. Good, vice-president; E. Shepperd, vice-president; J. D. Motley, secretary; and R. G. Erwin, treasurer.

The officers will name the various committees, community chairmen, and department superintendents within the near future, it was announced.

Some discussion was held in regard to the exhibiting of grade and registered livestock in competition. This was discussed at length by several of the directors but no action was taken in the matter.

Mr. Motley told of his recent trip to the annual convention of Texas fair secretaries.

The grand jury, in session at the court house, adjourned long enough to come down and hear Mr. Motley's report. Many of the members of the jury are directors of the fair association.

E. Shepperd, a director, made clear the point about Runnels county business men who took additional stock in the association at the close of the 1926 fair.

The past fair netted a profit of about \$335.02 for the association. Receipts during the five-day celebration were low on account of rain each day, but the total gross was \$7,540.03 while disbursements were \$7,205.02. All premiums of the fair were paid as soon as the lists were compiled after the closing day.

Following is a financial report of the association at the close of the 1926 business:

Assets	
Grounds and building	
equipment	\$23,491.08
Uncollected stock	2,630.00
Accounts payable	94.00
Total	\$26,215.08
Liabilities	
Capital stock	\$15,000.00
Bills payable	5,600.00
Accounts payable	550.00
Profit	5,065.08
Total	\$26,215.08

OIL WORKER IS HURT IN FALL

G. P. Fry, aged about 34, was seriously bruised and scratched in a fall of about 15 feet at the Humble Pipe Line station, fourteen miles east of Ballinger, Tuesday afternoon as he was gauging oil in a fuel tank at the station.

The injured man was brought to the Halley & Love Sanitarium where he is receiving medical attention. His condition was reported to be some better Wednesday morning.

Mr. Fry, with another worker, was gauging the oil supply in two fuel tanks at the station and it was necessary for him to walk from one tank to another on a cross-beam. While doing this he became very dizzy and sat down to rest, but becoming further over-balanced, fell to the ground. His hips were severely bruised. He was brought to the city by two co-workers and placed in the hospital about 5:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Fry makes home with his mother at the pumping station.

WOMAN IS FINED FOR FIGHTING

A woman was fined \$12.70 in the justice court this morning for affray. The affair was staged in East End Monday afternoon.

GEORGETOWN, Feb. 9.—A verdict of death was returned here today against Harry J. Leahy, charged with the murder of Dr. J. A. Ramsey, aged Mathis physician.

The case went to the jury late yesterday after a week's trial.

There was no demonstration when the jury reported the verdict this morning.

Leahy appeared to be the coolest man in the court room.

WORKERS PLUG FOWLER WELL

Workmen are busy getting ready to plug the Red Bank No. 1 Fowler well, five miles south of Ballinger, after a heavy salt water flow was struck at about 3,800 feet. This hole was to be drilled 3,500 feet deep but at that depth drillers received notice to continue drilling until further orders were received here. When salt water was struck the hole was ordered plugged.

At the Zoch-McCamey No. 1 Bruce work has about been completed in plugging the hole. This contract was never carried out and it is understood that the leases will be of no value unless a 3,000-foot hole is drilled on this acreage.

In Concho county, south of the Russell wells, now the property of the Pure Oil Company, 18 miles east of here, the Arkansas Fuel & Oil Company's No. 1 Hartgrove has struck another heavy gas vein. This gas was found at about 1,150 feet, and is said to be equal to the first flow which was estimated at almost 2,000,000 cubic, and with the additional flow the total is now believed to be close to four million cubic feet.

It is understood that other test wells have been located in Runnels county but drilling has not yet been commenced on any of these wells.

Rigs are up on the Crews, Blanton and Ferguson tracts in this county but drilling has not been started. It is rumored that several other tests are to be located in the near future.

GREAT POSSIBILITIES CLAIMED FOR CHICKS

BRYAN, Tex., Feb. 3.—There are greater possibilities in Texas for the poultry business in 1927 than for any other phase of the agricultural industry, in the opinion of F. W. Kazmeier, of Bryan, who netted more than \$8,000 last year from his poultry farm near here.

During the past year Mr. Kazmeier sold eggs for as high as \$1.00 each, and received as high as \$4.50 for his baby chicks.

Mr. Kazmeier, who is a graduate of Cornell University, is the possessor of the highest official ten-hen pen in the United States.

Mrs. Minnie Brown is in Ballinger from Littlefield visiting and tending to business. She will return home this week, accompanied by her daughter, Ruby Burrell.

In a previous trial Leahy was given a 50-year sentence, but the trial court ordered a new trial at the defendant's request.

The court today denied a motion for a new trial and notice of appeal was then given.

Leahy was returned to jail here immediately after the reading of the verdict.

AUSTIN, Feb. 9.—The death sentence imposed on F. M. Snow, of Erath county, in connection with the murder of his step-son, Bernice Connally, in November, 1925, was affirmed today by the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Snow's wife and mother-in-law were also killed but Snow has not been tried for these crimes.

DALLAS, Feb. 9.—Five men now face execution at the state penitentiary in Huntsville.

They are: George Hassell, F. M. Snow, Harry Leahy, F. D. Barnes, and Bryant Satchel.

PAY FINES FOR DISTURBING THE PEACE

Two white men paid fines of \$16.70 each Thursday morning in the justice court for disturbing the peace in the colored section of the city Wednesday night. Negro residents who were awakened by the disturbers complained to the sheriff's office.

M. E. Sedberry, attorney of San Angelo, was in Ballinger Tuesday looking after legal matters.

GUARD FEASTS AT CITY CAFE

Thirty-six members of Company C, 142nd Infantry, Texas National Guard, were present at the banquet given for the organization Thursday evening at the City Cafe. Capt. W. C. McCarver, company commander, presided.

Three visitors were present, M. C. Atkins, president of the local Chamber of Commerce; Sheriff R. E. McWilliams, and Mayor S. B. Baby. Each made a short talk in regard to the Guard work in this city, and paid compliments to the young men in uniform.

Only three resident members without excuses were absent. Capt. McCarver said. These were fined \$5 each for non-attendance. Several out of town members, whose presence is not compulsory at the Thursday night drills, were present at this assembly.

The banquet was was fourth annual event of this kind for the local unit.

Over Twenty Years

of steady growth reflect the confidence which the people of this community have learned to place in this institution of recognized responsibility, and courteous service.

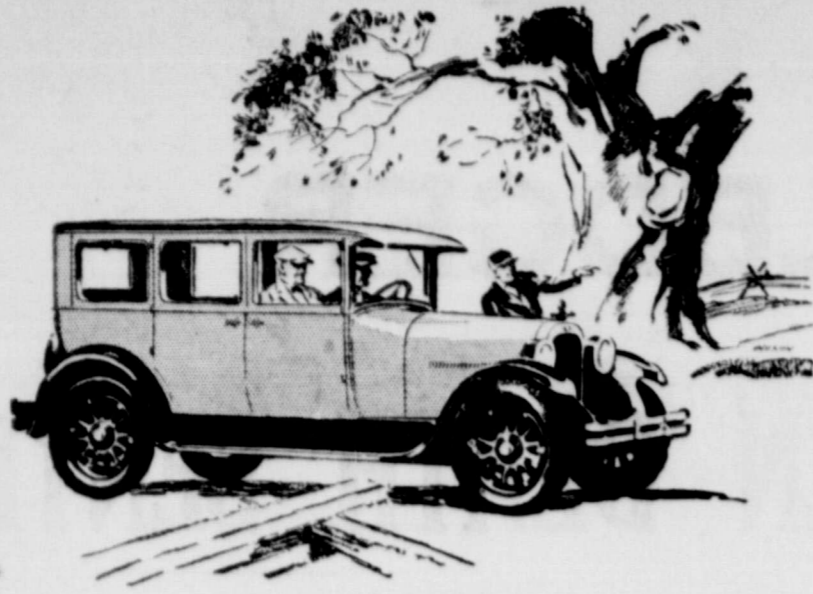
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That Dodge Brothers sales in 1926 showed an increase of 27.6% over 1925 is not the MAJOR fact to consider—striking as it is.

But that Dodge Brothers sold 259,967 cars in 1925, and then in 1926 sold 331,764—a gain of 71,797 sales in twelve months—tells a story of growth that stands out like a tower on the skyline of the industry.

Three hundred and thirty-one thousand buyers LAST year! Many more vital improvements added THIS year! No increase in price! Three powerful arguments for earnestly investigating this smart and sturdy product before deciding what to buy!

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1927 Budget for C. of C. Is Approved by Directors

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce met in regular session Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, and the 1927 budget reported by the budget committee, was adopted by the directorate. It calls for an expenditure of about \$6,970.

At this meeting Arthur P. Duggan, of Littlefield, president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, and Homer D. Wade, manager of the organization, were visitors. The officials had stopped here a few minutes while en route to Post from Brownwood, where they had been on business.

Discussion of the 1927 road program in which the chamber will work with the Runnels County Commissioners Court and the State Highway Department, was also heard. Also a discussion was heard of the membership drive to be started in the near future.

A part of the budget has already been subscribed, it was announced. Some \$5,874 has been signed for by citizens already members of the organization.

Too Much "Acid?"

Excess Uric Acid Gives Rise to Many Unpleasant Troubles.

AUTHORITIES agree that an excess of uric acid is primarily due to faulty kidney action. Retention of this toxic material often makes its presence felt by sore, painful joints, a tired, languid feeling and, sometimes, toxic backache and headache. That the kidneys are not functioning right is often shown by scanty or burning passage of secretions. Thousands assist their kidneys at such times by the use of Doan's Pills—a stimulant diuretic. Doan's are recommended by many local people. Ask your neighbor!

DOAN'S PILLS
60c
Stimulant Diuretic to the Kidneys
Foster-Milburn Co., Mfg. Chem., Buffalo, N. Y.

The budget includes amounts to be used in carrying out county agricultural work, the Retail Merchants Association's operations, road improvement program, rents, advertising, trade trips, miscellaneous expenses, the secretary's salary and the general running expenses of the organization.

Plans for a membership drive were discussed at this meeting. This campaign will be inaugurated within the near future and the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce hopes to have a larger membership this year than ever before.

This committee, with John A. Weeks as chairman, and O. R. O'Neill and Sam Behringer as members, will be assisted by other members of the board of directors in the drive.

A letter from F. G. Lippitt, of Fort Worth, secretary of the West Texas Coaches, to the chamber, was read by Mr. Motley. In this letter Mr. Lippitt explained that the bus line was offering several West Texas towns along its route, free use of one of their big coaches in trade trips. The coaches will be used to transport bands on the trade excursions.

The local chamber will accept the offer, and use the bus in its summer trade trips, it was decided.

Mr. Duggan in the course of his short talk before the board, spoke of the work of the West Texas chamber and especially of the tax equalization movement, in which the organization is taking an active interest. He also said the W. T. C. C. was still deeply interested in the diversification program for West Texas farmers and he believed it was succeeding wonderfully well in this section of the state.

Mr. Wade told of the work of the legislative committee at Austin and of the wonderful cooperation being received by this committee from the new legislature. He also referred to Runnels county roads and said Run-

nels county should have some better highways.

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.

TO THE PATRONS OF THE BALLINGER SCHOOLS

Since it seems that some exaggerated rumors are afloat in regard to certain defects appearing in the new high school building thereby causing questions to be asked as to any danger that might be to those using the building, the board makes the following statement:

There are unfortunately, some defects, but none of such a nature as to make the building in any-wise unsafe.

This opinion is based not only upon a close study of the situation by the members of the board but also upon the advice and opinion of some of the best expert structural engineering talent of the state.

We suggest therefore that no parent pay any attention to those rumors for as usual those who talk most know the least.

Structurally the main parts seem to be all right and we hope in due time to have all blemishes and defects fully corrected.

Respectfully,
C. A. DOOSE, President
E. C. BASKIN, Vice-Pres.
R. T. WILLIAMS, Sec.
W. E. MIDDLETON
LEE BUTLER
W. H. DOSS
TOM CAUDLE.

Banks Close Here Saturday
All Ballinger banks will be closed next Saturday it was announced. The occasion for this suspension is Abraham Lincoln's Birthday, February 12th.

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MORE GAS FOR CONCHO WELL

SAN ANGELO, Feb. 8.—A third flow of gas in the Arkansas Fuel & Oil Company's No. 1 Hartgrove, was struck at about 1,420 feet, according to word received here from the well. It is located north of Millersview on the Gus Hartgrove ranch. The exact amount of gas flow is not known here.

Other gas flows had been encountered in this hole at 1,135 feet and 1,160 feet.

Another test has been located in Concho county on the Hiram Price farm, eight miles northeast of Millersview. This location is in the southwest corner of section 7A block No. 71. Harry Adams and associates have obtained a 9,000-acre block there. Drilling will be started at once.

J. S. Cosden's No. 1A Connel, Ector county discovery producer, swabbed 75 barrels of oil after being shot twice and bridging.

The first shot was 160 quarts from 3,643 to 3,739 feet and the second was 90 quarts from 3,460 to 3,486 feet. The last shot caused the hole to bridge at 3,486 feet. Drilling out of the bridge is now underway and when this is completed, it is expected that the well will be put on the pump. This location is on section No. 13, block B16, public school land.

The Kimberlin No. 1, an extension of the Yeats field, is reported to be standing several feet in oil.

OUCH! BACKACHE! RUB LUMBAGO AWAY

When your back is sore and lame or lumbago, sciatica or rheumatism has you stiffened up, don't suffer! Get a 35 cent bottle of old, honest St. Jacobs Oil at any drug store, pour a little in your hand and rub it right on your aching back, and the soreness and lameness is gone.

In use for 65 years, this soothing, penetrating oil takes the pain right out, and ends the misery. It is absolutely harmless and doesn't burn the skin.



LEONARD PACE FACES FORGERY CHARGE HERE

Leonard Pace, of Cross Plains, already facing serious felony charges in this county and in Coleman county, now faces a forgery charge, filed here Monday morning in the justice court.

Pace's case will be investigated by the grand jury which was impanelled Monday afternoon.

Sheriff R. E. McWilliams and Deputy Sheriff John White went to Coleman Sunday and brought Pace to Ballinger.

DANGER AHEAD!

Stop that Cold!
Flu lurks at every turn
End a COLD in a Few Hours
—purify your system
PAPER'S COLD COMPOUND
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WIDE-AWAKE HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Wide-Awake Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Roy Neson. The election of officers was finished. They are as follows: Mrs. W. D. Frost, vice-president; Mrs. Jess Drake, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Roy Neson, councillor.

After the officers were elected Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, home agent, gave a general outline of the work for the year, and demonstrated the making of hot breads.

The club meets next with Mrs. C. J. Bennett on Thursday, February 17th.

Those present were: Mmes. A. R. Spann, C. J. Bennett, Roy E. Tyree, C. L. Howell, Mack Spann, M. H. Nelson, Jess Drake, W. L. Duke, Roy Nelson, A. W. Tyree, W. D. Frost, M. F. Tyree, W. K.

Ashenurst; also Mrs. J. A. Patterson and Mrs. W. V. Tubbs, visitors from the Laugh-a-Lott Club. Club Reporter.

A SPLENDID FEELING

That tired, half-sick, discouraged feeling caused by a torpid liver and constipated bowels can be gotten rid of with surprising promptness by using Herbine. You feel its beneficial effect with the first dose as its purifying and regulating effect is thorough and complete. It not only drives out bile and impurities but it imparts a splendid feeling of exhilaration, strength, vim, and buoyancy of spirits. Price 60c. Sold by

Weeks Drug Store

J. Lackey, a farmer living near Tuscola, made a net profit of \$337 on eggs, just as a sideline last year. He lost money on his cotton crop.

Bill Wright, of Howard Payne College, has returned to Brownwood after spending the week-end here with his brother, Coach Felton Wright.

IS THERE NO RELIEF FROM SKIN TORTURE?

Must I Continue to Suffer the Unbearable Itching?

Are you one of those unfortunates who are going through life suffering with a skin disease, making you uncomfortable, making you less efficient, interfering with your working hours, ruining your sleep? You may have tried many things without relief. Why not try S. S. S. For more than 100 years it has been giving relief in many forms of skin disease. Thousands of letters of gratitude prove its worth.

"I feel so happy for what S. S. S. has done for me that I want others to know about it. I suffered twenty long years from eczema. At times the itching

was unbearable. During that time, I used all kinds of salves without receiving any real benefit. After taking six bottles of S. S. S., I was cured of this dreadful disease. I recommend S. S. S. to anyone suffering from eczema, because I cannot praise it enough for what it has done for me." Cleophas Forte, Soldiers and Sailors Home, Quincy, Ill.

S. S. S. is purely vegetable. It is extracted from the fresh roots of medicinal plants and herbs and gives to Nature what she needs in building you up so that your system throws off the cause. S. S. S. is sold at all good drug stores in two sizes. The larger size is more economical.

Notice

We have the Currie Mercantile Co. Cream Station now and can handle your cream any time you will bring it in.

Come and give us a trial for your Grocery Order.

Bring Us Your Eggs and Cream.

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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 6½% 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.

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Look, Mother! See if tongue is coated, breath hot or stomach sour

"California Fig Syrup" can't harm tender stomach, liver, bowels



Every mother realizes, after giving her children "California Fig Syrup," that this is their ideal laxative, because they love its pleasant taste and it thoroughly cleanses the tender little stomach, liver and bowels without griping.

When cross, irritable, feverish, or breath is bad, stomach sour, look at the tongue, mother! If coated, give a teaspoonful of this harmless, "fruity laxative," and in a few hours all the food, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again.

When the little system is full of cold, throat sore, has stomach-ache, diarrhea, indigestion, colic—remember, a good "inside cleansing" should always be the first treatment given.

Millions of mothers keep "California Fig Syrup" handy; they know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Fig Syrup," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here, so don't be fooled. Get the genuine, sold by "California Fig Syrup Company."

WM. DICKSON HONORED AT SOUTHWESTERN U.

Wm. ("Bill") Dickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Drew Dickson, of this city, has recently been honored by the student body of Southwestern University, Georgetown. Young Dickson has been elected as general business manager of "The Megaphone," the students' official weekly publication.

Bill is a Sophomore at Southwestern. He moved to Ballinger with his family from Moody in 1925.

The Ballinger boy was also named as representative of the university at the annual collegiate debate to be held at Fayetteville, Ark., some time during the month of March.

PREVENTS INFECTION

The greatest discovery in flesh healing is the marvelous Borazon, 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

DR. HARDY OF BAYLOR TALKS TO STUDENTS

Dr. J. C. Hardy, president of Baylor College, Belton, spoke Monday morning to the students of the Senior high school at the regular semi-weekly chapel hour.

Dr. Hardy's talk was rather brief but was instructive and interesting.

Members of the manual training department also gave a short program at the Monday morning exercises.

Judge J. O. Woodward, of Coleman, came in Monday morning to open district court here.

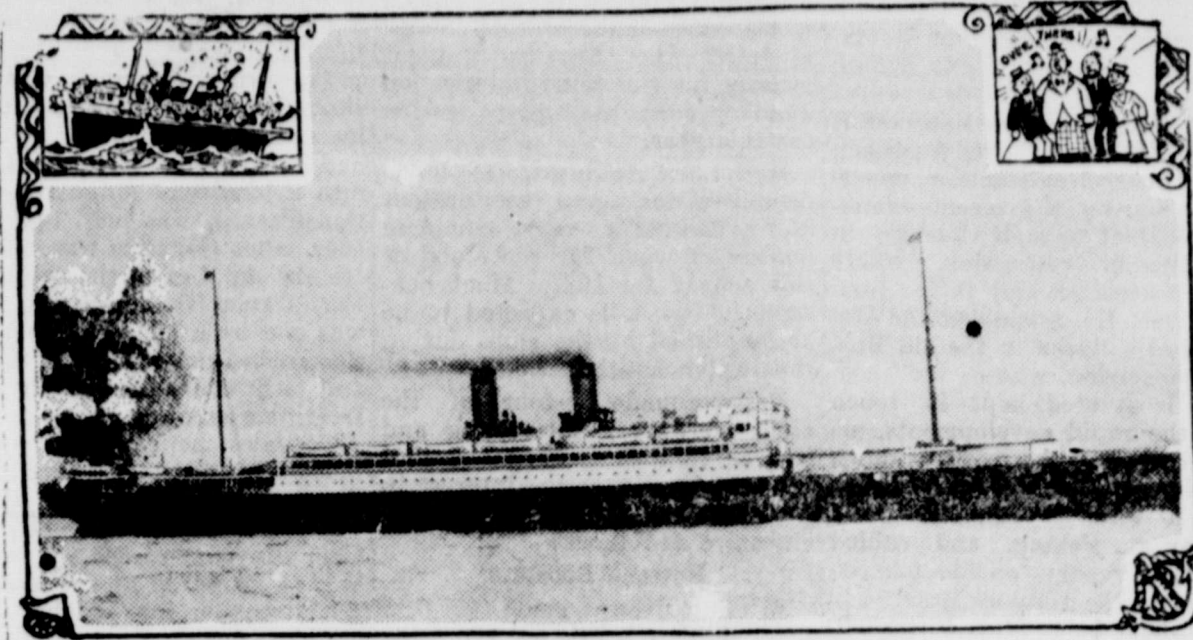
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Local Legionnaires to Sail for France in September On Pick of Ocean Liners



AUSTIN, Feb. 8.—American Legionnaires from Texas who shove-off for Paris next September will go overseas on one of the best ocean liners plying the trans-Atlantic, Allen C. Ater, of Dallas, announced at department headquarters today. The luxurious comfort and service provided in the "Second A. E. F." of the Legion will be in marked contrast to the cheerless experiences of that other voyage "over there" nearly ten years ago.

Legionnaires from this state, Paris convention bound, will sail on the S. S. Chicago of the French Line, from Galveston on September 7th and land at Boulogne, under the travel arrangements made by John J. Wicker, Jr., national travel director of the France convention committee of the Legion. The S. S. Chicago has

an indefinable French atmosphere keeping alive the feeling of vacation time from the moment you step aboard until you dock at the covered pier at Havre.

The S. S. Chicago gives an impression of stability and safety with its length of 520 feet and gross tonnage of 11,127. The staterooms can be arranged for parties of two, three and four. They are tastefully decorated, carefully appointed and allow for ample wardrobe space. The main dining room is forward on the upper deck. Its soft lights and gleaming nary accentuate the perfection of cuisine and service for which the French Line is noted. The excellent food on the second trip will be in contrast to the plain fare of war days at sea.

The smoking room and ladies' drawing room are on the forward

promenade deck. The main saloon is a lure for those who enjoy dances and parties. Broad decks allow ample space for sports and a taste of the brisk salt breeze. There will probably be several bands aboard and the trip will be one in keeping with the fine times enjoyed at the national conventions. The round trip steamship fare will range from \$145.80 to \$280. Unusually low travel rates in the United States and abroad have been arranged for the Legionnaires.

A two-color "On to Paris" steamship folder giving a view of the S. S. Chicago with official plans, rates and information, is now ready for distribution. The folder will be sent upon request by the France Convention Committee, National Headquarters, American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana.

WEDDING BELLS

A. L. Neely and Miss Onida Parrish, and R. O. Marsh and Miss Effie Walker were married Saturday evening at the parsonage of the First Christian church, with Rev. Leslie G. Smyth officiating.

The young men are members of Smyth's Young Men, probably the largest Sunday school class in the county, and they went to their teacher to have the double ceremony performed. Mr. Neely is with the Radford Grocery Co., while Mr. Marsh is in the fuel business here, both prominent in business circles.

The young women are both Ballinger girls and have been making their homes here for some time, where they have a host of friends.

The two young couples motored to Abilene after the ceremony. They will continue to make their homes here.

Sykes-Johnson

Homer Sykes and Miss Minnie Johnson were quietly married at the home of Miss Johnson's sister, Mrs. C. W. Cheatham, on Thursday at 6:30 p. m. The wedding was to have taken place on Saturday, so it came as quite a surprise to the many friends of the young couple.

The impressive words of the ceremony were spoken by the Rev. R. B. Hooper, in the presence of Dr. and Mrs. Cheatham and Mr. Sykes' closest friend, Carl Carr.

The bride was never more attractive than on this occasion. She wore a beautiful dress of rose beige georgette crepe trimmed with rhinestone buttons and inserts of lace.

Mrs. Sykes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson, of Lohn, Texas. She is a graduate of the Brady high school. She has made her home in Ballinger for the past eighteen months, where she has been assistant in the dental offices of Dr. Cheatham.

Mr. Sykes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sykes of Goldthwaite, and for the past two years has been pharmacist in the Weeks Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Sykes will continue to make their home in Ballinger.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

Miss Naomi McWilliams is here from Simmons University at Abilene to visit her father, Feb. McWilliams, and other relatives.

STILL A LEADER OF 1926 COTTON

Jones county with 82,160 bales continues to lead all other West Texas counties in cotton production in 1926, according to figures released on the Texas crop, ginned prior to January 16, by the Department of Commerce.

Runnels county, with 62,034 bales, is section in West Texas, and 13th in the state. Jones county is 6th in the state.

The whole of Texas had ginned prior to January 16th, 5,171,799 bales of the 1926 crop, as compared with 3,999,769 bales for the same period of the previous year.

Ellis leads in the state with 120,969 bales. Nueces is second with 102,762 bales.

Practically all of the 1926 cotton crop has been accounted for in this county, while there are probably counties on the West Texas plains area that yet have a few more bales to gin before the season is closed.

Following is a list of the first

sixteen counties in cotton production in Texas, showing 1926 and 1925 ginnings:

	1926	1925
Ellis	120,969	78,986
Nueces	102,762	36,907
Williamson	101,793	16,439
Hidalgo	89,815	56,174
McLennan	88,280	34,367
Jones	82,160	70,346
Navarro	75,643	75,012
Kaufman	71,789	70,699
Hill	69,668	57,754
Falls	66,808	22,295
Collin	65,663	91,339
Milam	63,291	11,319
Runnels	62,034	70,651
San Patricio	61,588	11,943
Bell	60,750	14,887
Lubbock	59,814	29,780

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.

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C. R. STONE BUYS THE FAIR; DEAL MADE FRIDAY

Claude R. Stone, for many years in business here and recently connected with the Stone-Sykes Overland Company, has purchased The Fair from A. C. Brennan & Company. The deal was closed Friday.

Invoicing will start Monday under the new management. The store will be closed Monday but will be open for business after the first day.

Mr. Stone has been in business here in various line for a number of years, being connected with dry goods, gents' furnishing, automobile agency and commer-

cial advertising businesses, and is now entering a new line. He is one of the most progressive business men of the city and says he will try to give the very best of service in the variety business.

Mr. Brennan and associates purchased The Fair last year from Mrs. W. L. McAuley.

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Miss Frances Trail, attending Simmons University at Abilene, is at home to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Trail.

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The ground hog has had his say, but it means nothing to the man whose coal pile is running low.

The old saying "it takes a thief to catch a thief," seems to be playing a conspicuous part in the bribery scandal in the Texas legislature.

Fifty per cent of the cases submitted to the grand jury for investigation have to do with liquor law violations. Cut out this class of crime and Runnels county's court costs would be greatly reduced.

If scientists would devote their time in trying to shape the destiny of man instead of wasting time quibbling over the origin of man, the human race would get more for their money, scientifically speaking.

Mr. Citizen, if you know of law breaking, and if you can furnish the grand jury now in session with information, it is your duty to do so. Officers can not enforce the law without the help of law abiding citizens.

Pennsylvania maintains one of the best systems of highways in the United States, and it is estimated that auto owners book a saving of \$30,000,000 per year on gas and repair bills. The saving more than doubles the value of highway upkeep.

The appointment of W. R. Ely, of Abilene, as member of the State Highway Commission meets with the hearty approval of Runnels county people. Judge Ely is our neighbor and is fully acquainted with our bad roads.

The sport writers have managed to keep the "hot stove" league going through the winter, and if publicity counts for anything the major baseball leagues should have a record breaking season's run.

Sheriff Carl Smith, of Fort Worth, is a walking bid for hi-jackers. He wears a badge set with diamonds, the center stone alone being valued at \$2,000. The badge is said to have set the sheriff's friends back \$4,200.

No funerals will be held on Sunday in the future in Fort Worth, according to an agreement of the undertakers. Extra work on ministers, singers, and those who help to bury the dead is the cause for placing a ban on Sunday funerals.

Gov. Moody posted a \$250 reward for the hi-jacker who killed a Coleman man and \$500 reward for the bandits who held up and murdered a man at Fort Worth. The new governor seems to be devoting his time to issuing reward proclamations instead of pardon proclamations.

According to the latest estimate the population of Texas is 5,297,000, a gain of nearly a million over the 1920 census count. Only four states, New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Ohio now lead Texas, but Texas could furnish homes for the population of the four states named and do so without disturbing the big ranches of West Texas.

According to the records in the tax collector's office on February 1st, this county either has 200 autos less than last year, or there are 200 auto owners in the county who for some reason have failed to pay their auto tax. However, and notwithstanding the low price of cotton auto owners will show an increase before the year 1927 closes.

Statistics published by the U. S. Department of Agriculture carry the information that a very profitable industry is going to waste in Runnels county. The report shows that rabbit fur is more extensively used by the fur trade than any other kind of furs. More than 100,000,000 rabbit skins are used annually by the fur industry. Rabbit twisters in this country should help to supply the demand.

Texan Handles Routine as Riots Threaten in China

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, February 8.—



P. LOCKHART

Consider the American consular official in China who, surrounded by rioting Chinese as he is trying to arrange for safety of American women and children, is called upon for a quick report on the stock, for instance, of toothpicks on hand.

In this same situation the consular officer also is trying to avoid calling in nearby American bluejackets itching to get into the fuss; trying to remember that the noise and uproar of the anti-foreign mobs might turn to violence and bloodshed if the jackets were summoned. It probably is disturbing, under such circumstances,

The South Texas peonage charges which resulted in the conviction of three officers and two farmers in the federal court at Corpus Christi, should be a warning to others who in recent years have resorted to questionable tactics in handling the labor question, especially during the cotton picking season. Farmers who advance money to get farm hands do so at a big risk.

The Winters Band has been reorganized with 30 members and under the direction of Prof. E. M. Shepperd, recently of Belton. The band is being made ready to enter the state music contest in May. Music is a valuable adjunct to a community, and the Winters people are to be congratulated for the liberal support given her music makers.

The court authorities have promised a speedy trial for the two hi-jackers who shot down a man in cold blood in broad daylight on a Fort Worth street, and fled with a wallet of cash the man was carrying to the bank, but the defendants' attorneys will have their say in court. By some hook or crook and through technicalities the chances are that the hand of justice will be held up, and in the end the hi-jackers may possibly get off with a prison term and later be pardoned for good behavior. If crime in Texas is halted it will be done by the wielding of the iron hand and operation of the electric chair, and in no other way.

Better test your mental machinery and see how it is working. Statistics given out through reliable sources show that the number of insane confined in public institutions is increasing at an alarming rate. Modern life is said to be the cause, and while medical science is doing much to lengthen the average life of man, we are losing it mentally. The nervous strain under which we are living is sending a greater number of people to the asylums. The modern life is producing children with defective nervous systems, and a defective nervous system is the breeder of misery and the chief contributor to mental disease and insanity.

SAYS RED PEPPER HEAT STOPS PAINS IN A FEW MINUTES

When you are suffering with rheumatism so you can hardly get around just try Red Pepper Rub and you will have the quickest relief known. Nothing has such concentrated, penetrating heat as red peppers. Instant relief. Just as soon as you apply Red Pepper Rub you feel the tingling heat. In three minutes it warms the sore spot through and through. Frees the blood circulation, breaks up the congestion—and the old rheumatism torture is gone.

Rowles Red Pepper Rub, made from red peppers, costs little at any drug store. Get a jar at once. Use it for lumbago, backache, neuritis, stiff neck, sore muscles, colds in chest. Almost instant relief awaits you. Be sure to get the genuine, with the name Rowles on each package.

C. R. Robertson, secretary of the Winters Chamber of Commerce, was in Ballinger Monday afternoon looking after business.

to receive a request from the Department of Commerce for an immediate report on the available supply of tobacco, or toothpicks, or ships or tacks or sealing wax.

Yet that is substantially what Frank Fruit Lockhart, American consul general at Hankow, experienced during the recent excitement incident to mob violence in the British concession, where most Americans and their families live. He assembled the women and children in the old Russian concession, where the consulate is situated, kept in touch with the rapid developments, arranged to send the refugees down the river, reported by wire three times a day to Minister MacMurray at Peking, and cabled statistical reports on the tobacco market in the Hankow area.

Lockhart hales from Pittsburg, Texas, and he manages to keep up with his many duties despite the loss of one arm when a young chap.

Society

Mrs. McGregor Entertains for Bride and Visiting Guest

Mrs. Will Gross, of Mineral Wells, and Miss Anna Jean Sharp, bride-elect, were the inspiration for a delightful party on Wednesday afternoon of last week when Mrs. Alex McGregor entertained in their honor with a buffet luncheon.

Blue and orchid were the dominant colors in the decorations, and azalea blossoms in an orchid bowl with slender delft blue candles in orchid holders tied with orchid maline on either side adorned the tea table laid in Dresden linen. The beautiful silver tea and coffee services were presided over by Mrs. Gross and Miss Sharp. Others assisting Mrs. McGregor in the dining room were Meses. R. L. Harwell, Malcolm McGregor, Leslie Baker, Clint Penn, Misses Katharine Penn and Winnie Trail.

Pleasant conversation and reminiscences gave happy diversion. During the course of the afternoon Mrs. McGregor presented her honor guests with lovely lingerie using clever verses composed by Mr. Jack McGregor. To Miss Sharp she quoted:

To The Ballinger Nightingale
I've listened to the sweetest strains of violin and harp,
But these were but as discord, harsh and rough,
When compared to tones of melody from Prima Donna Sharp.
As she starts out to really "strut her stuff."

I've read in many a story, and I've heard in poet's song,
That the "Maiden's Prayer" is always love me little, love me long;
But Anna Jean says "apple-sauce," (the up-to-date retort)
My prayer is now, and always was, love me lots, and love me "short".
And so I hope her dream comes true, with a sweetheart to adore,
One who loves her "short," or "long," while she loves Mohr, and Mohr,
And I trust this little keepsake, with its color always bright,
May chance to be a friend in need, the always "out of sight."

And to Mrs. Gross the appropriate verse follows:
That there's "Many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip,"
Is a saying, old and true;
But the Slip that I slip to our friend Nell Kipp—
Is a slip that is all "true blue."
Tis a Slip that I trust will never slip,
But will stay where it's put, with care;
For it should slip—or even rip,
Her only help would be prayer.
I hope she will find it just half as strong,
As the tie that binds us together,
For we'll be good friends; till the journey ends,
Thro' fair, and thro' stormy weather.

The friends of Mrs. Gross and Miss Sharp invited were: Meses. C. B. Penn, Joe Simmons, James Wear, R. W. Earnshaw, F. M. Pearce, Q. V. Miller, D. Reeder, J. Y. Pearce, Asa Cordill, James Brewer, Troy Simpson, Malcolm McGregor, Estes Lynn, Jack McGregor, E. A. Saunders, J. R. Lusk, Misses Mildred Herring, Rama Guin, Sue Sharp, Louise Orgain, Nell Alexander, Katharine Penn and Winnie Trail.

C. P. Scott, Santa Fe auditor, is here looking after business and visiting with J. J. Beck, local agent.

Be wise and advertise

COUNTY CLUBS MAKE REPORTS

Quite a number of the women of the rural clubs of this county attended the County Council meeting at the court house on January 29th, the first session for this year.

Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, home demonstration agent, was present and presented a very complete outline of work for the clubs of this county for 1927. Much constructive work is expected to be accomplished by the clubs during the twelve-month period.

Reports made by four of the clubs were very interesting and showed that these organizations were taking an active interest in the program. Reports by the clubs are as follows:

- Rowena Boosters**
73 adult dresses made
25 children's dresses and suits
41 made-over garments
2 shirts
10 aprons
40 undergarments
26 household linens
12 pairs curtains
1 baby layette
2 dozen diapers
4 comforts and quilts
6 new pillows
1 feather-bed recovered
10 times for quick breads
3 times for Sunshine cake
14 quarts preserves
4 rooms painted
5 chairs remodeled
125 dozen eggs set in incubator
3 hens sitting
105 dozen eggs sold
12 gallons cream sold
14 gallons milk sold
90 1-2 pounds butter made
12 hogs killed
107 quart cans beef
3 shade trees set out
7 rosebushes set out
1600 onion sets put out
2 gardens planted

- Laff-a-Lot Club (Hagan)**
Chickens on yard, 1470
Cows on hand, 45
Chickens sold, 118, \$64.60
Eggs sold 484 1-2 dozen, \$137.40
Eggs set, 3816
Chicks hatched, 11
Cream sold, \$25.79
Milk sold, 67 gallons, \$13.40
Butter sold, 604 pounds, \$283.10
Meat cured, 3,561 pounds, \$712.20

- Lard made, 194 gallons, \$156.00
Soap made, 56 pounds, \$3.75
Total income, \$1,396.24
Children's garments, 18
Adult garments, 11
Undergarments, 11
Quilts pieced, 4
Household articles, 31
Draperies for 6 rooms
Refinished 2 chairs
Hats made, 1
Walls refinished, 6
Egg crates made, 1
Separators bought, 1

- Peppy Workers, (Wingate)**
20 garden demonstrators
20 poultry demonstrators
23 dairy demonstrators
Eggs sold, \$75.38
1 incubator
4 poultry demonstrations using feeding and drinking devices
20 demonstrations of spraying for insects
1 hen set
434 gallons milk consumed at home

- 11 gallons milk
Cream sold, \$3.25
64 pounds butter made
Butter sold, \$3.25
4 quarts preserves made
1,050 pounds meat cured
290 pound soap made
9 adult dresses made
2 children's dresses
9 undergarments
6 garments renovated
44 household linen articles
3 yards beautified
1 cistern and gutters
1 Burpee sealer
1 folding ironing board

- South Ballinger Club**
Eggs sold, \$36.47
Butter sold, \$34.50
Chickens sold, \$5.00
Milk consumed, 266 gallons
Milk and cream sold, \$6.30
Meat canned, No. 3's, 33 cans; No. 2's, 45 cans
Household linen articles, 8
Children's suits, 13
Soap made, 50 pounds
Vinegar made, 5 gallons.

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

Brooks Dozier, of Brownwood, came up Tuesday on the moon Santa Fe to be with his mother, Mrs. R. F. Dozier, who is in the Halley & Love Sanitarium.

Ledger want ads pay.

CENTURY-OLD HOME IS LANDMARK IN SANTONE

SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 5.—The remains of an unfinished stone house, that was begun here more than half a century ago are still to be seen, just as the owner left it when he laid down his tools to fight Indians.

The owner, Anastacio Gonzales, started to build the house, beside his own adobe house in 1872 and had visions of moving his family into a handsome stone residence. Construction was held up, however, when Gonzales was called to freight supplies to the soldiers at Fort Davis. His caravan of mules was met by a band of about 200 Comanches near Howdry Springs and only one of the party of 25 freighters escaped.

Gonzales' nephew, Simon de la Pena, who recently retired from the quartermaster corps of the U. S. army at the age of 65 years after 21 years of service, was a boy 11 years old at the time and was living in the adobe house with his uncle. Both houses still belong to the Gonzales family, but the stone house has never been completed.

Attorney Thornton, of Winters, was in Ballinger Monday attending district court opening.

Attorney Upton, of San Angelo, was in Ballinger Tuesday looking after legal business.

Mrs. B. H. McLain and son, of Sweetwater, are visiting Mrs. McLain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Voelkel.

WILL DELIVER SENIOR SERMON

Dr. E. M. Waits, president of Texas Christian University, at Ft. Worth, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the Senior class of the Ballinger high school on Sunday, May 15, H. C. Lyon, superintendent of the city schools, announced Tuesday.

Dr. Waits is a very forceful speaker and he is expected to attract quite a large crowd for this service. As far as known here, this will be the first time Dr. Waits has ever spoken in Ballinger on a similar occasion.

The speaker for the commencement exercises has not yet been selected, Supt. Lyon said.

MILLERSVIEW LOSES TO BRONTE QUINTET

The Millersview basketball team, champions of Concho county, lost to the Bronte five, champions of Coke county, 21 to 17, here Saturday afternoon.

The Bronte team gained the lead in the first few minutes of play and retained a good margin until the close of the game. The score at the end of the first half was 15 to 5 in Bronte's favor. In the last half Millersview scored 12 points while the Bronte team scored 6 points.

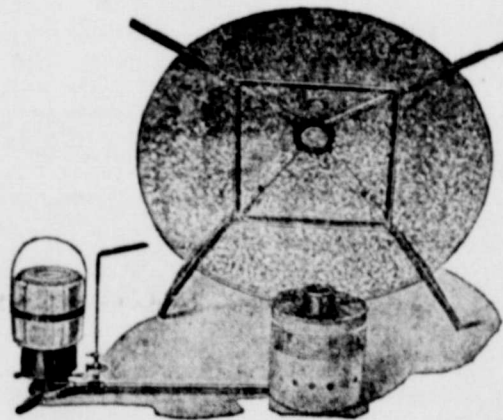
Bronte goes to San Angelo next week to meet the Tom Green capital's team in the district tournament.

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 gripping—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.

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350 Egg Capacity for	-----	\$48.00
480 Egg Capacity for	-----	\$66.00

Brooder Prices:

300 Chick Capacity for	-----	\$17.50
500 Chick Capacity for	-----	\$21.00



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HERRING TOPICS

The rain was fine and appreciated by most everybody. It has put a fine season in the ground and being followed by such warm weather has started vegetation to growing.

The girls basketball game between Herring and Crews at Herring Friday afternoon was well played and closely contested. Miss Ella Jameson, of Talpa, called the game satisfactorily to both teams. The spirit of real sportsmanship was shown by both teams as well as by the crowd on the side lines.

Tom Brandon gave the Herring ball team a party Friday night. The party was well attended and all report a very pleasant evening spent playing games and listening to the radio.

The B. Y. P. U. of Hopewell church gave the young people a social at Mrs. S. H. Miller's Thursday night. Many pleasant games were played and hot chocolate and cake were served.

James Avent, of this place, has returned home after a prolonged visit to Wichita Falls.

Clifford Powe has returned home to help manage the farm. He has been at work at DeLeon.

Andrew Feeler, who has been at work at DeLeon, is visiting the family of his father, E. E. Feeler, of this place.

Rev. B. B. Edmiston and wife, of Talpa, spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Grounds.

The Parent-Teachers Association will hold their regular meeting at the school house next Thursday night. Everyone is cordially invited to be present.

Star Parasite Remover

Begin now to give it in water or feed. Rid your hens of intestinal worms, disease parasites, blood sucking lice, mites, fleas, blue bugs, before hatching time and you will get more eggs, better hatches and strong chicks or money back. Jeanes Co. 21 mo.

CREWS NEWS

We are glad to say at this writing that the sick people here are improving. There has been quite a bit of sickness in this community the past two months.

The rain which fell recently will stop farming for several days.

Miss Reba Jayroe spent the week-end with Miss Mildred Madison, of the Star community.

Even though we had a big rain Saturday evening we had church and Sunday school Sunday.

Our girls basketball team went to Herring Friday and played a game with the Herring girls. The score was 27 to 31 in Herring's favor. It was a very interesting game. Our girls will play the Winters girls on the Crews court Friday.

Pascal Dietz started to Ballinger last Wednesday. When he was about a mile and a half from Ballinger, on the Crews road, he fell asleep and ran off in the ditch and turned his truck over. No one was hurt. The truck was damaged some.

Doyle Jayroe was soldering a gas can last week when the gas flamed up and burned his face, though not very badly.

Miss Florence Gray spent Saturday at Goldthwaite and Sunday at Daniel Baker College in Brownwood, returning home Sunday evening.

Miss Estella Gilmore spent the week-end at Simmons University in Abilene.

Henry Yancey and George Jordan, of Long Beach, Calif., are here visiting Mr. Yancey's parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Yancey.

GIRLS' 4H CLUBS

Rowena has an enthusiastic group of eighteen girls. They are doing such good work and it is their aim to get the best out of club work.

On Friday, February 4th, Crews was organized with an enrollment of twenty-two jolly girls. These girls. Now the other clubs will have to do some work if they keep ahead of this 4H club at Crews.

On Monday, February 7th, another club was organized. The Drasco 4H club has an enrollment of twenty-two jolly girls. These girls are going to show the other clubs what real 4H club work is like.

Harmony and Wingate will both have 4H organizations just as soon as the roads get a little better. Barnett will also have an organization if time permits.

All girls completing the requisite amount of work will receive a certificate for the year's work. These certificates will be given on Achievement Day, which will be some time in November.

Watch for a report of each of these organizations from their reporters.

Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, Home Dem'n. Agent.

SAGE TEA BEAUTIFIES AND DARKENS HAIR

Don't Stay Gray! It Darkens so Naturally That Nobody Can Tell

You can turn gray, faded hair beautifully dark and lustrous almost over night if you'll get a bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound" at any drug store. Millions of bottles of this old famous Sage Tea Recipe, improved by the addition of other ingredients, are sold annually, says a well-known druggist here, because it darkens the hair so naturally and evenly that no one can tell it has been applied.

Those whose hair is turning gray or becoming faded have a surprise awaiting them, because after one or two applications the gray hair vanishes and your locks become luxuriantly dark and beautiful.

This is the age of youth. Gray-haired, unattractive folks aren't wanted around, so get busy with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound tonight and you'll be delighted with your dark, handsome hair and your youthful appearance within a few days.

RECIPES GIVEN FOR NOVEL VALENTINE SANDWICHES

The following article was prepared by the County Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth and is very appropriate at this season:

Valentine comes but once a year. It is a time of love and happiness and surprises. This year Valentine's Day comes on Monday. Mothers, let us surprise our children with a valentine in their lunch.

In baking your bread this week do not forget to put 1 to 2 teaspoonsful of red food color in the sponge for one loaf of bread. Slice your bread very thin and cut heart-shaped with cake cutter. Put pink slice and white slice together with any good sandwich filling. Some of the following make good fillings:

1. Hard-cooked egg, mashed and seasoned (with or without lettuce and dressing).
2. Cold minced chicken, with celery, lettuce and dressing.
3. Cottage cheese and chopped parched peanuts with dressing.
4. Crisp bacon, cut fine, with lettuce and dressing.
5. Tuna fish, tomato, lettuce and dressing.
6. Creamed cheese and clives with dressing.
7. Sliced tongue, pimiento, lettuce and dressing.
8. Raisins, bananas with dressing.

WILL SPUD WELL ON SIMS LAND VERY SOON

The Johnson-Noble No. 1 Sims, J. J. McHenry survey No. 12, will be spudded as soon as the rig is built and rigged for drilling, it was learned today.

The contract for this hole was closed December 23, 1926 and the contractors have until March 23 to spud, but they expect to have the rig erected some time this month and drilling will be commenced soon after.

This location is about ten miles south of Ballinger.

Be wise and advertise.

RUM RUNNING SCANDAL LOOMS FOR PROMINENTS

GRAND JURY STILL WORKS

The grand jury continued its work Tuesday in investigating alleged crime called to its attention by the county officers. Just when a report will be returned is not known but bailiffs are still busy summoning witnesses and testimony is being taken in several cases.

The grand jury commenced deliberations Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

District Attorney Walter U. Early and other officers of the court are assisting in the investigations.

District Judge J. O. Woodward was hearing non-jury civil cases Tuesday. The only jury civil suit was disposed of in the court on Monday afternoon and the remainder of this week's court business will be of non-jury civil action.

Criminal week begins next Monday morning. Several cases have been set for next week and it is expected that a greater part of next week will be spent in trying several of these cases.

A number of out-of-town attorneys are here attending court this week.

Court Stenographer Chilton, of Coleman, came up Monday to attend court here.

Judge C. O. Harris, of San Angelo, was in Ballinger Monday attending to legal business.

Dr. J. C. Hardy, president of Baylor College, at Belton, was in Ballinger Monday looking after business and visiting friends.

LAREDO, Feb. 5. — Liquor valued at \$20,000 hidden in a box car under heads of cabbage, was seized by federal prohibition officers in the railroad yards here today.

E. M. Stevens, of Fort Worth, was arrested and released on bond of \$2,000 on a charge of transporting intoxicants.

The liquor is believed to have been smuggled across the Rio Grande last night.

Papers in Stevens' possession are said to have contained the names of persons prominent in Fort Worth financial and social circles.

SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 5.—One rum runner was killed, another arrested, and three escaped in a battle with customs inspectors in Jim Hogg county today, according to Edward Cotulla, collector of customs here.

Six horses and 1,200 quarts of whiskey were taken.

THIRD QUOTA STATE AID RECEIVED BY SCHOOLS

The third apportionment of state aid for Runnels county schools was received here Tuesday, according to R. E. White, county superintendent. The total was \$6,170, equal to \$2 per capita.

The first apportionment was \$1 per capita, the second \$1.50 per capita, and with the third, gives so far \$4.50 per capita already received for Runnels county schools.

The 1926-27 apportionment is \$15 for each scholastic, and Runnels county schools still have \$10.50 per capita coming to them.

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Kenny Voelkel, of McCamey, spent Thursday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Voelkel, while looking after business in this section. He returned to McCamey Friday.

Roy Boyer and Raymond McMillan have returned from McCamey. Raymond is at the home of his brother, George McMillan.

Mrs. Jack Cook and baby, of Amarillo, came in Friday. We are sorry to report that Mrs. Cook is not improving.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Brown and daughter, Mrs. Jack Cook, and baby went to Christoval Tuesday, where Mrs. Cook will take treatment for rheumatism. Mr. Brown returned home Tuesday afternoon.

Roy Boyer is visiting his uncle, Henry May, at Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Watson moved in their new home Tuesday.

day. Miss Jewel Smith has returned home from Abilene.

Caswell Tuckey, of near Crews, has been staying a few days with his sister, Mrs. George McMillan. Caswell's friends will be sorry to know that he had the misfortune to lose one of his eyes.

J. B. Taylor left Tuesday for Midland to find work.

We are glad to report that Mrs. A. J. Voelkel is able to be about.

Stafford Humble is among those who have the mumps. "BLUE BONNET."

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
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Get today's news today—read The Daily Ledger

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Friday and Saturday, February 11th-12th

Hoot Gibson

in "The Man in the Saddle"

In this picture Hoot goes through side-splitting adventures and thrilling experiences on a "dude ranch." But he's the same old Hoot—riding, fighting, loving and laughing his way straight to your heart. It's Hoot's greatest picture!

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And so, Farmer Friend, we invite your frequent calls, either for banking business, for consultation or just for a visit.

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QUEEN THEATRE

Friday and Saturday, February 11th-12th

JACK HOXIE

"Wild Horse Stampede"

Let 'er rip, boys! Jack is off again on one of his raring, tearing, rip-snorting rides, hell-bent-for-election. Never before has Jack given you a more daring, exciting picture!

Also Chapter 3 of "The Silent Flyer" And a Two-Reel Comedy



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

Mother! It's Cruel to "Physic" Your Child

To Dr. W. B. Caldwell, of Monticello, Ill., a practicing physician for 47 years, it seemed cruel that so many constipated infants and children had to be kept constantly "stirred up" and half sick by taking cathartic pills, tablets, salts, calomel and nasty oils.

While he knew that constipation was the cause of nearly all children's little ills, he did not believe that a sickening "purgative" or "physic" was necessary.

In Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin he discovered a laxative which helps to establish natural bowel "regularity" even if the child is 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 deli-

cate system. 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

BENOIT NEWS

We want the people to know Benoit is still on the map, and at this writing enjoying this lovely weather. This section was visited by a big rain, beginning about 5:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon and continuing throughout the night.

Mrs. Arch Brookshire had as her guest Thursday night, Mrs. Hatton Laxson of Ballinger.

Misses Annie Laura Conner and Willie White were shopping in Ballinger Saturday afternoon. Miss White is our primary teacher.

Among those who attended conference at Crews were Mrs. W. T. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Cox. Mr. Cox is one of the stewards of the church in this community. They report a delightful day and a delicious dinner served by the hospitable people of Crews.

Mrs. Rampey and L. B. Jr., motored to Coleman Saturday morning. Mrs. Rampey was accompanied home by her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Williams.

C. M. Gibson and family spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Arch Brookshire Sunday.

Jim Kincaid was painfully injured last week by falling in front of a motor car. The car ran over his left limb. He was sent to the Santa Fe hospital at Temple for treatment. Mrs. Kincaid is staying with relatives at Glen Cove while her husband is away.

John Rampey and family of Miles, were pleasant callers in the home of W. T. Hill and family Sunday afternoon.

Albert Spreen returned from Fort Worth Thursday. He had been to market with a car of cattle.

"Reporter."

Rio Coffee per pound 25c. Cane Syrup 75 cents per gallon. U. E. Hartman, Grocer. 19-11w

TWO DRUNKS SPEND THE NIGHT IN JAIL

Two men were arrested Sunday night on charges of drunkenness and placed in the county jail. They were released Monday morning after they had sobered up and made arrangements to pay their fines.

Be wise and advertise.

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)

MONDAY'S RAIN ALMOST FLOODS BUSINESS SECTION

The heavy deluge of rain that fell late Monday evening almost flooded several downtown stores and in several places the water went up on the sidewalks.

During the short downpour the government gauge registered six-tenths of an inch.

Hail accompanying the rain here, did little or no damage.

Other sections of the county reported hard rain and some hail. As far as could be ascertained the hail did little damage in the rural sections.

NOSE CLOGGED FROM A COLD OR CATARRH

Apply Cream in Nostrils To Open Up Air Passages.

Ah! What relief! Your clogged nostrils open right up, the air passages of your head are clear and you can breathe freely. No more hawking, snuffling, mucous discharge, headache, dryness—no struggling for breath at night, your cold or catarrh is gone.

Don't stay stuffed up. Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist now. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic cream in your nostrils, let it penetrate through every air passage of the head; soothe and heal the swollen, inflamed mucous membrane, giving you instant relief. Ely's Cream Balm is just what every cold and catarrh sufferer has been seeking. It's just splendid.

HAIL AND RAIN APLENTY IN THE MILES TERRITORY

H. P. Nichols, oil operator of San Angelo, was in Ballinger Monday night and Tuesday en route to Brownwood to look after business. He reported there was much rain and hail on the Ballinger-San Angelo highway Monday evening, between Miles and Rowena. Other travellers from San Angelo made similar reports.

Mr. Nichols continued on his journey to Brownwood Tuesday morning. He was accompanied from Ballinger by C. A. Doose, and the two men were to return here Tuesday evening.

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.

TO BUILD NEW STREET BY SCHOOL PROPERTY

A new street will be built past the property of the Ballinger Independent School District in the near future, it was announced Monday afternoon by Superintendent H. C. Lyon. This street will intersect Broadway and Seventh Street. It heretofore has been an alley but the school board is donating a part of the campus on the north side of the three buildings for part of the street.

A fence to keep out cars and horse drawn vehicles has been erected on the south side of the property and more fencing will be put up on the north side.

After the new street is completed there will be only one way to get into the campus and that will be through a gate to be constructed on the north side.

Be wise and advertise.

LESS CRIME IN RUNNELS, JUDGE WOODARD SAYS

District Judge J. O. Woodward in opening court here Monday afternoon, charged the grand jury to investigate all rumors of law violations in Runnels county and when evidence of guilt was found to return an indictment.

The jury was empanelled at 1:30 o'clock p. m.

"There is a crime wave covering this section of the country," Judge Woodward declared in opening his instructions to the investigating body, "however, there is not as much here as there is in Brown and Coleman counties, and according to population, this county has less violations than any county in my district. Coleman and Brown are two of the worst in the district.

"You are to strictly enforce the law. It is in your hands now and you are the ones that will cause the trials of these men who are charged with violations."

Judge Woodward dwelt for a short time on the oil district crimes. He said the criminals and scamps follow the oil game. He declared that he had rather not see any county or city have an oil boom on account of the immorality that follows the oil business.

The judge spoke of the two recent cold-blooded murders in Texas that have caused a wide search in the Southwest for the killers. These two murders were committed in Coleman and Tarrant counties. "There is but one sure way to stop these crimes," Judge Woodward declared, "that is this, indict them, try them, convict them, not have the suspended sentence recommended, and not give two years where fifteen years is allowed as punishment."

Judge Woodward rapped the suspended sentence law. "I think the suspended sentence law has done more harm in Texas than any other one law. The suspended sentence law is all right in its place but it is so often misused and misplaced," he asserted.

The judge talked for a short time on the liquor problem. He said it was alarming just how much whiskey was being transported through this country, from town to town and city to city. killings and liquor traffic go together, he claimed.

"I hear of less crime in Runnels county than in any other, according to population," Judge Woodward asserted. "I am glad

of this and I hope that you men can return a report that will say the same thing."

The judge referred to the younger generation, declaring that the youths are not properly looked after by their parents; he rapped the juvenile law of sending young boys to the reformatory for correction; took shots at chow beer makers and at users of liquor and those who sell it. He also told the grand jury to examine the county offices and see that they are being run right.

In referring to the killing of J. A. Mitchell, of Coleman, a short time ago, the judge said: "I believe the killer of Mr. Mitchell lives in Coleman. How he is to be caught, I do not know, but it is my opinion that he lives in Coleman."

Bert E. Low, of Winters was made foreman of the grand jury. Other members are Scott H. Mack, W. A. Francis, R. G. Erwin, T. J. McCaughan, Edgar Jayroe, L. B. Elam, R. W. Bruce, Bert Fletcher, H. A. Mitchell, B. F. Moore and R. L. Bates.

QUART OF WATER A DAY HELPS KIDNEYS

When Back Hurts or Bladder Bothers, Also Take a Little Salts

Eating too much rich food may produce kidney trouble in some form, says a well-known authority, because the acids created excite the kidneys. Then they become overworked, get sluggish, clog up and cause all sorts of distress, particularly backache and misery in the kidney region, rheumatic twinges, severe headaches, acid stomach, constipation, torpid liver, sleeplessness, bladder and urinary irritation.

The moment your back hurts or kidneys aren't acting right, or if bladder bothers you, begin drinking lots of good water and also get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good pharmacy; 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 flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to activity; also to neutralize the acids in the system so that they no longer irritate, thus often relieving bladder disorders.

Jad Salts cannot injure anyone; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which millions of men and women take now and then to help keep the kidneys and urinary organs clean, thus often avoiding serious kidney disorders.

* * * * * NORTON HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB * * * * *

The club met Wednesday, February 2nd at the home of Mrs. Gibsen. The following program was carried out:

Poultry, discussed by Mrs. Mitchell
Dairying, discussed by Mrs. Walker
Gardening, discussed by Mrs. Ray Roper.

A very pleasant evening was spent by the 27 members present and 5 visitors.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Dixie Mackey on Wednesday, February 16th, at 2:00 o'clock.

Club Reporter.

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 dispel the worms, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

Max Russell is here from Menard to spend the week-end with his family.

RAINFALL TOTALS 1.30 INCHES SATURDAY

Rainfall in Ballinger to Saturday night totaled 1.30 inches, according to gauges here. The drops pelted hard and did much to pack the loose ground in the grain fields which were not doing so well on account of the ground being so loose.

Precipitation did not extend very far to the East, stopping near the Humble pipe line station. To the south, north, and west good rains fell. San Angelo reported heavy rain.

Roads were very muddy in almost every direction out of Ballinger Sunday, and some of these roads were almost impassable.

Grain fields and range will be benefitted by this moisture.

Elm Creek and the Colorado River were both on small rises.

Rio Coffee per pound 25c. Cane Syrup 75 cents per gallon. U. E. Hartman, Grocer. 19-11w

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Henshaw, of Oklahoma, are here visiting Mrs. Henshaw's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. DeWitt.

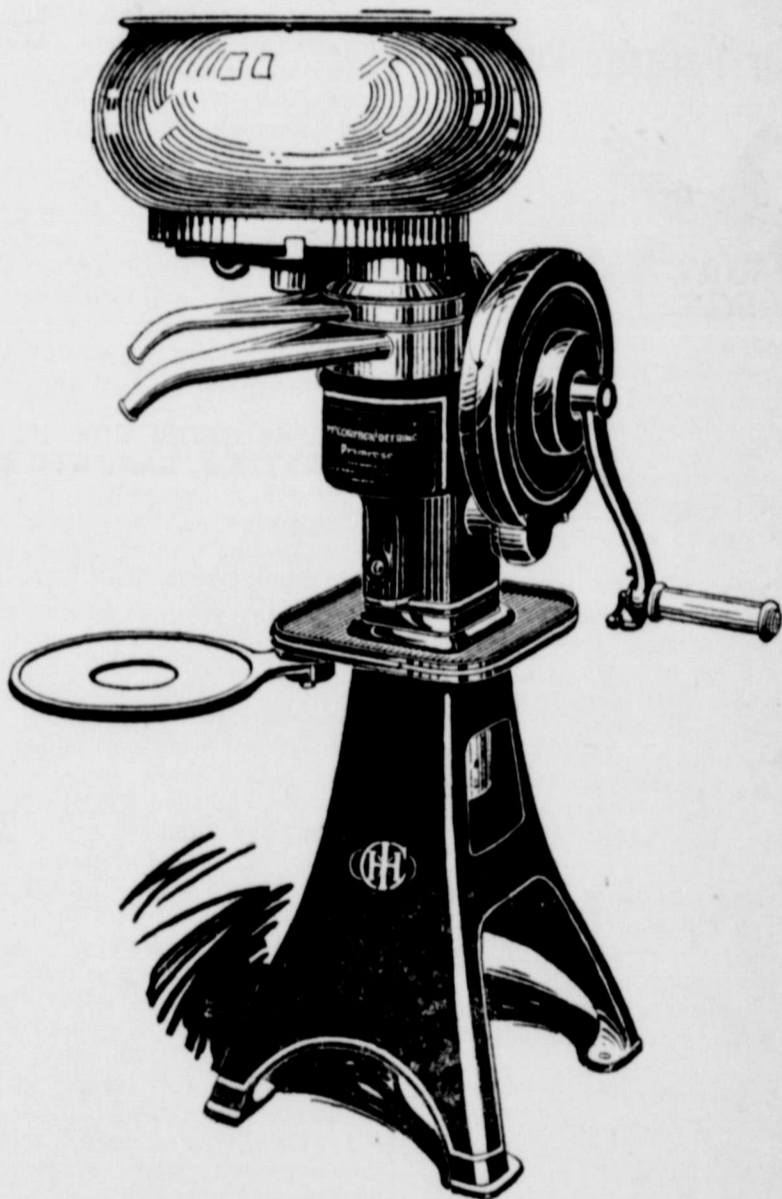
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A small payment down, and a year to pay, places "the world's easiest-running cream separator" on your farm. Thousands of dairymen and farmers have taken advantage of this liberal time-payment plan. Invest in a McCormick-Deering Primrose and you can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

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Yearly sales of Graham Brothers Trucks are shown in the table below. It begins with 1921 and goes through 1926.

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

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Puerto Cabezas, Sacasa's Temporary Capital, Is a Sawmill Town Housing an Armed Camp



Views of Sacasa's "capital." Top—Miskito Indian women paying a visit of respect to Dr. Sacasa on his arrival at Puerto Cabezas. Center—Guard of honor for Dr. Sacasa before headquarters, following ceremony of renewal of oath of office. Below—Some of the homes built in the city. Insert—Admiral S. S. Latimer, commanding fleet engaged in Nicaraguan patrol.

BY M. B. ALEXANDER
Associated Press Staff Correspondent
PUERTO CABEZAS, Nicaragua, Feb. 7.—In this, the temporary capital and location of the temporary White House of the Liberal or "constitutional" government of Nicaragua headed by Dr. Juan B. Sacasa, the picture is a mixed one.

Puerto Cabezas, or Bragmans Bluff, is a model sawmill town and wharfage depot for the shipment of bananas brought down by railroad from the interior. There are 250 four-room frame houses ranged along graded sand streets. Here reside the 400 white men and their families, employees of the Bragmans Bluff Lumber Company. An electric power plant furnishes light and running water. An ice house adjoins. There is a modern sewer system and a telephone exchange.

At the Main Hotel, accommodations for two score guests are maintained. This hotel is now the barracks for the United States landing forces of marines and bluejackets. Khaki tents surround it and the bugle calls echo away over the bluff to the breakers on the long sandy beach below. A sentry passes every few minutes.

Two blocks from the barracks is the house now occupied by Dr. Sacasa and his "cabinet." There, unarmed, a guard of honor stands on the porch of the little frame dwelling, in the parlor of which the doctor receives his guests with courtesy and dignity.

Another block down and the Bragmans Bluff reservation ends. Then begins the native village of Bilway. At Bilway, in peace times, live the majority of the 3,000 natives, many negroes and



Gives Advice to Expectant Mothers

"I ADVISE all expectant mothers to use Mother's Friend," writes Mrs. Wesley Miller, Hudson, Mich. "I have had nine children. With my first three I suffered for 24 hours. Beginning with the fourth I used Mother's Friend and was sick only 15 minutes. Since then I have had five and was only sick about 10 minutes with each."

Mother's Friend is the formula of an eminent physician and has been a positive blessing to thousands of expectant mothers for over three generations. Used daily, externally, it soothes the nerves and muscles as month follows month. Finally it makes childbirth a joy!

The mothers who praise Mother's Friend are the most are those who did not use it with their first baby but through its use with the second, were able to realize its almost unbelievable results. Mother's Friend is the same as used by our mothers and grandmothers—don't wait—start using tonight—and meanwhile write Bradford's Regulator Co., Dept. 34, 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 pregnancy and at childbirth. This booklet also tells you many other things you want to know. "Mother's Friend" is sold by all druggists—everywhere.

Indians, who work in the sawmills of Puerto Cabezas where millions of feet of pine are prepared and shipped to other Latin-American countries and to the States. At present, because of the war, the native forces at the mills is slightly in excess of five hundred.

The Puerto Cabezas development is the child of the Bragmans Bluff Lumber Company. The company already has laid 69 miles of standard gauge railroad extending into the pine forests and the banana farms on the 500,000 acres of their property. The new wharf cost \$300,000. It is estimated that \$15,000,000 will have been expended when the development of this territory has been completed.

The town is situated high on a bluff and is on healthy sandy soil over which cool breezes always blow at night. Plains abound in the near vicinity, providing many a potential Florida land development, golf course or football field.

PNEUMONIA
Call a physician. Then begin "emergency" treatment with **VICKS VAPORUB**
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MARRIAGE LICENSES

* LAFF-A-LOT HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB *

The Laff-a-Lot Home Demonstration Club met February 4th with Mrs. Ralph Russell.

Mrs. Hollingsworth met with the club and gave a very careful demonstration on vegetable cooking. Creamed cabbage, and a combination of spinach and eggs were the vegetables demonstrated. Both were of interest to all.

Plans for the program of the next meeting were discussed and arranged.

Two new members were added to the club, Mrs. Archie Wiley and Mrs. H. E. Browder. Others present were; Mesdames I. M. Turner, W. V. Tubbs, Dee Oliver, W. P. Murray, W. L. McIntyre, E. H. Crawford, W. M. Turner, J. A. Patterson, L. S. Nunn, W. L. Caudle, W. B. Keese, J. S. Flannigan, E. D. Norman. There were also three visitors present, Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Tyree, and Mrs. Nelson of the Barnett community.

All business and arrangements being decided on, the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. W. P. Murray February 18th.

"Reporter."

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COURT MEETS HERE MONDAY

District Judge J. O. Woodward will come to Ballinger Monday to impanel the February grand jury and to preside over sessions of the court. District Attorney Walter U. Early will also be here to assist the grand jury in its hearings.

District court for the spring term will be called to meet Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock. The grand jury will probe criminal law violations while the court grinds on bills returned by the last session of the investigating body.

Twelve of the following sixteen men will compose the February grand jury: Bert Low, Winters; C. M. Gooch, Wingate; J. S. Neely, Winters; R. L. Bates, Novice; R. G. Erwin, Ballinger; W. A. Francis, Ballinger; Scott H. Mack, Ballinger; T. J. McCaughan, Norton; B. F. Moore, Miles; Bert Fletcher, Maverick; John Black, Marie; Albert Livingston, Benoit; H. A. Mitchell, Winters; R. W. Bruce, Ballinger; and Edgar Jayroe, Crews.

County Attorney C. P. Shepherd has prepared a report for Judge Woodward when court convenes, but according to the county prosecutor the docket is not a lengthy one, being the lightest list of cases for grand jury investigation here in several years.

Following are the eight cases to be presented by the county attorney:

State of Texas vs. C. W. Wyatt (negro) forgery. Defendant is in jail.

State of Texas vs. Hubert Hallmark, selling and disposing of mortgaged property. Defendant out on bond.

State of Texas vs. Dan Raines, burglary and theft. Defendant was out on bond, but bondsmen turned him over to the sheriff, and Raines is now in jail.

State of Texas vs. Henry Wilson, transporting and possession of intoxicating liquor. Defendant out on bond.

State of Texas vs. O. L. Jones, forgery. Defendant out on bond.

State of Texas vs. Earl Webb, (two cases), forgery. Defendant out on bond.

State of Texas vs. John Baxter, manufacturing intoxicating liquor and possession of a still. Defendant out on bond.

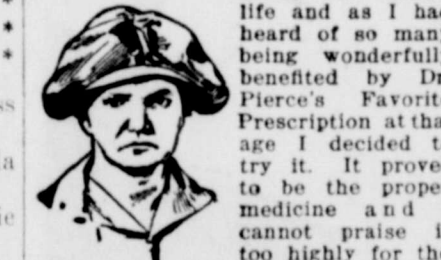
MANY BIRTHS FILED HERE IN JANUARY

Births, filed for recording at the county clerk's office here during the month of January, totalled 66, according to the records. Part of these births occurred, however, in the two previous months.

There were only 24 deaths recorded here during January.

Back to Normal!

Texarkana, Texas—"I was in a serious condition of health when I arrived at middle life and as I had heard of so many being wonderfully benefited by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription at that age I decided to try it. It proved to be the proper medicine and I cannot praise it too highly for the benefit I received, for it relieved my aches and pains—saved me a lot of suffering, and left me in good health which I still enjoy."—Mrs. C. E. Shipp, 307 Oak St. All druggists. Tablets or liquid. Send 10c to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel in Buffalo, N. Y., for a trial pkg. of the tablets and write for free advice.



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DRASCO BEATS WINTERS TEAM

Winters lost to the Drasco Friday night at Winters by a top-heavy score, and Drasco thus won the county championship of the basketball league.

The Drasco quintet will now play the San Angelo Bobcats for the bi-county championship.

In the semi-finals, Norton lost two straight games to Drasco, and Ballinger lost two straight to Winters. Drasco won the first game of the finals and Winters the second game. At the end of the second game, the two teams had scored the same number of points so a third game was necessary.

This afternoon the champions of Coke county, and the champions of Concho county are playing here for the bi-county championship.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

- Walter W. Smith and Miss Bettie Gay
- A. A. Neely and Miss Ouida Parrish
- R. O. Marsh and Miss Effie Walker
- L. C. Seales and Miss Virginia Mae Washam
- C. E. Williams and Miss Grace Attaway.

Frank Holliday, of Cross Plains, spent the week-end here with his mother.

Our Two **Mammoth Incubators** are now in operation.
Place your order for space for setting before it is all taken.
Baby Chicks for sale at all times.
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SHIPS FINE HORSE BY EXPRESS TO CHICAGO

"Shorty," Bun Morgan's fine saddle pony, left on a trip to the north Thursday afternoon when he was loaded into an express car on the 5:20 passenger train. "Shorty" is going to his new owner's stables in Chicago.

Some two months ago, R. W. Mellvain, vice-president of the Pure Oil Company, was here visiting H. Giesecke and looking after business interests. He saw "Shorty" being ridden by Mr. Morgan and immediately took steps to purchase the pony. He was successful in the deal and now "Shorty" is en route to Chicago where he will be used as a poly pony, and probably as a saddle horse by Mr. Mellvain.

E. B. Henley Sr., and C. Y. Early, of Brownwood, were in Ballinger Saturday looking after business.

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Instantly! "Pape's Diapepsin" Corrects Stomach so Meals Digest
The moment you eat a tablet of "Pape's Diapepsin" your indigestion is gone. No more distress from a sour, acid, upset stomach. No flatulence, heartburn, palpitation, or misery-making gases. Correct your digestion for a few cents. Each package guaranteed by druggist to overcome stomach trouble.

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.

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LUMBER—On Friday, Feb. 18, we will offer some special prices on lumber, cedar posts, paint, window glass, doors and windows, etc. L. E. Bair Lumber Co. 11-1w 12-1d

FOR SALE—Second-hand Planters, Cultivators, Double Disc Plows, and one good Wood Cook Stove. P. R. Dietz, Crews. 11-3tw

FOR SALE—Pure bred English Leghorn eggs, pullets and cockerels. J. C. Reese, South Ballinger. 25-4td.*

FOR SALE—Pure Red Seed Oats, 45c per bushel bulk at barn. P. R. Dietz, Crews. 4-3tw.*

S. C. Rhode Island Red Eggs for Hatching
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Will book orders for limited number of eggs.

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4-2td

WANTED—To buy a pair of mules. R. W. Bruce. 7-2d-1w

Big Masquerade Dance
The Masquerade Dance, in the O. D. H. S. Hall, Rowena, which was postponed, will be held Saturday night, Feb. 12th.
COMMITTEE.
10-2td-1tw

"MERRY WIVES" HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The "Merry Wives" Club of South Ballinger held a very enjoyable meeting February 1st with Mrs. E. F. Batts at her home on Ninth Street.

Some very interesting discussions were given on dairying, poultry, and gardening.

Miss Annie B. Mapes discussed the good points of a dairy cow, and Mrs. W. R. Hill made a talk on gardening. After which, round table talk followed, Mrs. Hillingsworth giving helpful suggestions on the three subjects mentioned.

The club ladies then had the pleasure of visiting the poultry house of Mrs. W. L. Brown, and enjoyed seeing her splendidly equipped fixtures, and chickens.

The members and visitors present at this meeting, besides the hostess, were as follows: Mrs. B. M. Batts, James Barron, W. H. Greer, C. D. Harris, P. P. Holton, N. E. Hill, V. B. Jones, V. L. McShan, G. E. Kemp, G. R. Profit, Lee Sykes, Harris, E. J. Carroll, R. E. White, W. T. Crockett, O. C. Sykes, Frank Kemp, B. F. Kemp, and Misses Profit, Demma Barron and Annie B. Mapes.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. James Barron on Feb. 15th, at 2:00 o'clock p. m.
Club Reporter.

DEATHS

W. M. Grey
W. M. Grey, 58 years 7 months and 2 days, died at his home, five miles east of Crews, Sunday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock, after an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Grey was a pioneer of the section where he lived, he having made his home there for many years.

Deceased is survived by his widow and several children.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at the Midway cemetery in Coleman county at 2:30 o'clock.

King-Holt undertakers prepared the body for burial and were in charge at the grave.

ACCEPTS POSITION WITH COUNTY FARM BUREAU

C. W. Buchanan, of Dallas county, has moved to Ballinger and will make his home here. Mr. Buchanan has accepted a position with the Runnels County Farm Bureau, in the place made vacant by the resignation of Henry Todd, who has been secretary of the local office.

Mr. Buchanan is an experienced man in Farm Bureau affairs and comes well recommended.

Many Attend Utilities Co., Monthly Safety Meeting

A program, seldom equalled in its nature, was presented at the joint meeting of the men and women of the Safety League of the West Texas Utilities Company, Tuesday night at the offices of the corporation on Eighth Street. This was a regular monthly meeting of the employees in District G, of which Earl Morley is manager, with headquarters in Ballinger.

J. D. Motley, presiding at the joint session, made a few short remarks and then introduced two young men from Bronte, brought down by D. H. Starling, manager of the Bronte and Robert Lee offices of the company. The men introduced were Messrs. Luttrell and Adams, who favored with several pleasing selections on the guitar, banjo, mandolin and violin.

Miss Mildred Reasonover, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cherry, was presented in two readings; "Out Where the West Begins," and as an encore, "Modern Evolution." Both these readings were very interesting and the Utilities employees enjoyed them very much.

J. McGregor, pioneer citizen of Ballinger, was introduced and was heard in a brief but interesting talk to the employees and visitors. Mr. McGregor complimented the electricians in giving the best of service to citizens of this city and surrounding territory. His talk was confined strictly to the work of the employees, not only for the West Texas Utilities Company, but for themselves and their homes. He declared that their homes in the future would prove whether they had been successful in the various jobs assigned them.

Price Campbell, of Abilene, vice-president of the West Texas Utilities Company, was present for the general gathering and made a few remarks. He was en route to San Angelo but was called back to Abilene.

Grady Kinsolving, of the extension department of the company, made a few short remarks. Mr. Kinsolving had intended to remain in Ballinger Tuesday night and Wednesday, but he was also called back to Abilene.

Taylor Rowe, manager of the San Angelo office of the company, was also present. He was en route to San Angelo from Abilene where he had been to get his car which was stolen several days ago in San Angelo.

Graves Magee, with the Federal Electric Company of Chicago, with headquarters in San Antonio, was also present, and enlivened the meeting with a few words. Mr. Magee, known here as "Maggie" was formerly connected with the local Utilities office.

Men's Meeting
At the men's safety meeting, J. W. Wilson, president, occupied the chair. Bob Galbraith is secretary of the organization.

A very interesting discussion was held at this meeting in regard to several technical questions asked by various members of the league. These questions were gathered from the question boxes which are located at Ballinger, Winters and Santa Anna.

Chester Cherry, H. M. Leach, Jack Whitaker and Joe Baxter, all of Ballinger; Henry Hardin, of Coleman; Bill May, of Miller; and Waite Smith, of Ballinger, gave answers and demonstrations on certain questions, propounded through President Wilson, in regard to safety work among the employees.

A large number were in attendance at this meeting, which added to the interest. Employees from Winters, Coleman, Miles, Bronte, Paint Rock and Santa Anna were present.

One of the most interesting topics handled at this meeting was the prone pressure method of life-saving for a person who has been injured by coming in contact with a high-voltage line. This was thoroughly explained by Waite Smith of the troubleshooting department.

Women's Meeting
Mrs. Earl Morley, president, was in the chair at the women's auxiliary meeting of the Safety League, and introduced the speakers of the evening.

Miss Alma Ferguson, of Coleman, told of "Results Accomplished by the Organization of the Women."

Miss Susie Rogers, of Ballinger, discussed the "Difference Between the Utilities Company and Other Businesses Effective with

the Public Interest."
Mrs. Elizabeth Paul, of Ballinger, discussed "Reasons for Monopoly."

Mrs. J. W. Wilson, of Ballinger, discussed "Investment and Turnover."

Earl Morley, manager, spoke on "The Growth and Development of the West Texas Utilities Company."

All of the talks were very interesting and instructive in regard to the operation of the company and work of the auxiliary.

In the poetry contest, prepared by Mrs. C. C. Holder, of Bronte, Mrs. VanZandt, of Winters, won the first prize for the best verse to complete the poem by Mrs. Holder, and Mrs. Elizabeth Paul, of Ballinger, won first prize for the best title. The prizes were bougainvillee lamps, Miss Susie Rogers making the presentation.

To Stop a Cough Quick
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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.
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Both remedies are packed in one carton and the cost of the combined treatment is 25c.
Just ask your druggist for HAYES' HEALING HONEY.

C. A. Doose Jr. returned Sunday afternoon to Brownwood after spending several days here with his father, C. A. Doose.

FORMER TEACHER HERE MARRIES IN SAN ANGELO

Miss Ella J. Hood and Marold M. Deaton of Brady were quietly united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hood, at 17 N. Magdalen Street at 12:30 o'clock Sunday, Feb. 6th.

The charming bride was reared in San Angelo and for the last two years has been teaching in Brady. The groom is connected with the Central Drug Company of Brady. The couple left immediately following the wedding for San Antonio, Austin and other points, after which they will return to Brady to make their home.

Miss Frances Merritt, of Brownwood, was a visitor in the city for the week-end, to attend the wedding.—San Angelo Standard

Miss Hood was formerly a teacher in the Ballinger high school. She was instructor in English here. She has many friends here who wish her well in her married life.

Rio Coffee per pound 25c. Cane Syrup 75 cents per gallon. U. E. Hartman, Grocer. 19-1tw

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. R. S. Dozier, of Paint Rock, who has been in the Halley & Love Sanitarium for several days in a serious condition, has shown some improvement since she was brought to Ballinger, but her condition is unchanged from Tuesday.

G. P. Fry, a worker at the Humble Pipe Line station, is in the Halley & Love Sanitarium for

treatment.
Mrs. Dan Moser, 505 Fifth Street, is in the Halley & Love Sanitarium for treatment.

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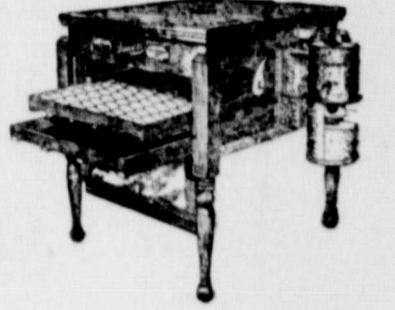
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