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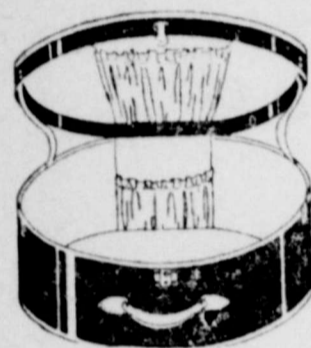
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FRIDAY ONLY



These Specials will be obtainable Friday only and many of them are priced so low they will not last through the day—so come early and get your share. Most every item is a suitable gift and all is new, seasonable merchandise.



WOMEN'S HAT BOXES

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3 Pairs in Gift Box—Worth \$1.50—Friday Only
New arrivals specially purchased for gift packages—every one a new pattern and of nationally known brand—something every man will appreciate and a real saving at \$1.00.



WOMEN'S HATS

Newest Styles—Worth to \$7.50—Friday Only

\$1.00

No woman should miss such an opportunity—any Hat in stock up to \$7.50 regularly—every one a this season's model—felts, satins, metallics, combinations—all at one price for Friday only—take your choice at \$1.00.

BOYS' KNICKER PANTS

All Sizes—Worth to \$3.50—Friday Only, 2 Pairs for

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Just the thing for school wear—all-wool materials, well made and desirable patterns—and think of it, Friday only, choice of any two pairs for \$1.00.

MEN'S BROAD-CLOTH SHIRTS

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All New Arrivals—Worth to \$1.50—Friday Only

For this special day we are offering a new shipment of more than 10 dozen fast-color genuine Broadcloth Shirts in advanced patterns—full cut and made to fit properly—all sizes, collar attached styles—choice of this great selection Friday only at \$1.00.



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Hemstitched and Colored Border—Worth \$2.00—Friday Only

\$1.00

Here is a real "find" in gifts for women—an always needed and appreciated item—and these beautiful linen squares with 4 napkins to match is the best buy of the season at \$1.00.

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Inspect the vast selections we are offering at such real savings—new arrivals are being shown daily—lots of toys for the kiddies—attractively boxed gifts for the grown-ups and a willing and courteous sales force to assist in your selections—ALL AT FINAL REDUCTIONS FOR FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND MONDAY.

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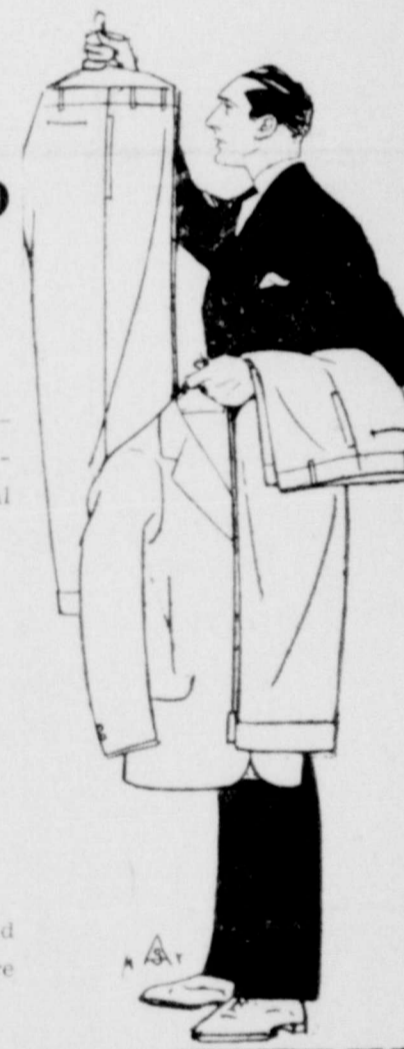
Men's Suits

All With Two Pants

Worth Up to \$32.50

\$17.50

Just about 50 Suits left in this range—every one a new pattern and bought for regular stock—every one backed by our personal guarantee to be strictly all-wool and of highest class tailoring. Such an opportunity will not come again, so get yours while they last—positively final reduction for three days only \$17.50.



Boys' Suits

All With Two Pants

Worth Up to \$9.00

\$4.95

About half regular price and far below actual wholesale cost—good patterns—newest styles and well made. Sizes 5 to 9 and all have two pairs of Trousers. Better hurry because we are almost giving them away at such prices—final reductions for three days only \$4.95.

Dresses

Newest Styles

Worth to \$22.50

\$7.50

In order to sell every remaining Dress in stock before inventory we are offering every Dress in our regular \$19.50 to \$22.50 range at this sensationally low price—every one a this season's model—every one a brand new style—buy two for less than the value of one—final reduction for three days only, \$7.50.



COATS

Handsomely Furred

Worth to \$25.00

\$9.75

Just a few more than a dozen to sell at this price so many will be disappointed—very newest of styles—beautifully tailored and furred and of the most wanted materials—a real saving of more than half for those who are fortunate enough to get one—final reduction for three days only, at \$9.75.

Girls' Woolen Dresses

Ages 10 to 16

Worth to \$7.50

\$1.95

Girls' Woolen Dress of serviceable woolen materials in bright shades—plaids and solids—ages 10 to 16—and well below cost of actual material—three days only at \$1.95.

San Angelo to Get New Clinic

SAN ANGELO, Dec. 18.—Construction work will start immediately on a new brick, two story, 22 room clinic, located at 111 East Harris Avenue, by six San Angelo physicians. Contracts were let last week to F. M. Reeves & Son for the approximate figure of \$75,000.

The six interested doctors are Drs. H. K. Hinde, J. S. Hixson, G. L. Lewis, G. W. Nibbing, A. W. Clayton and H. R. Wardlaw.

When completely equipped with modern clinic fixtures for treatment and diagnosis of all cases, the building will represent a total expenditure of \$90,000 to \$100,000, advised Dr. Hinde.

GIRLS PLACES WAGER TO SKIP 329 MILES IN FIVE DAYS

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Dec. 15.—Miss Agnes Pratt, a newcaste girl, 19 year old, intends shortly to skip from Edinburgh to London—a distance of 329 miles—in five days time.

Her brother is to enliven the journey with selections on his mouth organ.

"The bet arose from a taunt by a man friend," says Miss Pratt. "He said that women had no backbone and soon cracked up under physical strain. I am going to show that he is wrong in one instance at least."

"I am already in training and am confident that I can skip the distance in the stipulated time. I shall skip for about ten hours each day. Friends will accompany me in an automobile and keep me supplied with refreshments. There will also be a doctor in case of accidents. I recently fox-trotted for 15 hours without a break."

Xmas in Georgia President's Wish

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—President Coolidge will probably spend part of the Christmas holidays on the Sapelo Islands, off Brunswick, Ga., it was announced today. His stay in Georgia may be prolonged over the New Year, it is said.

DUNCAN ACCEPTS POSITION WITH VAN PELT, KIRK & MACK

Jim Duncan, who has for several years worked at the hardware and implement business, but who recently engaged in the cafe business with his father-in-law, L. L. Stroble, has decided that hardware and implements were more suited to his liking and has accepted employment with Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack.

Modern implements and farm machinery require expert workmanship in their installation and this store is taking a step ahead of the demand and making preparations to fill the many orders ahead of them.

If the present outlook for small grain continues as favorable through the winter, there is no doubt but that the demand for farm machinery will be enormous next spring.

T. M. Marsh and I. B. Thompson have returned from Fort Worth where they attended a meeting of the I. O. O. F. held in that city Monday.

Have you read the want ads?

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Legion and Auxiliary Will Sponsor Community Tree

The American Legion Christmas Cheer committees with the cooperation of a committee from the chamber of commerce will take charge of the community Christmas tree on Christmas Day at 7 o'clock in the evening. Post Commander M. C. Atkins was in receipt of a wireless from Santa Claus Monday stating that he would make Ballinger again this year, arriving here at the above stated hour. It was impossible for him to be here on Christmas Eve and the Legionnaires thought it best, because everyone who works down town will be busy. Many families would also have trees at home and the churches of the town will be having trees in their Sunday schools on Christmas Eve. A short musical program will be given by the Ballinger Band before time for the community tree and the tree at the intersection of Eighth Street and Hutchings Avenue will be used. Every family in Ballinger and the surrounding country is invited to attend the tree and bring all the kiddies. Santa Claus will bring something for every kid who is present and the older folks can enjoy the visit here and the merriment of the children.

The real Christmas cheer work will be done Christmas Eve by the Legionnaires. The committee will take the list of poor people Sunday and the boxes and packages will be arranged and everything will be in readiness to take a truck and distribute them on Christmas Eve. Another trip will be made Christmas morning carrying toys and clothing to the children. This second trip is made because several stores always donate the toys left on hand at the close of business on Christmas Eve. The committee is always glad to get these toys and they put the finishing touches to a grand Christmas for many children.

At the Legion meeting Monday night, Edward Cohen of Philadelphia presented the American Legion with a large radio set in

memory of his brother, Louis Cohen. The set will be installed in the Legion home Thursday of this week. M. C. Atkins, commander of the local post, extended the thanks of the post to Mr. Cohen for this gift and he was accorded a rising vote of thanks from every member of the post for his generous gift. It will fill a need long felt by the Legion and will give the entire membership much pleasure.

R. R. Williams, chairman of the membership committee, tendered his resignation Monday night. Mr. Williams will leave Christmas for Alpine to make his home. He was given a rising vote of thanks by the post for the loyal work done here in securing members and Adjutant H. T. Forson was instructed to write the post at Alpine telling them of Mr. Williams' Legion activities.

The house committee was instructed to look after the gun on the courthouse lawn and this committee will at once place the gun in cement slabs and camouflage it in its original war paints and colors.

Auxiliary Elects Officers
The meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary of the local post Monday night was the close of their year which has been very successful in every respect. This unit is one of the largest in the state and the largest in a town of not over 5,000 population. The unit is just closing its Christmas work and has mailed packages to hospitals at Little Rock, Ark., San Antonio, Kerrville, El Paso and San Angelo. In addition the unit will look after three families here. This unit is responsible for 20 men at Little Rock on all holiday occasions. Following are the officers elected at the Monday night session: Mrs. Ira L. Sims, president; Mrs. Frank Cameron, vice president; Mrs. R. P. Kirk, secretary; Mrs. Sim Cottella, treasurer; Miss Grifflie Atkins, historian; Mrs. L. R. Tiger, chaplain, and Mrs. Troy Simpson, sergeant-at-arms.

At the conclusion of the two meetings refreshments consisting of sandwiches, coffee and chocolate were served to the members and visitors.

TEETHING BABIES DO WELL ON Scott's Emulsion

Freezing Weather Over West Texas

The mercury dropped here Monday night to about 30 degrees and Tuesday morning there was plenty of ice to be seen. The cold spell extended all over this section of the state. Following is a telegram received from Abilene giving the extent of the freeze in this section:

"Sweeping out of the north, icy winds sent the mercury down to the freezing point last night in nearly all of the 42 counties on the properties of the West Texas Utilities Company, according to reports received by the company dispatcher. This cold snap started yesterday afternoon, and a temperature registering below 32 degrees was reported this morning from Clarendon on the north to Cisco on the east, from San Angelo on the south to Merkel on the west. The coldest temperature was recorded at Clarendon where the mercury dropped to 28 degrees. Mason, Junction and Menard, these towns lying in the most southerly part of the properties of the West Texas Utilities Company, do not report freezing weather."

KING GEORGE SHOWS SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The upward movement in the condition of King George was progressing slowly but favorably this afternoon, it was announced at Buckingham Palace.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—"Slight improvement" was noted today in the condition of King George, the bulletin issued this morning stated.

Runnels First At Simmons U.

ABILENE, Dec. 18.—Nine students from Ballinger took part in the organization of a Runnels County Club in Simmons University here this week and three of the officers of the club were selected from Ballinger students.

Misses Ruth Holliday, Ethel Kemp and Velma Turner, all of Ballinger, were elected vice president, secretary, treasurer and reporter, respectively.

The Runnels County Club is the largest from any single county in the university, having 23 members. A social affair may be held

at Ballinger during the holidays, it is reported.

Other Ballinger students in the club are Jessie Lee Golden, Hattie Mae Dunlap, Addie Lou Glass, M. B. Webb, Eleanor Hancock and Evelyn Shepherd.

Wellington has decided that "the streets here won't be dirty now" with the purchase of a street sweeper and a motor maintainer which will be used in the near future following the purchase. The price of the sweeper is \$6,500, and the motor maintainer which will be used on dirt roads an additional \$3,500.

Carroll Bell of Winters was a business visitor in Ballinger Monday night and attended the Legion meeting.

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Merry Christmas

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

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We believe our city and community comes as near showing this spirit as any on earth.

A city, a firm, or an individual need have little fear of ultimate success if the guiding light of either could be said to be "the spirit of Christmas."

Your Patronage

We greatly appreciate it and shall continue to do our best to merit whatever business you turn our way.

Happy New Year



Crowds Throng City to View Artistic Windows

The first show window fair ever held in Ballinger was a success from every standpoint. Fifteen firms with a total of 26 Christmas windows entered the competition complying with the rules laid down by the committee and no city in Texas is any prettier than Ballinger with her decorations this year. Perhaps the biggest success of the entire occasion was the fact that more than 50 windows were decorated here in the spirit of Christmas, as a result of the Christmas show window fair. Not more than half the windows were entered to be judged and many firms caught the fever late Friday and put men to work building windows to be opened Friday night for the purpose of beautifying the town.

The judges were loud in their praise of Ballinger and the beauty of windows over the entire business district. The thing seems to be catching, stated one judge, when he noticed trees and colored lights being installed in the residential section of the town. Another judge from a larger city stated that he had never seen anything like it and complimented the co-operation of the people of Ballinger on every progressive move that is ever started.

It was near midnight before the judges finally made their decisions. Many windows were visited for the fourth and some for the fifth time by the judges in an effort to give a fair and impartial opinion. The windows were judged on the basis of Christmas spirit only and merchandise advertising was not considered.

The following order was given on the final vote. First, Higginbotham Bros. & Co.; second, Stone's; third, Bettis & Sturges; fourth, The Hub and fifth, D. Reeder. These prize winning windows will be marked by ribbons so that everyone can see the windows which won places and study them. It was also a rule that no firm could win more than one prize.

The winning window at Higginbotham, Bros. & Co. was a child's window, a fire place scene with tiny stockings hung on the mantel which had been filled upon Santa's visit to the room. Children's chairs in different sizes were in the room with children's clothes thrown about giving it a real touch of life and cheer. A window in the back of the room is draped in good taste, and not only by the judges, but by the many others who viewed the windows, this one was chosen first prize winner. The lighting in this window also was very good.

Stone's was awarded second prize on a window that perhaps is getting more attention than any other window in town. The window was turned into a snow scene with a miniature railroad and train in motion. The tiny electric train runs its course around the front of the window and in the rear goes through a tunnel. The window is uneven in topography, with hills and mountains in the back, providing a very realistic effect. In the center of the window is a log cabin, lighted with a tiny Christmas tree inside that adds much to the Christmas spirit of the window. Over the mountains in the background are many tiny cedars. This is one of the best lighted windows in town.

Bettis & Sturges were given third prize on one of the prettiest windows in town. A painted scene of the Far North, showing the Land of the Midnight Sun, with a dog team, sled and driver finding their way over the ice, gives it a setting which stops the passerby for a more minute study of the window. A heavy snow scene slopes to the front of the window with a tiny Northern village well lighted setting in the background. In front of the village and near the front of the window is a small display of merchandise artistically arranged in the snow.

The Hub was given fourth prize for a window with a brick fireplace scene with a red fire burning among rough logs. Above the mantel, decorations of a autumn leaves made a very pretty background. Men's merchandise was arranged in the window about the scene to the very best advantage and the lighting was extra good in this window.

D. Reeder was given fifth place for a window arranged with merchandise from their gift shop. The window in a dimly lighted scene has one which arrested the at-

ention of every child who passed and truly centered around the spirit of Christmas. A tiny electric train gave enough motion to the scene to make it different from the ordinary window, and this window is worth looking over carefully.

Monday The Ledger will continue the description of many windows which were not given prizes. There are others which from many standpoints are as good as any in town and some perhaps better in the display of merchandise. As soon as a reporter can carefully study the other windows they will be given special mention. Some of the windows not entered in the contest are perhaps the prettiest windows in town.

Unintentional Suicide

Many people are slowly poisoning themselves just as surely as if they drank iodine every morning for breakfast. They are daily absorbing the toxins, or poisons, created by accumulated waste matter in their constipated digestive systems. Sooner or later disease will conquer their weakened bodies.

If you have dizzy spells, headaches, coated tongue, bad breath, insomnia, no appetite, bilious attacks or pains in the back and limbs, you are probably suffering from self poisoning caused by constipation. The surest and pleasantest relief for this condition is Herbine, the vegetable cathartic which acts in the natural way. Get a bottle today from Weeks Drug Store.

BENOIT ITEMS

After another week's absence we are back again with a rain, and misty, damp weather, the rainfall has been gentle and soaked into the ground well.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cole motored to San Angelo Sunday to visit their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ras Cole.

Little Addie Ruth Cox has been ill the past few days. We are sorry of this report and hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gibson and daughter, Laura B., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pryor Martin of Brownwood Saturday night and Sunday.

Clydes Rayburn and Mrs. Roy Langford have returned from San Angelo, from the bedside of their sister who is ill there.

Charlie Rivers spent Saturday night and Sunday here with his parents.

Those from Benoit who attended the opening service of the new Methodist church in Ballinger Sunday were Mmes. W. T. Hill, Mabel Elliott, G. P. Lane, and Mr. and Mrs. Milton J. Clayton.

Lester Hammock an old friend and a resident of San Angelo was by to see us Monday from a business trip to Cisco.

W. D. Lewis and wife and Grandma Clark visited in Winters last Monday.

E. W. Parker of Rising Star was



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BETHEL NEWS

We are glad to report to John Simmons' many friends that he is really improving.

Jack Bingham is very sick at this writing.

Poor Grandpa Cotter passed into the Great Beyond Sunday morning, December 9 at 5 o'clock. He lived to a ripe age of 78 years. He leaves behind nine children and 35 grandchildren and a host of friends. His home was on his son George's place near the river.

The continued damp weather is causing many to have bad colds.

The basketball Friday evening with the Crews team was 24 to 4 in favor of the Crews boys and 23 to 21 in favor of the Bethel girls.

There will be a Christmas tree on Monday night, December 24, and everybody is invited to come and bring your pennies and nickels (your dollars will be better) as an offering will be taken for the orphans. Remember pure religion, is to visit the orphans in their needs, is what the Bible teaches. The program giving on this night will be worth your time. So come and be with us.

On Friday evening of the 21st the little fellows will have a Christmas tree in their room. Parents are invited to come out.

We are hoping this damp weather will be over and everyone have a bright and happy Christmas.
"REPORTER."

HERRING TOPICS

The Volunteer Band from Simmons University rendered a very fine mission program at the Hope Well church Sunday morning and was enjoyed by all who were present.

Miss Alta Brevard returned Saturday night from Glen Rose where she has been under treatment of a doctor.

A gloom was thrown over our community Wednesday, December 5 when death came to little Alford Avent. Our community is in

sympathy with the family during their hours of sorrow and grief and our prayers are that their burden be lifted.

Mr. Summers Bro and family from the Plains are stopped for a visit as they are moving South. Rev. Tierce filled his regular appointment Saturday and Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Miller and family of Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brevard of Blanton were guests of J. P. Brevard Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hale and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Scott of Lawn.

Alford Avent, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Avent of the Miles section, died Wednesday morning at 2:30 o'clock, December 5. Death came as very much of a surprise to the family and friends. The child died of sick stomach. Funeral services were held Thursday morning at 10:30 at the home of G. C. Avent, Rev. M. C. Golden was in charge of the service after which the body was laid to rest in the Crews cemetery. Alford is survived by a father and mother and two sisters who were present and one sister who was not present for the funeral.

We are taking this method to thank our many friends and neighbors for what they did and for their kind words and sympathy during the sadness of the death of our darling son. We thank our friends in both the Red Bank and Herring communities. May God bless each of you.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Avent and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Laake.
Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Avent and family.
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hale and family.
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fuller and family.

"REPORTER."

For colds, grip and flu take



Relieves the congestion, prevents complications, and hastens recovery.

BLANTON NEWS

The party at the home of A. N. Wiley Saturday night was well attended and all reported a nice time.

Miss Currie Witter spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Pauline Malone.

Miss Alice Foreman spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Evelyn Odom of Ballinger.

Miss Lois Dietz of Crews spent the week-end with Miss Maude James.

Ed McMillan and Troy, and Miss Elva Foreman and Hubert Foreman spent the week-end in Brownwood visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wood and family of Winters and Mr. and

Mrs. R. C. Foreman of Hagen and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cope of Miller were guests of J. A. Foreman and Family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brevard have moved into the D. L. Brevard home. We are glad to welcome them to our community.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Brevard and family have moved to Belton to make their home. We will miss them very much but wish them much joy in their new home.

Miss Maude James spent last week-end with Miss Lois Dietz of Crews.

Mrs. Hatten and Miss Pearl were guests of Mrs. J. P. Sunday.

"REPORTER."

Crews Alexander spent Sunday in Ballinger with his mother, Mrs. Alma Alexander.

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That you enjoy all Happiness this Christmas and
throughout the New Year is the sincere
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America Leads Modern World in Architecture

By Alice Langelier

PARIS, Dec. 17.—America is leading the world in modern architecture, although France and Italy are probably making greater bids to modern furnishing lares, according to Thaddeus Joy, architect in the well-known firm of Julia Morgan of San Francisco, who spent the summer in Europe.

"In my travels over several European countries during the past few months," says Mr. Joy, "I have never found any modern structure to compare with the Telephone Building of my old home town, San Francisco. The dome is certainly one of the finest pieces of work in the world.

"It only proves what we Americans could do if we would go on creating things new and vital. We have had no modern style of art because we have become mere copyists enslaved to tradition. We build and we paint and we carve in the schools of the past that have done this work and had their heyday. We copy and re-create in styles that are dead.

"One must be fair to what is termed 'modernism,' or breaking away from all tradition, which no great age of art has ever done before, and its devotees often seem to be content, if they ever are content, only when they have done something in a way entirely different from anything that has gone before. 'If chairs have always had legs on the bottom,' they say, 'let us put them on top. If arches have always sprung from the tops of joints, let us invert them and have them at the bottom.'

"This, of course, is not the manner in which any great thing has ever come into being. Great art is always built upon the best work that has preceded it. But France does not seem to realize this when building her modern structures these days. Three half-way finished buildings have recently collapsed in Paris. Spain's new buildings are garish and overdecorative or else exceedingly plain and box-like, such as the new Fine Arts Building in Madrid, a far cry from the fine Moorish architecture one still finds in the old corners of the city."

Despite the craze for going about bare-headed Cecile Sorel, famous beauty of the Comedie Francaise, has continued to crown her golden locks with the latest styles and a modiste has sued her for \$3,994 in alleged unpaid hat bills.

Suit was brought just before Mile Sorel put her collection of furniture, including Mme Du Barry's bed on the auction block, intending to buy modern furnishings with the proceeds.

"How about all my hats you have been wearing for the last ten years?" demanded the modiste.

"I never bought your hats," replied Mile Sorel. "You merely entrusted them to me. I wore them in the theatre and around town, adding my grace to their style and my reputation for elegance to your artistry."

The modiste says this is quite incorrect and is persisting in his suit.

CAUSES AIRPLANE CRASH AND GETS DAMAGE SUITS

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 15.—Charged with causing an airplane crash, J. Dennis Racener of this city, today was a defendant in two damage suits aggregating \$7,500 brought against him in the Vanderburgh County Circuit Court in this city. It was one of the strangest litigations ever started here.

The plaintiffs were Ray Kuhl, owner of the airplane, who demanded \$5,000 for his wrecked airship and Floyd Stork, the pilot, who asked for \$2,500 for personal injuries.

The petitions in the damage suits charged that on July 13, 1928 Racener came to the flying field and persuaded Pilot Stork to take him up for a spin through the clouds.

When the airplane climbed to a height of about 600 feet, according to the plaintiffs, Racener seized one of the dual controls of the plane and began "weirdly" to manipulate them. He banked, zoomed and acted as though he were an ace, despite the frantic pleas of the pilot that he release the controls.

Racener, according to the petition persisted in clinging and manipulating the controls until the plane went into a tail spin close to the ground. All that time pilot

Stork was begging and threatening Racener to release the controls pointing out both would be killed unless he, Stork, was permitted to right the plane. Racener, according to the suit, failed to release the controls and the airship crashed nose down.

The plane was demolished in the crash and Pilot Stork was painfully injured. Racener escaped injury.

WILHELM BANS THE SALE OF PAINTINGS HELD BY HOHENZOLLERN FAMILY

By O. D. TOLISCHUS
BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Ex-kaiser Wilhelm, as head of the Hohenzollern family, has issued a decree forbidding the further sale of paintings in possession of members of the family.

If, however, for some reason such paintings must be sold, they are to be offered to German museums first to save them from foreign purchasers.

This has been revealed by Wilhelm von Bode senior director of the German Museums. Bode wrote to the former kaiser protesting against the "squandering" of valuable paintings abroad by members of the Hohenzollern family. The former kaiser thanked him for the letter, Bode said, and immediately issued the above order.

According to Bode, almost all of the tremendous art values which were in possession of former ruling German princes has been lost, and most of it has been sold abroad, principally, it is supposed, in America.

Only the former Grand Duke of Hesse and the former Bavarian Crown Prince Rupprecht have retained a part of the valuable collection of paintings which their dynasties possessed.

"The former royal castles, contain about 12,000 paintings," Bode told the German press. "Of these about 11,000 can scarcely be called paintings, because they were purchased merely as charity toward the painters."

"The remaining 1,000 paintings, however, are very valuable."

Resolution

Whereas Almighty God in His wisdom did see fit to remove from this earth Louis Cohen, December 2, 1928, and

Whereas, Louis Cohen has always proved to be a friend to humanity and ready to accept any call for the betterment of those with whom he was associated and one desirous of spreading the brotherhood of love and good-fellowship to all mankind, and

Whereas, he was at all times loyal to the interests of every worthy cause that he thought would better his fellowman, town or community, and was ready to contribute liberally his services and means to all demands, and

Whereas, he was loyal to God to the measure of his light and understanding and a true friend to the needy, sorrowing and suffering without regard to race or color, position or power, and

Whereas, he proved himself to be a most loyal fireman, possessed with that ambitious desire to give his all with a hope that he might be instrumental in saving the property and lives of others, as he did give thirty years of his life unstintingly in the capacity of a capable fireman, fifteen years of which he was chief and director of the Ballinger Fire Department, therefore be it resolved,

That the members of the Ballinger Fire Department do hereby express our appreciation for the activity and wonderful influence of our fellow fireman and leader, our regret to other organizations and citizens for the loss occasioned, and our deep sympathy to his family and host of friends, realizing that the Fire Department has lost a leader and member whose departure will be keenly felt for a long time to come, and further realizing that not only has this department suffered a great loss, but a loss has come to all firemen of the state, and especially will the entire citizenship of Ballinger miss him because of his true character and real friendship for those he loved and those who loved him. Ballinger Fire Department, Ballinger, Texas.

Accepted and unanimously adopted this, the 12th day of December, 1928.

Ballinger Fire Department.
By M. C. Atkins, President,
By D. G. Posey, Secretary.

Drew Dickson left Sunday for St. Louis to attend the Brown Shoe Convention at that place. Mr. Dickson is on the road for the Brown Shoe Company in this territory.

Be wise and advertise.

Rotarians Discuss City Improvements

The mid-week luncheon of the Rotary Club was well attended Wednesday at the Central Hotel. At the meeting R. J. Wheeler was elected to membership and Rev. E. W. McLaurin was elected to honorary membership. Mr. McLaurin was made an honorary member on the strength of his war record while overseas and the club felt that he was entitled to this honor conferred.

The program was on the question of needed civic improvements in Ballinger. Rev. W. H. Doss was a guest of the club and spoke of some very fitting things which Ballinger needs. He laid special stress on the water situation and stated that no town could grow beyond its water supply. He also referred to the need of a city hall, this and the water issue being two items that will be voted upon by the citizens of Ballinger in the near future.

Jas. A. Wear was the principal speaker at the Wednesday luncheon and brought the club a stirring message on the improvements that he thought were badly needed here. In the course of his remarks he spoke at length upon the chain stores that are coming into towns like Ballinger at the present time. He told of cities where these chains are operating and of how little they are doing for the upbuilding of the community. He also referred to the hard, keen competition they make for the local merchants who have been responsible for the upbuilding of the town to the point where these chain store operators are willing to place stores.

He listed among other needed matters a playground for children where they may play under the supervision of older people, a public library, more pavement, more water, parks and such things that are constantly a need in every city.

Roy Reeder, a member of the park committee in Ballinger, gave a short report on the park situation in which he stated that the offer of the land still held good for a park site on Elm Creek. He pointed out that if the water bond is voted and the new dam built, the location will be a better place than at present.

The meeting next Wednesday will not be held and a social meeting of Rotarians and Rotaryans will be held on Friday night of next week.

HUNTERS HAVE LUCK— BOTH GOOD AND BAD

Dr. A. S. Love and Will Bridwell returned Tuesday from a hunting trip in Southwest Texas. Both of the hunters were successful in getting a good buck but they were unable to save the meat. Dr. Love stated that the weather was rainy and sultry and that it was impossible to keep the venison until they could get back home. They reported seeing many deer but would not shoot the little bucks and after they realized they could not save their game they gave up and came on home.

Deputy Sheriff John White returned from Corpus Christi this week where he has been hunting for the last several days. He reports the gulf covered with ducks and doves are very plentiful. Mrs. White remained in San Antonio where she will spend Christmas with her people. Mr. White will join her after the holidays.

INSURANCE MEN ARE HERE FOR SEVERAL DAYS

Floyd R. Fisher and A. Gustafson of Indianapolis, Ind., have been here with R. J. Wheeler for the last several days. These gentlemen are from the main office of the American Central Life Insurance Company and have been here with the division manager, Mr. Wheeler. They left Wednesday morning for Dallas.

Williams Erecting Business House

R. M. Williams, local contractor, is constructing a building at the rear of the C. O. D. Grocery Co. for W. B. Dankworth which will be used by that firm in carrying on their grocery business. The building is 27 by 87 feet and will be constructed of tile with metal roof and concrete floor.

This is another good improvement for Ballinger. This space has formerly been occupied by an old sheet iron building and occupied

by a cleaning plant. The new building will be modern in every respect and will comply with the city's building code which will take away some fire risk and replace the old unsightly structure with a building in keeping with other buildings in that part of town.

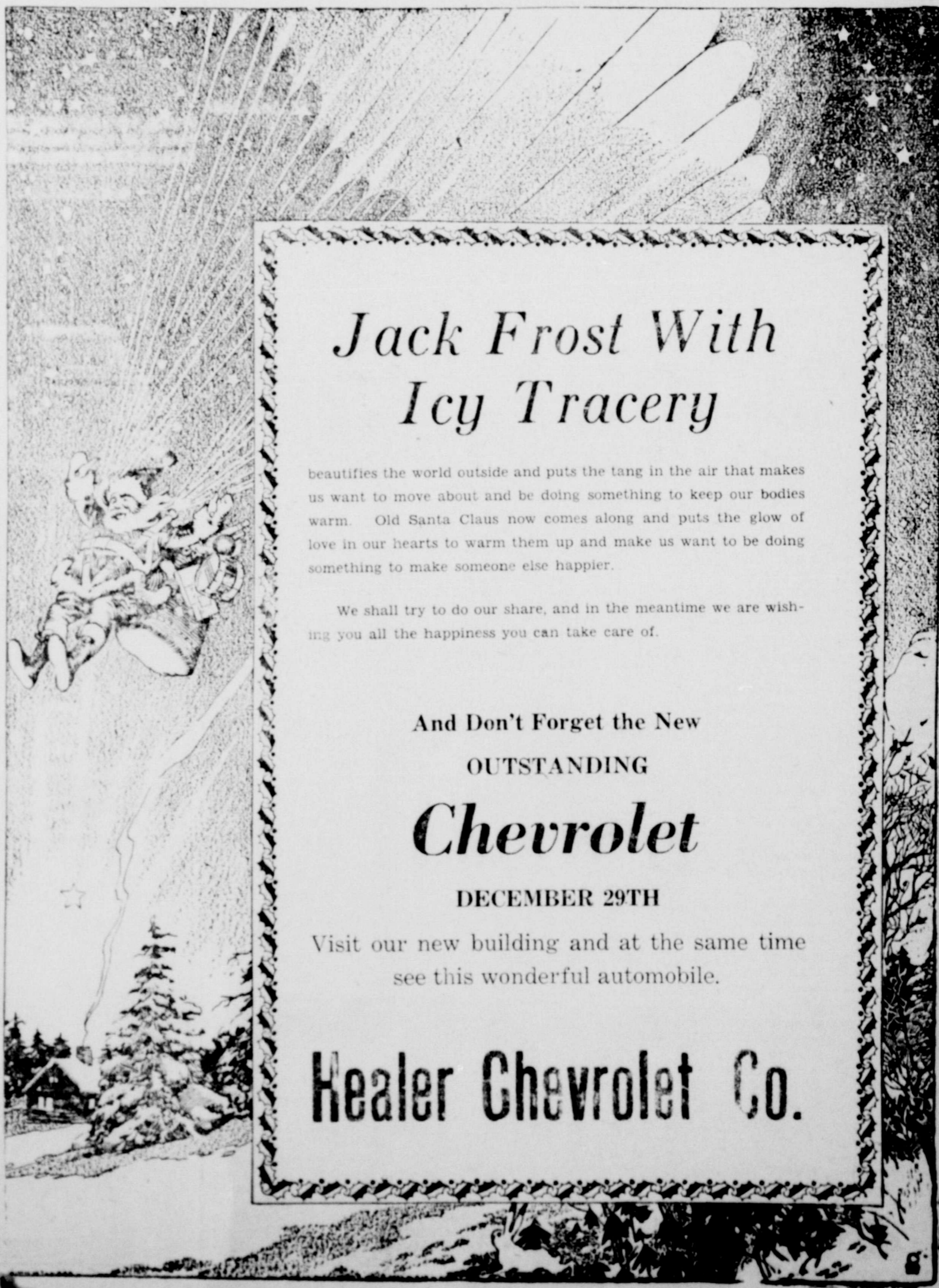
Mr. Williams is rushing the work on the building as fast as is possible to accommodate the local firm in housing their products which are arriving and will be stored in the new space. The building will cost approximately \$2,500 when completed, according to a statement made by Mr. Williams Tuesday.

May This Christmas Be a Very Happy Season to You

BRINGING joy and gladness into your life and into the lives of those for whom you are concerned.

How good it is that we have set aside a season of the year when good fellowship prevails and kind deeds are seen on every hand. It is a fitting time to express the gratitude of one's heart. We trust this message will reach all our friends wherever they may be.

"M" SYSTEM GROCERY and MARKET



Jack Frost With Icy Tracery

beautifies the world outside and puts the tang in the air that makes us want to move about and be doing something to keep our bodies warm. Old Santa Claus now comes along and puts the glow of love in our hearts to warm them up and make us want to be doing something to make someone else happier.

We shall try to do our share, and in the meantime we are wishing you all the happiness you can take care of.

And Don't Forget the New
OUTSTANDING
Chevrolet
DECEMBER 29TH

Visit our new building and at the same time see this wonderful automobile.

Healer Chevrolet Co.

Wright Certifies Letters for 15

Coach Felton Wright, of the Ballinger Bears, has certified the names of 15 members of the 1928 squad to receive letters. The school has placed an order for lettered sweaters and they will arrive here about Christmas and be distributed to the men for the holidays, it is hoped.

The question of selecting a captain for next year will be delayed for the time being. It is likely that soon after Christmas a meeting will be called for that purpose. According to the new ruling in the high school, it will be necessary for the captain of next year's team to have an average of 85 in all studies before being eligible to accept the place. A ruling was made last year that all offices and important places to be held by students must be filled by those who have a general average of 85 or better in their courses. A good number of the football men are eligible for the place of captain and the team will have no trouble as far as grades are concerned in deciding who will assist the coach in guiding the team next year.

The men included in the list for letters for the past season were: Middleton, captain; Coker, Lusk, Smith, Robinson, Wilson, Schumann, Parrish, Wheeler, Chastain, Bailey, Jones, Reese, E. Smith, Allison and Arthur, manager. The list only includes 14 players and the student manager. Several others were given a tryout in games this year but did not play the required number of quarters to be included in the list of letter men.

Some few men have played their last game here on the high school team but Coach Wright will have a good start next year for perhaps a better team than this last season brought forth. He will have a good line to start with and if any new material comes in next year the team should have no trouble in surpassing this year's record.

Coker, Lusk, Big Smith, Robinson, Chastain, Jones and Reese are some of the letter men who will be here to start the season next year. On the list of reserves are a few men who will have no trouble in making the team. Price Middleton will look good in next year's line. Harold Flynt will no doubt be given a place from the beginning. Dankworth will be ready next year, another Robinson will give some linemen a fit and others on this year's squad will have sufficient experience to make the starting squad next year a better crowd than started this season.

School Girls Hear Lecture

Mrs. Joe Simmons lectured to the girls of the Ballinger High School Tuesday morning at the chapel exercises on the subject "Keeping Physically Fit." Mrs. Simmons is very capable of talking on this subject, having specialized in such studies. Her talk was given excellent attention by the girls and more addresses such as this will follow.

Supt. H. C. Lyon stated Wednesday that this was the first of a series of lectures that would be given to both girls and boys on such subjects. There is a need for such programs in the education of the students and it is likely that talks on matters of this nature will be carried out the entire year.

Mrs. Simmons addressed the girls Tuesday at the invitation of Mrs. Delight Tassin, dean of girls.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK IS BEING COMPLETED

Workmen started to work Tuesday morning to finish the outside of the First National Bank Building. The bank has been completed for some time with the exception of the colored tile which extends up the side of the outside wall for about four feet. The tile arrived this week and will be placed on the building as soon as the workmen can place it there. This tile will add much to the looks of the exterior of the building and will be the last touch to completing this modern building.

Huntsville—New electric stamp cancelling machine installed at local postoffice.

Eagle Pass—Survey made here for new gas line to be laid through Eagle Pass and Piedras Negras.

Influenza Cases Here are Few

The spreading epidemic of influenza has not hurt Ballinger as yet. Thursday morning there were only a few out of the local schools on account of sickness and no fear is felt here to date of the epidemic, although towns near us are beginning to feel the effects of the malady. One of the members of the school faculty, Miss Mary Walker, is sick with the flu and a few other cases are reported here.

John Tarleton College at Stephenville was closed Wednesday until after the holidays to try to check the spread of influenza among the student body. Houston reports 4,000 cases among students in the schools there. San Angelo has some cases but no alarm is felt there and Abilene reports very few cases in the schools at that place. At A. & M. College the epidemic seems to be on the decline with only 21 cases in the college hospital compared to more than 100 at Thanksgiving when the disease was at its height.

There are quite a number of cases of influenza reported over the rural localities but only a few are advanced cases. Abilene and this entire section are having a few cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria and every possible precaution is being taken to stop

the spread of this disease. Avoid crowds and sleep in a well ventilated room is the advice given by all city, county and state health departments.

Gross Cattle are Sold Here

The largest cattle deal to be made in Runnels county in several years was made last week when Judge W. H. Gross of Mineral Wells sold his cattle on his ranch northwest of Ballinger to Mr. Coy of Schleicher county. In the deal Mr. Gross sold 40 cows with calves to Mr. Coy for a price of \$117.50 per head which brought a total cash sum of \$47,000. He sold all his dry cows to Mr. Coy for a sum of \$75 each, the exact number of these cows not being known at this time.

Mr. Coy also leased the Gross Ranch and will stock it with sheep at once or as soon as he disposes of the remainder of his cattle. He sold 200 head of calves to two farmers from Iowa at 11½ cents per pound and these calves will be shipped to that state.

Children should be taught the worth of jobs, or they may develop into worthless snobs.

Married people who neglect to take time for courting gravitate toward the courtroom.

Motley New Chief Ballinger Firms Of Fire Department Beautify Stores

The Ballinger Fire Department met in regular session Wednesday night at the City Hall with practically all members present. It was the first meeting held by the company in the last 15 years that L. Cohen was not present. The opening of the session was in the form of a memorial service to the memory of their beloved chief who was called by death a little more than a week ago.

Fire Chief Frank Williams and Assistant Chief Buford Owens were present from the Winters Fire Department and took part in the meeting.

The meeting was called for the purpose of naming a successor to Chief Cohen and after some deliberation for the man to take his place, J. D. Motley was named to fill the unexpired term of Chief Cohen. Mr. Motley accepted the position for the remainder of the year and stated Thursday morning that it would be his aim, together with the other officers of the department to make the company just as good as is possible. The department realizes that in the passing of the chief who had held the job for 15 years, that the place was hard to fill and that it would be hard for his successor to equal the performance of so many years experience. Mr. Motley has served many years as a fireman and at one time served the local department as president. He is thoroughly familiar with the fire fighting methods and with the equipment here and the local company and town at large are lucky to have a man of this type to act as fire chief.

Wednesday night the First National Bank and the Farmers and Merchants State Bank added their beauty to the Christmas spirit here. Both banks were outlined in colored lights and could be seen for many blocks in any direction. This new piece of decoration together with the lighted trees along the sidewalks and the colored streamers of lights overhead made the downtown streets very beautiful.

Another piece of decoration that

is above the ordinary is the front of the West Texas Utilities Company office on Eighth Street. Christmas trees in three elevations have been arranged, making the decorations from the sidewalk to the top of the building. The trees are well decorated and lighted and makes one of the prettiest fronts ever seen here.

Much improvement is being done on the Booker street system. A. L. Clar, recently appointed street commissioner, has been dragging the different streets following the falling of rains. The dip between the Booker Hotel and the Quick Service Station put in to replace the culvert, has been completed.

THE STRONG DIRECTORATE--

of this Bank has influenced many people in opening their Checking Accounts here. Guided by such men trained in financial affairs, every depositor shares in the security given.

If without a banking home we invite you to look up the record of our Directors, then become a depositor.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

Ballinger, Texas

Established 1909

Weslaco—St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico Railroad seeks permission to construct ten mile branch line from local terminal.

Houston—State of Texas celebrates completion of financing of Highway No. 75 from Houston to Dallas.



Buys a 45-Room Flat to Live In Solitary Grandeur

Impressive entrance to apartment house at No. 1060 Fifth avenue, New York City, in which rich Mr. Markle's amazing retreat is located. Inset, the 70-year-old anthracite king.

\$1,000,000 "Co-op" Will House Rich Widower's Art Collection

By International Illustrated News
NEW YORK.—You can write down Mr. John Markle as one who craves solitude in the same degree that Robinson Crusoe didn't.

He is the anthracite king of America, is Mr. Markle. A benign, elderly man in horn-rimmed glasses, he started out a poor boy in the "breakers" and wound up a multimillionaire. But nothing he ever did got him quite so much attention as the simple act of "taking an apartment" recently at Fifth avenue and Eighty-seventh street. For—

When he took over the occupancy of his new abode, the rich and fastidious widower became the owner of the world's largest single apartment—an expansive retreat of forty-five rooms, winding corridors and one of the best views in New York! The cost was put at more than a million dollars.

Wants Only to Be Alone
With neither chick nor child to enjoy the luxury with him, this modern antithesis of Robinson Crusoe apparently wishes only to be

alone in the Autumn of his life; alone, that is, except for the art treasures which formerly were kept in the old Markle apartment which boasted a "pantry" thirty rooms and hardly any view at all. To serve him and keep the place in order will require something like an even dozen maids, pantrymen, butlers, etc., the rooms for whom are equally divided in the two wings of the apartment. Indeed so rambling is the huge one-man home that it is conceivable that these domestics may go days without encountering at least one or more of their fellows.

Among other things the largest apartment house boasts:

Private Telephone Exchange

A black and white marble staircase which set Mr. Markle back \$75,000; an art gallery, two libraries, antique paneling of all master rooms; a private exchange with twenty-six extension phones, and furniture of French and English design especially imported for the anthracite king.

These facts are available only through the dealers who had to do with furnishing the biggest apartment, for Mr. Markle hates publicity worse than a walking delegate. So the WHY behind the 70-year-old widower's decision to go in for solitary grandeur in a big way probably never will be known. Which is, perhaps, as it should be.

Our Christmas Greeting

IT IS A WONDERFUL SPIRIT that prompts people at Christmas time to pause and wish their friends, joy, peace, good will and happiness—This spirit makes us all cheerful and lighthearted—makes each one's horizon bright with promises—creates enthusiasm—promotes optimism—increases confidence in ourselves and others, and how much better we could make this little world of ours if we would make it a point to spread the spirit of Christmas throughout the year—it is too valuable to confine to the short Christmas season.

Bettis and Sturges

Highway Board to Push Construction

SAN ANGELO, Dec. 14.—The first concrete effort to construct pavement from San Angelo to the oil fields of West Texas extending through Irion, Reagan, Upton and Pecos counties, will be made Monday when representatives of Tom Green county go before the State Highway Commission at Austin seeking aid on pavement from San Angelo to the Irion county line.

In addition to the delegation from Tom Green county, representatives from Reagan and Upton counties will also appear before the commission to secure exact information on the state's attitude toward proposed bond issues in those two counties. The project of pavement in Tom Green, Upton and Reagan counties offers the possibility of having 125 miles of hard surfaced road between San Angelo and the oil fields.

With progress being made on extending the pavement west, David H. Ryan, holder of the pavement contract from Runnels county line to San Angelo, reports that the 15.6 miles is more than half completed and will be finished during the forepart of the year.

Fortunately the pavement under construction east and the proposed work west of San Angelo, is all a part of the Petroleum Highway, which leads from Tulsa to Presidio touching the major producing fields in Oklahoma, North Texas, Central Texas, and West Texas, with the exception of Winkler county, to which a tributary road is said to be in good condition.

Representatives from San Angelo who will go to Austin next Monday are J. T. Mathison, county judge; R. H. Henderson, commissioner; T. J. Kelley, county engineer, and Claude C. Wild, manager of the Board of City Development. The county judges-elect will probably go from Reagan and Upton, with some members of highway committees appointed by the Big Lake and Rankin chambers of commerce.

The highway under question is officially known as No. 99, is a part of the Petroleum Highway, and is thought by the commissioners and other highway interests here to carry more traffic than any other single thoroughfare in this particular section.

The state and county have already spent several thousands of dollars in completing drainage and grading work on No. 99 to the Irion county line, and the commissioners' court believes that the money will be virtually wasted if some step is not taken to make the road permanent. Rains and heavy oil field traffic both of trucks and operators plying between their operating headquarters here and the producing fields, are beginning to take their toll of the graded highway. With those things in mind the county officials have decided to make the road a first class permanent highway, if the state will offer its aid in preserving the work already done.

New fields, extension to former production, and the resultant flood of acreage deals are constantly increasing the traffic from San Angelo headquarters to the fields, and operators are anxious to speed their necessary trips as much as possible. It has been estimated by various oil companies that more actual trading is completed in San Angelo than any other West Texas city, making it imperative that this county make ample provision for speeding that work.

If the 16.05 miles from San Angelo to Irion county can be paved, there remains a gap of only 15 miles from old pavement on the north county line to be bridged before Tom Green county has pavement extending from San Angelo in five directions to the county lines.

By completing and opening the slightly more than 15 miles of pavement this summer, San Angelo is connected by pavement with the Concho county line on No. 9. The pavement under construction between here and the Runnels county line on No. 30 bridges that gap and will later be connected with hardsurfaced roads through Coleman county by virtue of the bond issue carried this year in Runnels county. Plans for grading and drainage, and relocation of No. 23 and 30 through Runnels county to be followed by paving, are now being prepared.

To the south, over 30, San Angelo is connected with some 72 miles of pavement extending from this city to Sonora in Sutton county, passing entirely through Schleicher county. At Sonora the pavement turns east on No. 27 and extends

to the Kimble county line. North of San Angelo on No. 9, pavement extends for more than 16 miles to Carlsbad and from that point on to the Coke county line will be the only unpaved gap on major state and federal highways, if the attempt to pave No. 99 to the Irion county line is successful.

Division No. 7 of the State Highway Department for which headquarters are maintained in San Angelo with Andrew F. Moursund, the chief engineer, in charge of construction, has various projects either completed or on which plans are being prepared over the 17 counties included in the district.

For example, 9.6 miles of pavement in Runnels county connecting Ballinger with other old pavement on No. 30 extending to the Taylor county line, will likely be contracted Dec. 17 or 18. Grading and drainage contracts will be let next Monday at Austin for work on No. 9 throughout Sterling county, extending north to the Glasscock county line. In Kimble county from Junction extending into Kerr county close to Kerrville, there is another 25 mile strip of pavement already completed. When Runnels county completes its paving program, a good part of the hard surfacing of the Petroleum will have been accomplished.

Adults Contract Children's Diseases

Adults can, and do, contract many children's diseases. And, usually, they suffer from them much more than children do. For instance, many adults contract worms, an ailment usually associated with children. Sometimes they suffer intensely and take expensive medical treatments, without realizing that worms are the cause of their troubles. Yet, the symptoms are the same as in children, loss of appetite and weight, grinding the teeth and restless sleep, itching of the nose and anus, and abdominal pains. And, the same medicine that surely and harmlessly expels round and pin worms from children will do the same for adults—White's Cream Vermifuge, which you can get at Weeks Drug Store.

HOOPER NAMED TRAINING ALL SOUTHWESTERN TEAM

Coach Berg of the University of Nebraska has asked Winston Hooper of Southern Methodist University to act as trainer for the All-Southwestern football team. Mr. Hooper has accepted the position and will begin training the men in Dallas on December 26. Coach Berg of Nebraska will coach the team for their post season games.

Winston Hooper is the son of Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Hooper of this city and is track coach at S. M. U. He has made a wonderful record in track work himself and holds many records for distance races.

Miss Ina McKown is reported to be ill at her home and not able to be at the county clerk's office.

Collis Dooce was here Sunday from San Angelo visiting with home folks for the day.

Be wise and advertise.

Early Mailing Not in Effect

The early mailing of Christmas packages has failed to materialize this year, according to employees of the local postoffice. In fact, so light has been the expected Christmas rush that the force at the office expects that most everyone will be trying to mail their packages at the same time.

It has been the custom for years for people to mail their packages early and mark them "don't open till Christmas" but this year it seems that most everyone will not risk the packages in advance and have adopted the slogan "Don't mail till Christmas."

If the present rate of mailing is maintained it is expected that by the middle of next week a person will necessarily have to wait in line at the postoffice from one to four hours to mail a package.

Thousands of packages are mailed at the Ballinger office each year and so far only a few hundred have been mailed and there remain only seven mailing days before Christmas.

This year's business is expected to be much heavier than that of a year ago, owing to the fact that business for the entire year has been heavier by far than it was in 1927.

Adopt the slogan: "By early and mail early."

DEALERS LEAVE TO ATTEND PONTIAC DEALERS' MEET

Henry Jones and R. C. Henson of the Ballinger Auto Company left Monday morning for Dallas where they went to attend a state-wide sales meeting of the Oakland-Pontiac Company. The new Pontiac will be on display at the Dallas meeting and all points that are new will be thoroughly demonstrated by experts from the factory. The new Pontiac will be on the market right away, making its appearance along with others at about the beginning of the New Year.



FRANK C. DICKEY BUYS HOME ON TENTH STREET

A deal was closed last week whereby A. K. Doss sold the place formerly known as the E. E. King home on Tenth Street to Frank C. Dickey. Mr. Dickey bought the place for a home and will move there at once.

Mexia — Establishment of new postoffice here under consideration.

Hoppe is Given Poultry Prizes

Wm. Hoppe, of Hatchel, won 27 ribbons and considerable cash in prizes at the Coleman county poultry show, when he exhibited his fine Cornish Games at the show there last week.

Mr. Hoppe exhibited his birds at the Runnels county fair, the San Angelo and Abilene fairs and this week showed the birds at Brownwood, and in each instance has been awarded many prizes, thus making for himself a wonderful reputation as a breeder of fine chickens as well as to substantiate our claim of the past that Runnels county is the best poultry breeding county in Texas.

At Coleman Mr. Hoppe won six first prizes, best patri-colored pen, champion pen of the show, best five male birds, best white solid color pullet, best 15 birds in the show, best 25 birds in the show.

Feel Yourself Slipping
Tired feeling, sour stomach, gas, ambition gone, despondent, not sick but slipping fast.

Young's Stomach Powder will restore your health. Druggists return money if it fails. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

TEXAS FOOTBALL CHAMPS HONOR FALLEN PLAYER

AUSTIN, Dec. 15.—In the hour of their victory as football champions of the Southwestern Conference, the University of Texas Longhorns paused to remember a fallen comrade.

Molte McElroy, 19, of Houston, who was killed here shortly after the football season opened, was awarded an honorary letter. McElroy was a member of the squad and was considered a promising athlete.

Shamrock's new creamery will have a capacity of 400 gallons of ice cream daily and will be able to turn out 700 pounds of butter at one churning. Refrigeration machinery, cold storage rooms, pasteurizers, mixing vats, freezers, shipping containers and other equipment have been provided.

Bar Will Banquet Judge Woodward

The Bar Association of the 35th Judicial District will tender a banquet to their retiring judge, J. O. Woodward, on the evening of December 22, in the city of Brownwood. This information was made known in Ballinger Friday by County Attorney C. P. Shepherd, who is looking after the arrangements locally. To the banquet are invited all members of the bar and county officials. Mr. Shepherd stated Friday that he could not as yet tell how many would attend the banquet from Ballinger but that he expected a good crowd. Walter Early of Brownwood is looking after the banquet with the aid of T. C. Wilkinson, Jr., and other officers of the Brownwood bar. A letter from Mr. Early stated that one Ballinger lawyer would be expected to be on the program but this assignment has not been made.

A token of fellowship will be presented to Judge Woodward by the bar association from the 35th District. Judge Woodward is retiring on

January 1 after serving this district as its judge for 20 years. He has been a public official for 28 years, four of which he served Coleman county as county attorney and four he served this district as district attorney. Later he served as district judge for eight years and was defeated by Judge Goodwin who served for 16 years. During the time that Judge Goodwin was on the bench Mr. Woodward engaged in the private practice of law in Coleman. In 1912 he opposed Judge Goodwin and defeated him and has served continuously since that time and will close his sixteenth consecutive year on January 1. This term makes 20 years he has served the district in the capacity of judge and four years as its attorney.

During his time on the bench in this district he has built a reputation for fairness and good judgment and has been endorsed by the higher courts and the state bar as one of the most capable and fair trial judges in the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Uel Stephenson and little boy are here visiting Mrs. Stephenson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Miller.

SOLD BY THE HUB BALLINGER, TEXAS.

If Wishes Were Wings

and good will had the power to work magic, your home would be visited by us this Yuletide season and filled to the roof tree with genuine joy.

Those loved ones you most long to see would be there, all worries and irritations would be whipped out the door, and you would all have the merriest time of your lives.

We hope that it will be so with you anyhow

H. H. HARDIN
Lumber and Hardware
Ballinger, Texas.

CHRISTMAS

The Great Love-Link of the World

THE time when all the world is joined in one heart-beat, in one thought, in one purpose, to spread joy and gladness all about us!

That's what we want to do for those who have seen fit to use our goods and our services during the past—and we would include those many friends and acquaintances who have shown us many kindnesses.

May we continue to be of worthy service to each of you—and may your future years be filled with the choicest of your heart's desire in health, happiness and prosperity.

G. A. Ladwig
Dry Goods--Shoes--Clothing

Runnels Cotton Crop is 50,116 Bales

The 1928 cotton crop in Runnels county passed the 50,000 mark Saturday when a ginning report gathered from over the entire county showed that 50,116 bales were ginned up to Saturday night, December 15. The past several weeks rain has kept pickers out of the fields for the most of the time and the ginnings for this period have dropped down pretty low. There is still a good amount of cotton in the fields to be picked and cotton men who have kept a close check still predict that the crop will equal that of last year when more than 54,000 bales were ginned in the county.

This report was compiled Monday by the Ballinger Cotton Oil Company and was solicited from every gin in Runnels county which included all cotton ginned up to the time the gins closed Saturday night.

The following is the report as given by towns:

- Ballinger, 9,052.
- Rowena, 4,376.
- Miles, 6,975.
- Winters, 18,376.
- All others, 11,337.
- Total bales ginned, 50,116.

BLANTON NEWS

The party at J. A. Foreman's Saturday night was well attended and all reported a nice time.

Bill Witter of this place and Miss Modesta Dunn of Ballinger were united in marriage Sunday, December 9, 1928. They have a host of friends at both places who wish them success and happiness.

Miss Elva Foreman spent the night with Miss Alice Foreman on Wednesday.

There was no Sunday school or preaching Sunday due to the heavy rain.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Foreman and daughter, Alice, visited Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Foreman of Ballinger Monday.

Miss Elva Foreman spent Sunday with Alice Foreman.

There will be a small Christmas program at Blanton schoolhouse Friday afternoon. Everyone is invited to attend, especially parents.

"REPORTER"

BENOIT ITEMS

Another big rain has fallen since our last report, quite a change in the temperature was felt when the norther struck Sunday night, preceding the downpour of rain which fell far into the night. Prospects are fine for a prosperous year ahead.

Mrs. Ida Cox of this place and W. R. White of South Ballinger surprised their friends Saturday afternoon by getting married in Ballinger. Another wedding of interest to their many friends is the marriage of Miss Dora Lange and Herman Stokes which took place Sunday morning in Ballinger. We wish for these couples a happy future.

Milton Gibson returned from Brownwood Wednesday from a visit with relatives in that city.

Little Addie Ruth Cox is not yet recovered from her illness but is improving to some extent.

Milton Hill of Brownwood, a nephew of W. T. Hill, is spending a few days with the family here.

Mrs. Lew Hale is on the sick list at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Eddy are planning to leave Thursday for a trip to Mexico, to spend the holidays with relatives.

We hope the weather continues fair until after Christmas.

We are all looking forward to the next week with pleasure, wishing all a merry Christmas and a bright New Year.

"REPORTER"

Sore Gums-Pyorrhea

Foul breath, loose teeth or sore gums are disgusting to behold, all will agree. Leto's Pyorrhea Remedy is highly recommended by leading dentists and never disappoints. Druggists return money if it fails. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

Have you read the want ads?

Dr. Lasater Heads Medical Society

The Runnels County Medical Association met in Winters Thursday night in their annual meeting and banquet. To the banquet the druggists and their wives were invited as well as the doctors' wives. The banquet was held at the Winters High School and about 50 persons were present. Dr. J. W. Macune, retiring president of the association, acted as toastmaster at the banquet and also presided over the short business session which followed.

The Ballinger druggists and doctors were well represented, however, some few were absent on account of sickness and others being out of town.

At the business session following the banquet, Dr. O. R. Lasater was elected president for the coming year and Dr. Charles Bailey as secretary.

The Winters Little Theatre group entertained the gathering with a very clever one-act play given in the high school auditorium at the conclusion of the business session. The entertainment feature was highly enjoyed by the association and everyone from Ballinger pronounced it one of the best pieces of entertainment they have seen. This group of players has been together for many years and has given some of the hardest bills written.

DEALER AND SALES FORCE LEAVE FOR DALLAS TO ATTEND STATE-WIDE MEET

M. B. Healer, W. H. Carr, A. B. Middleton and Mr. Barnett left Monday afternoon for Dallas to attend a state-wide meeting of Chevrolet dealers. At this meeting the new six cylinder Chevrolet will be thoroughly demonstrated to the Texas dealers in every detail. Mr. Healer stated before leaving that he would have a carload of four different models here and on display at his formal opening on December 29.

T. S. Cox, geologist with the Phillips Petroleum Company, who worked in this county for over a year, and who lately moved to San Angelo, was here Saturday, en route to his home in Beeville to spend Christmas with homefolk. After Christmas Mr. Cox will be located at Aspermont, Stonewall county.

86,637 New Cases of Flu

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—In complete returns to the United States Public Health Service today revealed a total of 86,637 new cases of influenza reported from 20 states and New York City, for the week ending December 15.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Influenza is raging in 15 states according to reports today which indicate that there are more than a million cases in the nation. The epidemic is slowly sweeping East and South.

NEW ROAD SWEEPER PICKS UP ALL TACKS

ENID, Okla., Dec. 19.—Motorists hail with delight a new magnetic road sweeper recently put into service by C. H. Rightmire, division engineer of the Oklahoma Highway Commission. The sweeper picked up more than 50 pounds of metal when used on a short test in this city. Further tests will soon be made, it was stated.

O. O. Zappe, formerly of this city invented this machine or a similar machine and it is being placed on the market at the present time. The machine, where it has been used, has proven to be a big success and absolutely picks all pieces of metal from the road surface. It is a magnetic sweeper and on roads where it is used it eliminates all possibilities of punctures from tacks and nails which will mean the saving of much money to the motoring public.

Mr. Zappe graduated from A. & M. College several years ago and accepted a position in Amarillo. It was only a short time after he went to that city that his invention was announced.

LOCAL HUNTERS BRING HOME BIG GAME TODAY

Mayor S. B. Raby and J. F. McMillan returned Wednesday afternoon from a hunting trip in the Devil's River country with two big bucks on their cars. One of the deer was a 10-point animal and the other had eight points.

Austin—\$300,000 new bridge will replace old ferry near Chapel Hill on Austin-Houston Highway.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Tyree and Miss Marvel Frost made a business trip to San Angelo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Norman visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Frost Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Hill and family returned home from Brownwood Sunday afternoon where they have been visiting relatives and friends.

There was no Sunday school or B. Y. P. U. here Sunday because of the bad weather.

"REPORTER"

Be wise and advertise.

NEW YORK MAN PAYS AN ELECTION BET IN CHINA

SHANGHAI, Dec. 19.—To settle a \$50 election bet, Joseph Suzmann, of New York, exposed himself to the derision of Shanghai by hauling Charles Burnett, a 230 pound member of the crew of the U. S. S. Pittsburgh, the entire length of the Nanking road, in a ricksha.

Suzmann was attired in a tuxedo and top-hat. An army of photographers accompanied the procession.

Burnett, who is a fourth-class baker aboard the Pittsburgh, hails from California, while Suzmann is a native of New York's East Side.

Christmas

And You

Make a Real Christmas For Us.

How could we forget YOU, you who have been so good to us through these many years, you who have had complete confidence in us and who have served us as patrons as well as we have served you as providers of good values and reliable service in our line.

We thank you and wish for all of YOU and all of YOURS the best Christmas and the happiest New Year of your lives.



SYKES MOTOR CO.

Whippet

Willys-Knight

Christmas Specials Saturday and Monday

- 25 pounds DOMINO SUGAR \$1.49
- No. 2 TOMATOES, per can 8½c (Solid Pack)
- No. 2½ SPINACH, per can 17c (Del Monte Brand)
- No. 2 KUNER'S KRAUT 8½c
- 2-lb. can Chase & Sanborn's COFFEE for 98c (This is a Knock-Out)
- Pure East Texas RIBBON CANE SYRUP, gallon \$1.00
- No. 1 Emerald WALNUTS, per lb. 35c
3 pounds for \$1.00
- 5-lb. box CHOCOLATE CANDY \$1.48 (Fancy quality)
- MIXED CANDIES, per lb. 23c (Extra good quality)
- Plenty of ORANGES—APPLES—GRAPES—CRANBERRIES—COCA-NUTS—BANANAS

We won't be undersold—Get Our Prices.

City Grocery

The Store With a Snappy Service

The Houston Chronicle's Christmas Offer Rate Is

\$5.95

DAILY AND SUNDAY ONE YEAR
Regular Rate \$9.00

By Mail Only in Texas and Louisiana

SIX MONTHS

Daily and Sunday \$3.45
Daily Only \$2.25

\$4.50

DAILY ONLY ONE YEAR
Regular Rate \$6.00

GOOD ONLY UNTIL DECEMBER 25, 1928

The Daily Chronicle

Complete Market and Financial Reports—Nine Leased News Gathering Wires, Numerous Features, Timely Photographs and a Page of the Best Comics.

The Sunday Chronicle

Seventy to ninety pages of up-to-the-minute news. Special features, including eight pages of the most popular comics and an eight-page art gravure section.

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Bond Election Ordered for Water and City Hall

The City Commission in session Wednesday night ordered an election for Tuesday, January 15, to determine whether bonds shall be voted for the purpose of increasing the supply of water, the building of a city hall and fire station, and the retiring of \$42,000 in outstanding warrants which was largely used for the paying of paving warrants on Eighth Street and Broadway.

These propositions have long been uppermost in the minds of Ballinger citizens and the issues to be voted upon are deserving of deep study. The benefits to be derived from the improvements proposed cannot be foretold in words.

Proposition No. 1 is for the issuance of \$110,000 for water works improvements, and this would include the construction of a new dam or reservoir on Elm Creek near the Abilene and Southern bridge. The dam would be of masonry, 350 feet in length and the rest built of dirt, that is, the abutments running up to the hillsides. This dam would impound enough water for a city five times the size of Ballinger. To give an idea of how much water it would hold, the surveys show that the water would back up to a distance, further up the creek than the present upper dam. In fact, the crossing below the upper dam would be a part of the lake, estimated at 10 to 12 feet in depth. This proposition also provides for the construction of a new water tower of 250,000 gallons capacity, to be used in conjunction with the present standpipe, which has a capacity of 75,000 gallons and which is adequate for a city of only 2500 population. In the waterworks improvements there would be the laying of bigger water mains in the business and residence districts, which would place every residence in the city limits within 500 feet of a fire plug and every business house within 300 feet of a fire plug, giving the city 30 new fire plugs and a greatly decreased insurance rate. The present insurance rate is 37 cents and the proposed improvements would decrease this 12 cents making a new rate of 25 cents, or a saving of \$1.20 on the \$1000. Other proposed improvements that are to be made later would give us another reduction of 7 cents or a total saving of \$2 on the \$1000 valuation, while the bond issue, if carried, on this one project would cost 60 cents as against a saving of almost

\$2. Proposition No. 2 is for the issuance of \$35,000 in bonds for the erection of a city hall, to be two stories high and of the latest type construction. The building would provide fire-proof vaults for all the city's records, ample offices for the employees, ample meeting space for the city commission, and the fire station would be large enough to accommodate four fire fighting vehicles and would also provide living quarters for the driver. The adequate fire equipment and the central and more convenient location would add greatly to the department's ability to combat fires.

The third proposition would be the issuance of \$42,000 in bonds for the retiring of outstanding warrants, which were largely issued for the paving of Eighth Street and Broadway. If this proposition should carry it would save the city 1 per cent in interest on the \$42,000, as the bonds would draw only 5 per cent while the warrants are now drawing 6 per cent. The retiring of these warrants would also place the city's business on a more strictly business basis and would put the commission in a position to where it could carry on its business in a more dignified way without the embarrassment of the outstanding warrants.

While the election is ordered the 15th day of January, if the proposition should carry, preliminary work would start on all the proposed improvements at once, and by no means later than which 15th. This would give several hundred people employment through the dull months of 1929, and while not at all intended for that purpose would serve to be the means of creating payroll each week through the summer months which would otherwise be without this surplus cash.

That the city of Ballinger needs the water improvements, most all the citizens agree very readily and the benefits to be derived will be felt for years to come just so long as Ballinger continues to grow and build. And without doubt the enlarging of our water system would be the means of bringing other industries into the city.

The proposed city hall has been needed for years and its need is being felt more every year. No business as big as the city, which handles hundreds of thousands of dollars, could or could pretend to operate without ample protection

for its records and organization so important the fire department should be allowed to suffer for the want of proper housing quarters. Due to the fact that the fire department must be imperative that additional quarters be procured.

The retiring of the \$42,000 in warrants is a business proposition and, without doubt, carry without noticeable opposition.

After the engineers had made their report the water proposition it was thought that Ballinger could have ample water supply by the expenditure of only about one-third of what was at first thought necessary and there is no question out the improvement being needed and is, in fact, almost an emergency proposition.

Ballinger really needs a new fire truck but this will have to be taken care of in some other way, as the bonds can not lawfully be voted to care for this.

For All Who Need
Cod-liver Oil
Scott's Emulsion

GERMAN CAPITAL HAS MORE FOREIGN VISITORS

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—October saw more strangers in Berlin than did September, according to the municipal bureau of statistics, the total number reaching 155,212 against 149,180 in the preceding month. Of the 24,427 foreigners, 2,356 came from America—the greatest contingent furnished by any one of all the countries. The number of foreign visitors was 21 per cent greater than in October, 1927.

Stores All Open After Supper

The majority of the stores in Ballinger will remain open after supper from now until Christmas so that shoppers may come to town after supper to finish their Christmas shopping. This arrangement started Monday of this week but very few people in town knew of it and the crowd on Monday night was very light after supper.

A number of the merchants have been requested to remain open after supper to accommodate those who work until late at night. Many people in Ballinger do not get away from their work until six in the evening and with the stores closing early, they have very little time to shop. Others want the store to remain open so that husbands and wives may make a shopping trip together. In many families this is necessary and it is felt here that the store in staying open will be greatly accommodating the patrons.

People especially in town are asked to arrange to shop as much as possible after supper. It is expected that the store will be run over the latter part of the week with out of town shoppers and if the town people will shop after supper this week it will assist the store a great deal in giving better service.

Visit the store tonight. Shoppers will enjoy a look at the show windows, the street decorations and a visit through the stores.

Mrs. O. C. Sykes and her young son, Bobbie Reed, were removed to their home Sunday afternoon from the Halley & Love Sanitarium. Bobbie Reed was born December 3 and both he and Mrs. Sykes are doing nicely.

Weddings Increase At Christmas Time

The last few days have been busy ones at the county clerk's office at the marriage license desk. They say that June is the month of weddings and that in the spring a young man's fancy turns lightly to thoughts of love, but there is some bug in the air in December, especially about the Christmas season which is winning over the month of June in number of marriages. Christmas is a season of love, we are taught, and this must be the reason for the number of marriages which take place at this season. Marriage licenses were issued to the following over the week-end:

- Eli Graham and Miss Annie Lon Ledbetter.
- G. R. Witter and Miss Modesta Dunn.
- O. D. McGren and Miss Essa Waitin.
- Guadalupe Eariquez and Miss Luciana Valdez.
- Marvin Curry and Miss Violet Looney.
- Frank Machann and Miss Anna

Phillips.
W. R. White and Mrs. Ida Mae Cox.
Bill Winans and Miss Frances Power.
Hermann Stokes and Miss Dora Lange.

Every Woman Knows
Every woman knows how easy it is to burn or scald herself while working in her home. Every woman knows that these burns and scalds are painful and sometimes very slow to heal. Every woman should know that the pain of burns and scalds will be quickly relieved, infection positively prevented and speedy healing assured if Liquid Borozone is instantly applied. Get a bottle of Liquid Borozone and keep it handy in your medicine cabinet. Sold by Weeks Drug Store.

A. S. Allcorn of Talpa was in Ballinger Tuesday looking after business and while here called at the Ledger office to renew his subscription to The Banner-Ledger.

W. F. Bradfield of Robstown was a business visitor in Ballinger this week-end and called at the Ledger office Tuesday to subscribe for the paper.

The quickest way to keep abreast with the times is to read the ads.

EXPERIENCED
MORTIGIANS
KING-HOLT
Private Ambulance
MODERN EQUIPMENT
THOUGHTFUL SERVICE
Day Phone 82 Night Phone 372
Directors: E. E. King and W. R. Wilkinson



“Be It Ever So Humble
There Is No Place
Like Home”

And this is more true at Christmas time than at any time of the year for when the group of loved ones gather around the Christmas fire be it mansion or lowly cottage, every member of the circle wants to be there. And the light from the happy faces of loved ones makes the humblest dwelling radiant.

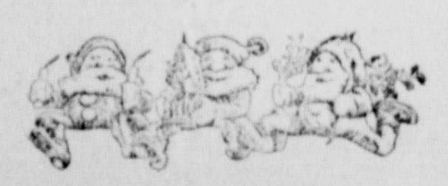
May Christmas Find You Happy
In a Home You Love

KING-HOLT
FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING CO.

Packages of Good Cheer

We endeavor to wrap up a little good will in every package of merchandise prepared in our store, using honesty, courtesy and promptness and a sincere appreciation of whatever amount of business you have favored us with.

And now that the Merry Christmas season is upon us we can't refrain from mailing out in the form of this advertisement a great number of Good Will Packages bearing our heartiest wishes that you and yours may enjoy a most peaceful and happy Christmas.



Stones

CLASSIFIED ADS.

FOR SALE—City Tailor Shop, Wingate, Texas. Boiler and press in good condition. Have 8A Hoffman press. Price \$500. See H. L. Bryan, Wingate, Texas. 19-44-1w*

FOR SALE—Red rust-proof seed oats. Apply to Hubert Zappe. 18-2d-1w

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One four room house, one three room house, two two room houses, on Sealy Avenue near steam laundry. Also 6 small tenant houses lying near fair grounds with 11 acres of land and two lots in Miller addition on 11th Street, W. W. Embry, Phone 463, Ballinger. 17-25d-4w

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Two horse mules, 5 and 6 years old. Broke, weight about 900 pounds, each without a blemish. See R. L. Maddox. 11-3d-w2

WANTED!—Ambitious, industrious white person to introduce and supply the demand for Rawleigh Household Products in Ballinger and other nearby localities. Make sales of \$150 to \$600 a month or more. Rawleigh methods get business everywhere. No selling experience required. We supply products, sales and advertising literature and service methods—everything you need. Profits increase every month. Lowest prices, best values; most complete service. W. T. Rawleigh Co., Dept. TX422, Memphis, Tenn. w14-21*

FOR RENT—90 acres of good land on third and fourth shares. J. S. Reese, Benoit, Texas. 21-2w*

SEED WHEAT, OATS and BARLEY—I have several hundred bushels of good seed grain for sale. Oats and barley, 3 cents per pound. Wheat 3 1/2 cents, all f. o. b. Bangs. G. W. Guyer, Bangs, Texas. w2*

WANTED: To rent a small place on third and fourth. See J. W. Lancaster, four and on-half miles northwest of Norton. 21-2w*

WANTED—Pasture for five head of cattle. Phone 586 or see Henry Leach. 15-2d-1w*

FOR SALE—Hay baler outfit complete. See J. W. Connor. 707 15th St. w-1*

PIONEER BUYS MORE RUNNELS COUNTY LAND

August Seipp, who has been living in Runnels county for the past 42 years believes that it is a good place to live. Last week he purchased 280 acres from Mrs. W. E. Allen just west of the Ballinger Country Club and will begin at once to clear it and get ready to put it under cultivation. The cash consideration for this land was \$35 per acre. Improvements will be placed on the land at once and Mr. Seipp's two sons will move there to operate the new farms.

Mr. Seipp is one of Runnels county's most successful farmers. He has made a success and also believes that this county is as good as can be found and is willing to invest his money in more farms here.



Cold Can't Cause Them to Disappoint!

Singers can't always keep from catching cold, but they can get the best of any cold in a few hours—and so can you. Get the compound that comes in pleasant tasting tablets, one of which will break up a cold so quickly you'll be astonished. Pape's Cold Compound is what they call it, and any druggist you visit will have it—for thirty-five cents!

PAPE'S COLD COMPOUND

DEATHS

Mrs. H. I. Armstrong

Mrs. H. I. Armstrong died very suddenly Tuesday evening after being ill for only a few hours. She was 51 years, 6 months and 27 days old at the time of her death. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong have been making their home in Ballinger for many years and have made many friends here who were shocked at the sudden going of this good woman. They have raised a large family, most of them having grown from babies to maturity here in Ballinger. Mr. Armstrong has been actively engaged in the tailoring business here ever since coming to Ballinger.

The funeral was held at the family residence Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Rev. Alfred Cragg presiding. Interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery as soon as the service was over at the residence.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Armstrong leaves to mourn her death, Irving Armstrong, a son of Corpus Christi; six daughters, Mrs. Ivan Hamilton of Corpus Christi; Mrs. Lee Hamilton, Mrs. Arthur Richardson, Mrs. Melvin Patterson, Misses Dovie and Francis Armstrong, all of Ballinger.

Active pallbearers were: Ross Black, Tom Caudie, Bob Galbraith, Hammond O'Kelly, E. H. Smith, R. E. White, R. E. Truly and Floyd Carr. Honorary pallbearers were: E. J. O'Kelly, A. B. Legate, Scott Mack, T. H. Chancey, Dr. W. B. Halley, Oscar Pearson, Dan Moser, J. W. Powell, O. P. Dorsey, Asa Cordill, J. L. Chastain, Claude Wilmet, H. F. Demmer and Lee Bair.

Higginbotham Bros. & Co. undertakers prepared the body for burial and were in charge at the grave.

Mrs. Nannie Edwards

Mrs. Nannie Edwards, age 78 years, 6 months and 16 days, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Morris at nine o'clock Sunday night. Funeral arrangements were postponed for the present pending word from relatives in Arizona. Some sons and a daughter will arrive from Turkey and Dallas Tuesday.

Mrs. Edwards has been here only a short time and since coming here has made her home with her daughter on Sealy Avenue.

The body was prepared for burial by King-Holt undertakers.

W. W. Witherspoon

W. W. Witherspoon, about 75 years of age, died at his home in Maverick community at 4:30 Monday afternoon. Mr. Witherspoon was talking to a friend when his death occurred. A tenant of his farm had come by to see him and the suddenness of his death has caused a spell of gloom over the entire community. He has one sister in the South Plains country and another living at Midlothian. The body was prepared by King-Holt undertakers and is being held pending the final funeral arrangements.

Mrs. E. W. Kelley

Miss Nannie Offite was born May 30, 185, Lexington county, Ky. She was converted at the age of 16 and in 1866 was married to E. W. Kelley. To this union was born three children: L. T. Kelley, Forrestburg, Tex.; C. B. Kelley, Wichita Falls, Tex.; J. E. Kelley, Oklahoma City, Okla.

In 1875 she was married to J. E. Edwards and to this union there were born 10 children, eight of whom survive; Mrs. Pearl Goff, Amarillo; Mrs. Lida Posey, also of Amarillo; L. C. Edwards, Turkey; P. O. Edwards, Douglas, Ariz.; Mrs. E. M. Gambill, Helena, Ark.; Mrs. Virgil Barnett, Dallas; C. C. Edwards, Douglas, Ariz.; Mrs. Jessie Morris, Ballinger.

For 46 years she made her home in Bowie, spending her last two years in Ballinger with her daughter, Mrs. Jessie Morris. Death came suddenly Sunday at 9 p. m. Eight of the surviving children are present to pay their last tribute of love and respect to their deceased mother.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. A. O. Rue and Rev. W. Lawson Brown at the Nazarene church. Entertaining was made in Evergreen cemetery.

BOB CARSEY SELLS SHOE SHOP TO J. M. STARR

A deal was closed Monday in which Bob Carsey sold his shoe shop on Eighth Street to J. M. Starr of Wichita Falls. Mr. Starr comes to Ballinger with a long line of experience in the boot and shoe business. He has been actively engaged in this business for nearly 30 years and knows the business from the ground up. He will continue to do a general repair business and will specialize in filling special orders coming from cripples.

It is good, both to respect others' opinions, and to hang on to one's personal convictions.

NEWS

It rained much Sunday and Sunday night we didn't have services.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Young spent Sunday night, Monday and Monday night with friends at Ballinger.

Neoma Cox spent Monday night with Alma Phipps.

O. S. Clark left Sunday for Dallas.

Lois Dietz Thelma and Neoma Cox spent Wednesday night with Norma Bradley.

Glen Irven spent Tuesday night with R. V. Berry.

Alma Phipps spent Wednesday night with Venila Rainwa.

The Crews girls went to Ballinger Friday afternoon to play a game of basketball with the Crews won and Bethel lost with a score of 23 to 27.

We are very sorry to report that little Mary Louise Pape is in the Ballinger sanitarium.

Cliffords Woods and family spent Sunday and Sunday night in the home of J. W. Wood.

COOPER ARMORED CORD TIRES AT WHOLESALE PRICES

29x140 \$7.60
30x3 1/2 \$5.75
(Others in line.)

Unconditionally Guaranteed

- BLOWOUTS CURB CHAFING CUTS UNDER INFLATION RIM CUTS FAULTY BREAKS BRUISES ACCIDENTS RUT WEAR WHEEL MISALIGNMENT ANY OTHER ROAD HAZARD

Adjustments made HERE. No delay. This is a REAL GUARANTEE.

Large stock fresh from factory. Tires to fit any car.

A. M. KING
Just outside city limits on Abilene Highway
Ballinger, Texas

Norma Bradley spent Sunday night with Jesse Lee Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phipps and daughter, Alma, went to San Angelo last Tuesday.

Luther Walden of Ballinger, Clinton Walden of Crews and Irven Phipps spent Saturday night with Vernon Mitchell of Ballinger.

We are very sorry to say that the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Berry died last Friday morning and was laid to rest in the Crews cemetery Saturday.

The P-T. A. met last Thursday

Mrs. Alton "Miss Me," was in planning to also, he was for the party. We are glad to report that Grandmother Metz is improving. "REPORTER."

Another block has been added to the contract for paving at Happy. This will make five and one-half blocks of brick street when it is completed. Rainy weather has retarded the work for a short time.

Tulia—Eight members of cow testing association making extensive improvements and building new dairy barns for herds.

Groaning Tables

are everywhere becoming aware that Christmas is here again and that they will have to stand up under the usual burden of delicious viands which give the Yuletide its festive spirit. Ceilings and rooftrees are resounding again to peals of merry laughter that let them know their best echoes will be needed for another week.

Everybody and everything seems to be taking on the spirit of the season, and we are not one whit behind in wishing for everybody the jolliest Christmas of their lives.

J. M. Jones

Grocery and Market



WE CAN'T FORGET
Our Old Friends
AND WE WON'T FORGET OUR
New Friends

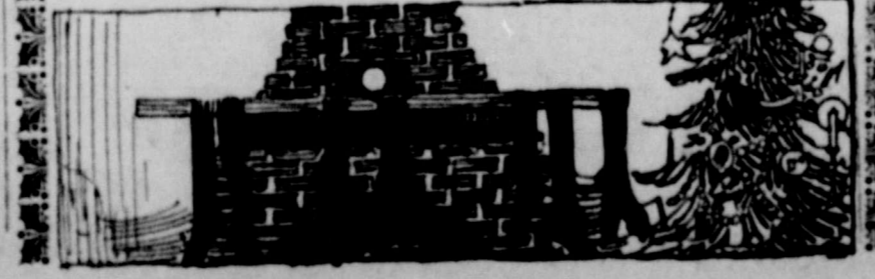
But to old friends, tried and true and to the welcome new friends, we send our

Greetings

For a happy Yuletide and a New Year, during which you may find contentment and prosperity in the endeavors you most enjoy.

Van Pelt, Kirk & Mack

Hardware—Farm Implements



Only A Few Days

MORE IN WHICH TO BUY THOSE

GOOD YEAR

Tires and Tubes

AT THE REMARKABLE PRICE REDUCTION

You know the merits of Goodyear Tires and Tubes, it would be useless for us to try to convince you that they are the best built—you already know that. What better could you give a friend for Christmas than one tire or a whole set. Come to see the big stock and note the really big saving.

ALL SIZES—ALL GRADES—ALL WEAR
GET THE BEST FOR THE LEAST MONEY

May We Also Wish You a Merry Christmas

Home Motor Co.

Rubrecht and Caudle, Managers

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LOST—Black Leather Book Vanity Case. Call 533. 31-3d

FOR RENT—Two nice bedrooms. Men only. 306 Eighth Street. Phone 29. 31-5td.*

Meals or Beds and Board—408 Tenth Street. Phone 235. 31-5td.*

FOR RENT—Three room apartment, upstairs, furnished; no children. Phone 81. 30-3d

VIRGIN MESQUITE—for sale, 300 acres 1500 feet from Salt Gap School and store, 8 miles north of Melvin, Texas, on McCullough and Concho county line. Price fair. William Henry, Ballinger and Paint Rock agents. 30-3d

Meals, beds or board. 408 Tenth Street. Phone 235. 29-5td.*

FOR RENT—Bedroom, all conveniences, gas, bath, garage. Phone 1229. R. E. Truly at Ledger office. 28-4fd.*

Agents Wanted

Wanted—ambitious, industrious white person to introduce and supply the demand for Rawleigh Household Products. Good openings near you. Make sales of \$150 to \$600 a month or more. Rawleigh Methods get business everywhere. No selling experience required. We Sales and Advertising Literature and Service Methods—everything you need. Profits increase every month. Lowest prices; good values; complete service. W. T. Rawleigh Co., Dept. TX-463, Memphis, Tenn. 12-6td

To My Friends:

I take this method of advising you that I have resigned my position with King-Holt Co., and have associated myself with Higginbotham Bros. & Co. in their furniture and undertaking department, where I am better prepared to give you my very best service. I will be glad to have you call on me at any time. I assure you that I will personally appreciate any favor shown me, or any business entrusted to my care.

Wishing you a very happy and prosperous New Year, I am,
 Yours truly,
 JOE OSTERTAG
 2-3td-1tw

New Bus Schedule to Abilene
 Car leaving Ballinger 6:15 a. m., arriving at Abilene at 8:30 a. m., making direct connection with bus and Sunshine Special for Ft. Worth at 8:35. Sunshine Special arrives Ft. Worth at 1:00 p. m., bus at 3:00 p. m.
 23-2tw-9td.*

The best Lyceum number "Three Wise Fools," a big company. High school, Jan. 2nd. 30-3td

Stricken in Atlanta



Asa G. Candler, soft drink king, has been undergoing treatment for six months in the hospital he founded in Atlanta, has taken a turn for the worse. His condition is serious.
 (International Newsreel)

Many, Many Medals



Miss Chloé Owings of Minneapolis, Minn., once farm hand is now head of the hygiene bureau and associate professor of the University of Minnesota, and has just been made Chevalier of the Legion of Honor and awarded the Prix Carlier of the Academy of Social and Political Science of France, the Médaille d'Honneur Service de L'Enfance en Danger Moral, and the Médaille de Reconnaissance Française.
 (International Newsreel)

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Warranty Deeds

R. E. Cole and wife to W. N. Humphreys, one acre of the Dolphin Floyd survey No. 518, March 17, 1926, for the sum of \$2,000.
 J. F. Currie et ux to H. T. Hodge and W. D. Seales, part of lot 5 of block No. 8 of the original town plat of Ballinger, Dec. 8, for the sum of \$1 and other good and valuable considerations.
 I. S. Story and wife to S. B. Thomas, part of the Culwell addition to Miles, December 3, 1926, for the sum of \$1,300.
 J. W. Powell to Inez Perales, lot 5 of block No. 49 of the original town plat of Ballinger, December 29, for the sum of \$5.
 J. S. Brooks and wife to S. B. Thomas, 80 acres of the T. & N. O. Ry. Cossurvey No. 61, May 24, for the sum of \$4,000.
 Roy A. Williams and D. C. Williams to Jenett Reed, lots 2 and 3 of block No. 8 of Wilke's second addition to the town of Ballinger, May 15, 1924, for the sum of \$20.
 Nora A. Raines et vir to Jenett Reed et al, lots 2 and 3 of block No. 8 of Wilke's second addition to Ballinger, April 5, 1922, for the sum of \$1 and other good and valuable considerations.
 W. B. Hodges et ux to J. D. Hinkle, lot 5 and part of lot 6 of block No. 20 of the Dale West addition to Winters, December 12, for the sum of \$3,000.
 E. Seipp et ux to August Seipp, an undivided interest in and to 168 acres of the A. J. Loverly survey No. 311, December 19, for the sum of \$1,500.
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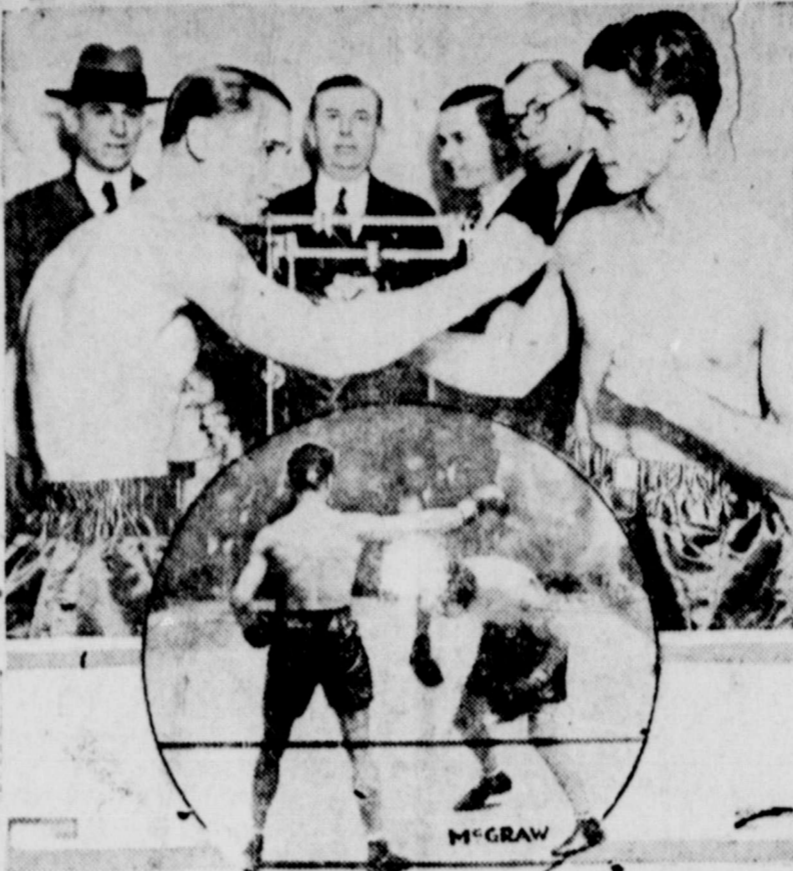


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LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE STILL INTACT



Sid Terris of New York (right) repulses another attack made by Phil McGraw (left) on his lightweight crown in Madison Square Garden, New York. Circle shows the Detroit Greek ducking under a right swing from the champion.
 (International Newsreel)

Chaney, lot 8 of block No. 5 of the Miller addition to the city of Ballinger, Nov. 10, for the sum of \$400.

Ira Braannon et ux to Roddy Moore, lot 11 of block No. 20 of the College Heights addition to the city of Ballinger, December 1, for the sum of \$35.

"Three Wise Fools," a play in three acts, the next Lyceum number. High school, January 2nd. 30-3td

American Movies Suffer But Plays are Popular in Theatres of Vienna
 (By International News Service)
 VIENNA, Jan. 2.—American moving pictures are suffering a loss of popularity in Austria, but American plays are crowding the

Viennese stage. Austrian film production has increased considerably during 1927, and according to the new quota law only ten foreign films are admitted for import to one domestic film, instead of twenty to one, the quota heretofore.

Austria takes an average of 400 movies a year, and until the new quota law came into effect, three-quarters of the total were American.

Mr. and Mrs. Felton T. Wright and son, Bobbie, have returned from Junction, where they spent the holidays with relatives and friends.

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Clarence McCarver has returned to Brownwood where he is attending Howard Payne College, after spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCarver.

Miss Beatrice Boyd has returned to Howard Payne College at Brownwood after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Boyd.

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Dorothy Mackaye is Ready to "Pay Piper" in Prison

By Marian Rhea

(International News Service Staff Correspondent)

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—Dorothy Mackaye is going to be a long time paying the piper for those hectic months which led up to the "kneekle slaying" of Ray Raymond, last spring, the conviction of Paul Kelly for manslaughter and later her own conviction on charges of attempting to conceal facts in the death of her actor-husband.

From one to three years in San Quentin, is the tender exacted anew by the piper since Miss Mackaye's appeal for a new trial was denied—from one to three years in San Quentin added to loss of a promising stage career, separation from her baby, four-year-old Valerie, and almost six months in the county jail.

"But I ain't dead yet," said Dorothy Mackaye today, or words to that effect.

Will Start Over

"Everything's a state of mind," she said. "And I guess mine's still healthy. I'll show 'em yet."

"Sure, I'll go up to San Quentin. I'll serve my time. Perhaps, if I'm good, they'll give me the minimum. Anyway, I'll see this thing through until it's a closed issue. And then—"

"Then, I'll come out with my \$5 or whatever it is they give you, and I'll start over!"

"Probably people will think I'm silly to begin planning so soon—but I have to. If I didn't—"

she stopped again, but her plans and hopes seemed too strong, too definite, not to talk about.

"I don't have hope of a renewal of my stage career," she said. Wise Dorothy.

"Yes, I think all of this has been a terrible price to pay for carelessness and thoughtlessness, but—"

"The blame—Well—I believe we were all to blame. I know that I was, I know that Paul was, and Ray was, too. You see, you don't think much about what you are doing until it is done. You don't count costs until you begin to pay them. We all just played. Everyone did, it was the only life I had ever known. It wasn't all gin, it was just that we went ahead, unseeing because

we didn't look for anything. Who Will Profit?

"Now, Ray is dead, Paul is in jail, and so am I. I wonder, sometimes, who will profit by it all. Just ourselves, I am afraid. Not the world, not other girls who read about me, nor other men who read about Paul. Not Valerie, even. Just Paul when he comes out of prison a bigger and better person. Just me when I come out better and stronger. As for the rest, people will go on playing as careless as ever, until their own lesson catches them up. I am certain that there's not one gin party less in Hollywood because of the Raymond murder case."

"But myself—I have learned a lesson. Do you think I shall ever 'party around' again? Do you think I shall ever surround my baby again with any of the people I called 'friends'?"

"A lesson such as I've had is enough. But—it is sort of funny isn't it?—to know that the 'horrible example' that is Dorothy Mackaye probably isn't going to save one single soul. They have to do it for themselves."

Miss Eleanor Kirk has returned to Austin, where she is employed, after spending the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Jennie Kirk.

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Child a Suicide?



Long Beach, Calif., authorities are holding inquest over body of eight-year-old Grover Mansfield to determine whether boy committed suicide or not. Grover had threatened several times to "end it all" whenever he had been scolded or reprimanded. He was found dead beside open gas jet.

(International Newsweek)

Don't fail to see "Three Wise Fools," play in three acts. High School, January 2nd. 30-3rd

SOCIETY

Honor Visitor from Chicago

Of the parties during the Christmas season, none was prettier than the one given by Messrs. and Mmes. J. Y. Pearce and Frank Pearce on Tuesday evening of last week honoring Mrs. C. W. Brown, of Chicago, who has been a charming guest in Ballinger for the past several weeks.

To the elegantly furnished reception suite of the J. Y. Pearce home, an added decoration of clusterings of gorgeous red carnations, white roses, mistletoe, poinsettias and gay colored bells, had been given. Into this festive atmosphere guests were welcomed by the hosts and hostesses and their guest of honor. Until late in the evening, bridge was played at the prettily appointed tables. A refreshment plate of chicken pressed in cream, olives, potato chips, cranberry frappe and hot rolls with coffee was passed with favors of red and green twinkleticks.

The invited guests were: Messrs. and Mmes. D. C. Middleton, Harry Lynn, W. B. Woody, Ira Sims, Rufus Wheeler, Leslie Baker, Estes Lynn, Q. V. Miller, Joe Simmons, D. Reeder, R. G. Erwin, H. H. Thomson, R. W. Earnshaw, Malcolm McGregor, M. H. Watson, W. R. Bogle, Geo. Holman, Alex McGregor, K. V. Northington, R. L. Harwell, C. R. Stone, Robert Bruce, M. S. Karmany, Will Dooze, Sim Cottle, Troy Simpson, Mrs. Peyton Ord, Misses Maggie Underwood, Nell Alexander, Louise Orgain, and Mr. Roy Reeder.

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Mrs. Delight Tassin returned Monday from New Orleans, holidays with relatives and friends. Mrs. Tassin is a teacher where she spent the Christmas in the city schools.



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