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Fight Looms for Rail Connection Between West Texas and the Coast

Ballinger's chance of becoming the terminus of a railroad between this section of the state and the Gulf of Mexico is considered even better today than before the recent action of the secretary of state at Austin in granting an amendment to the charter of the Fredericksburg & Northern Railway, which road extends from Fredericksburg Junction to Fredericksburg, giving the line the right to extend its lines north to San Angelo and Ballinger.

A brisk competition between three or four of the major railroad systems in the Southwest is expected to ensue in the race of being the first to connect this section with Corpus Christi at tidewater, via San Antonio.

Behind the move of the Fredericksburg & Northern is said to be Frank Kell, Wichita Falls capitalist and railroad builder, who plans also to construct a road from Clinton, Oklahoma, to Wichita Falls, a distance of 90 miles.

This will give a direct line from Clinton to Ballinger, the terminus of the A. & S., purchased a short time ago by the Texas & Pacific.

At present there are three routes being proposed for the line to connect this section, and within the next few weeks, a fourth, and probably a fifth route, will be proposed. Proposed routes at this time include: from Fredericksburg, to Mason, Brady and San Angelo; from Kerrville, to Sonora and San Angelo; and the third through Bandera and Eldorado.

The Burlington interests, which operate the Wichita Valley from Wichita Falls to Anson; the Orient; the Texas & Pacific, which owns the A. & S. from Anson to Ballinger; the Santa Fe, and the Frisco will probably figure in the big fight which is now expected to take place before the Interstate Commerce Commission before a permit is granted for construction of a railroad from this section to the Gulf.

It is believed that the Santa Fe is not sleeping on the job as it has interests in this section of the state, just about as much as any of the roads now talking extension. The Santa Fe has branches to Eden, to Paint Rock, to Sterling City, to Lamesa, and other short lines, and the business of these short lines it is believed will

be protected by the Santa Fe. The Frisco, also is believed not to be overlooking any bets. It extends from Fort Worth thru Brownwood and on to Brady and Menard. Further extension would give the Frisco connections at St. Louis and the coast, linking up two important regions.

The Orient is keeping well in touch with developments since it has been rejuvenated after a loan of \$2,500,000 from the federal government and the expansion of the West Texas oil fields.

The Gulf & West Texas Company, recently organized at San Angelo, is making preparations to ask for a charter, and several thousand dollars have already been subscribed for construction.

The committee at Sonora, termed the "old guard," took an active interest in railroad building 19 years ago and spent much money when the Orient proposed to build on to Del Rio from San Angelo, is still alive, and reports have it that the Sonorans expect to spend much money if the proposed extension goes by their city. A meeting was held in Sonora last Sunday at which time plans for the extension were discussed.

The news of the application of the Fredericksburg & Northern came as a surprise to most Ballinger citizens and also to other cities in this section.

However, Ballinger would welcome an extension of the Abilene & Southern and is vitally interested in seeing connections made with San Antonio and the seaboard.

While it is believed that no bonus could be raised in this city, a site for a station and aid in securing the right-of-way would be given by local citizens.

COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION WAS SHORT

The Commissioners Court met Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock to look over the county's monthly business and examine reports of the various county officers. The court was in session only a short time.

Bills were ordered paid and the reports were all approved.

Wilkes Eskridge, of Lillian, is here visiting his brother, George Eskridge, and other relatives.

ABILENE MAN WANTS A LINE TO AMARILLO

J. F. Strother, of Abilene, for the Midland & Northwestern Railroad, Tuesday suggested to the board of directors of the Gulf & West Texas Railroad that the latter road might be extended to Amarillo by the additional building of 66 miles of track and with the use of the Midland, Orient and Santa Fe roads.

This matter was brought before the board at its meeting in San Antonio Tuesday.

The plan as submitted by Strother would necessitate the building of only 66 miles of track between San Angelo and Amarillo. The route would include Rankin, Midland, Seminole and Seagraves.

SAN ANGELO, Aug. 10. — Judge W. C. Blanks, of San Angelo, secretary and treasurer of the Gulf & West Texas Railroad, has returned from San Antonio convinced that there is available \$1,250,000 in subscriptions to the common stock of the road.

"I am sure that the railroad will be built as planned, as I am of anything I have ever had any connection with," he said. "The men who are associated with San Angelo in this project are as interested in the railroad as we are, and are just as earnest. The men behind the movement have made up their minds that Corpus Christi, San Antonio and San Angelo should be connected by a short line road and we are going to build it."

The directors in a meeting at San Antonio last week approved the charter and voted to employ a trained railroad man who has had experience in building new lines. This man will start to work at once with field crews and go over the proposed routes between San Angelo and San Antonio.

Judge Blanks said he expected this work to start by Sept. 1st and pointed out that the application for a permit would more than likely be asked of the State Railroad Commission by January 1st.

COUNTY FILES 122 TAX SUITS

County Attorney C. P. Shepherd is busy filing 122 delinquent tax suits in the district court here for action by the October session of the court. W. L. Brown, county tax collector, announced Tuesday.

The total amount of the suits is \$4,171.40, which includes penalties, court costs and taxes. This action is being taken on delinquent state and county taxes.

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TWO FINED ON "CHOC" CHARGE

Johannie Walker was fined \$100 and costs and his father, W. H. Walker, was fined \$25 and costs, in the county court here Friday afternoon on charges of "choc" beer making and possession of the liquor at their rooms over the C. O. D. Grocery on Seventh Street, following a raid made shortly before noon Friday.

Ten gallons of beer in the making and 30 bottles of beer on ice were confiscated by Sheriff R. E. McWilliams and his deputies, who made the raid. Cocks used in making the beer were also destroyed as were other utensils necessary in the manufacture of the beverage.

Both men entered pleas of guilty to the charges and Johannie Walker was returned to jail.

"We are getting tired of some of these able-bodied men here trying to make a living for their families by selling beer," Sheriff McWilliams told a reporter for The Ledger Friday afternoon, "and they must either go to work or go to jail. County Attorney Shepherd and I will keep a close watch from now on and some of these loafers must go to work."

Sheriff McWilliams said that the gas companies here and at Winters were calling for hands and that reasonable pay was given for the labor and that they would be told to go to work.

Mrs. George Vaughn has returned from Kerrville, where she attended a church mission school.

Mrs. Fred Wellhausen and family have gone to Christoval to attend the Baptist encampment.

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Mayor S. B. Raby, Commissioners W. A. Holt and E. M. Eubank, Secretary J. R. Lusk and City Attorney A. K. Doss were all present for the meeting. J. D. Motley was absent.

WESTERN GAS OPENS OFFICE

Offices of the Western Gas Service Company were opened here Tuesday morning in the office on Eighth Street, formerly occupied by H. Gleeske, real estate and mortgage broker.

Brian Wood has arrived in Ballinger from San Angelo and will be in charge of the office.

The company, it is understood here, is making rapid progress with its main line from Coleman county gas fields into this section. Three large crews are at work one in Coleman county, one in Green county and the third in Tonk Green county. Main offices of the company have been opened in San Angelo and the local office will be under the direct supervision of the general office, however, Mr. Wood will be here permanently as local manager.

Canvassers have been working the city for the gas company and have done rather well in their work it was stated. The right-of-way men are also busy securing routes for the gas line.

C. P. Scott, of the Santa Fe, was in Ballinger Monday and Tuesday looking after business and visiting friends.

Will Gross, of Mineral Wells, is here looking after ranch interests and visiting friends.

"California Fig Syrup" now will thoroughly clean the little bowels and in a few hours you have a well, playful child again. Even if cross, feverish, bilious, constipated or full of cold, children love its pleasant taste. Tell your druggist you want only the genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has directions for babies and children of all ages printed on bottle. Mother, you must say "California." Refuse any imitation.

STAR SHINES HERE WITH NOONDAY SUN

A lone star, in the middle of the sky was competing with the noonday sun Saturday shortly after 12:00, and the natives were out viewing the heavenly body.

Considerable attention was attracted by the star and hundreds of people down town Saturday afternoon viewed the unusual

Mr. and Mrs. Allie Straley are here visiting Mr. Straley's brother, Platt C. Straley and family.

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Miss Bernice Cox, of Dallas, has gone to Colorado for a visit with her mother, who is ill there. She had been visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Carr here.

COTTON PRICES JUMP AS GOV. MAKES REPORT

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Cotton futures which advanced \$10 per bale yesterday on the publication of the unexpectedly low government crop estimate, jumped \$5 more per bale today in the mad scramble for the commodity by the cotton trade and bear traders.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 8.—Prices on the New Orleans Cotton Exchange today jumped 200 points or \$10 per bale on the publication of the government cotton forecast.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—The government crop report on cotton caused a wild buying movement here today sending the price up to the full limit of 200 points from the low figure this morning.

WASHINGTON, August 8.—A cotton crop of 13,492,000 equivalent to 500-pound bales, was indicated for this year, the Department of Agriculture announced today, placing the condition of the crop on August 1st at 69.5 per cent normal.

The condition of the Texas crop was placed at 69 per cent. Condition of the crop on

August 1st, compares with 69.8 per cent of a year ago, with an indicated approximate yield of 156.8 pounds per acre. Last year's crop was 17,977,374 bales.

WASHINGTON, August 8.—Cotton of this year's crop ginned prior to August 1st, totalled 162,780 bales as compared with 42,770 bales to the same date last year, the Census Bureau announced today.

PUNCTURES

When the tire lets go—and there is no "spare"—You have known people who have been caught like that. Not in motoring only—but in their business or their home life. No "spare"—no reserve when the unexpected happened. Are you traveling that way right now—unprepared for an emergency or an opportunity?

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Big Reduction on all Summer Dresses—out they go!

A table full of Gift Shop items, your choice for 25¢, former price up to \$1.50

Special lot of Children's Socks, former values up to 50¢, take your choice, 2 pairs for 25¢

Rubber Aprons—dandy good ones, white with black trimming, 75¢ seller, only 49¢

New Fall Arrivals

Dresses, Coats, and Millinery now on display—Styles, Quality and Price will appeal to you.

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Large black handbag, Mrs. J. L. Lee's name on tag. Contained bottle of medicine with Oran Lee's name. Return to Ledger. 3-4td-1tw

FOR SALE—Home on Seventh Street. See W. A. Forgy. 2-5td-1tw

DEATHS

Mrs. W. W. Robertson
Mrs. W. W. Robertson, wife of W. W. Robertson, manager of the Hatchel gin, died Sunday afternoon at the family home in Hatchel, following an illness of several years. Mrs. Robertson had taken treatment in several sanitariums during the past few months.

Funeral services were to be held Monday afternoon with burial in the Hilton cemetery, in the northwestern part of Runnels county.

Mrs. Robertson is survived by her husband, a family of children and other relatives.

Mrs. Earl Killingsworth
News of the death of Mrs. Earl Killingsworth at Crystal Springs, Sunday, was received here Sunday afternoon. No particulars are known here.

Mrs. Killingsworth was formerly a resident of this county. She is survived by her husband and other relatives.

Funeral arrangements are not known here.

HERRING TOPICS

and worried over a job with the construction company and that he was of the opinion that he was not doing the work right.

A 32 calibre rifle, the property of one of the Claytons near Benoit, was used. He held the muzzle of the rifle to the right side of his head and fired with his right hand. His left hand was badly powder-burned as was the flesh and hair around the hole made by the bullet. He died instantly.

King-Holt Co. undertakers were called to bring the body to town and prepared it for burial. The remains were removed to Eastland Sunday afternoon.

Hoffman was the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Hoffman, 807 S. Seaman Street, Eastland, Texas.

Following is the note written by the young man on part of a used envelope:

"Dear, Dearest Folks
I cannot stand this life any longer. I am going to kill myself and get it all over with. I know I have not done right by all of you. I think that I have an insane streak in me. I will be dead after I finish writing this little note.

"Daddy I am sorry I disappointed you with my job at the camp but I could not do the work. I hope you and mother will find it in your hearts to forgive me.

"I love you both with all of my heart, even tho I do not seem to appreciate it. Mother and you have done all you can and neither of you are to blame.

"I am sick of heart and soul with the way I have conducted myself. Daddy take good care of mother and try to make it easy for her.

"I know this is a coward's way out, but I am a coward and I

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Willie Dorotik and Miss Elizabeth Kvapil.
Dew Hancock and Miss Ethel Coffey.
Chas. Richards Neseworthy and Miss Vera Maddera.
B. B. Keefer and Mrs. Buna Caudle.
Ed Schawe, of Eagle Pass, is here on a visit to his mother, Mrs. A. Schawe.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Clampitt and daughter, of Cisco, are here visiting Mrs. Clampitt's mother, Mrs. R. A. Nicholson.

Miss Marjorie Glass, of Humble, is here visiting in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Ira L. Sims. She joined her younger sister, Miss Lucille, who has been here for several days.

Georgetown, spent several days last week visiting their friends here. They returned to their home Friday morning.

Charles Midgley spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Midgley and baby. He returned to Melvin Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ruth Evans spent last week visiting relatives in San Angelo, and went on to Christoval. Miss Evans returned home Saturday.

Annual "Dude" Crop Tastes Synthetic West in Wyoming



When the "tenderfoot" seeks the open spaces of the West he frequently becomes a guest of one of the many "dude" ranches, the picture above being typical of the layout. One of the "dudes" is shown at the left feeding his horse while members of another touring party at the right are being up for "chuck."

JACKSON HOLE, Wyo., Aug. 2.—The "dude" ranching season is open in Wyoming and eastern Wyoming by the hundreds are drinking in the west in synthetic doses.

Wyoming has a lead on other western states in the "dude" ranch business. Eighty ranches are listed in the state guide and each takes from 8 to 200 guests.

Here at these synthetic flare-backs of another day, tenderfeet from all sections and walks of life, and of all ages, live the life cherished by each small boy—that of a cowboy.

Dress at these ranches is informal but there always is a display of vari-colored shirts that probably would shock the esthetic sense of a self-respecting cowboy, broad brimmed hats, blue and red bandannas, leather breeches, boots and booties, riding habits and hiking clothes.

The chief amusements of the "cowboy" guests are stage-managed round-ups, calf brandings, rodeos, hiking, camping trips, horseback riding, hunting, fishing, swimming, boating and mountain-climbing. Perhaps the foremost amusement from the viewpoint of the few denizens of the wild who add the touch of color to each "dude" ranch, and also to the more lucky of the guests, is the horseback riding of the visitors.

Each ranch has a string of horses for the benefit of its guests and at virtually all of them horses are assigned as soon as the guests have arrived.

Each ranch tries to outdo the other in advertising its charms. Especially attractive and alluring to the tenderest of the tender-

37 ARRESTED FOR GAMBLING

Sheriff R. E. McWilliams, Chief Deputy John White and a force of seven other deputies raided a place 12 miles northwest of Ballinger on the Wingate road Sunday morning about 1:00 o'clock and arrested 37 negro men and women for gambling, drunkenness and other charges.

The negroes were all placed in the county jail and Sunday morning breakfast was prepared for more than 50 prisoners.

About 25 of the negro men were fined \$22.70 for gambling, while the negro women paid fines of \$12.70 each on vagrancy charges.

There were only eight of the negroes in jail Monday morning, the remainder paying off.

"We had had several reports of this place," Sheriff McWilliams said. "Several big parties had been held there in the last three weeks and we put a stop to it Sunday morning."

A pistol was found at the place, but the owner could not be located.

One fight occurred on the streets here Saturday afternoon, the participants paying fines of \$12.70 each.

Three men were held at Winters on petty theft charges.

Mrs. E. L. McAlpine, who had been here visiting relatives for several days, left Sunday for Spur, where she will visit before returning to her home in Dallas.

Neal McAlpine, a son, accompanied his mother to Abilene and there she was met by another son, Bill McAlpine, of Spur.

Mrs. Earl Baker has gone to Breckenridge where she will visit friends.

COTTON CROP NEEDS RAIN

Runnels county's cotton crop deteriorated a great deal during the past week, local cotton buyers and observers said Monday, and unless rain falls within the next few days the crop will be smaller than first expected.

In many parts of the county the crop is holding up fairly well but in some sections the fields are beginning to show bad for want of moisture. Insects have done no damage thus far in this county and rain would add considerably to the value of the cotton crop.

Noel Penn, of the W. C. Penn Cotton Company, and Tom Penn returned Sunday from Houston, Galveston, Corpus Christi and San Antonio, where Noel Penn observed conditions in those sections.

"The crop is the worst the farmers in that part of the state have ever produced," Mr. Penn asserted. "I talked with many of the large cotton men in South Texas and they said that one picking would get all of the cotton in the majority of the fields.

"The stalk is good but there is no fruit in the fields," the cotton man said. "In many sections there are large spots of dead cotton which at one time looked fine."

Mr. Penn drove every day after leaving Ballinger and viewed many Southeast Texas farms. He was in Austin, Goliad, Houston, Galveston, Corpus Christi and other cotton centers while on the trip.

Mrs. Kate Francis, of Weslaco and San Antonio, is here for a visit with the J. McGregor family. Mrs. Francis formerly lived in Ballinger.

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FATHER KILLED IN 50 FT. FALL

S. A. Crager, of Dallas, father of Judge Alfred Crager of this city, was killed Wednesday afternoon in a fall from a 50-foot building in Dallas while he was taking measurements on the structure, it was learned here Wednesday afternoon.

Judge Crager and family left immediately in their car for Dallas.

Little is known here of the death other than Mr. Crager was about his duties at the Ford plant in Dallas when he fell 50 feet to strike the sidewalk and was crushed to death.

Funeral arrangements are not known here.

The following story published in the Dallas News, gives some light on the accident:

"Sam Crager, of 2431 Pennsylvania Avenue, a steelworker for the Mosher Steel and Machinery Company, was fatally injured at about 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon when he fell about fifty feet from trusses in the Ford Motor Company plant on Grand Avenue to the concrete floor. He was taken to Baylor Hospital in an ambulance of the Emergency Hospital, and died about an hour after reaching there. He was conscious for a short time after reaching the hospital.

"The firm by which Mr. Crager was employed is doing some contract work for the Ford company. The steelworker's foot is thought to have slipped, causing him to fall from the trusses. He had been with the Mosher Company about fourteen years.

"Surviving are his wife, a son, Judge Alfred Crager and two grandsons of Ballinger; two brothers, Charles and Fred Crager, of California; and two sisters, one of Utah and one of California.

Fred Holliday has gone to San Antonio, Galveston and other places where he will visit for several days.

T. J. Gardner, of Newcastle, is here to join his wife, who is visiting her mother, Mrs. C. C. Ganna-way.



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Byrd's Wife Avoids Share of Publicity With Flier Husband



Commander Richard E. Byrd and Mrs. Byrd photographed on one of those rare occasions when she has shared the acclaim won by her husband.

(By Associated Press) BOSTON, August 5.—The spotlight of public attention has sought in vain to focus on Mrs. Richard E. Byrd, wife of the intrepid naval aviator. Although Lieutenant-Commander Byrd recognizes her as a full-fledged partner in his aeronautic achievements, she refuses to take public share in his glory and declines to allow herself or her four children to be exploited. When her husband made his successful flight over the North Pole in 1926, Mrs. Byrd went into the country, keeping her address a secret. After seeing her husband off on his trans-Atlantic flight she went into seclusion at her home here. When she went to New York to meet her husband on his return from his polar and trans-Atlantic flights she remained in the background. But while Mrs. Byrd has sought no share in the honor that has been heaped upon her husband, Commander Byrd himself after his flight to France paid deep tribute to her and to his mother as full partners in his adventures. "Indeed," he said, "I should have gone mad but for two things. First, my mother's shar-

Old Fort Town, Once An Outpost Of Civilization, Being Modernized

FORT DAVIS, Tex., Aug. 5.— had offered rewards for the Memories of the great gold trek of '49, whose mysterious magic drew thousands across the plains and mountains of Texas to the far Pacific, are revived with the announcement that Fort Davis for the first time in its history, is to have a modern electric light and power plant. FORT DAVIS, Tex., Aug. 5.— had offered rewards for the Memories of the great gold trek of '49, whose mysterious magic drew thousands across the plains and mountains of Texas to the far Pacific, are revived with the announcement that Fort Davis for the first time in its history, is to have a modern electric light and power plant. FORT DAVIS, Tex., Aug. 5.— had offered rewards for the Memories of the great gold trek of '49, whose mysterious magic drew thousands across the plains and mountains of Texas to the far Pacific, are revived with the announcement that Fort Davis for the first time in its history, is to have a modern electric light and power plant.

Founded to protect and nourish the plodding trains of the gold seekers, this Alpine town of 1,100 nestling high up among the peaks of the Davis Mountains, has gone its quiet way for many decades, far distant from the thunder of railroads and the current of swiftly moving commerce. It has had no public utilities except the telephone. Its lack of a gas plant, and such utilities as electricity and water, has been compatible with its quaint and pastoral atmosphere. But now the hon of generators and the talk of kilowatt hours is to bring it closer to the world that is rapidly pushing the western frontier backward. The county commissioners of Jeff Davis county have granted the Central Power & Light Company, with headquarters at San Antonio, a 50-year franchise to supply Fort Davis with power and light. Construction on a plant is to begin shortly.

The history of Fort Davis breathes the breath of stirring frontier times, of Indian fights and wagon trains, of famished travelers and seekers for the distant promised land. After the gold rush started to California in 1849, a great many trains of gold seekers were lost in the deserts of West Texas and many died of thirst or were killed by Indians. Many of these trains passed across the Davis Mountains and through El Paso on their way to the Pacific. Because of the difficulties encountered between San Antonio and El Paso by those migrating westward, the War Department sent out survey parties to select the best route. The route through the Davis Mountains was selected as it afforded water at required intervals, but the hostile Indians were a drawback. The governor of Chihuahua

PAVING ACTION IS POSTPONED

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The bills for the past month were examined and ordered paid. A special meeting of the commission will be held within the near future to pass ordinances which City Attorney Doss is now preparing.

Mrs. Lee Butler has returned from Comanche, where she had been visiting.

Mrs. K. V. Northington and son, K. V. Jr., have returned from a visit to relatives at Comanche.

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GUARD LEAVES FOR PALACIOS ON SATURDAY

Ballinger's National Guard unit, Company C, 142nd Infantry, will entrain Saturday evening at 6:30 o'clock for Camp Palacios on the Gulf of Mexico, where they will go into a two-week training period with other guard companies of Texas.

Capt. W. C. McCarver said Friday morning that he expected about 70 members of the local company to make the camp this year and that the guardsmen who are going are the best drilled he has in the company.

The camp opens Saturday and continues until August 21st, when the organizations will roll their packs and return to their homes.

Lieutenant Ross Murchison will also make the camp again this year and he and Capt. McCarver will be in charge of the local military organization. It is probable that Lieut. Felton Wright will also make the trip.

Many of the Ballinger boys are members of the Service Company at Brownwood and they will join the band detachment of that or-

Child-birth

Here is a wonderful message to all expectant mothers!

When the Little One arrives, you can have that moment more free from suffering than you have perhaps imagined. An eminent physician, expert in this science, has shown the way. It was he who first produced the great remedy, "Mother's Friend." Mrs. C. J. Hartman, Scranton, Pa., says: "With my first two children I had a doctor and a nurse and then they had to use instruments, but with my last two children I used 'Mother's Friend' and had only a nurse; we had no time to get a doctor because I wasn't very sick—only about ten or fifteen minutes." Use "Mother's Friend" as our mothers and grandmothers did. Don't wait until today, and meanwhile write to Bradfield Regulator Co., R. A. 48, Atlanta, Ga., for a free illustrated book containing information every expectant mother should have. "Mother's Friend" is sold by all drug stores—everywhere.



ganization at that place Saturday night and will help to furnish the music for this year's encampment.

The Old Grey Mare Band has not missed a single guard encampment and will not be left out this year. This musical organization has always attracted considerable attention wherever it has gone and the spirit it adds to the celebrations it attends is always noticeable.

"Please send us The Daily Ledger while we are gone," Capt. McCarver told a reporter for the paper, "and in return we will send news of the Ballinger boys at camp."

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic

A Tonic for Pale, Delicate Women and Children. 60c.

A package of Grove's Liver Pills is enclosed with every bottle of GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC for those who wish to take a L. active in connection with the Tonic.

WIDE-AWAKE HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The club met with Mrs. Henry Morland August 4th. Mrs. Hollingsworth could not be present for she had to go to Stephenville to see her son, who was sick.

Mrs. Bennett gave an interesting talk about her trip to the short course. It inspired each member present to try to do her club work better as she showed us we were behind a big movement for farm women.

Those present were Mmes. W. L. Duke, Jess Drake, C. L. Howell, C. L. Bennett, E. A. Norman, M. H. Nelson, A. W. Tyree, Henry Morland and W. B. Thompson.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. E. A. Norman, August 18th. We will have a salad demonstration.

Club Reporter.

There's No Place Like COHEN'S For Dry Cleaning

Here's one place you can depend upon entirely for the best dry cleaning in town and that is at Cohen's Tailor Shop. Do not delay in having your clothes pressed and cleaned—do it frequently for it helps your appearance and incidentally adds life to your clothes. Our odorless process will prove pleasing to you.

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BANGS CITIZEN BUYS RUNNELS COUNTY LANDS

W. Byler, of Bangs, Brown county, has purchased from R. T. Williams of this city the 1,240-acre place four miles northwest of here belonging to Mr. Williams for approximately \$37,000 cash.

The deal was made several days ago through W. W. Rainwater and Monte Brown.

Mr. Byler, who was greatly benefitted financially by an oil field near Bangs in the Fry field, will move to Ballinger and make this his home. The farm will be managed by Mr. Byler, but he will have a home in this city.

About 300 acres of the farm is in cultivation, while the remainder is in pasture land. This is one of the best farms in Runnels county.

ROADS IN LIBERIA



Dr. C. B. King

LONDON, August 9.—Dr. C. B. King, the president of Liberia, who is in England studying road-making, says his country is especially in need of main roads, and a loan of \$5,000,000 recently negotiated in the United States will be utilized in part for bettering the highway system of the negro republic.

There are now about 300 miles of highways in Liberia which can be used by motorcars. Dr. King is a native of Liberia and received his education in Sierra Leone.

SEVEN NEGROES REMAIN IN JAIL AFTER BIG RAID

Only seven of the negroes arrested Sunday morning in which 37 were caught in the drag-net laid by Sheriff R. E. McWilliams and eight deputies, remain in the county jail. The seven are unable to pay their fines. The other 30 blacks have either paid their fines or have made satisfactory arrangements for their payment.

There were nine women and twenty-eight men nabbed in the raid, the women facing charges of vagrancy while the men were fined for gambling. The raid was made on a farm about 12 miles northwest of Ballinger on the Wingate road.

The total amount of the fines assessed against the defendants was \$749.90.

M'CUULLOUGH COUPLE ARE MARRIED HERE

Donnie E. Roach and Miss Mildred Mae D'yle, of McCullough county, came to Ballinger Sunday evening and secured Judge C. H. Willingham, justice of the peace, to marry them. The young couple will make their home near Brady.

Mrs. Frank Biggs, of Dublin, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Roark.

Mrs. Walter has returned from Brownwood, where she had been visiting friends.

THE TEXAS STATE FAIR TO HAVE BETTER AND MORE FIREWORKS

There will be plenty of fireworks at the State Fair of Texas this year, both day and night. The management decided to drop the usual "spectacle" for the next show, Oct. 8 to 23, and put into actual fireworks the money hitherto spent on the pay rolls for supers to act in these spectacles. Consequently, while there will be no scenery, no parades or supers, no canvas palaces toppling down as Pompeii, Tokio, the World War and such spectacles, there will be fireworks and a lot of them and all of the best and most brilliant sorts that money can buy. Many people complained that these "shows" which preceded the fireworks were somewhat tame and only detained the crowds who were really desirous of seeing the fireworks and not the preliminaries. So the State Fair management is making the new experiment, believing that by putting the cost of the "shows" into better and more fireworks, they will please a larger crowd and give a really better entertainment.

GREATER DEMAND FOR SPACE ON IMPLEMENT ROW AT STATE FAIR

Implement and machinery dealers are evidently looking forward to a banner year in Texas, for not for decades has there been such a demand for space on Implement Row at the State Fair of Texas as has developed this summer.

With all Texas learning the lesson that modern farming pays dividends when properly conducted, with examples on every hand of what others are doing in the line of advanced methods and with bumper crops and good prices in sight, the implement men evidently expect to do business on a grand scale this fall. Hence the demand, which has made it necessary to add new space to Implement Row at Fair Park. It is hinted that several new devices of rather startling nature are to be shown by some of the exhibitors.

ANNUAL BARNYARD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT AT STATE FAIR

If there are any horseshoe pitchers in this community who believe that they are able to hold their own with the experts of other places in the State, now comes their chance.

The State Fair of Texas will inaugurate its first annual Barnyard Golf Championship Tournament, at the big fair Oct. 8 to 23, "barnyard golf" being the fancy name that has been fastened upon the game of pitching horseshoes.

The tournament will be held under the sanction and according to the rules of the National Horseshoe Pitchers' Association, which conducts all such tournaments at the large state fairs in the north and east.

The champion who wins this tournament will be eligible to enter the National Tournaments next year, and let us all hope he will bring the national championship to Texas.

The list of prizes and the rules under which the tournament will be held may be had by anyone interested by addressing a request to Roy R. Ford, Secretary State Fair of Texas, Dallas.

TEXAS A. & M. COLLEGE TO DEMONSTRATE COTTON GROWING AT STATE FAIR

Texas A. & M. College, which in the past has contented itself with an exhibit at the State Fair consisting of a model of the college grounds and buildings, will this year completely reverse itself and display one of the most interesting demonstrations that possibly could be arranged, it is announced from College Station.

It will make an exhibit which will demonstrate every step in the cotton industry from the preparation of the soil for the seed right down to the time the finished cotton fabric is placed in the hands of the consumer.

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS TO OPEN SIX NEW EXIT GATES

Six new exit gates from the grounds of the State Fair of Texas will make it possible to empty the grounds of all cars in from seven to ten minutes, even after the conclusion of the big-gate football games, when the cars are thickest. At first but three new exits were planned, but engineers pointed out how and where additional openings could be made and used to aid the crowds in getting away. The former gates will be used for entrance only. No change has been made in those latter locations.

The directors of the State Fair of Texas claim that their efforts to give the people of Texas this fall the best State Fair ever held has resulted in every individual department being improved 100 per cent over what it was last year or any year in the past. Over a million attendees is expected.

BAKERY MAN KILLS SELF AS HE WORKS

Ollie Lewis, about 45 years of age, owner of the Ideal Bakery, shot and fatally wounded himself about 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning in the rear of the bakery with a .38 calibre Colts army special pistol which was kept in the rear of the plant in a table drawer. He was removed to the Halley & Love Sanitarium where he died at 11:20 o'clock.

Mr. Lewis lived for nearly an hour and a half after inflicting the fatal wound, which entered the right side of his head, above and just back of the temple. The bullet ranged upward, tearing through the skull and entering the brain and coming out the left top side of the head.

Mr. Lewis made no statement after the shot was fired, but in his pocket was part of a short note, believed to have been started but abruptly ended when his wife, Mrs. Virtie Lewis, who also works at the bakery, stepped up and asked what he was doing. He tore the blank check, which he was using, and said he was not doing a thing. He crumpled the paper and put it in his pocket and then went back to help mix some dough.

"Kiddos, I mabe—" was all that was on the paper. It is believed that Mr. Lewis had contemplated suicide before he commenced mixing dough. The short note was found in his pocket, with a \$1 bill, his keys and his knife.

Joe Haddon, chief baker, and R. S. Bagby were in the baking room at the time, and Mr. Haddon was standing near the place where Mr. Lewis fired the fatal shot. Clyde Bennett, a passerby, heard the shot, and was one of the first to reach the wounded man. Mrs. Lewis was talking over the telephone, and J. K. Polk, delivery man, was loading out some deliveries.

According to Sheriff R. E. McWilliams, Mrs. Lewis had made the remark to friends that Mr. Lewis had been worried and blue for a day or two at a time during the past six weeks or two months, but that he usually got over such spells. However, he was rather downcast Saturday morning, according to those who had been associated with him.

During his residence here which extended over a period of seven years, Mr. Lewis had been employed at local gins and by various other concerns here. He was also a farmer during part of his residence in this county, and was in the cafe business for some time. The bakery was purchased several months ago from A. F. Graf, who now resides in Carrizo Springs.

Surviving the deceased are his widow, three daughters, Misses Clara Mae, 18; Mabel, 16; and Louise, 12; two brothers, Ed and Jim Lewis, of Menard; a brother whose residence is unknown; and a sister, Mrs. Floyd Miller, of Menard. Misses Clara Mae and Mabel were visiting relatives at Menard at the time and they were immediately notified.

Other relatives of the family are: Mrs. Oscar Gurley, of this city; Mrs. Wm. Gamel, Woodville, Okla., and Mrs. Vida Lewis, of California, sisters of Mrs. Lewis; and Robert Bigham, a brother of Mrs. Lewis who lives in New York city, and Mrs. Lewis' father, Rev. B. W. Bigham of this city.

Funeral arrangements had not been made at a late hour this

afternoon. All relatives had been notified at noon Saturday and the daughters in Menard were en route home.

Coroner Says Suicide Judge C. H. Willingham, justice of the peace, who held the inquest Saturday afternoon, declared the death was caused by a gun in the hands of the dead man. The case was plainly a suicide, Judge Willingham declared.

NOT A DEFENDANT



C. C. Julian

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 9.—Receivership proceedings that threw the Julian Petroleum Corporation into the courts, did not involve C. C. Julian, organizer and first president of the corporation.

Reported in a news story as having been one of several men indicted in connection with court developments of the case, Mr. Julian said: "I am neither a defendant nor in any way involved in the proceedings. I have had no connection with the Julian Petroleum Corporation since December, 1924."

TANK CAR BABY GETS A HOME

SAN ANGELO, Aug. 6.—"The tank baby," a 5-day-old infant recently found on the side of an Orient tank car, after being in the hospital for two weeks in getting rid of sun blisters, now has a home. The infant girl has been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Boykin, who live three miles north of San Angelo on the Robert Lee road. More than fifty applications were made to the court for the child, said S. A. Haynes, police chief.

MAN INJURED WHILE PIPING HOUSE FOR GAS

R. R. Allman, an employe of the E. J. Carroll Plumbing Co., received a bad flesh wound in his forehead shortly before noon today at the home of John A. Weeks on Eighth Street, when the pick he was using to dig a ditch hung on a clothes line and swung back striking him.

The pick tore a deep gash about two and a half inches long in the man's forehead, making it necessary to take several stitches. The skull was not fractured. Mr. Allman was reported resting very well Saturday afternoon.

FRANK MOUTZ DIES AT SON'S HOME AT PHARR

Mrs. L. L. Stroble of this city received a telegram Monday morning announcing the death Sunday night of Frank Moutz, formerly of this city, at the home of a son in Pharr, where he had been living for the past few years.

Mr. Moutz was the father of Will Moutz, formerly of this city, and the father-in-law of A. C. Howard, also a former Ballinger citizen.

The body will arrive here Tuesday night and funeral services will be held some time Wednesday. Arrangements have not yet been made. The children who were in Pharr left Monday for Ballinger in automobiles.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Wm. Gleick, Jr., and Miss Frances Olsak.

Six packages Theme Paper for 25c. Ballinger Printing Co.

When the New Ford Car Comes Out

Absolute truth have I none,
But my aunt's washerwoman's son
Heard a policeman on his beat
Say to a laborer on the street
That he had a letter just last week
Hand written in the finest Greek
From a Chinese Coolie in Timbuctoo
Who said that a son in Cuba knew
Of a colored gent in a Texas town
Who got it right from a circus clown
That a man in Klondyke got the news
From a gang of American Jews
About some feller in Borneo
Who knew a man who claimed to know
A hermit who lived beside a lake
Whose mother-in-law will undertake
To prove a friend's sister's niece
Has stated in a nicely written piece
That she has a son who knows about
The date the new Ford comes out.

Wait For the New Ford
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A rapid-fire, nerve-tingling, action-romance—with the most unusual and heart warming love-story in a long while! Cupid defies the rules of war—inspires some amazing happenings—in this film of a thousand thrills and wonders!

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WILLIAM FOX, Presents

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A Wild Westerner Burns Up the Frozen North

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FOR SALE—Registered Rambouillet bucks. The right kind and fine wool. C. W. Evans. 10-2td-1tw.*

FOR SALE—Twenty-five black top yearling Rambouillet rams. Can be seen at my ranch anytime. Prices reasonable. Feb McWilliams. 30-2d-2w.*

WANTED—Customers for cedar posts, 15c up. We are now better prepared than ever to fill your orders for lumber, shingles, linseed oil, turpentine, paints and all building material. We want and will appreciate your business. L. E. Bair Lumber Co. 8-1td-1tw

BENOIT ITEMS

The hot dry weather is playing havoc with the cotton crop. Ten days ago we had a fine prospect for a good crop but now with dry weather and insects cotton has deteriorated at least twenty-five per cent in the last ten days and will be cut half unless we get rain in the next few days.

Mr. Odum and family, who were visiting friends and relatives in Bell county, returned home Monday.

Mrs. H. Vandevanter, after a pleasant stay with her daughter, Mrs. Milton Clayton, returned to her ranch home Monday evening.

Cecil Porter, of Burleson county, an old time friend of the writer, stopped over a short time Saturday on his way to Wingate to visit his daughter. He reports crop conditions in his county very good although the boll weevil was still on the job.

Mrs. J. W. Connor has returned home after a stay of several weeks with her parents at Sterling City.

Mrs. S. Brookshire accompanied by Mrs. W. T. Hill, Mary and Bill, are spending this week at Christoval attending the Baptist encampment at that place.

F. Gressett and family left Tuesday morning on a prospecting trip in the Wichita Falls country.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Brookshire attended the Nazarene meeting at Ballinger Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kincaid have moved from here to Glen Cove.

Miss Ethel Gibson, who is attending school in Brownwood, was here a short time Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gibson.

Miss Mitzie Hoffman, of Brownwood, is spending her vacation with relatives at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Cox attended the Nazarene meeting at Ballinger Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Rampy attended the Baptist meeting at Talpa Sunday and Sunday night.

In just a few days maize heading will be in full blast, with a good crop to harvest.

As news is distressingly scarce this week, will ring off for this time.

REPORTER

BLEEDING GUMS: The sight of sore gums is sickening. Reliable dentists report the successful use of Leto's Pyorrhoea Remedy on their very worst cases. If you will get a bottle and use as directed druggists will return money if it fails. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 1td

Dance at Rowena

A dance will be given Saturday night, August 13th, in the O. D. H. S. Hall, Rowena. Music will be furnished by the Rainbow Dance Orchestra. Committee. 1-s-1tw

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Parasite Remover used in the drinking water rids Poultry of Blue Bugs, Lice, Fleas, and all other insects. Sold and guaranteed by WEEKS DRUG STORE, Ballinger, Texas. 12-16tw

Three Modern Minnehahas



Princess Sherwood, full blood Nez Perce, (left); Silver Star of the Umatilla tribe (above) and Little Fawn, Klamath Indian, lower.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 9.—If the fair Minnehaha of Longfellow's poetical Indian romance were alive today she would have many rivals for the love of the brave Hiawatha.

The Pacific Northwest has a number of these Indian maids. Among them are Princess Christina Sherwood of Wenatchee, a

full blood Nez-Perce-Spokane Indian girl. Pretty Silver Star of Pendleton, of the Umatilla tribe, is another. She was elected princess of Chief Peo Post, the only all-Indian post of the American Legion. A third is "Little Fawn," a princess of the Klamath tribe who lives in Humboldt county, California.

WEDDING TAPES: The grandchildren's affection for him was beautiful and touching. In the going away of Mr. Crews the citizens of Ballinger have a sense of personal loss and the universal verdict is that "a good man has gone to his reward."

Pall bearers were Judge C. O. Harris, San Angelo; Oscar Pearson, J. McGregor, A. C. Brown, E. D. Walker and Owen Dorsey.

FOR HOME AND STABLE: The extraordinary Borosone treatment for flesh wounds, cuts, sores, galls, burns and scalds is just as effective in the stable as in the home. Horse flesh heals with remarkable speed under its powerful influence. The treatment is the same for animals as for humans. First wash out infections germs with liquid Borosone, and the Borosone Powder completes the healing process. Price (liquid) 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Powder 30c and 60c. Sold by Weeks Drug Store

FIRST BALE HERE LAST SATURDAY

W. C. Penn Cotton Company purchased Ballinger's first bale of cotton for 1927 Saturday afternoon at an auction sale conducted by John A. Weeks, for 25 cents per pound. The bale was grown by W. J. Milam, on the Lon Mapes place down the Colorado.

Bob Whitley, of Breckenridge, is visiting relatives in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mulinax, of Valera, visited Mrs. Mulinax's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bragg, of this community.

A. C. Clawson, of Winters, conducted a B. Y. P. U. training school at the Hopewell Baptist church last week.

We regret very much that C. H. Grounds has moved away from our community to Crews, but hope he is well pleased, and has great success the coming year.

The revival meeting at the Hopewell church closed Sunday night and Rev. Lee Johnston returned to his home in Abilene.

Miss Erma Wilkerson, of Crews, spent Sunday with Misses Grace and Della Bragg, of this community.

Miss Era Martin, of the Oxien community, spent Saturday night with Misses Alta and Lemma Brevard.

REPORTER

The reason the average man can't tell a woman anything is because she would rather talk than listen.

Allie Straley and wife have returned to Comanche for a visit with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Straley, who live in Brooklyn, N. Y., had been here visiting in the home of Mr. Straley's brother, Platt C. Straley, and family.

DATES SET FOR BOOSTER TRIPS

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 25, 26 and 27, were set Tuesday as the probable dates for the booster trips for the seventh annual Rannels County Fair to be held here from October 4th to 8th, inclusive, J. D. Motley, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, said Wednesday.

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce in a meeting Tuesday morning, decided on these dates. It is possible, however, that only two days will be used on the excursions instead of three, but that will be decided later.

The itinerary will be changed quite a bit this year, it was declared, and announcements of the towns to be visited will be made within the next two or three weeks. It was also decided to send large delegations on the regular trips to the Abilene and San Angelo fairs and to the Coleman fair this year. Coleman is inaugurating a free fall fair preparatory to a permanent organization.

E. Shepperd, Troy Simpson, and W. A. Holt, members of the entertainment committee, will be in charge of each trip this year, it was stated.

The Ballinger Booster Band, under the direction of H. H. Carsey, will make every trip and will travel in one of the large 25-passenger coaches of the West Texas Coaches, which the company has donated to the Chamber of Commerce and Fair Association for that purpose.

The trip to Abilene will probably create a great deal of interest and a larger crowd will probably attend than on the other trips as the excursion will be made when Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, first trans-Atlantic flyer, visits that city. A young woman representing Ballinger, a representative of the mayor, and probably other representatives will get a chance to personally greet Col. Lindbergh when he makes a brief stop in Abilene on his tour of the states.

Plans for the 1927 Rannels

County Fair are being made every day and this year's show will be "bigger and better than ever." The various committees are not overlooking anything that it takes to make the fair a success and the complete program will be printed in the near future with all the details.

Citizens are urged to make their plans now to advertise the fair on the booster trips.

Card of Thanks

We, the undersigned, wish to thank the Chamber of Commerce and all the business men of Ballinger for their hearty co-operation in making up funds to send so many delegates to the Farmers Short Course at the A. & M. College this summer. Without your hearty co-operation this pleasure would have been impossible for a good many of us. Your kindness will be long remembered by us and will serve as an incentive to do better club work than we have ever done before.

Words cannot express our appreciation of the kindness shown us by our County Agent, Mr. Lehmgren, while we were at the A. & M. College. Again thanking all of you, we are,

- Ernestine Moore Opal Lett William Hoppe Hugh Lee Caudle Clyde Flanagan Jesse Lee Leon Russell J. C. Lee Dalton Greenhill Edith Wright Stanley Schulz. 4-1td-1tw

MOTLEY WILL ATTEND MEETING AT DALLAS

J. D. Motley, secretary of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce, will leave Thursday for Dallas to attend the Association of Fairs meeting and to make further arrangements for the Rannels County Fair to be held from October 4th to October 8th.

Be wise and advertise.

ROBERT LEE MAN IS STILL UNCONSCIOUS

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—More than 60 hours after he was injured in a polo match Sunday, Fred Roe, Texas banker, rancher and sportsman, today was still unconscious in Mineola, New York.

Roe's condition is critical, attendants said. Fred Roe lives in Robert Lee, Coke county, and is a leader in polo in this section. He was one of the players on the international polo team at the time of the accident. Mr. Roe had been in New York for some time, playing polo, his favorite sport.

LONE STAR PAY ROLL IS \$15,000

A payroll of approximately \$15,000 was received in Ballinger Wednesday by the Lone Star Gas Company and will be paid employees of the company this afternoon. The payroll represents labor for the last two weeks in July, on the main line and lines in this city.

The company pays off on the 10th and 25th of each month, it taking about ten days to get the time sheets to the Dallas office and checks returned to points where work is underway.

Work is progressing day and night in the city limits and on the main line and the company expects to have their work completed here within the next two or three weeks.

Marvin McCree, of Artesia, N. M., who had been here visiting has gone to Abilene to spend a few days before returning home.

Drew Dixon, Jr., has returned from Moody and Waco, where he had been visiting for several weeks.

Bettis & Sturges "The Ladies' Store" Ballinger, Texas SUMMER CLEARANCE Friday - Saturday - Monday We will offer at greatly reduced prices, hundreds of Dollars worth of Good Merchandise to close out before we are required to use the room for heavy arrivals of fall goods. Big reductions in Wash Dresses, Silk Dresses, Slippers and Ladies' Hats. We welcome you for inspection of fine values we are offering.