

February Term
are Announced

Rowena; A. M. Moreland, Winters; R. N. Ensor, Winters; W. D. Overman, Wingate; J. E. McAuley, Maverick; Jno. L. Kennedy, Winters; W. P. Lloyd, Winters; H. N. McDonald, Winters; V. W. Parramore, Winters; R. V. Ueckert, Ballinger; Aug. Eipp, Winters; C. R. Syler, Winters; J. L. Hardin, Ballinger; W. Billups, Wingate; E. J. Glass, Miles; J. H. Voelkel, Ballinger; L. Pumphrey, Winters; Fritz Lisso, Rowena; M. B. Barron, Wingate; Victor Mika, Ballinger; Ed Dean, Wingate; Clyde Dunn, Wingate; E. E. Dusek, Rowena; W. J. Hurt, Wingate.

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ATTORNEYS
EFFORTS
RUTH

OSKINSING, N. Y., Jan. 11.—A feverish eleventh hour effort is being made today to stay the execution of Mrs. Ruth Snyder and Henry Judd Gray. Attorneys for the defense today mapped out several plans after Governor Alfred E. Smith had denied both clemency.

Gray's counsel is en route to Sing Sing to obtain the signature for an application for a writ of habeas corpus and stay of execution on the grounds that the client's case was prejudiced because he was not granted a separate trial.

Defense attorneys also claim the jury was influenced by Mrs. Snyder's counsel.

Gray ate heartily this morning while Mrs. Snyder only drank orange juice.

OSKINSING, N. Y., Jan. 11.—With only one more day to live, Mrs. Ruth Snyder arose from a fitful sleep this morning unaware that Gov. Al Smith had denied her application for clemency.

Warden Lawes stated that Mrs. Snyder and Henry Judd Gray, condemned to die for the murder of the woman's husband, Albert Snyder, will not be informed of the governor's decision unless relatives do so.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—Mrs. Ruth Snyder and Henry Judd Gray, scheduled to die in the electric chair Thursday for the murder of the woman's husband, Albert Snyder, are apparently reconciled to their fate. All hope is practically abandoned.

Mrs. Snyder is reported to have discussed funeral arrangements with her mother.

She has requested that she be executed in a silk dress rather than in the prison gingham.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 10.—In order not to embarrass Governor Alfred E. Smith in deciding on a clemency appeal by Mrs. Ruth Snyder and Henry Judd Gray, Assemblyman Christopher C. McGrath's bill to abolish capital punishment will not be introduced until after Thursday, the date set for the Snyder-Gray execution.

The introduction of the bill was to have been made the basis by the defense counsel in asking the governor to stay the execution until after the legislators had acted thereon.

XMAS SPIRITS
ARE A FEW DAYS
LATE IN CITY

Celebrations usually staged here during Christmas and New Year holidays were a few days late this season, according to the number of arrests which have been made during the past 48 hours.

Seven men were placed in county jail. Sheriff R. E. McWilliams arrested two men for fighting Monday night and jailed them. They were released after paying their fines.

Chief of Police McCall has arrested five and placed each of them in the county jail. Four of the cases were for drunkenness, and one was for disturbing the peace. Three were still in jail Thursday morning.

This was a larger number of arrests than were made during the Christmas and New Year holidays, when only four were arrested, each for drunkenness.

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METHODISTS POSTPONE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Rev. W. H. Coleman, of Brownwood, presiding elder of this district, came to Ballinger Tuesday to hold quarterly conference for the First Methodist Church of this city, but owing to the pastor being out of town the conference will be held at some future date. Rev. R. B. Hooper

"I have heard it rumored that I do not intend to run again for sheriff," Mr. McWilliams said, in announcing his candidacy, "and in order that these rumors may be stopped where they were started I am announcing for reelection."

For two terms Mr. McWilliams has served Rummels county as sheriff. His first race was rather heated and there was an opponent, but in 1926 he was unopposed for the office, and so far as is known now he will not have any opposition this year.

Elsewhere in this issue of The Ledger will be found Mr. McWilliams' announcement. He gives his record there for the past three years as shown by the books in the justice, county and district courts.

Mr. McWilliams had never, until in 1924, asked for a public office. He had never served as a public officer, but, as his announcement states, he believes he has made this county a good officer and is asking for a third term.

FARM LOAN BANK NAMES OFFICERS

At the annual stockholders' meeting of the Ballinger unit of the Federal Farm Loan Bank organization, which convened in the office of County Judge Paul Trimmer, secretary-treasurer, on Tuesday evening, the following directors were elected for the ensuing year:

F. L. Harper, C. A. Doose, Lon Mapes, M. B. Wardlaw, Rev. M. C. Golden, John Bigby and W. A. Taylor, after which the board of directors went into executive session and named officers as follows:

F. L. Harper, president; C. A. Doose, vice-president; Paul Trimmer, secretary-treasurer.

The total amount of loans outstanding in the Ballinger unit of this organization is around \$375,000, having been in the immediate neighborhood of \$440,000 at one time, \$65,000 having been retired before its maturity date.

The interest rate has been reduced to 5 per cent within the recent past.

One of the officers of the organization stated that when it is considered that the interest rate on land paper in this county that formerly prevailed was 8 per cent, and prior thereto, in some instances 10 per cent was exacted, that material progress has been made in behalf of the farmer with reference to extending him a line of credit in the relief that has been afforded him by the Federal Farm Loan Bank Act.

Mrs. T. M. O'Steen, of Vernon, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Gressett, and other relatives.

Referees in bankruptcy probably disagree with the claim that there is no such word as "fail." —Nashville Banner.

Little Change in Bank Officers; Deposits Gain

Little change was made in the directory boards of the three Ballinger banks at meetings of the stockholders on Tuesday, January 10th, the date of the annual meetings.

F. M. Pearce was elected as vice-president of the First National Bank. Other officers in this bank remained the same.

In the Farmers & Merchants State Bank and in the Ballinger State Bank the officers remained the same.

Officers and directors of the banks are as follows:

Farmers & Merchants—G. G. Odum, president; J. F. Currie, vice-president; Fred Kiechle, vice-president; J. L. Chastain, cashier; Edw. Songmers, assistant cashier. Directors: G. G. Odum, Fred Kiechle, J. F. Currie, J. L. Chastain, and J. A. Zak.

First National—J. Y. Pearce, president; F. M. Pearce, vice-president; D. M. Baker, vice-president; R. G. Erwin, cashier; Harry Lynn, asst. cashier; J. W. Patterson, asst. cashier; W. R. Bogle, asst. cashier. Directors: J.

A. Walker, J. Y. Pearce, R. G. Erwin, C. L. Baker, D. M. Baker, W. W. Fowler, J. McGregor and F. M. Pearce.

Ballinger State—E. D. Walker, president; C. P. Shepherd, vice-president; Sam Baker, cashier; Ross Murchison, asst. cashier. Directors: W. B. Dankworth, N. J. Allen, C. P. Shepherd, E. F. Batts, Wm. Halfmann, Jas. E. Brewer and E. D. Walker.

Deposits Increase

The deposits of each one of the local banking institutions showed an increase of their last previous statement. The total deposits for the three banks on December 31st was \$2,041,386.80, as compared with \$1,837,928.48 on October 31, an increase of \$203,458.40.

The individual deposits of the banks are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Bank Name, Deposits. Rows include First National, Farmers & Merchants, and Ballinger State for both December 31 and October 10.

MANDAMUS SUITS COURT AFFIRMS SILVER VERDICT

(By International News Service) AUSTIN, Jan. 11.—The Texas Supreme Court set for March 16 the submission of six mandamus suits against Land Commissioner J. T. Robison.

These suits involve the constitutionality of the relinquishment act.

Many millions of dollars in oil and gas leases are affected in the action.

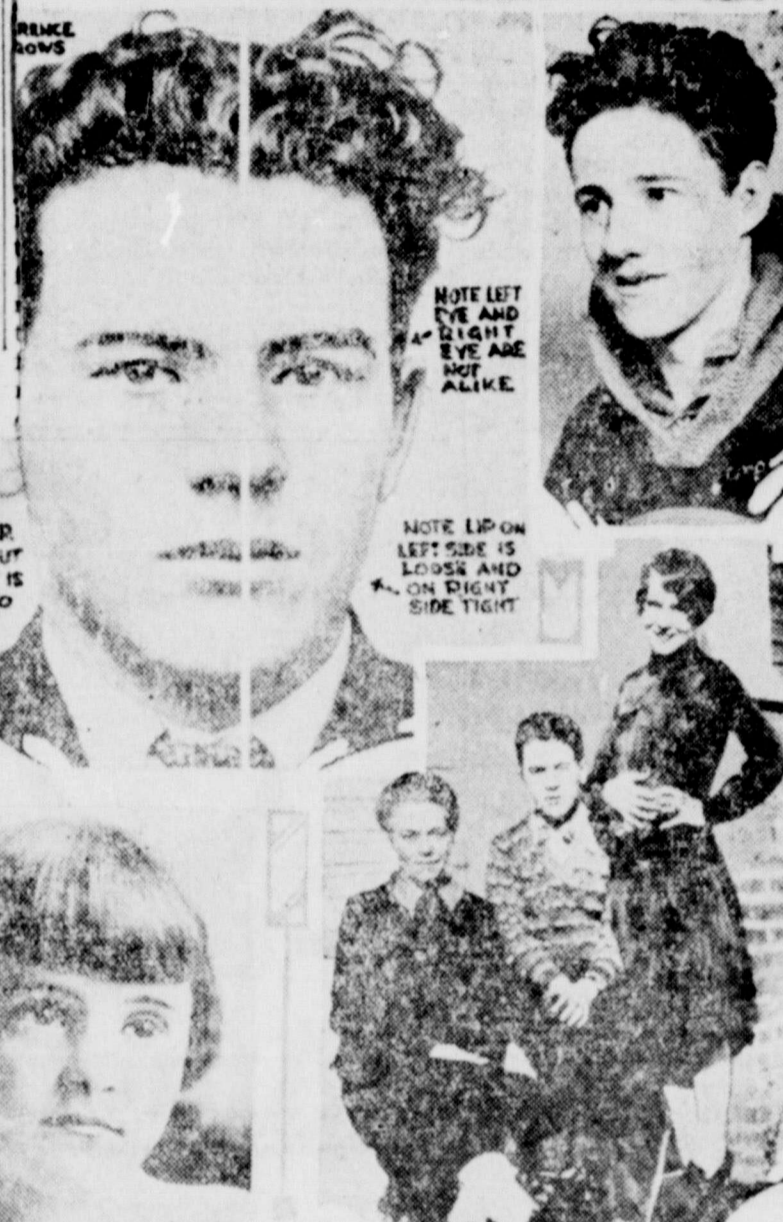
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Wives Women Want Hickman Sent to the Chair

PHOTOGRAPHS ANALYZE HICKMAN'S FACE



Central photo shows how crime experts analyze features of William Edward Hickman, alleged slayer of Marian Parker, of Los Angeles. Marked differences are seen in eyebrows, eyes and lips. Upper left: Thomas, of El Paso, Texas, father of youthful prisoner. Lower left: The Parker twins, with Marjorie and Marian right. Upper right: Oliver Andrew Kramer, who was accused by Hickman of kidnapping the little girl, but was discovered in Los Angeles jail, where he had been since last August. Lower right: Before the youth started his career of crime—photo taken at Hickman's boyhood home in Kansas City, showing his mother, Mrs. Eva Hickman, and his sister, Mary Hickman.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11.—The Cosmos Club, composed entirely of women, has voiced a ringing protest against "the many efforts being made to save William Edward Hickman from capital punishment."

A resolution asking for death for the fiend-slayer of little Marian Parker will be offered by the president of the counsel of the District Federation of Women's Clubs asking for the endorsement of all Southern California counties.

The movement may be made state and nation wide.

Meanwhile Hickman is undergoing physiological and mental tests by defense physicians.

BATTS NAMED AS TRUSTEE

E. F. Batts, local automobile dealer, has been named to succeed Tom Caudle, resigned, as a member of the board of trustees of the Ballinger Independent School District. Mr. Caudle recently resigned to move to Coleman, where he will be made manager of the H. H. Hardin Lumber Company yard there.

Mr. Batts will serve the unexpired term. Mr. Caudle had been appointed trustee after the resignation of a member and was re-elected at the last election.

The board is now composed of C. A. Doose, Dr. E. C. Baskin, R. T. Williams, Lee Butler, Rev. W. H. Doss, Walter Middleton and Mr. Batts.

This body, after appointing Mr. Batts as trustee, named Miss Lois Kincaid, of Abilene, as director of the expression department of the Senior high school. She will resume her duties at once.

Miss Kincaid takes the place made vacant by the resignation of Miss Luebel Taylor, who has gone to New York city to study dramatic art.

During the recent visit here of the Simmons University Choral Club, Miss Kincaid was presented in a reading. She is a graduate of the speech and arts department of Simmons, and up to the time of her appointment here, was assistant in this department of the university. She has started her private classes and in addition to this work will also instruct a class in public speaking as a regular course in the high school.

Nine Negroes Escape From Angelo Jail

SAN ANGELO, Jan. 11.—Six of the nine negroes who broke jail here last night are still at liberty today and are being sought by officers.

Poses and bloodhounds are searching the ranching country west of here.

12 Dead in Naval Fire

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 11.—At least 12 were killed and more than 50 were injured when fire swept the naval depot at Cobras Island today.

Be wise and advertise.

POLICE SEEKING NEW KIDNAPPER

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Police are combing the Washington Park district today in search of a fiend, who kidnapped a 13-month-old baby, attacked her and threw her into a snow bank.

The baby was found by two boys who notified the police that they saw a man about 40 years old pick up the baby and take it away.

Advertisement for The Winters State Bank, featuring the text 'If You Were Managing a Bank' and 'The Winters State Bank - The Reliable Since 1906'.

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SAN ANGELO BUILDING PERMITS PASS \$4,000,000

SAN ANGELO, Jan. 5.—Building permits in San Angelo during 1927 amounted to \$4,007,862, according to figures released by C. E. Starkie, city engineer. This was boosted by a total of \$400,717 for the last week of January, by firms taking out permits to enable them to start work on structures early in the first week of January.

This makes the greatest building year in the history of San Angelo and probably places San Angelo at the top of the list of cities in the Southwest, population considered.

It was estimated at the beginning of 1927 by Mr. Starkie that building permits for the year would reach \$4,000,000. With his guess practically correct, he has estimated that building permits for 1928 will equal \$5,000,000.

It is interesting to see that the permits of 1927 are almost as much as the totals of the years 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926. The total for those four years is \$5,542,166, only \$1,534,304 more than the total of 1927. The total in 1923 was \$189,544, the next year it was \$653,792, the 1925 total was \$1,633,466, and in 1926 it was \$3,065,354. October was the heaviest month of 1927, with a total of \$789,627 in building permits. The lightest month was February, during which building permits amounted to but \$171,135.

Almost an equal amount of improvements was not listed in building permits. There are eight improvements which cost \$3,240,000, while there are many others not listed. The Western Gas Service Company spent \$1,700,000 in putting in its system in the city, the West Texas Utilities expended \$970,000 for machinery, while \$250,000 was spent on Westland Park residential addition; \$100,000 on Hill Crest addition; \$100,000 on Highland Park addition; \$50,000 on Sunset addition; \$50,000 was spent on Glenmore Estate addition, and \$20,000 on Forrest Park addition.

THREE WINTERS BOYS PAY FINES FOR THEFT

Three Winters boys, Otis Kirby, Anson Henderson and Richard Aley paid fines of \$26.80 each in the county court here Monday morning after entering pleas of guilty to the theft of about 25 gallons of gasoline from several Winters filling stations.

The youths had the gasoline hidden near Winters, it is alleged, when arrested by Deputy Sheriff S. T. Clark, who brought them to Ballinger.

Mrs. E. R. Walker has returned from Temple, where she had been with Dr. Walker, who is in a Temple hospital. Dr. Walker is reported to be much improved and it is believed he will recover without an operation.

EUROPE HOPES NEW GASOLINE IS SAFETY FUEL

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Aviation and motor circles throughout Europe are greatly interested in a new type of gasoline, invented and perfected in France, which is supposed to be almost entirely non-combustible.

Experiments have shown that it is impossible to set fire to the liquid with a naked flame, nor does it ignite when it is splattered upon a red-hot metal surface. It is conceded that the discovery will have a tremendous effect in reducing the danger of fire both in aviation and in motoring, and the British Air Ministry is taking immediate steps to obtain full details with a view to ascertaining the possibilities of its use in the Royal Air Force.

French Discovery
The fuel is the discovery of M. Ferrier, an official of a French government department, who immediately handed over his patents to the French Admiralty. It was tried in French planes on flights of considerable distance, and found to be fully as useful as ordinary gasoline, with none of the latter's hazards.

Motor experts in London have experimented with the new gasoline and found that when a match was applied to the liquid, it was immediately extinguished. It was found that blotting paper soaked in the liquid would burn, but it did not flare up with explosive violence, as ordinary gasoline does.

The new "safety fuel" as it is called is causing something of a sensation.

Increases Safety
Aeronautical experts point out that one of the greatest hazards of flying is the danger of fire, either in mid-air or in the case of a crash, and if the new gasoline lives up to its promises, this danger would be practically eliminated. A machine using this fuel might crash, the tanks might burst, and the fuel pour all over the hot engine and exhaust pipes without there being any risk of fire.

It is intimated that the British government may attempt to use the new fuel in the engines of the giant dirigible R-100.

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"If not delivered in five days, try like hell on the sixth." These words scrawled below the return address of an A. & M. College cadet worked wonders in securing delivery of a Christmas greeting card mailed to a Houston girl.

Besides the girl's name, Houston, Texas, was the only address. Postoffice officials were so intrigued by the return address that they combed directories and old mail lists for days. The card was delivered Thursday.—Houston Chronicle.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Lumburg, and Homer Lumburg, of Mason, returned home via Brownwood Monday afternoon, after a short visit here with Mrs. Lumburg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Skinner.

12 DELEGATES TO BUREAU MEETING

Twelve delegates from the Runnels County Farm Bureau Association will leave here Tuesday for Dallas, where they will attend the state convention of the Texas Farm Bureau Association, C. W. Buchanan, field manager here, announced Monday morning.

The convention opens Wednesday morning, January 11, and continues through Friday, January 13.

This is the largest number of delegates ever sent from this county and it is expected that the meeting in Dallas will be attended by the largest crowd since the organization of the Bureau.

Those going from this county are: John Bigby, J. E. Fowler, Frank Kemp, Lynn Stokes, J. S. Flanagan, Clarence Routh and Mr. Buchanan, all of Ballinger; Joe Carter, J. H. Collingsworth, and R. R. Morgan, of Winters; R. Pinkerton, of Norton; and M. L. Lett, of Hatchel. The delegation will return home Sunday.

J. D. Motley and Felton Wright went to Brownwood Friday to attend the funeral of a friend.

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MAN PAYS FINE FOR WIFE DESERTION

J. E. Clubb, of this city, was fined \$100 and costs for wife desertion Monday morning following his arrest recently in Coke county.

Coke county officers arrested Clubb and carried him to the San Angelo jail, where Sheriff R. E. McWilliams got him Sunday night.

Clubb was also given a 90-day jail sentence but it was remitted after he had promised to return to his wife.

O. C. Sykes has returned from Detroit, Mich., where he attended a meeting of the agents for Overland and Willys-Knight products. He reported a very pleasant trip and an interesting meeting.

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advancements are represented—from the four-inch longer wheelbase and the new semi-elliptic shock absorber springs—84% of the wheelbase, to the marvelously beautiful new Fisher bodies in new Duco colors.

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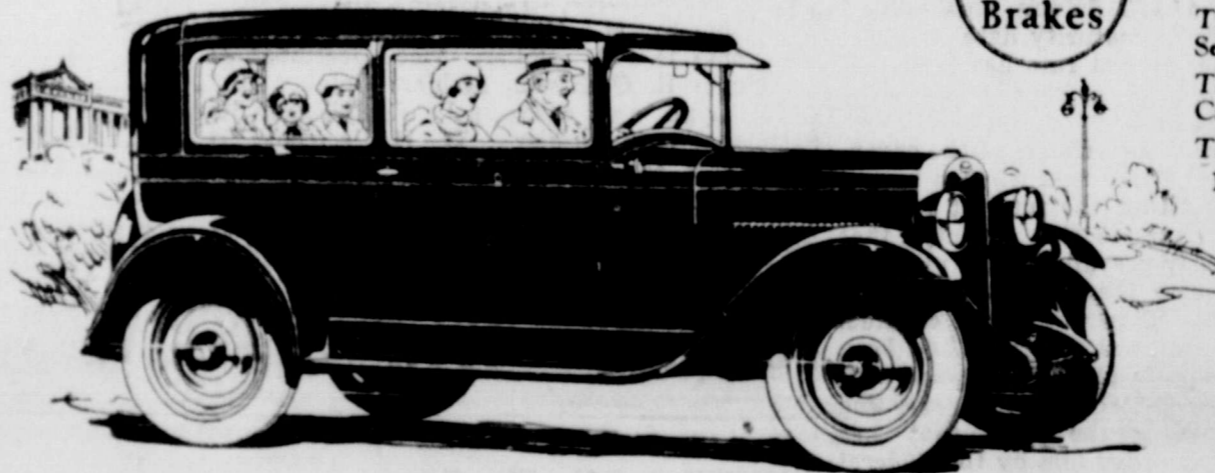
- Improved valve-in-head motor. New stronger frame 4" longer wheelbase 107".
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- New alloy "invar strut" pistons.
- New instrument panel indirectly lighted.
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- Semi-elliptic shock absorber springs; 84 per cent of wheelbase.
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- New streamline bodies by Fisher.
- New Duco colors.
- Theft-proof steering and ignition lock.
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- A. C. air cleaner.
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 - The Sport Cabriolet . . . \$ 665
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Jurors For February Term of Court are Announced

Miss Georgia Singletary, district clerk, announced Monday the names of those who would be called for jury service during the February term of the 35th District Court which meets in Ballinger on Monday, February 6th.

The grand jury list of sixteen names, from which twelve will be chosen to act on that body, has quite a number of farmers, with only four or five business men from Winters and Ballinger.

The petit juries list also contains many farmers' names.

Not many cases have developed in this county for this term of the court, however, there is still a month until court opens and it seems an established rule that some try to break into the docket at the eleventh hour.

Grand Jury

Following is the grand jury list:

Carl Harkins, Wingate; Duncan Hensley, Wingate; Jim Wood, Crews; Fred Gerhart, Winters; L. L. Baffebough, Winters; E. A. Shepperd, Winters; J. R. Harris, Hatchel; A. G. Hoppe, Hatchel; Wm. Halfmann, Jr., Ballinger; Ed Hoelscher, Ballinger; Wm. Gleck, Rowena; Walter Schuhmann, Ballinger; Fritz Gallas, Miles; W. C. McCarver, Ballinger; T. J. McCaughn, Norton; Harry Mapes, Ballinger.

The petit jury lists for the three weeks are as follows:

First Week

J. M. Caudle, Ballinger; R. M. Ashburn, Winters; W. F. Crockett, Ballinger; A. Bourne, Winters; H. C. Daniels, Ballinger; Paul Hoense, Miles; J. B. Brooks, Miles; S. H. Daugherty, Ballinger; H. F. Demmer, Ballinger; A. J. Glass, Miles; W. F. Atwell, Ballinger; D. A. Dobbin, Winters; Gus Redmon, Rowena; Louis Droll, Rowena; J. E. Brock, Winters; Frank Flynt, Winters; L. W. Harris, Ballinger; H. J. Kasberg, Rowena; Carl Bohlmann, Winters; Theo. Halfmann, Rowena; Walter Lange, Ballinger; R. Q. Adams, Ballinger; W. H. Pape, Winters; Roy Halstead, Ballinger; F. L. Harper, Ballinger; C. L. Chapman, Winters; Otto Fink, Miles; Jno. T. Curry, Winters; G. A. Jarrett, Ballinger; W. R. Gannaway, Winters; H. G. Jones, Ballinger; W. R. Johnson, Winters; Adolph Krempin, Rowena; M. S. Karmany, Ballinger; Joe Baker, Winters; C. B. Laxson, Ballinger.

Second Week

Hatton Laxson, Ballinger; H. W. Ash, Marie; Ernest Adam, Winters; Clifton Davis, Winters; Grover Davis, Winters; Walter Hinds, Winters; W. A. Egge-meyer, Rowena; P. J. Wellen, Winters; Ben Wilde, Rowena; Frank Berryman, Wingate; W. B. Dodgen, Wingate; Elo Ernst, Rowena; A. M. Moreland, Winters; R. N. Ensor, Winters; W. D. Overman, Wingate; J. E. McAuley, Maverick; Jno. L. Kennedy, Winters; W. P. Lloyd, Winters; H. N. McDonald, Winters; W. W. Parramore, Winters; R. W. Ueckert, Ballinger; Aug. Seipp, Winters; C. R. Syler, Winters; J. L. Hardin, Ballinger; W. T. Billups, Wingate; E. J. Glass, Miles; J. H. Voelkel, Ballinger; R. L. Pumphrey, Winters; Fritz H. Lisso, Rowena; M. B. Barron, Wingate; Victor Mika, Ballinger; Ed Dean, Wingate; Clyde Dunn, Wingate; E. E. Dusek, Rowena; W. J. Hurt, Wingate.

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WIN PRIZES IN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CLUBS

BASTROP, Jan. 3. — Ollie Rhodes, of Alum Creek, and Charlie Leg, of Upton, were awarded first and second prizes respectively, for having done the best work in county agricultural clubs. Prizes of \$25 and \$12.50 were offered for first and second place by James P. Buchanan, congressman from this district.

Second Week

Emmett Alexander, K. M. Trigg and H. N. Bell served as judges in the contest.

T. S. Lankford, of Abilene, was in Ballinger looking after business Monday.

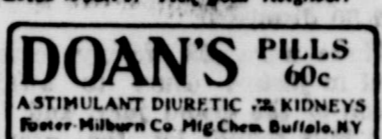


Always Stiff and Achy?

Too Often This Warns of Sluggish Kidney Action.

LAME? Stiff? Achy? Sure your kidneys are working right? Sluggish kidneys allow waste poisons to remain in the blood and make one languid, tired and achy, with often dull headaches, dizziness and nagging backache. A common warning is scanty or burning secretions.

Doan's Pills, a stimulant diuretic, increase the secretion of the kidneys and thus aid in the elimination of bodily waste. *Use everywhere endorse Doan's. Ask your neighbor!*



METHODISTS POSTPONE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Rev. W. H. Coleman, of Brownwood, presiding elder of this district, came to Ballinger Tuesday to hold quarterly conference for the First Methodist Church of this city, but owing to the pastor being out of town the conference will be held at some future date. Rev. R. B. Hooper and wife were called to Kerrville Monday to be at the bedside of Mrs. Hooper's father, who is very low. Rev. Coleman did not set a date for the meeting but a date will be announced as soon as Rev. Hooper returns home.

MAN GETS DAMAGES FOR TACKS IN FEED

EL PASO, Jan. 5.—Can a horse spit? T. A. Bray asked \$750 damages for two horses who died after eating feed which he said had tacks in it.

The feed firm contended the horses would spit out tacks in feed.

The jury awarded Bray \$500.

Now come on fellows; let's all be he-men and wear those Christmas neckties.—Montana Record-Herald.

WIFE REFUSES HUSBAND'S PEACE OFFER; SAYS SHE HAS TOO MANY "STRIPES"

"I have too many stripes on my back now that have not healed," said a prospective mother Monday when officers returned her husband-deserter after arresting him in Coke county, fining him \$100 and costs and sentencing him to 90 days in jail.

City Commissioner E. M. Eubank several weeks ago found a woman living near the A. & S. station in a one-room shack with two sons, aged 8 and 2, and who is about to become a mother for the third time. She was without groceries, clothing and fuel. Mr. Eubank reported the case to the Charity Board. The board furnished the necessities for the little family.

County officers then started an investigation. The husband was arrested in Coke county, placed in the Tom Green county jail and Sunday night was brought to Ballinger to answer charges of wife desertion.

The man was found guilty of the charge in the county court but was told that the fine and jail sentence would be remitted if he would get a job and return to his wife. He got a job working for the city at \$3 per day. He returned to his wife and offered the olive branch which was refused. The wife said she had too many stripes on her back to receive him again. She returned him to the officers with as much grace as they had presented him to her.

The husband has returned to his job in Coke county. No other action has been taken by the court here.

The family lived in Winters for a year moved to San Angelo in the spring of 1926 and on August 1st the husband put the wife and two sons on the train there and told them to come to Ballinger, that he would follow. He did not come until officers had him arrested and brought here.

Miss Mildred Butler has returned to Abilene after spending the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Butler.

"The smell of tobacco doesn't mean there's a man in the house," said the burglar, "but it's still a sign of danger."

TARRANT COUNTY HOLDS SECOND ISSUE ELECTION

WORTH, Jan. 10.—Seven amendments to the city charter, a bond issue for \$6,500, and the election of a board of directors for the Tarrant County Improvement District No.

I, claimed the interest in today's special election here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Sheriff:
R. E. (EARL) McWILLIAMS

Weak Intestines Nearly Ruined Texas Boy

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE BALLINGER STATE BANK

at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1927, published in The Ballinger Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 9th day of January, 1928.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and discounts, undoubtably good on personal or collateral security	\$263,229.75
Loans secured by real estate, worth at least twice the amount loaned thereon	17,156.00
Overdrafts, undoubtably good	111.04
Bonds, stocks and other securities	2,200.00
Real Estate (Banking House)	20,000.00
Other Real Estate	29,221.81
Furniture and Fixtures	8,100.55
Cash on hand	15,628.67
Due from approved reserve agents	113,797.74
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	412.45
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	1,766.55
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	1,500.00
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange, undoubtably good	20,632.51
Total	\$493,757.07

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$40,000.00
Certified Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided profits, net	3,765.30
Dividends unpaid	2,000.00
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check	359,107.84
Individual Deposits subject to check	15,742.40
Time Certificates of Deposit	
State \$	
County \$	
City \$ 39,544.87	Total 48,011.81
School \$ 8,466.94	
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	5,320.16
Other Liabilities	452.88
Total	\$493,757.07

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF RUNNELS,

We, E. D. Walker, as President and Sam Baker as Cashier of said Bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

E. D. Walker, President
Sam Baker, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January, A. D. 1928.

(SEAL) Gertrude Woods, Notary Public, Runnels County, Texas.

CORRECT—ATTEST:

Jas. E. Brewer, W. B. Dankworth, C. P. Shepherd, Directors

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1927, published in The Ballinger Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 9th day of January, 1928.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and discounts, undoubtably good on personal or collateral security	\$551,866.54
Loans secured by real estate, worth at least twice the amount loaned thereon	17,334.21
Overdrafts, undoubtably good	516.49
Bonds, stocks and other securities	6,928.55
Real Estate (Banking House)	25,000.00
Other Real Estate	6,286.06
Furniture and Fixtures	5,602.70
Cash on hand	33,850.92
Due from approved reserve agents	141,656.70
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	60,210.49
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	2,349.50
Acceptances and Bills of Exchanges, undoubtably good	35,750.79
Other Resources: Miscellaneous Collections	672.14
Total	\$886,925.09

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Other Surplus Fund	42,000.00
Undivided profits, net	158.97
Dividends unpaid	5,000.00
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check	8,940.66
Individual Deposits subject to check	525,782.48
Time Certificates of Deposit	61,375.27
Public Funds on Deposit	
State \$	
County \$ 127,436.78	Total 138,964.08
School \$ 11,527.30	
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	2,203.63
Other Liabilities: Reserved for Taxes	2,500.00
Total	\$886,925.09

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF RUNNELS,

We, G. G. Odom, as President and J. L. Chastain, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

G. G. Odom, President
J. L. Chastain, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of January, A. D. 1928.

(SEAL) Estes M. Lynn, Notary Public, Runnels County, Texas.

CORRECT—ATTEST:

Fred Kiechle, J. F. Currie, J. A. Zak, Directors.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts	\$322,272.00
School Warrants	4,917.69
Overdrafts	516.49
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,602.70
Other Real Estate	6,286.06
Stocks and Bonds	1,110.86
Interest Guaranty Fund	2,349.50
Cash and Due from Banks	\$236,390.25
Bankers' Acceptances and Commercial Paper	246,928.75
Bills of Exchange (cotton)	35,750.79
Total	\$886,925.09

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Profits (net)	42,158.97
Cashier's Checks	2,203.63
Reserved for Taxes	2,500.00
Dividends Unpaid	5,000.00
Deposits	735,062.49
Total	\$886,925.09

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE First National Bank

at Ballinger, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 31st, 1927.

RESOURCES:	
1. a. Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, acceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank (except those shown in Item 1-b)	\$275,042.78
b. Acceptances of other banks discounted, excluding those sold with indorsement reported in Item 1-a	328,958.42
Total loans	604,001.20
2. Overdrafts, unsecured	191.62
3. U. S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES OWNED:	
a. Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds, par value)	\$25,000.00
b. All other United States Government securities (including premiums, if any)	500.00
Total	25,500.00
4. OTHER BONDS, STOCKS, SECURITIES, ETC., OWNED:	
6. Banking House \$20,000.00; Furniture & Fixt. \$6,000.00	26,000.00
8. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	62,649.97
10. Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	231,141.23
13. Checks on other banks in same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 12)	2,824.25
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13	233,965.48
14. a. Checks and drafts on banks (including Federal Reserve Bank) located outside of city or town of reporting bank	5,175.58
b. Miscellaneous cash items	2,857.22
15. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	1,250.00
18. Other assets, if any (Cotton Acceptances)	41,148.81
TOTAL	\$1,067,914.88

LIABILITIES	
19. Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
20. Surplus fund	50,000.00
21. Undivided profits	\$12,072.55
c. Less current expenses paid	12,072.55
22. Reserved for taxes, interest, etc., accrued	2,656.91
23. Circulating notes outstanding	24,400.00
25. Amount due to national banks	18,578.79
26. a. Amount due to State bankers, bankers and trust companies in the United States	4,012.34
b. Amount due to banks in foreign countries	4,012.34
29. Dividend checks outstanding	5,000.00
Total of Items 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29	\$27,591.13
DEMAND DEPOSITS (other than bank deposits) SUBJECT TO RESERVE (deposits payable within 30 days):	
30. Individual deposits subject to check	841,770.39
31. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed)	5,438.90
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve Items 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34	847,209.29
TIME DEPOSITS SUBJECT TO RESERVE (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings):	
35. Savings deposits (including time certificates of deposit other than for money borrowed)	3,985.00
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 35, 36, 37, and 38	3,985.00
TOTAL	\$1,067,914.88

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels, ss:

I, R. G. Erwin, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. G. ERWIN, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January, 1928.
(Seal) JOE FORMAN, Notary Public.
CORRECT—Attest: J. Y. Pearce, D. M. Baker, J. McGregor, Directors.

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HIGGINBOTHAM BROTHERS & COMPANY

GRAHAM BROTHERS TRUCKS

- \$1595 6-cyl. 2-Ton
- \$1245 1 1/2-Ton
- \$895 1-Ton G-Bay
- \$670 3/4-Ton Commercial Above Price chassis f. a. b. Detroit
- \$770 1/2-Ton Deluxe Panel Complete f. a. b. Detroit

Women! Defeat Your Ills!

Port Arthur, Texas.—"I have taken Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription off and on when I would feel rundown in health and it always built me up and helped me a great deal in many ways. I can highly recommend it to be a wonderful medicine for ailing women. I don't believe it ever fails if given a fair trial."

—Mrs. D. D. Williams, 627-10th St.

Obtain Dr. Pierce's Prescription new homes in the city for the past twelve months has not been compiled but is estimated between 125 and 150.

The annual banquet of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce will be held Friday night, January 13th. The banquet plan is one of the few successful methods for getting the members of the organization out for a get-together meeting. Another method was tried last year, but it was a failure and the banquet plan has been resumed. Every member of the organization should be present at this meeting. A good feed will be spread, a short humorous program is being prepared and it will last but a short while.

BENOIT ITEMS

After a week's absence, and experiencing some of the coldest weather of the season, am back with the Items once more.

The teachers and pupils are busy again after the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Tullas and family have moved into our midst, and two of their children have been added to the school roll.

Mrs. L. B. Rumpy visited her daughter, Mrs. Albert Williams, in Coleman Saturday.

Little Norma Jean Hoffman has been on the sick list the past two weeks but is improving at this writing.

Mrs. R. S. Rives has also been ill but is able to be up and about some.

Miss Dolores Elliott visited friends in Ballinger Saturday night and Sunday.

Ben Wallace has been visiting friends here the week-end, returning to Brownwood Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben O'Daniel returned to Vernon, Texas, Monday after visiting Mrs. O'Daniel's parents here, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Reese, through the holiday season.

Rev. and Mrs. B. B. Edmiston called to see the W. T. Hill family Monday afternoon.

Mrs. L. R. Brookshire has been suffering from an infected foot this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Clayton were hosts to a number of guests Thursday night. Four tables of forty-two were the entertaining feature of the evening, after which sandwiches, cake and hot cocoa were served to the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Reese, Mr. and Mrs. Don Kennedy were Ballinger visitors Monday.

"REPORTER"

EUROPE HOPES NEW GASOLINE IS SAFETY FUEL

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Aviation and motor circles throughout Europe are greatly interested in a new type of gasoline, invented and perfected in France, which is supposed to be almost entirely safe.

Son Hale and wife visited Mr. Hale's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hale, and family, the past week. They also visited Mrs. Hale's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brevard, of Dale, returning to their home at Houston Sunday.

Misses Alvis and Elsie Todd spent Tuesday night with Miss Ozella Avert.

Miss Vivian McCartney spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Jettie Fuller.

Miss Ozella Avert spent Saturday night with Miss Lemma Brevard.

Avery Todd, of Anderson, visited back in his old home community Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Alcorn, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brevard and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brevard of Dale, and Steve Hale of Ballinger, were visitors in the W. A. Hale home Sunday.

"REPORTER"

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Mrs. George Fry, of Hamhurst, is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Milton Harris.

M. B. and Dr. Barron, of Wingate, came down Sunday to see their father, who was sick. We are glad to report Mr. Barron is better and will soon be up and about again.

Miss Mildred Kirks, who is staying at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Gadberry, spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. Tuckey, of near Crews.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Walshak and little son left last week for Corpus Christi to make their home after a few days stay with Mrs. Walshak's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Humble, and family.

Lennis Brown left for Del Rio last week.

Henry Leach spent the week-end in Eldorado, visiting his wife and baby at the home of Mrs. Leach's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Brown moved last week to the Ross Smith place across the road from the Ross Smith home place.

Mrs. H. M. Leach returned home Sunday with Henry Leach after staying a week in Eldorado with Mrs. Henry Leach and baby.

Earl Scott has returned to Del Rio after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Scott.

H. M. Leach and Charles Midgley came down from San Angelo Saturday night to visit home folks. These men are with the West Texas Utilities Company at that place. They returned to San Angelo Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. George McMillan and daughter spent Sunday with Mrs. McMillan's mother, Mrs. Tuckey, of Crews.

E. A. Jeanes Jr. was kicked by a mule Friday evening, and had been confined to his bed for several days. He is able to be up some at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Houston are the proud parents of a girl born to them Monday. The family lives on the Dean farm.

Miss Demma Barron was on the sick list recently, but is able to be up some at this time.

"BLUE BONNET."

Most architects have abandoned bay windows. Poets never acquired any.

R. E. McWILLIAMS ANNOUNCES FOR SHERIFF

I am again announcing my candidacy for the office of Sheriff for a third term, and in doing so I want to urge the voters to look into my past record, both as a man and as an officer. For the last three years of have tried my best to serve you, and I am taking this method of soliciting both your vote and influence, that is, if you feel like I deserve another term. I feel like I am more competent, and can make Runnels county a better sheriff in the future than I have in the past, as I know the people better, am more acquainted with who will and who won't do things, better acquainted with the roads in the county, and the ones leading to and from the county, better acquainted with the people and the officers in the surrounding counties. All these things help an officer to make a better officer. Especially do I want to thank the good law abiding citizens of this county who want the laws enforced, for the co-operation they have given me—we could all make better officers if the people would help us more, and were not afraid to let the lawless element know that they were against them.

When making the race three years ago for this office was the first time in my life I ever asked for any office. I told you I was running on my own merits, and on my past record as a man, not as an officer, for I had never been an officer and did not know what I could do. However, I told you that I would do my dead level best to make you as good if not the best sheriff Runnels county ever had. Now the records will show, and it is up to you to say whether I have done that or tried to make you a good officer or not.

I was asked many questions as to what I would or would not do in the way of enforcing the law, when I was making my first campaign, and I always told them I would do my best to enforce all the laws on all those who intentionally violated the law, regardless of who it was, or what law it was, and I know I have tried to do that.

Three years ago the Ku Klux Klan was the main issue, and I came out in the open and told you how I stood on that question, and I have not changed my mind yet. I told you it would not make any difference to me what a man belonged to, that he had the right to join any Church or organization he wanted to and I had the same right.

I was asked the question many times whether or not I was a prohibitionist and would enforce the prohibition law or not, and I told all that asked me that I would not deceive them to get their vote; that I had never voted a prohibition ticket in my life but I would do my best to enforce that law. To those who don't think I have tried to enforce the prohibition law I want you to investigate the records and see for yourself just how many men I have arrested and put under bond for violating that law, and come see how much whiskey and how many stills I have confiscated, and I have taken a man with every still and two men

with some of them. If the people would give us more support in the enforcement of this law we could do much more toward enforcing it.

Now I am not boasting of what I have done or criticising anything anyone else has done in the enforcement of the laws in Runnels county. I am only making the following statement of facts from the court records of the different courts in this county, such as Justice, County and District courts, so you can see for yourself whether or not I have tried to do what I said I would do—enforce the law to the best of my ability.

In the last four years of office of my predecessor there were filed in the justice court, precinct No. 1, at Ballinger, 235 misdemeanor cases, of which 58 were dismissed. In county court there were 186 misdemeanor cases filed, and 30 dismissed.

There were 98 felony cases filed in justice court to await action of the grand jury, and 72 true bills found by the grand jury in the four years, and 26 of them dismissed.

Now, in the last three years I have been in office there have been 500 misdemeanor cases filed in justice court of precinct No. 1, at Ballinger, and 54 of them dismissed. In county court there have been 484 cases filed for misdemeanors, and 93 of them dismissed. There have been in the last three years, 160 felony cases filed in justice court to await action of the grand jury, the grand jury found 128 true bills, and dismissed 32.

Now as I have said I am not boasting of what I have done—just given you these facts from the court records so you could judge for yourself whether or not I have tried to enforce the law, and do my duty as sheriff as best I could. We all make mistakes, and I am no exception to the rule, but I try to profit by my mistakes, try to overcome my faults, and do as best I can to do as near the right thing as possible.

Now I am asking you Citizens and Voters, to give me due consideration and if you feel like I deserve your support and influence and re-elect me your sheriff for another term I assure you I will appreciate and will continue to do my best to enforce all the laws on all the people who intentionally violate the laws, regardless of who it is or what law it is. My motto is equal rights to all and special privileges to none.

R. E. McWILLIAMS, Candidate for Sheriff. Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

(Political Advertisement)

Mr. and Mrs. Sturgess have returned from Brownwood, where they had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs of the Bettis & Gibbs store there. Mrs. Sturgess and Mr. Gibbs are sister and brother. The little 18-month-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs is seriously ill.

With one million points as their goal, four Wisconsin bridge players will start their sixth year of play in January. They play on the average of once a week and their individual scores are now well over 700,000.

RAPS USE OF ARMS IN COLLECTION OF DEBTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The use of armed force in collecting debts in foreign lands was attacked in a resolution introduced by Senator Blaine, Republican, of Wisconsin, which proposed seven principles to be

observed in placing American investments abroad and arbitration in case of default in payments.

MOODY LEAVES FOR NATIONAL CAPITAL

AUSTIN, Jan. 10.—Gov. Dan Moody left for Washington today where he will address the Jackson Day gathering Thursday.

STATEMENT of Condition

...THE...
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER
December 31st, 1927

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$316,191.59
Banker's Acceptances	328,958.42
U. S. Bonds	25,500.00
Stocks and Bonds	65,175.00
Overdrafts	191.62
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	26,000.00
CASH AND EXCHANGE	305,898.25
	\$1,067,914.88
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	62,072.55
Circulation	24,400.00
Reserved for Taxes 1927	2,656.91
Dividend No. 78	5,000.00
DEPOSITS	873,785.42
	\$1,067,914.88

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

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LESSON No. 18

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Answer: It is food and tonic rich in vitamins and other nourishing factors that are particularly helpful to a weakened child.

Fog your child—old reliable

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Clothes when properly dry cleaned and properly pressed do go a long way in adding to natural beauty. You'll like our odorless process and our work in general.

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Thieves Steal Car Here After Blowing a Safe in Brownwood

After blowing a safe in Brownwood, early Wednesday evening, two thieves came to Ballinger in the night, robbed an oil station of a few stamps, stole an Oakland coupe and attempted to steal a Chrysler sedan. They were routed when they endeavored to steal the Chrysler.

An Oakland coupe, belonging to Miss Ima McKown, 501 Eleventh Street, was stolen from its locked garage Wednesday night before midnight and the same thieves went to the home of J. F. McMillan, 201 Twelfth Street, but after breaking into the garage there were forced to flee in order to keep from being shot by Mr. McMillan, who was awakened by members of his family after the thieves had gotten inside the garage.

It is believed the thieves headed toward San Angelo after being forced to retreat hurriedly from the McMillan home.

The matter was reported to Sheriff R. E. McWilliams and Chief of Police F. V. McCall early Thursday morning and an investigation showed the thieves broke locks on both garage doors and had abandoned a 1925 model coupe on Thirteenth Street.

According to the officers conducting the investigation, the thieves first went to the McKown garage, broke in and took the Oakland coupe, leaving Miss McKown's hat, which was in the car, on the floor. Later they went to the McMillan garage and there left Miss McKown's umbrella and a Christmas wreath which was in the coupe.

In the Ford coupe was found a vanity case, a woman's handkerchief and a small overcoat.

At 10 o'clock Thursday morning Sheriff McWilliams received a telephone call from the sheriff's department at Brownwood asking that he look out for two men, one unusually small, who were driving a 1925 model Ford coupe. The two men were chased from Brownwood about 8 o'clock Wednesday evening after blowing a safe in an oil station there. This Ford had an Alabama license plate, the report said.

The license numbers were taken from Miss McKown's car and left with the Ford coupe, and the Alabama license plates were believed to have been placed on the Oakland coupe.

This was all thought to have been done after thieves broke into the Pierce Oil Company station here, where they obtained only a few stamps, according to E. P. Talbott, local manager. This is the fourth time this station has been looted.

Two years ago Miss McKown had a Ford coupe stolen from her garage. This car was later found in Tyler. The Oakland coupe was insured, Miss McKown said.

Sheriff McWilliams left for San Angelo Thursday where he believes he will secure some information in regard to the two thieves and safe-crackers. He and Chief McCall are of the opinion that the two men who blew the safe in Brownwood are the same who raided this city Wednesday night and believe they drove to San Angelo after being frightened away from the McMillan home.

Sheriffs and police departments of several West Texas cities were being notified of the theft at noon Thursday and it is believed the men will be arrested before the lapse of many hours.

MILES, Jan. 5.—Two filling stations were burglarized here last night with small sums of money taken from each station.

Officers are of the opinion that these jobs were done by the same two men who visited Brownwood and Ballinger.

Burglars Thursday night renewed the recent raids on local filling stations and private garages, a report to the sheriff's office disclosed Friday morning. Three filling stations were broken into and looted, while seven private garages were burglarized, and at two places efforts were made to steal cars.

The W. A. Holt & Sons filling station, near the Colorado River bridge on West Hutchings Avenue, was broken into; the Red Top Filling Station was entered, and the Tyson Filling Station

raided. The last two named stations are at the intersection of Hutchings Avenue and Sixth Street.

Private garages at the homes of Clarence Wilson, 900 Ninth Street; E. Shepperd, 800 Eighth Street; C. P. Shepperd, 409 Eighth Street; Willie Stephens, 402 Eleventh Street; Rufus J. Wheeler, 804 Eighth Street; J. J. Hardin, 509 Eleventh Street; J. H. Barrow, 708 Eighth Street, were all forced open and gone into.

Mr. Wilson's Chrysler coupe was badly damaged by the burglars. They broke out a glass in one of the doors of the coupe, in an effort to start the car. Both doors were locked. The car was rolled from the garage and the ignition system ruined when the burglars tried to wire around the switch to start the car. The same happened to the Willie Stephens Chevrolet coach.

At E. Shepperd's home, an extra casing was stolen from the rear of the Ford coupe in this garage. The keys were stolen but Mr. Shepperd's Hudson was not bothered as far as could be ascertained. The locks on both doors of C. P. Shepperd's garage were broken open and the keys from an Overland sedan stolen. Otherwise the two cars in this garage were not molested. An effort was made to get into Mr. Hardin's garage, but nothing was missing. The Barrow garage was entered but nothing was reported missing.

Holt & Sons lost a new gas heater, a Brunswick portable phonograph, two or three new inner tubes, two or three gallons of high grade oil. The burglars left a quarter and several pennies at the station. They gained entrance of the car has been picked

The Red Top filling station was entered but nothing was missing. Entrance was gained by breaking a hole in a glass door so the lock could be reached on the inside.

The Tyson filling station lost the drawer of a cash register, a new inner tube, two or three quarts of lub oil and about \$1.50 in pennies. Entrance was made here by using a skeleton key.

This was the second successive night that oil firms and private garages had been raided here. Wednesday night an Oakland coupe, belonging to Miss Ima McKown, was stolen from her garage at 501 Eleventh Street. No trace of the car has been picked up.

The garage lock at the J. F. McMillan home, 201 Twelfth Street,



Friday and Saturday
Buffalo Bill



"The BALLYHOO" BUSTER

His Last Fight

It's a world beater, in an automobile dashing down a winding mountain trail.

All the odds against him—but he Wins!

10c ADMISSION 25c

was broken off but the thieves were routed here when the head of the family came out with a 30-30.

The Pierce Oil Company office on Railroad Avenue was gone into by breaking the glass in the door. Only a few stamps were stolen here.

Miles filling stations also suffered losses Wednesday night when two places were broken into there. Only a few dollars were taken from the Magnolia station and the Continental station. Night watchman Brewster ran onto the burglars in their small car. They escaped without any shots being fired.

Sheriff R. E. McWilliams and his staff Chief of Police F. V. McCall and his force are working on all tangible clues which might lead to arrests of the persons responsible for these crimes. Sheriff McWilliams went to San Angelo Thursday in an effort to get a trace of the McKown car, but reported that nothing could be learned there.

San Angelo, it is understood, is also suffering a wave of burglaries, hold-ups and thefts. Chief of Police Sam Haynes declares that not a night has passed since January 1st that seven or eight burglaries, hold-ups or thefts have not occurred.

Other West Texas towns are reporting similar conditions.

The garages at the homes of Oscar Harber, on Broadway, and C. R. Stephens, Eleventh Street, and the garage where H. C. Spencer, of the local high school faculty, keeps his car, were also entered in the Thursday night raids. Nothing was reported missing from these garages.

Other garages were probably visited Thursday night, but they have not been reported.

The car belonging to Ross Murchison, stolen here early Saturday morning, was found abandoned on the banks of the Concho River in San Angelo Saturday by Chief of Police Sam Haynes of that city, a telephone message to Ballinger officers Saturday afternoon stated.

No trace has been picked up of the thieves or of the car stolen Wednesday night.

Car thieves continued to prey on Ballinger citizens Friday night when a Ford touring car belonging to Ross Murchison, was stolen from the home of Mrs. E. A. Trail, 309 Fourth Street. Attempts were also made to steal two other cars.

This is the second time the Murchison car has been stolen in the past two or three years. The first time after being stolen, it was found near Talpa. No trace had been reported on the Ford to noon Saturday.

A Chrysler roadster belonging to Hammond O'Kelly, 309 Tenth Street, was rolled from in front of his home to a block near the Santa Fe tracks. The transmission was locked and the thieves

abandoned the car there. This occurred while Mr. O'Kelly was eating supper. The Murchison car was in front of the home at midnight, and evidently was stolen between midnight and early morning.

Sheriff R. E. McWilliams and Chief of Police F. V. McCall have been working on all clues but nothing has yet turned up to warrant an arrest.

This was the third night in succession that raids have been made in Ballinger.

MANN NEWS

Our community has been made sad by the death of E. H. Harding. The community extends sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Harding and children.

The Parent-Teachers Association meets every two weeks. There will be a program at the school house next Friday night.

Our county superintendent was a welcome visitor to our school last week.

The Senior B. Y. P. U. will meet Sunday at six o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

Rev. Tierce was not able to fill his regular appointment Saturday night nor Sunday night. Bro. John Riddel preached for us Saturday night, and Bro. J. W. Smallwood preached Sunday night. We trust our pastor will soon be feeling better.

A number of people from our community went to the B. Y. P. U. meeting at Bronte Sunday afternoon. The program was enjoyed by all who went.

J. A. Henderson and Luther Pressley left recently for a business trip to Littlefield.

J. A. Smith, of Brady, is visiting his nephew and family.

Grandma Henderson is still confined to her bed. We are sorry she is not any better.

The Presley family are moving to the Harmony community this week.

Miss Clarice Stephens spent the week-end at home, returning to her school work at Lone Star Sunday afternoon.

"REPORTER."

Dance at Offen Amusement Hall, Saturday, January 14th. Music by the Rainbow Orchestra. Everybody cordially invited. 12-14-1w

A movie director says a wide mouth is most kissable, but the significant part of a kiss isn't the width but the length.

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

TARRANT COUNTY HOLDS BOND ISSUE ELECTION

FT. WORTH, Jan. 10.—Seventeen amendments to the city charter, a bond issue for \$6,500,000 and the election of a board of directors for the Tarrant County Water Improvement District No.

1, claimed the interest in today's special election here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
For Sheriff: R. E. (EARL) McWILLIAMS

Weak Intestines Nearly Ruined Texas Boy



Route C, Box 76, San Antonio, R. F. D., says, "My son Alfred, seemed to have weak intestines. He was nearly always constipated, so he became sallow, bilious, weak and half-sick all the time. His breath was very unpleasant, his appetite poor, and he was always cross and fretful."

"I tried several medicines, but nothing really helped until I began giving him California Fig Syrup. He liked the taste and would ask for it. In a few days it cleared up his trouble and since then I've always kept it in the house to give any of my children when they have any trouble with their stomach or bowels, or are stuffed up or feverish from colds. It's simply splendid!"

All drug stores have California Fig Syrup. Always ask for it by the full name, so you'll get the genuine, endorsed by physicians for over 50 years.

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RICH, FRUITY, ACTS QUICK!

PIGGLY WIGGLY

Specials for Saturday

10 lbs. PRUNES \$1.13

PURITY OATS, large size 19c

NEW GARDEN SEED

DISHES—Bring your Coupons and get your premiums.

SUGAR, Domino 100 lbs. \$6.40

SUGAR, Domino, 10 lbs. 69c

SUGAR, Domino, 5 lbs. 39c

Pure STRAWBERRY PRESERVES, per jar 12½c

We appreciate your business.

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"Drums of the Desert"

with WARNER BAXTER, MARIETTA MILLNER and FORD STERLING

from the story, "Desert Bound," by Zane Grey.

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STATEMENT

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At the Close of Business December 31st, 1927

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$322,272.00
School Warrants	4,917.69
Overdrafts	316.49
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,602.70
Real Estate	6,286.06
Stocks and Bonds	1,110.86
Interest Guaranty Fund	2,349.50
Cash and Due from Banks	\$236,390.25
Bankers Acceptances and Commercial Paper	246,928.75
Bills of Exchange (cotton)	35,750.79
	\$886,925.09
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Profits, net	42,158.97
Cashier's Checks	2,203.63
Reserved for Taxes	2,500.00
Dividends Unpaid	5,000.00
Deposits	735,062.49
	\$886,925.09

A Growing Institution, Ample Resources, Able Management give you assured safety in your dealings with this bank.

Old Folks Say Doctor Caldwell was Right

The basis of treating sickness has not changed since Dr. Caldwell left Medical College in 1875, nor since he placed on the market the laxative prescription he had used in his practice, known to druggists and the public since 1892, as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin.

Then, the treatment of constipation, biliousness, headaches, mental depression, indigestion, sour stomach and other indispositions that result from constipation was entirely by means of simple vegetable laxatives, herbs and roots. These are still the basis of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which is a combination of senna and other mild laxative herbs, with pepsin.

The simpler the remedy for constipation, the safer for the child and for you, and the better for the general health of all. And as you can get results in a mild and safe way by using Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, why take chances with strong drugs?

A bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin will last a family several months, and all can use it. It is good for the baby because pleasant to the taste, gentle in action, and free from narcotics. In the proper dose, given in the directions, it is equally effective at all ages. Elderly people will find it especially ideal. All drug stores have the generous bottles.



J. B. Caldwell M.D.
AT AGE 83

We would be glad to have you prove at our expense how much Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin can mean to you and yours. Just write "Syrup Pepsin," Monticello, Illinois, and we will send you prepaid a FREE SAMPLE BOTTLE.

New \$10,000 House Going Up Downtown

Mrs. Lulu Noyes and Mrs. D. C. Middleton, Jr., are having erected on a lot facing Hutchings Avenue between Ninth and Tenth streets, a business house which is to cost in excess of \$10,000. This building will occupy the space where the H. F. Demmer blacksmith shop stood and a lot adjoining.

The structure will be 60 by 100 feet, with a brick front and steel trussed roof. The steel will do away with columns in the center of the building and will give plenty of floor space. The building will be leased as an automobile agency and garage. Modern showrooms will be built in.

The building is expected to be completed in about 60 days.

The Demmer shop was razed after Mr. Demmer sold the lot to Mrs. Noyes and Mrs. Middleton. Mr. Demmer has purchased a lot on Tenth Street and erected a concrete-tile building there for his business. It gives him more space and he considers it a better location for blacksmith business than on Hutchings Avenue. The old Demmer shop on Hutchings Avenue was an eye-sore to Ballinger. Mr. Demmer knew this and also realized that Ballinger was growing, so he sold the lot and shack and moved to his present location.

The new Noyes-Middleton building will be one of the best and most modern business houses in Ballinger. So far the building has not been leased, but the owners have several prospects in view.

IT BELIEVES

The surest sign of worms in children is pale skin, lack of interest in play, fretfulness, variable appetite, picking at the nose and sudden starting in sleep. When these symptoms appear it is time to give White's Cream Vermifuge. A few doses drives out the worms and puts the little one on the road to health again. White's Cream Vermifuge has a record of fifty years of successful use. Price 35c. Sold by Weeks Drug Store.

SAN ANGELO CLAIMS A POPULATION OF 25,000

SAN ANGELO, Jan. 4.—That San Angelo's population is now past the 25,000 mark is definitely assured, following the announcement by the John F. Worley Company that the 1928 city directory of San Angelo will contain 10,244 names. This, figured on the basis of 2 1/2 persons to the name, indicates San Angelo has a population of 25,610 persons. This generally is considered a fair average.

Population, by the 1920 census, was 10,060 persons.

A survey by the Newspaper Feature Bureau, made early in the fall, showed the city to have 25,125 persons. It is along with the city directory report, because several hundred have moved to San Angelo since this survey was made. This report showed at that time there were 5,965 families in the city.

CARRYING FORTUNE TO NEW BANK MAN ROBBED

HOUSTON, Jan. 5.—For thirty years Francisco Gonzales, 45, worked and saved. He made regular deposits in the bank and watched his hard earned fund grow into what for him was a small fortune—\$1800.

The other day Gonzales became displeased with the way his bank was handling the account and decided to withdraw it with the view of placing it in another bank.

En route to the new bank, Gonzales was halted by two Mexicans who engaged him in conversation. Afterward as he walked down the street, he put his hand in his pocket to feel of his money. It was gone. Instead was a neatly arranged pack of newspapers which the Mexicans had left in his pocket when they slipped out the roll of bills while talking to him.

"I adore the name Phil," says a fiction flapper. Bless you, my dear, it's being Philled that you adore.

E. I. Rasbury, former resident of this city, but now making his home in Kingsville, was here Wednesday visiting relatives and looking after business.

ABILENE'S FIRST NEW YEAR BABY DIES SUDDENLY

Funeral services for little Mary Frances Manning, Abilene's first New Year's baby, who died suddenly Wednesday morning about 1:00 o'clock, while resting in the arms of her father, Clifton B. Manning, at the family home at 1041 Beach Street, Abilene, were held here Wednesday afternoon. She was the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren McMillan of Ballinger, and had other relatives here.

Mary Frances was the first baby born in Abilene for 1928, arriving in this world at 1:32 o'clock, Sunday, January 1st. She was apparently in good health Tuesday night when the family retired, but at 1 o'clock the nurse awoke the parents after she had found the baby unusually pale and breathing with difficulty. The family physician was called but before he arrived the infant died in her father's arms. Death was said to be due to an enlarged thymus gland.

Much interest centered around the announcement Monday of Mary Frances' birth less than two hours after the New Year was ushered in, as she was to have received a large array of beautiful and useful gifts from Abilene merchants.

The body was prepared for burial by an Abilene undertaker and brought to Ballinger shortly after noon Wednesday by the father, accompanied by H. H. Lamb of the West Texas Utilities Co., and other members of that organization. Mr. Manning is chief clerk and credit manager for the utilities company at Abilene.

Mrs. Manning was Miss Mary McMillan before her marriage and was a sister of W. L. McMillan, deceased, formerly chief of police of this city; and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren McMillan of this city. The Mannings formerly lived here. Mrs.

Manning was bearing up bravely under the shock of her baby's death.

King-Holt Co. undertakers were in charge of the funeral here. It was held from the home of Mrs. W. L. McMillan on Tenth Street, with Rev. E. W. McMillan, minister of the Cleburne Church of Christ, officiating.

Mary Frances is survived by her parents, a sister, Allene Mozelle Manning, 7; a brother, C. B. Manning, Jr., 2; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. McMillan of Ballinger; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Manning, Madisonville; E. W.

INFLUENZA
As a preventive, melt and inhale night and morning—
VICKS VAPORUB
Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

Miss Evelyn Routh, of San Angelo, spent the week-end in Ballinger with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Routh.

"Electric Power Industry Shares Savings with Public"

Says

The Philadelphia Public Ledger

"The electric companies are applying Henry Ford's theory of quantity production and low prices, for they are sharing with the consumers the benefits of every reduction in the cost of generating current. The price has come down steadily from year to year since the beginning."

West Texas Utilities Company

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This Car has been carefully checked and reconditioned where necessary

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When you buy a re-conditioned used car from us, you get quality and value that are just as definitely known as when you purchase a new car.

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Ballinger Auto Co.

QUALITY AT LOW COST

Fear of Life Called Chief Cause of All Mental Disorders

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Mental disorders are brought about in man by the fear of life almost more than anything else.

When man gives up his life's work without leaving enough interests to give a real meaning to life, he runs a great risk of mental breakdown.

This is the substance of a report issued by the National Council of Mental Hygiene, who have recently finished a several years study of the causes which bring about mental disorders.

Unmarried men are more apt to lose their mind than those who have taken on all the responsibilities of life, while many mental breakdowns occur when the prospect of marriage is imminent, adds the report.

Denying that heredity has a great deal to do with the general cause of mental disorders, the report continues:

"Established mental disorder is only the result of a long series of morbid changes, initiated perhaps in childhood or youth, a series in which many stages are missing and the origin of which may be altogether hidden.

"The sudden flaring up of acute mental disorder is often only the terminal manifestation of a long process of slow combustion, smoldering during a period of years.

"Periodic examinations of disturbances from an early age are essential, especial attention being directed to the teeth and the state of the digestive organs. The public must learn to regard mental disturbance as something to be handled frankly and without prejudice—just like physical disease."

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"Our pastures are all posted against hunting."

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LAWTON CLAYTON
J. MILTON CLAYTON
22 3rd St.

Dr. E. R. Walker has returned from Temple, where he had been in a hospital. Dr. Walker went to Temple with the intention of having an operation but his condition did not warrant the operation and he has about recovered.

J. B. Pace, Sr., of Wingate, was here Thursday looking after business.

CAUDLE GOES TO NEW YARD IN COLEMAN

Tom Caudle, for five years manager of the H. H. Hardin Lumber Company in Ballinger, will move his family to Coleman within the next ten days or two weeks, it was announced Wednesday, after Mr. Caudle's resignation had been received by the Ballinger school board.

The H. H. Hardin company is opening a new yard in Coleman and Mr. Caudle has been made manager of this new plant.

Mr. Caudle has served as member of the local school board for two or three years, is finance officer of the Ballinger American Legion post, and a steward in the First Methodist Church. He has also been a consistent booster of the Ballinger Bearcat football team and his boosting will be missed greatly when next season's team comes out.

Cicero H. Smith, who for two years has been assistant manager and bookkeeper for the local Hardin interests, will be made manager of the yard as soon as Mr. Caudle moves to Coleman. Mr. Smith has lived here for several years, coming here from Mineral Wells when he was still in high school, and graduating from the Ballinger high school in the spring of 1923. Mr. Smith was associated with other business firms in Ballinger and elsewhere before going with the Hardin company.

In the removal of Mr. Caudle, his wife and son, from this city, Coleman will gain a good family at the expense of Ballinger.

LYON HEADS DISTRICT ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

H. C. Lyon, superintendent of the city schools, was notified Wednesday by the executive committee of the State Interscholastic League that he had been appointed director of the essay writing contest in district No. 18, which embraces Runnels and other counties in this section. The appointment was made after careful consideration of several possible directors.

Mr. Lyon has accepted the appointment and notified the state committee of his action.

J. T. Brandon, of Crews, was looking after business in Ballinger Thursday.



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 can not 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.



How an Expectant Mother Prepared for Baby's Coming

It has been proven conclusively that much of the suffering experienced during expectancy, as well as at childbirth, is entirely unnecessary.

Tight tissues, binding muscles, sensitive nerves—all tend to set up an aggravated condition—sapping strength and leaving the expectant mother unprepared to meet the crisis.

Mother's Friend is a comfort to expectant mothers. Externally applied, it relieves prenatal distress by relaxing tight tissues and muscles. And it is so soothing. Its daily use makes the skin soft and pliable.

Mrs. C. J. Hartman, Scranton, Pa., writes: "With my first two children I had a doctor and a nurse and then they had to use instruments, but with my last two children I used Mother's Friend and had only a nurse; we had no time to get a doctor

because I wasn't very sick—only about ten or fifteen minutes."

Mother's Friend is the discovery of an eminent physician. It contains no narcotics or harmful drugs. For over three generations Mother's Friend has relieved expectant mothers of much useless suffering. Begin using Mother's Friend today. The sooner the better. Sold by drug stores—everywhere.

Booklet on Things to Know Before Baby Comes sent on request. One copy is yours, free. Write for it NOW.

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Please send me a copy of your free booklet on Things to Know Before Baby Comes.

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Town _____ State _____

WOMEN ON DIET FOR SLENDER FIGURE, ARE EASY T. B. VICTIMS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 9.—Tuberculosis has an excellent chance to strike down the maid or matron who diets to gain a slender figure, pursues pleasure until the wee hours and overworks besides, Dr. I. D. Rawlings, state health director declares.

Dr. Rawlings' views were expressed here in conjunction with release of statistics showing that deaths from the white plague in Illinois are 42 per cent greater among girls and young women between 10 and 35 years than among the male sex of the same age group.

"Tuberculosis is one of the most sensitive pointers as to errors in habits of living," Rawlings declared, "and hence these figures are extremely significant. Too little food, too little sunshine, combined with excessive fatigue, make a combination extremely likely to bring on pulmonary tuberculosis.

"Hoping for a slender figure, young women deny themselves enough food. Now as never before they join in social affairs that keep them up until late hours. Often they not only are employed during the day with a 'job' but attempt also to do

their own housework. Added to all of this, they are more subject to fatigue than is man. "Another factor leading directly to tuberculosis is loss of sleep, probably the most common cause of malnutrition."

BOTTLE FROM SCOTLAND FLOATS INTO THE ARCTIC AFTER SEVEN YEARS

LENINGRAD, Jan. 9.—A sealed bottle thrown into the sea off the coast of Scotland seven years ago by the Aberdeen Marine Laboratory has been picked up on the shores of Novaya Zemlya (New Land) Island in the Arctic Ocean off the northeastern coast of Russia. How the fragile flask survived the crushing ice floes each fall and spring on its 2,500 mile journey is a mystery.

Inhabitants of the island gave the bottle to the captain of a Soviet icebreaker who brought the final load of provisions to the island before winter cut them off from the world for five months. The bottle contained a note which read, "Please notify the Aberdeen Marine Laboratory, Aberdeen, Scotland, of the place and date where this message was picked up." The captain on his return to the mainland complied with the request.

The passage of the bottle appears to prove that the climate of the north coast of Russia is influenced by the warm gulf stream swinging around the northern tip of Norway and then down the eastern coast of Finland out into the Arctic Ocean towards Alaska.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

First Presbyterian
Enrollment, 134
Present, 112
New members, 3
Offering, \$12.31

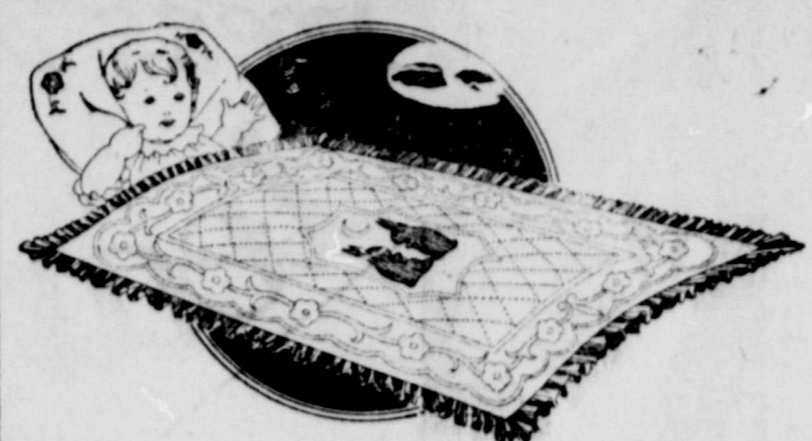
8th Street Presbyterian
Enrollment, 177
Present, 105
Visitors, 3
Offering, \$6

First Methodist
Enrollment, 306
Present, 246
New members, 10
Offering, \$12.45

Mrs. Bob Shelton, of Abilene, who spent a couple of days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Gressett, returned home Monday. She was accompanied home by Miss Wilma Straley, who will visit in Abilene a few days.

Be wise and advertise.

FOR 1928 BABY BUNTING



Up-to-date Baby Buntings are not necessarily wrapped in rabbit skins. A quilted crib cover like the one shown here, with two alert pink or blue bunnies standing guard on it, answers the purpose just as well. The vogue for quilted things is particularly keen right now only instead of the old, laborious quilting which required a frame to work on and the finest of fine stitches, present-day quilting has been much simplified. The design shown can be worked in a comparatively short time or an even simpler pattern can be selected.

The materials required for making this attractive baby's quilt are two four bags, bought from your baker for a few cents, three-quarters of a yard of wool batting, half a yard of plain gingham, pink or blue, and mercerized embroidery twist to match. Ordinary sheet wadding will do, but the kind that comes already

quilted to cheese cloth will be easier to work on and will launder well. To remove the stamping, cover the faded spots with lard or soak them in kerosene overnight. Then wash the bag out in lukewarm water.

The bunnies are first cut out of the gingham and applied to the stamped cloth. The eyes are embroidered in black. Then the wadding is pinned or basted to the top and the quilting is begun, always working from the inside outwards. A fairly short running stitch is used going all the way through the wool sheeting. When the quilting is done, use the second four bag to make the back and bind all the edges with a two-inch fold of the gingham.

A small baby pillow to match, only worked without the wool lining, is an attractive addition and can be made out of the strips left over from cutting out the crib cover.

Moody Names Abilene Man to Aid State

AUSTIN, Jan. 10.—W. W. Hair, Abilene attorney, has been appointed by Gov. Dan Moody as special prosecutor in the murder and robbery cases growing out of the looting of the First National Bank of Cisco, on December 23, 1927.

The first trial starts in Eastland on January 16th when Robert Hill goes on trial for murder.

TYPIST FAILS IN THIRD ATTEMPT

LONDON, Jan. 10.—Miss Mercedes Gleitze was forced to abandon her third attempt to swim the straits of Gibraltar, according to dispatches from Tangiers received here this evening.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—Miss Mercedes Gleitze, London typist, this morning began her third attempt to swim the straits of Gibraltar, according to dispatches from Tangiers, Africa.

Her two previous attempts to swim the straits failed.

POPE TALKS ON CHURCH UNION

ROME, Jan. 10.—Pope Pius issued an unexpected encyclical today recognizing with praise the worthiness of the movement for a union of the churches, but deploring the mixing of religion with politics.

This was apparently prompted by the recent political discussion in England over the new prayer book which revived the movement there for a union of branches of the Church of England with the Catholic Church.

3 FOUND DEAD IN AIRPLANE

SCHENECTADY, Jan. 10.—Missing for 36 hours, a wrecked airplane with the bodies of three dead flyers was found near Fondra in a field today.

They are Capt. Edward Pauley, of Albany; Lieut. George Benedict, of Curtis Field; and Raymond Henries, of Buffalo.

Edgar Jayroe, of Crews, was in Ballinger Saturday looking after business.

C. A. DOOSE TO ATTEND BIG COTTON DINNER

C. A. Doose, of this city, went to Dallas Thursday to attend the fourth annual banquet Friday, held by the Dallas News in closing their annual "More Cotton on Fewer Acres" contest.

John W. McFarlane, Palestine farmer, again came out ahead in this contest and Friday night was to be crowned King Cotton at the banquet.

Mr. Doose is representing Ballinger and Runnels county at the dinner.

W. O. Shultz, of Paint Rock, was in Ballinger Friday looking after business and visiting friends.

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BEARCATS WIN CAGE CONTEST

By annexing their first game of the basketball season the Ballinger Bearcats got off to a good start. On Friday the squad went to Bethel and returned with the big end of the score, 20 to 12.

The locals were without Coach Felton Wright, but worked well with Co-coach M. J. Weaver in charge.

Henson Allgood, center and captain of the Bearcat cage squad, was high point man with a total of 8. Bill Cervenke, forward, came next with 7 points. "Fats" Middleton, guard, scored 4 points and "Kraut" Schuhmann, forward, hooked one point.

The Bearcat squad this season is considered one of the best in this district and it is possible that this team will come out at the top. The Bearcats are working hard every afternoon and it is thought some fine cage contests will be seen here.

The Bearcats' next game will be with the Bethel eagles here next Friday afternoon on the high school court.

The Bearcats' line-up in the first game was as follows: Forwards, Cervenke and Schuhmann; center, Allgood (c); guards, James Parrish and Middleton. Substitutes: Coker for Schuhmann, J. Cooper for Middleton, Pohler for Cervenke. Referee, Yowell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Motley, and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. King were guests at the Lions Club annual banquet in Abilene Thursday night. They reported a very enjoyable evening.

Joe Simmons has returned from Fort Worth, where he had been looking after business.

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LOST—A brown Mule, about five years old, had a wire around his neck, medium size, not shod. Finder report to Ballinger Ledger, Ballinger. 9-2td-2tw-9

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DEATHS

Billie Bracken Shannon
Billie Bracken Shannon, 7 years 7 months and 16 days of age, died Wednesday morning in the Halley & Love Sanitarium from diphtheria, contracted several days ago. The child was brought here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Shannon, of Concho county, for treatment.

Funeral services were held at the Connell cemetery, in Brown county, near Brownwood, late Wednesday afternoon.

King-Holt Co. undertakers prepared the body for burial and shipped it to Brownwood.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Galbraith are the proud parents of a baby boy born to them January 8th. The young man has been named Robert Stansell Galbraith, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Richards are the proud parents of a fine baby girl born this week. The young arrival is reported to be resting very well. This is the first birth reported for the new year.

And if a man buys better traps than his neighbor, the world of bill collectors makes a beaten path to his door.

Bob Miller, of Paint Rock, was in Ballinger Tuesday looking after business.

Carl Adams, of Brownwood, formerly deputy sheriff in that county, was in Ballinger Tuesday looking after business.

Anyway, Al can boast that he's the only candidate who can make two parties uneasy.

Sympathy cards, mourning stationery. Ballinger Printing Co.

BETHEL NEWS

The Bethel school is progressing nicely, and the six teachers are kept busy with over 200 pupils enrolled. The four lady teachers, Mrs. Carby, Misses Brooks, Chenoworth and Holton, have rented the house near Prof. Womack's.

We are wondering if Mr. Adams had thought about this being leap year?

Bro. Mitchell filled his regular appointment at the Baptist Church Sunday with a good attendance.

The basketball game Friday evening with the Ballinger boys was 20 to 15 in favor of Ballinger. This is the second game our boys lost this week. The first was with Paint Rock. Don't be discouraged boys. Remember a bad beginning can almost always turn into a good ending, if you put forth your best efforts.

There are still quite a number sick with colds, but we are glad to report they are all better. Mr. Scales is the only one who isn't able to leave his bed yet.

This severe cold spell froze all the underground piping and the men of the community have been working overtime trying to replace the burst pipes to stop the water waste, and when they thought they were about done we heard Grandpa Shelburne crying "Help!" and found his hydrant had burst in his house and was about to wash him out of bed.

—REPORTER—

CREWS NEWS

There was Sunday school at both churches Sunday morning; singing at the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon; League and B. Y. P. U. Sunday night, and also singing Sunday night.

The party in the Edgar Jayroe home Friday night was well attended. Music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Floy England and Don Blalock. Refreshments were cake and hot chocolate. This affair was very much enjoyed.

A number of the Crews young folks attended the party in the J. B. Brevard home, in the Herring community, Saturday night.

Miss Pauline Immel, of Fredericksburg, came in Friday. She will remain the rest of this school term with her brother, E. W. Immel.

Misses Bonnie Mae Clark and Wilma Phipps spent a part of Sunday with Miss Reba Jayroe.

Misses Jessie Lee Brown and Velma Mathis spent Sunday with Miss Lois Dietz.

Irven Phipps spent Sunday with Jimmie Lucas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Walden spent Sunday with their son, Geo. Walden.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie White, Mrs. Gilbert Carter and children spent Saturday night with Mrs. W. P. King.

Mrs. J. W. Wood spent Sunday with Mrs. E. W. Rainwater.

The Winters basketball teams came to our courts Friday afternoon for games. The girls' scores were 18-20 in favor of Winters. The boys' scores were 27-12 in favor of Crews.

Mrs. Clyde Hubbard, of Coleman, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robbins.

Milton Doyle spent Saturday night and Sunday night with Rupert Rainwater.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Berry and Mr. and Mrs. Thad Traylor spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Berry.

—REPORTER—
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Big assortment of Fall and Winter Sweaters **HALF-PRICE**

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Men, your new Spring Hat is here! New snap brims in greys and tans, narrow contrasting bands, all sizes, each **\$7.50**

Men's all-wool Lumber Jacks, during this offering, each **\$3.60**

- Men's full cut, blue 240 weight denim Overalls, Friday and Saturday only, per pair **95c**
- Men's medium heavy weight, triple-stitched blue Work Shirts, each **49c**
- One lot Men's Cotton Sweaters, small sizes, your choice, each **\$1.75**
- COMFORTS**
Large size, regular \$3.00 values, during this offering, each **\$2.45**

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BELIEVES LEAP-YEAR WILL BRING HIM MORE WEDDINGS —TIED ALMOST 100 IN 1927

Judge Paul Trimmier performed 94 marriage ceremonies during 1927, a record kept by him during the past year disclosed Monday. In 1926 he performed 71 marriages. In 1926 he tied the nuptial knot for about one-fourth of the number of licenses issued by County Clerk W. A. Forgye, while last year it was about one-third of the number issued.

In 1926 337 licenses to wed were issued, and 325 were issued in 1927.

Judge Trimmier has been performing marriages since 1910, when he was appointed justice of the peace of precinct No. 1. He continued in the capacity of marriage official when appointed county judge. He has been making two hearts beat as one for more than 17 years.

"This is leap-year and I expect

CITY STARTS ON WATER LINES

Pipe-fitting crews of the city water department started Monday replacing the old water main connections on Eighth Street with copper connections as the first step in the paving of Eighth Street, Broadway, and Hutchings Avenue. The copper connections will be under the pavement on the streets named.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

L. M. Lile and Mrs. Jewell Hill, Edwin Moeller and Miss Oleta Wilde. Willie Scroggs and Miss Samantha Secrest. M. H. Hooper and Miss Ruby Seaborn. Dave Loggins and Miss Ola Sparks. J. B. Bradley and Miss Dessie Bullock.

Alas! The sun never sets on the English sparrow.

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It is understood that there is some objection to this paving by

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property owners on the south end of Broadway, however, Mr. Nelson is still working on Broadway and hopes to sign every lot owner soon.

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