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YIELD LOWEST IN TEN YEARS

AUSTIN, Dec. 28.—Crop yields in Texas during the year were considerably below the average for the past ten years, the result largely of insect damage and the protracted dry period, H. H. Schutz, statistician for the United States Department of Agriculture here, said today in his 1929 crop summary.

Severe losses were sustained from excessive rains in the spring. Numerous wind and hail storms also contributed to crop damage, Mr. Schutz declared.

While wheat, oats, barley, rye, hay and fruit produced more than last year, cotton, corn, rice, grain sorghums, peanuts and sweet potatoes made less, the report said, adding that cotton alone reduced the crop income more than \$100,000,000.

DALLAS, Dec. 28.—While cotton remains the most important crop of Texas, the agriculture of the state has developed along lines of diversification to an extent that a comparatively small crop no longer sees in its wake a business depression.

The Texas cotton crop for 1929 is estimated by the federal government at 3,950,000 bales compared with a crop of 15,000,000 bales for the United States. This is the smallest crop grown in Texas since 1922 when 3,222,000 bales were raised. It was the result of a severe summer drought which took its toll in all parts of the state. Had this smaller crop been accompanied by price compensation, its value would have been in the neighborhood of some \$500,000,000. However, at the prevailing price, its value, including seed, is around \$425,000,000.

Expansion of the cotton-raising industry in Texas has gone on steadily for the past half century as new lands were brought under plow especially in the western and northwestern area of the state. Since 1910 Texas has increased its cotton acreage from 6,660,000 acres to 17,575,000 in 1929. The end is not yet in sight, for there remain millions of acres of virgin land which can go into cotton whenever conditions may warrant.

Texas may be in a position some day to produce its 10,000,000 bales of cotton if need be without infringing on the acreage planted to grain and feed crops. Texas possesses climatic advantages and cheap land which will make for steady cotton expansion in years to come.

Texas has not suffered directly

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Numerous Business Changes Made Here

The Ballinger Auto Company on December 31st will commence moving into the building now occupied by the Home Motor Company on the south corner of Hutchings Avenue and Ninth Street. The Home Motor Company will vacate on the same date.

Henry Jones, manager of the first named garage, stated Friday that his business would be suspended for a few days until the machine shop, accessories department, etc., could be straightened up and suitable arrangement made. This firm is busy at present taking inventory and will move as soon as this work is concluded.

The building which has been occupied by the Ballinger Auto Co. for a number of years will be relinquished to the J. C. Penney Co., Inc., about the first and that firm will begin remodeling the building and preparing to open a branch here early in the year. It is understood that a complete new front will be put in to correspond with other Penney store fronts and that the interior will be made over completely prior to receipt of the first shipment of dry goods.

The new postoffice building on Eighth Street, opposite the King-Holt Furniture Co. store, is about ready for occupancy, but fixtures have been delayed and the move will not be made until some time after the middle of January. Mr. Jones, who erected the building, contracted for the fixtures to be received here by Christmas, but manufacture of this equipment is behind and it will be impossible to get the building in shape before the above date.

Company C, 142nd Infantry, of the Texas National Guard has leased the Dr. A. S. Love building on Seventh Street for its armory, and as soon as this building is remodeled to house the military equipment the militia unit will move from the American Legion hall. The company has been occupying part of the Legion building for about three years, but the crowded condition there made a move imperative. The new location will be across the street from the Guard parade grounds and more convenient than its present headquarters.

F. & M. Bank Will Remodel Building

As soon as the Ballinger postoffice is moved from the rear of the Farmers & Merchants State bank building, some time during January, the bank will commence remodeling its building. Fifteen million feet will be taken into banking offices by this time, and the vault now used by the postoffice will be included in the bank's facilities. The way leading to the second and third floors will be raised in order to allow passageway between them.

Kiechle, cashier of the F. & M. Bank, stated Tuesday that stitution needed additional urgently in the transaction eased business, and that additional feet would that demand. Extra vault provided will also benefit the bank.

Remodeling of the building now by the postoffice will be for occupancy by a firm. The change will be soon as the postoffice is moved.

Mrs. Wate Smith, of the West Texas Company, was the guest of Mr. Jones for the week-end.

Car Tax Payments Gain; Property Tax Shows Loss

December was a busy month in the county tax collector's office here for payment of taxes on property, polls and automobiles. There has been a constant stream of citizens going into the office to settle their accounts with the government.

Automobile licenses issued to Tuesday noon totalled 1096, with many on their way to secure 1930 plates which were expected to boost the total well over 1100 for the month. Truck registrations for the month were not as heavy as previously, only 79 being licensed in December.

Other taxes collected up to noon Tuesday totalled slightly above \$50,000, many paying during the last day. Taxes paid during December, 1928, ran to \$60,415.

which shows a decrease for the final month of 1929.

W. L. Brown, tax collector, said he expected many car and truck owners to come to his office before Saturday night, and that the total registrations would pass even the high mark for last year.

Mr. Brown pointed out that any car which was driven in January would have to be registered for the entire year, even though it not be used until several months later. This is the latest construction given the automobile tax law.

The tax collector showed that the motor vehicle license had been reduced several dollars for this year from last year, and would be one of the main reasons for not trying to avoid the tax.

Executive Committee To Plan County Meet

A call has been issued for the meeting here on January 11 of the executive committee of the Runnels County Interscholastic League. The meeting will be held in the office of County Superintendent R. E. White at the court house at 2:00 p. m. At this conference plans will be discussed and a date set for the holding of the county meet, some time during March.

Members of the committee and the division each has charge of follows: C. R. Smith, Winters, debate; G. B. Applewhite, Miles, declamation; Miss Rena Walker, Rowena, spelling; Miss Jessie Lee Brooks, essays; Harley Davis, Ballinger, athletics; Miss Mamie Rae Preston, Norton, music memory; Miss Aline Jones, Wingate, picture memory; Miss Artis Phipps, 3-R contest; and H. C. Lyon, director-general.

The meet was held last year at Winters and at that session it was voted to come to Ballinger this year. March is the month named for the holding of county meets, but the exact date is to be set by the executive committee. Previous custom has been to hold the meet, starting Friday afternoon and continuing until late Saturday afternoon.

The first afternoon and night is assigned to literary events, and tennis, basketball and volley ball. Music memory, picture memory and spelling is the routine Saturday morning, with field and track events following Saturday afternoon.

In the literary events class A and B schools compete against each other but in junior and senior divisions. The dividing line is the age of 14. Juniors may compete in senior contests but no senior may enter a junior contest.

In track class B and class A schools compete against each other, and also in junior and senior classes. These are the only contests where the class of the school affects the entries.

Students in schools all over the county are now commencing to train for all events and by March many will be ready for the meet here. Several hundred students will attend the meet, and on Friday

day night and Saturday many school patrons will be here to witness the events.

BIGBY NOW SOLE OWNER OF GENTS' STORE HERE

A deal was closed before the first whereby Walter Bigby becomes sole owner of Bigby's gents' furnishing store here. Claude R. Stone disposed of his interest in the haberdashery to Mr. Bigby and will have no further connection with the store.

Bigby & Stone bought the business from the heirs of L. Cohen about a year ago and have operated the same under a partnership since that time. Mr. Bigby has been manager of the store which has been operated under his name, and will continue to operate it in the future along the same lines as in the past.

Three questionable characters were picked up by the police here Sunday and lodged in jail to await questioning. They were arraigned before Mayor W. C. McCarver Monday morning, and after giving satisfactory accounts of themselves were released and told to move on to some place where work could be obtained. One drunk was arrested during the week-end, and lodged in the county jail to appear later for trial.

Employees of Weeks Drug Given Dinner

John A. Weeks and R. W. Earnshaw were hosts to their employees of the local Weeks drug store at a dinner served at the Weeks home Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

The store was closed from 7 until 8:30 p. m. for the dinner. A sumptuous feast was served the men and followed by coffee and smokes. At the conclusion of the affair the night force returned to the store to complete their work.

Those present besides Mr. Weeks and Mr. Earnshaw were: L. D. Alexander, H. S. Strain, Herndon Kornegay, Felton Davidson, J. C. Riches.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The answer of the year battle for is regarded by outstanding event

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\$100,000,000 of depreciation values declined. The related defaults in with farm land decreas- mated at \$58,645,090,000. rent value of agricultural estate and personal propert, nearly \$400,000,000 higher th last year.

While the losses were so evenly tributed that no large area had ther a very bountiful or very port crop, the widespread rough of the 1929 growing sea- n dried up pastures and reduced top yields below those of any re- cent year.

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GREETINGS

From Ballinger People to Ballinger People

The home owned and home operated M SYSTEM Store of Ballinger is very thankful for the friendship and patronage extended it during 1929—and in 1930 we shall strive to even make it the more interesting for you to trade here.

Our policy of honest weights, honest prices, honest business methods shall continue to apply. We want our friends to feel at home here and to feel we have an interest in your welfare and the welfare of the town.

We hope that 1929 is the worst year you will ever experience and that 1930 is the best.

D. R. and W. F. SMITH OWNERS

'99 System GROCERY AND MARKET operated by Ballinger People.

BUMPER CRO HEALTHY habit... SCOTT'S EMULSION

Red LAMP by MARY ROBERTS RINEHART. Includes an illustration of a woman in a dark dress sitting at a desk with a lamp.

Made During First Seance. 1st: 11:35 p. m. Present: Edith, Hayward, the two Livingstones, Halliday and myself. Livingstone and Edith examining house. All outside doors locked and windows boarded. The red lamp on small stand in corner diagonally opposite cabinet and my chair beside it.

11:39 p. m. All is ready. Mrs. Livingstone at end of table, next to cabinet. On her left Jane, Hayward and Mr. Livingstone. On her right, Halliday and Edith. A red silk handkerchief over lamp makes light very faint. I have started photograph, according to instructions. I was right about it: it is playing: "Shall We Gather at the River?"

11:43. Small raps on the table, and one strong one, like the blow of a doubled fist. 11:47. The table is moving, twisting about. It ceases and the knocks come again.

11:50. The curtain of the cabinet seems to be moving. No one else has apparently noticed it. I have stopped the photograph.

11:55. The curtain has blown out as far as Mrs. Livingstone's shoulder. All see it. Edith says something has touched her on the right arm. To my inquiry I anyone has released his grasp of the hand he is holding, no one has done so.

12:00. The bell inside the cabinet has been knocked from the table, with such violence that it rolls out into the room.

12:10. Nothing since the bell fell. Livingstone has asked if less light is required, and by knocks the reply is "Yes." I have put out the lamp.

(The following notes were made in the dark and are not very distinct. I have supplemented them from memory.)

All quiet since the last entry. There is a mouse apparently playing about in the library. Edith says that Jane seems to be in a sort of trance. She is breathing heavily. More raps, apparently on the door frame into library. I am cold, but probably nerves.

There is a sense of soft movement in the library; the covers are rustling; the prisms of the chandelier can be heard.

Edith says her chair is being slowly lifted. It has crashed to the floor. A hand has apparently run over the guitar strings. All complain of cold. I am alarmed about Jane.

I noticed the heral odor again; no one else has, apparently. (Note: At this point, Jane's breath again containing labored, and my apprehension growing, I insisted on terminating the seance.)

September 2. Jane shows me the effect from last night, and indeed appears to have no knowledge of the seance phenomena. "I think I must have fallen asleep," she said this morning. "How silly of me!"

She has no idea of her entranced condition and I have not told her. She accepts the idea of a second sitting tonight, without enthusiasm, but apparently with the fatalistic idea that what must be, must be.

As to what Halliday had hoped to discover, I am as completely in the dark as ever. On my decision to end the seance and on turning on the lights as I did without warning the group was seen to be as if it had been at the beginning, except that Mrs. Livingstone's chair appeared to have been pushed back, and was somewhat nearer the cabinet than before.

Hayward, so far as I can tell, had not changed his position. His attitude throughout seemed to me to be one of polite but rather uneasy skepticism. Livingstone, on the other hand, showed strong nervous excitement from first to last, but certainly never left the table.

He is ill today, which is not surprising, but I understand the intention is to carry on the experiment without him tonight.

Regarding the phenomena themselves, what can I do but accept them? Certainly they showed no connection with what Mrs. Livingstone likes to call the spirit world; on the other hand, either they were genuine, or they showed an experience in tricky artistry beyond any member of our small group.

An who would track us? And why? Livingstone was right, however, as to the psychical effect of the preliminary in spite of myself they influenced me. The music, the low light followed by darkness, the strange and fearful expectancy of something beyond our ken, all added to the history of the seance itself and its recent tragedy, had prepared us for anything.

The billowing of the cabinet curtain was particularly terrible. Skeptic as I am, I had the feeling of some dreadful thing behind it; something one should not see, and yet somehow might see.

Both Crawford and Cameron said that certain individuals have a tendency to project from their like structures of the naked or ing levitate phenomena. The structures are, of course, the structures of the body, or "contours." It is that if such persons are not directed from a medium's subconscious.

and that it dropped onto the table after that. "About what you heard in the hall; was this hall dark?" "Yes. There were no lights any where in the house." "You heard footsteps?" "No. It was like something feeling its way along. You know what I mean." Toward the end of the conference he leaned back and studied me through his glasses. "What started you on this, Porter?" he said.

He did not remind me, although he might well have done so, that my previous attitude to him and his kind had been one of a sort of indifferent contempt; that, during his entire time at the university, I had never so much as set foot in his rooms, nor asked him into my house; that on the two or three times only when we had met I had taken no pains to hide my rejection of him and all that he stood for. But it was implied in his question and I dare say I colored. I told him however, as best I could, and he smiled.

"I rather imagine," he said, "that when we pass over, our interest in this plane of existence is impersonal. We may hope to educate it as to what is beyond. But we hardly carry our desires for revenge with us."

Of all that I had told him, however, the Cameron matter interested him most. Over the letter he sat for a long time, his heavy, almost hairless hand sunk forward as he read and reread it.

"Quite," he said. "What do you make out of it?" "A great deal," I told him, and detailed my discovery of the letter behind the drawer of the desk, and my theory as to old Horace Porter's death. I had brought that letter also, and he studied it as carefully as he had his other.

"The priority of the idea," he repeated. "That's a strong phrase. Are you threatened to call in the police? Have you any notion as to what this idea may have been?"

"Not the slightest," I said frankly. "I would like to keep this for a while, if you don't mind," he said at last. "I have a medium here in town—but I forget. You don't believe in such things?"

"I don't know what I believe. But you are welcome to it, of course." It was only after this matter of the letter that he finally agreed to come out the day, after tomorrow.

September 4. The words "making trouble," lightly underscored on page 24 of "Smyth's Everyday Essays," are the key to Gordon's cipher. The entire sentence is "It is often the ingenious rather than the malicious who go about the world making trouble."

In a few hours, then, we shall have solved our mystery, or at least shall portion of it as is locked in the diary Read with this key we have already translated the sentence I recorded here on the twenty-second of August. At though we cannot interpret it without the context, it becomes:

"The G. P. stuff went big last night."

In the same way the scrap of paper found in my garage is now discovered to read "Smyth, p. 24." Edith's single error lying in the number, which she had remembered as 28.

Halliday suggests that the G. P. above may refer to George Pierce, but makes no attempt to explain the reference.

Halliday's story of his discovery is interesting; certain portions of the two seances he apparently accepts without comment save: "It was the usual stuff," and sets it go at that. Although "usual" is hardly the word I should myself use in that connection. But the book was, as I gather it, not the usual stuff.

"There was something about the way it came that night of the seance," he says, and makes a gesture. "Mrs. Livingstone's chair seemed somewhat nearer the cabinet; no other changes in position, except that Halliday had come out to search hall and lower floor. The bell was on the floor, near door into hall, and lying on table, 'Smyth's Everyday Essays'."

No signs of disturbance in library or hall; no account for words I heard. But an unfortunate situation has arisen, owing to Mrs. Livingstone's failure to lock door from hall to drive. She had pushed the bolt, but as the door was not entirely closed, it had not engaged. We found this door standing open.

This, however, though Hayward seems uneasy, barely invalidates the extraordinary phenomena secured to-night.

Jane exhausted, and Edith with her September 3. I have seen Cameron, and he will come out. He has evidently been seriously ill, but it shows the dominance of the mental over the physical that he brushed aside my apologies and went directly to the matter in hand.

But it is a curious thing to reflect that, a short time ago, it would have been I who was the skeptic and Cameron who would have been filled up the other side. Today it was I who was excited, and Cameron who was to be convinced!

"This Edith, of whom you speak," he said, "how old is she?" "Twenty." "A nervous type?" "Yes, and no. Not hysterical, if that's what you mean."

Certain of the... to puzzle... Porter called it, and it came. Like a dog," he says, and watches me to be sure I am not laughing at him.

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He has taken his key words to the city, and has just telephoned (2 p. m.) that the detective bureau has put a staff to work on it. "It will be several hours," he said. "It's slow work. But I'll be out with the sheets as soon as they're finished."

September 5. Too much exhausted today to make any coherent record. The four hours last night in the district attorney's office have worn me out. I have called off Cameron tonight, for the same reason.

The mystery seems to be increased, rather than solved, by the diary. By such portions, at least, as were read to me. And I do not understand the conditions under which I was questioned, nor the questions themselves. Good G—, are they suspecting me again? Halliday is still in town...

Edith has removed my anxiety as to Halliday's return. He has telephoned, and she has just brought me the message. "He says you are not to worry," she reports. "He is working on the case. And you will not be disturbed again."

She looks pale, but is smiling. "I have told Jane the whole matter; my absence last night had possibly prepared her, but the very confession that I had been subjected to what amounted to a third degree has raised her to a fury of indignation."

"How can they dare such a thing?" she said. "How can they even think it?" "It's their business to believe a man guilty until he proves his innocence," I reminded her. "And Gordon thought it; you must remember that."

For nothing is more clear to me today than that this diary of Gordon's which Halliday himself carried to the police, has somehow incriminated me.

September 6. Halliday is still in town. I can do nothing but wait here, eating my heart out with anxiety, and allowing my imagination to run away with me in a thousand ways.

My womenfolk support me according to their kind. Jane serves me sweetmeats for luncheon, and Edith sits by, giving me an occasional almost furtive caress as an evidence of her faith in me.

But Edith is curiously lifeless; that small but burning flame in her which we call optimism, for want of a better word, seems definitely quenched. She is silent and apathetic, and has been so since yesterday.

She seems to resent our having sent the key to the diary. "If you only hadn't done that," she said today. "What else could we do? We have to get at the bottom of this thing."

"I don't see that it has got you anywhere. It has only missed things up."

What she has in her mind I do not know, unless, poor child, she has been building a future on Halliday's solving the crime, and that now that prospect is gone. She tells me that Starr has been on guard at the main house, quite, for the two nights Halliday has been in town. But if she knows any explanation of his presence she does not give it.

"He's afraid to go inside," she said scornfully. "He just sits out on the terrace and smokes. If anybody said how behind him he'd jump into the bay and drown himself."

She has an apparently implicit faith in Halliday's ability to keep me from further indignity. But I am not so certain. The sound of a car on the highway sets my pulse to beating like a riveting machine; at the arrival of the Morrison truck a few minutes ago with some belated butter, I got up and buttoned my coat.

My place in my little world is neither large nor important, but it is difficult for me to imagine it without me. "Suppose the worst to happen," said Matthew Arnold to the portly lawyer from Chesapeake; "suppose even yourself to be the stevedore; it's a possible home necessity."

The great mundane movement would still go on, the gravel walks of your villa would still be swept, dividends would still be paid at the bank, omnibuses would still run, there would be the same old crash at the corner of Fenchurch street.

This is the sixth. It was on the fourth, then, a few hours after Halliday had gone to the city, that a taxi stopped here, and Greenough got out. There seemed to me to be a trifle more than his usual ponderousness in his manner, and a distinct concentration in the way he looked at me as I came down the staircase. At the same time, he was civility itself, and he stated his errand matter-of-factly. They had a staff working on the diary, and he knew I would like to be present when it was finished.

"It's a long job," he said. "But we've split it into a half dozen parts, and it ought to be ready by eight, or half past."

It was six then, and as our early dinner was almost ready, I asked him to stay. We ate cheerfully enough, took the seven-fifteen express from Oakville, and were in town and at the County building at something before ten. I was surprised but not startled to find Beachley, the sheriff, there, and three or four other men, including Hemingway, the district attorney. Hemingway held some typed sheets in his hand when we entered, and was reading them carefully. Halliday was standing by a window staring out into the square, and the first indication I had that anything was wrong was the expression on his face as he turned to see me.

The second was a polite invitation to Halliday to leave the room, and his entering of it.

"staying," he said flatly. "If any objection to that, I shall leave." Mr. Porter to make no statement to answer no questions, until properly protected."

"I asked 'Protected' by a strong-arm outfit," said and surveyed the room with under arrest. "I've put down the papers on my desk," he said. "You"

A letter received here week from Miss Addie Abner, Runnels county health officer, stated that her mother was ill, and that she would like her mother's bedside for at least. Miss Alexander, Pilot Point to spend with her mother and with supper table Christmas stoke of paralysis hit and she was until December 27th, affected her throat at dition is still very doubt.

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W. L. BROWN ANNOUNCES FOR TAX COLLECTOR

W. L. Brown broke the ice on the political pot Tuesday morning and will start the new year by asking voters of Runnels county to re-elect him to the office of tax collector of Runnels county. Mr. Brown is experiencing his busy season right now and it will be some time before he will be able to see many voters and solicit their influence. Taxes are pouring into his office and a full force is on the job, waiting on the "customers" as rapidly as possible. This is an early start for the political derby but other entries are said to be ready and by early spring it is predicted that nearly a full ticket will be in the field for consideration by the public.

In another column of this paper appears the formal announcement of Mr. Brown, setting forth his claims for re-election. Readers are asked to read the statement carefully.

Speedy Relief For Sore Throat This Doctor's Prescription Requires No Gargling No longer is it necessary gargle and choke with nasty ting medicines to relieve throat. Now you can get at the instant relief with one swallow of a doctor's prescription. This prescription was refilled so often that it became so popular that the doctor who originally filled it had to put it up under the Thoxine and make it available to everyone.

The remarkable thing and instantly, yet contains, no harmful. It is pleasant and safe for the whole family and is guaranteed to relieve throats or coughs in 15 m or money back. Just ask Thoxine, 35c, 60c and \$1.00 by Weeks and all other drug stores.

Attac R. Includes various advertisements and notices, such as 'At three...', 'The bride...', 'The bride...', 'The bride...', 'The bride...', 'The bride...'. Also includes a notice for 'W. L. BROWN ANNOUNCES FOR TAX COLLECTOR' and 'Speedy Relief For Sore Throat'.

ative in your home a family doctor's approval?



The Best Purgative for Colds... Relieves the congestion, reduces complications, hastens recovery.

SOCIETY

Yubside Nuptials Said for James Parrish and Miss Ollie Jean Cordill

At three-thirty o'clock Christmas afternoon, Miss Ollie Jean Cordill became the bride of James Parrish in a service beautifully set simply solemnized in the First Methodist Church.

Widely green Xmas cedars were banded against the organ, with fall floor baskets filled with pink carnations and ferns lending color to the scene. Electric torches gave added beauty.

Relatives and close friends witnessed the double-ring ceremony read by the Rev. W. H. Doss.

The bridesmaids were six friends associated closely with the bride for many, many years. In colorful long dresses they entered by twos and proceeded down opposite aisles to the altar where they awaited the bridal pair.

Miss Evelyn Brewer, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor, while Joe Beck attended the groom as best man.

The bride and groom entered together.

Proceeding the service Miss Helen Brewer was at the organ for a program of pre-nuptial music. "Love's Old Sweet Song" and "Indian Love Call" were followed by "All for You" and "I Love You Truly" sung by Miss Mabel Brewer. For the processional Miss Brewer used the wedding music from Lohengrin and Mendelssohn's Wedding March was the recessional. She softly played "Blue Heaven" while the marriage vows were being taken.

The bride wore a silhouette model of gold crepe with trimmings in an egg-shell shade. Her hat was of gold and brown and she carried an arm sheaf of pink carnations and maidenhair fern. For going away she was dressed in a tailored ensemble of black velvet.

Immediately following the ceremony the young couple left for Abilene accompanied by Misses Smith, McWilliams and Brewer, Messrs. Beck, Wallace, Chastain and Geo. Doherty. Messrs. Doherty and Chastain were ushers.

They will return to Ballinger in a few days and will be at home in the Laxson Apartments on Harris Avenue.

Mrs. Parrish is a graduate at mid-term of the 1929 class of the high school, while Mr. Parrish finished with the class of '27. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Parrish and has spent practically his entire life here. He is secretary to the county superintendent. As a member of a prominent family, the bride has a host of

friends here, where she was born and reared, to wish for her every good thing.

Miss Lucibel Taylor is Married in Dallas

The marriage of Miss Lucibel Taylor of Dallas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor of Ballinger and Herman Schaus Jr., son of Mrs. Herman Schaus of St. Louis, Mo., took place Thursday evening, December 26, at the home of the bride, 4228 Hall Street.

The house was decorated with pink rosebuds and white lilies of the valley. The reception table was laid in lace over orchid with pink rosebuds used for the center decoration. The improvised altar was made of palms and floor baskets of lilies of the valley. There were floor candelabra with tall white tapers among the palms.

Miss Adda Ward of Ballinger, gave the wedding music.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Jones Taylor, of Ballinger, wore an ivory satin gown made princess style. Her veil was of tulle, attached to a crown of orange blossoms. Her bouquet was of roses showered with lilies of the valley.

She wore a gift from the bridegroom's mother, a diamond and platinum bar pin.

Miss Doris Taylor of Ballinger, attended the bride as maid of honor. She wore a shaded orchid tulle frock with a tulle hat and slippers to match and carried a bouquet of pink rosebuds.

Mrs. Ann Miller of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was the matron of honor. She wore a shaded orchid tulle frock with a tulle hat and slippers to match and carried a bouquet of pink rosebuds.

W. T. Wilson of Dallas, attended the bridegroom as best man.

Little Drevia Miller of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was the flower girl and wore a pink tulle costume. She carried a basket of white rose petals.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held for the relatives and friends. Miss Martha Lambert cut the five-tier cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Schaus left for New Orleans and Havana, Cuba, after the reception. Mrs. Schaus wore a blue-gray tweed ensemble with gray accessories and a silver fox fur. After January 15th they will be at home at 31 East Twelfth Street, New York city.

Mrs. Herman Schaus Jr. grew to young womanhood in Ballinger. She is a graduate of the Ballinger high school with the class of 1922. She has a B. A. degree from S. M. U., Dallas, and is also a graduate of the Coker School of Expression there. It was during her study at the American Academy of Art in New York city that the romance had its beginning.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor, and her brother, Jones Taylor, and Mrs. Taylor, were in Dallas for the wedding.

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John Bass left Monday for McCamey, where he has accepted a position for several months.

C. of C. Banquet Committee Awards Serving Contract

The first meeting of the entertainment committee of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce was held Monday morning when arrangements were commenced for the annual membership banquet here on January 10th.

The contract for the serving of the banquet was awarded to the Sunday school class of Mrs. J. G. Douglass, and will be served in the basement of the Methodist church, Friday night at 8 o'clock, January 10th. Tickets for the annual spread will sell at \$1 a plate. Sale of these tickets will start in a few days and publicity will be given the affair.

After the experience last year of the eleventh hour rush in buying tickets the committee will probably place a limit on the number of plates this year. Last year after all tables were set, plates in place, salad and water in front of each, the final rush forced the ladies to have to prepare for approximately 65 more at the last minute, and the hall was so crowded it was very difficult to serve the tables efficiently. In order to eliminate this confusion a certain number of tickets will be sold and when these are disposed of no others will be available. This will cause tickets to sell in advance and allow the committee to make definite arrangements for plates, decorations, favors, and the arrangement of the tables.

Another meeting of the entertainment committee will be held Tuesday to commence building a program that will be one of the best ever presented here. At the meeting Monday it was the consensus of opinion that one speaker of state-wide prominence should be secured, and that the speeches be limited to the one man. Visitors from other cities will be introduced but the meeting will not be thrown open for a lot of three-hour talks. Every effort will be made to insure the entertainment as the best ever given at a chamber meeting in Ballinger.

The business session will be very brief, hearing only the report of the nominating committee and election of eleven directors. Other reports and resumes will be printed and placed at each plate.

An orchestra will be secured for the occasion and a number of musical renditions used on the program. A toastmaster will be selected this week and he will assist the committee in arranging the program.

Doctors Disagree When children are irritable and peevish, grind their teeth and sleep restlessly, have digestive pains and disturbances, lack of appetite, and have itching eyes, nose and fingers, doctors will not always agree that they are suffering from worms. Many mothers, too, will not believe that their carefully brought up children can have worms. The fact remains that these symptoms yield, in a great majority of cases, to a few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge, the sure expellant of round and pin worms. If your child has any of these symptoms, try this harmless, old-fashioned remedy, which you can get at 35c per bottle from Weeks Drug Store.

Be wise and advertise.

Income Not So Keep Up

(By Gibb Gilchrist, Texas State Highway Engineer. Written Exclusively for The Associated Press.) AUSTIN, Dec. 30.—The meeting of the State Highway Commission on Dec. 16 and 17 closed, as far as construction awards are concerned, the calendar year 1929.

The figures for 1929 show that the State Highway Commission awarded construction and maintenance contracts in the total amount of 3,444.2 miles, aggregating \$32,707,838.99. These awards included 1767 miles of grading and drainage structures; 216 miles of gravel shell, caliche, macadam and iron ore surfacing; 145 miles of bituminous top roads; 648 miles of concrete roads. They also included 401 miles of surface treatment on gravel roads, known as "Betterment Maintenance." It might be noted that the mileage of concrete roads contracted for during 1929 approximates 50 per cent of the mileage of that class of road already constructed on the State Highway System when the year began.

Construction inaugurated also included 34 bridges at a cost slightly over \$3,000,000.

This year's work brings the total amount of construction inaugurated since February, 1927, when the present Highway Commission went in office, to \$70,238,564.61.

The maintenance expenditures for 1929 have, of course, not yet been tallied as the December accounts have not been paid, but this expenditure will run, for general maintenance, between eight and nine million dollars, this, of course, being exclusive of asphalt topping and other betterment work done by the Maintenance Department.

When the year has been finally closed out the records will show the State Highway Department, during 1929, has either paid for maintenance or has obligated, through contracts let during that period, between \$41,000,000 and \$42,000,000.

Due to the fact that the Department's fiscal year ends Aug. 31 of each year, we do not estimate our income by the calendar year except regarding license fees which are usually made effective with the calendar year.

The income of the State Highway Department for the fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 1929, was as follows: License fees \$11,846,939.12 Gasoline tax 11,308,098.40 Sundry col. 23,243.59 Depository Inst. 296,139.10 Total 23,399,120.21 This is income from State sources.

In addition to this the actual payments made by the Bureau of Public Roads during this period totalled \$4,288,872.45 while the various counties, in the form of County Aid, paid into the State fund \$8,440,993.32 making total receipts of \$34,998,585.98 of which the amount of \$23,399,120.21 can be classed as income to the Department, with \$10,728,465.77 as participation by counties and the Federal agencies in road construction.

One might naturally ask how the State Highway Department can spend or obligate to be spent approximately \$41,000,000 in one year when the total income is in round numbers \$34,000,000. Several reasons may be given for this, one being that the balance in the State Highway Fund on Jan. 1, 1929, was approximately \$6,500,000 while at this time it is approximately \$4,000,000. Also on the first of this calendar year the Department had quite a balance of Federal Aid which had not been placed under contract, while in May of 1929 we exhausted all the Federal Aid down to \$36,000 and have only during the current month been able to start again using the new appropriation. Another reason is that we have been provided with an income up to the end of the present biennium on Aug. 31, 1931, and contracts awarded in the latter part of 1929 will not require payment until some time during 1930. It stands to reason, however, that with a stable and fixed income the Department can plan its work with reasonable consistency that under normal conditions the amount of work finished in one year will approximate the amount placed under contract, so it must be recognized that the State cannot continue, with the present income, the volume of work inaugurated during 1929.

The income from State sources to the State Highway Department for the fiscal year beginning Sept. 1, 1929 and ending Aug. 31, 1930 is quite changed from that of the year which has just been considered. We have a four cent gasoline tax of which the State Highway Fund receives three-fourths of the residue after exemptions provided for have been deducted. The license fees for 1929 have been changed and the distribution differently apportioned. Up to the first of January, 1929

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Turner.

Mrs. Bradley is visiting her daughter here, Mrs. Patterson, this week.

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WILMETH NEWS

For the night, December 23rd, collected: have a farewell party. From the ga... 166.93; from lice... 017.73.

And we have estimated moving to the remainder of the... the income from these tw... will aggregate approx... \$19,559,592, making a total... these two sources of \$25,711,776.5... as compared with \$23,954,000 for the last fiscal year. This estimate is based on deductions for reason of exemptions for only two months. It is quite possible that additional deductions may further reduce this income to where it will not exceed or possibly be less than the last fiscal year, consequently the income shown should simply be taken as our judgment at this time.

There is quite a popular impression that the four cent gasoline tax has greatly increased the income to the Department, but the figures do not bear this out.

Federal Aid for each year at the present time is approximately \$4,500,000. County Aid is rather indefinite, but with a normal year we will probably use as much if not slightly more than the amount received during the past fiscal year.

The last legislature passed very constructive legislation with regard to motor transportation and the operation thereof. In the writer's judgment one of the most notable advances was the creation of a State Highway Patrol. The Department has been very careful to select men for this work and they will assemble in Austin on Jan. 16 for a few weeks' instruction. They will then be sent all over the State and under the authority granted by the legislature they will enforce the Highway laws of Texas. It is the Department's purpose to use these men in a way that will protect the State's investment in roads and be of service to the traveling public and at the same time see that those who are inclined to disregard the rights of others on the highways and who create dangerous and hazardous situations are brought to justice. The number of the patrol will be fifty, this, of course, being only a nucleus of the organization which the people will require should the work be done to their satisfaction. The motto of this organization is "Courtesy, Service and Protection" and we expect to live up to the same.

At this time of the year the Department desired to express its appreciation for the splendid cooperation which has been received during the past year from the various county judges and county officials of Texas as well as other citizens interested and active in road development. When one will stop to realize the size of Texas and the magnitude of her problems it takes it many times impossible for the Department officials to come in frequent contact with the citizenship the cooperation which has been received and for which we express our gratification is all the more appreciated.

Card of Thanks We take this method of thanking each and every one for their kindness and help during our illness. May God bless each of you in health and happiness.

A. L. Drake and Family. 3-11w

John Currie was down town Monday, after being confined to his home for some time with a severe case of influenza.

Henry Moody left Saturday for New Mexico to join a party of surveyors of the Texas & Pacific Railway in running lines for the new Texas & New Mexico railroad.

Tony Fuentes, a Los Angeles Filipino, worked 2,100 hours at night to complete a model of the U. S. S. Texas.

C. P. Shepherd left Monday afternoon for Austin where he will transact business.

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WASHINGTON

sage of the agricultural act, the answer of... eight-year battle for... "relief," is regarded by... as the outstanding event... last year.

Under it, the president created a federal farm board with Alexander Lege, former manufacturer of farm machinery, at its head. Its eight members, representing the major farm commodities, are pledged to effect a \$10,000,000 adjustment of production section and a more efficient as the of marketing.

The col. has set up a \$100,000-Northington marketing organization for 10 years. A \$1,000,000 agency of 10 more year a national mar... building is 60' the same cap... 40 feet being covered with... tract. The remaining... be improved for a mode... and will be for lease. The... store will occupy the section... joining the Farmers & Merch... State Bank.

Among other improvements will be a complete new modern front. The old awning and all rock work will be removed and buff colored brick will be used in its stead. The store will have a solid glass front with two entrances and two lobbies or vestibules. The vestibules will be 16 feet deep and the floor approaches at the entrances will be laid in tile. The windows will be modern in every particular, using the best of lighting effects and large enough to contain a complete display of merchandise.

New hardwood floors will be laid throughout the building, on top of the cement floor now in use. In the rear of the Penney store will be a merchandise balcony 40 feet wide and 40 feet long with an entrance leading to it. The partition to divide the building will be of hollow tile and

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Need Pain! Some folks take pain for granted. They let a cold "run its course." They wait for their headaches to "wear off." If suffering from neuralgia or from rheumatism they rely on feeling better in the morning. Meantime, they suffer unnecessary pain. Unnecessary, because there is an Bayer Aspirin always offers immediate relief from various aches and pains we endure. If pain persists, consult a doctor. Save yourself a lot of pain and suffering through the many uses of Bayer Aspirin. Protect yourself by buying the genuine Bayer Aspirin. Always the same. All day.

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At Last A Treatment For Homely Doors

By Margery Taylor Interior Decoration Editor, McCall's Magazine. (Written for The Ledger)

Something had to be done about doors. Formerly, no matter how cleverly you decorated the room, when you got through there were always those lame masses of uninteresting wood. And you were lucky if they weren't red mahogany.

The new interior decoration could not tolerate this problem, and has found delightful answers. There's a room, for instance, in which the woodwork is ivory and the wallpaper lightly patterned. A charming individuality is imparted by door panels painted in one of the predominating colors of the wallpaper—say green, blue or rose.

Where walls are painted, the door can gracefully be brought into a two-color plan. Thus, if the walls are light eggshell tint and the woodwork cocoa colored, why not a line of coral all around the baseboard, with the edge of closet doors in the same color?

That could be a nice answer to the door problem than one is this: Door frames deep gray, matching the three-foot wainscoting; the four panels of each door and the ceiling, azure blue; and around each panel a border in gray and darker blue? And is there any real reason why door decoration should be plain?



The door stands transformed.

Painted motifs of innumerable kinds are possible and are especially good in kitchen, breakfast room or bedroom.

If, for instance, the draperies are chintz, the motif in the chintz may be copied. Or, if that is too much trouble, there are always the interesting paper cut-outs, so easily pasted on and varnished over.

The chintz itself or wallpaper can easily be pasted and varnished in a bedroom with plain walls

two doors covered with chintz or carefully chosen wallpaper panels become decorative instead of homely. This idea works wonder also in a small hallway or dining room.

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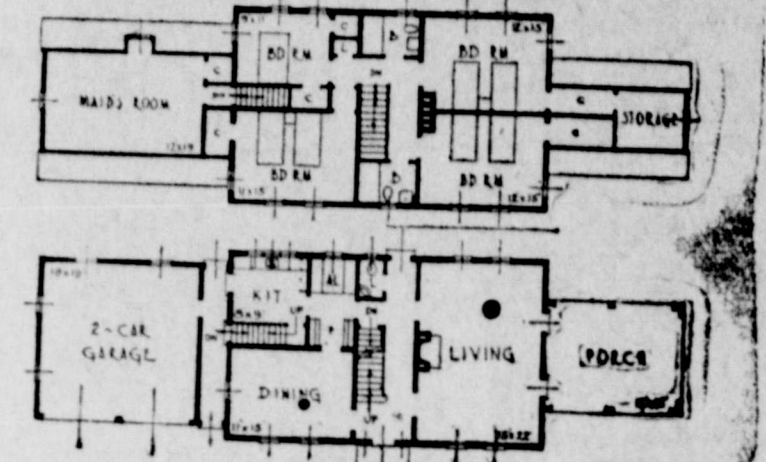
Science Lists Many Triumphs As 1929 Closes

A Home that Can Rise on the Unit Plan

been connected at this point of law... by MAJOR misde-

Mrs. W. R. Bogle has accepted a position with Higginbotham Bros. & Co., and will commence her duties in this store on January 1st.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—From Byrd and Wilkins aloft in planes over Antarctica and Lindbergh over the Mayan jungles to such non-spectacular achievements as that of two young German chemists who split hitherto indivisible hydrogen, earth's simplest element, science made hundreds of advances in 1929.



THIS charming Connecticut home, in a revised design instead of the usual "salt-box" type, may be built in units or in its entirety.

There were ten persons lynched in the United States during the year 1929. This is one less than the previous year and nine less than the worst year on record—1926.

H. M. Martin returned Tuesday from Dallas, where he had been to attend a convention of the Texas Photographers Association and buy new material for his studio here.

In evolution Dr. Austin H. Clark of Washington advanced data to show that new species can come into existence quickly, while at Carnegie Institution, St. Louis University, the University of California and many other places, radium and X-ray emanations were shown to be an influence in producing changes in species.

Sections of Texas got a rain from the recent snow this immediate vicinity. The amount to very good at all so much moisture was.

Mrs. H. L. Boyer and children, and Miss Lorice Webster, of Memphis, Tennessee, and Mrs. C. A. Hightower, of Abilene, are here visiting relatives, M. C. Golden and Mrs. Carl Smith.

Health research provided many advances. At Yale, a method of treating pneumonia by carbon dioxide was announced. At Harvard, Michigan, Kentucky Agricultural experiment station and other places better or cheaper remedies for pernicious anemia were found.

Lions Hold Annual Banquet Tuesday

The annual Lions Club banquet was held Tuesday night at the Central Hotel. The club members and their guests celebrated the passing of the old year and the coming of the new, singing songs and otherwise ushering in young 1930.

Europe and America developed numerous advanced cancer treatments, without finding a remedy, and in the United States the pathologists of Rockefeller Institute reported evidence that they are a little closer to the extermination of tuberculosis in a co-operative research carried on by 17 American scientific institutions.

Entertainment In Air Theatre Makes Advances

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Better broadcast radio, with television slowly becoming more distinct in the background, led the 1929 parade of the air.

The highway department is having a hard time in this county keeping signs up along roads where construction is progressing. It is almost impossible to believe that anyone would deliberately, maliciously take away these signs from danger points but nevertheless it is done and unless it is stopped someone will drive into a death trap some night and be killed.

There were about sixty-five present, counting guests and members of the club in attendance, and a good meal was served at 11:30 p. m. The banquet was paid for by one section of the club which lost a recent attendance contest.

Dr. Fischer in Germany made the red blood corpuscle synthetically for the first time. New methods were reported of extracting hormones useful for delaying the ravages of age in men, and promising relief for some feminine ills.

GARRISON RUSH, BASKETBALL STAR IS LEADING HIS CLASS

SAN MARCOS, Jan. 1.—When Garrison Rush, first string forward on the Southwest Texas Teachers College's basketball team is not shooting his way to victory as a forward he is leading the junior class as its highest ranking student, records show.

It is reported slow for the year. One of the facts that are not required to new number plates is that many of made their annual collector's office.

Some people persist in getting angry at the poor tax collector when they go to pay their annual taxes. This shows a poor spirit as the collector had nothing to do with anyone owning property.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS For Tax Collector: W. L. BROWN

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The U. S. naval observatory has a new method of determining time, Einstein said that gravitation and electricity are related, a Canadian underwater listening device heard icebergs six miles distant, and the Roosevelt brought a new bear from Asia.

Are You expecting a Baby?

Advertisement for 'Mother's Friend' medicine, featuring an illustration of a woman and child, and text describing its benefits for expectant mothers.

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BARNETT NEWS

E. S. Sandusky, of Weslaco, and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Sandusky, of Bronte, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tyree, Sunday.

L. W. Beaty and family, of Bronte, are visiting friends in this community this week.

The musical Monday night was well attended. Everyone enjoyed the music immensely. We were especially glad to have E. Adams, of Bronte, with us.

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HERRING TOPICS

Well, everybody in our community had a very enjoyable Christmas, with a very nice tree at the church. Old Santa and his wife were both present and were very nice to the kiddies. There were but a few sick during Christmas week.

Mrs. Grace and son J. and wife returned to their home at Floydada after spending Christmas with home folks, Mrs. Clark and S. H. Miller.

Mrs. G. C. Avent and Mrs. G. C. Avent, and Mrs. M. F. Kerby, were in the valley with the W. J. Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brevard, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Miller, and Mrs. Rosford and families spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Faubion.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Avent spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hale.

The party at Mr. Eubanks Friday night was well attended and all had a nice time. At a party in the Hale home Saturday night all reported a nice time. The girls had an enjoyable slumber party. Sandwiches and hot chocolate were served. Those present at the slumber party were Misses Grace, Della and Sammie Bragg, Esther Powe, Thora and Loy Brevard, Ozella Avent and Bernice Hale.

Joe Bragg, and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mulanax at Valera.

Misses Bernice Hale and Ozella Avent spent Sunday with the Brevard girls.

Misses Robie and Euda Mae Foreman, of Blanton, spent a few days last week with their sister, Mrs. Eldon Avent.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore returned Sunday afternoon.

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BLANTON NEWS

The Christmas tree at Blanton church Tuesday night was well attended and all enjoyed it fine, especially the kiddies.

The party at Carl King's Friday night, December 30th, was well attended and all reported a good time.

Miss Maude James, who is attending a San Angelo business college, was home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tounget, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wood, Mrs. T. L. Foreman, and a number of others enjoyed a Christmas dinner with Ed and Troy McMillan.

Mrs. J. W. Reese was the lucky person in the rug contest at the Higginbotham store in Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Malone had as their guests Tuesday night and Wednesday, Mr. Smith and family, of Ballinger.

Miss Maureen Corder, who is attending college at Victoria, was the guest of Mrs. C. C. Gray last week.

E. W. Gray and Willard had a lucky escape last Monday when a car hit Mr. Gray's car, causing it to turn over. Fortunately no one was seriously injured, receiving only a few scratches and bruises. The car was badly damaged, but not beyond repair.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Cotten have moved up near Lackey. We regret to see these good people move from our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brevard spent Tuesday night and Wednesday visiting relatives at Herring.

Miss Mildred Brevard, of Belton, is here visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. James and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hill, of Benoit, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Linderman family attended church at Winters Sunday.

A number of the young people of this community enjoyed the party at the Morrison home in Oxien Wednesday night.

Mrs. Troy Nichols and two children, of Miles, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. James.

The party at the H. B. Fowler home Tuesday night was well attended and all reported a good time.

Mr. Harris, Russell Flannagan, and Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Mullins, of Novice, were guests in the Ceba Flannagan home Wednesday.

Miss Bertha Foreman spent last week with Miss Alice Foreman.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tounget and family spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. John Tounget, of Miles.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Kennedy spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy, of near Winters.

The young people of our neighborhood enjoyed several social entertainments during last week and all were highly enjoyed.

School started again Monday morning under most favorable circumstances, with all teachers and old pupils present and quite a number of new ones were added. So there isn't any reason why we shouldn't have the best half-term that we have had here in years.

Services at both Baptist and Christian churches were well attended Sunday and now at the beginning of a new year each of us should resolve to attend these services more regularly and live the things that are taught there each Lord's day.

L. L. Frazier, of Slaton, visited his mother and other relatives during the holidays.

J. L. Clements has been very sick with the flu, but is better now. We understand his wife and two little daughters are sick now.

S. H. Manual left Thursday of last week for Tucumcari, New Mexico, to visit his daughter for several months.

Rev. Brown filled his regular appointment at the New Home church Sunday morning with a large crowd present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gasstot spent the Christmas holidays visiting relatives at Santa Ana.

Miss Effie Parker, of New Mexico, is here visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Wade are here visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. T. L. Foreman spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wood.

Floyd Cope spent Saturday night and Sunday with Grover Foreman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Parish, of Wilmet, spent last week-end with Mrs. Parish's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tyce Ford.

Rev. and Mrs. Swearington have returned from East Texas, where they had been visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Drummond spent Christmas day with Mr. Drummond's mother at Caps, Texas.

Mrs. Mary Dorsett Keyes, of Mission, Texas, is visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Miss Mary Frances Cotten, of Ballinger, spent Tuesday night with Miss Mamie Ruth Boothe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boothe and family spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Holton, of South Ballinger.

A number of the young people enjoyed the party at Miss Bernice Hale's Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Elkins, of Winters, Miss Mamie Ruth Boothe and Edgar Foreman enjoyed a turkey dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Elkins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Tounget spent Wednesday with Mrs. Dietz, of Crews.

Quite a number enjoyed turkey dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Malone Sunday, given in honor of Miss Mildred Brevard, of Belton.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cope and family, Oscar Floyd, Elzie Cope and Chester Wood enjoyed turkey dinner at the J. A. Foreman home Wednesday.

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Everyone is invited to the singing at the Baptist Church Sunday. Some visitors are coming, so let's have a large crowd.

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This has been quite an entertainment week for the young folks. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shelburne entertained with a party Thursday night. Mr. and Mrs. Lampe gave a party Friday night, and Mr. and Mrs. Lon Muncey, Saturday night.

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"REPORTER"

"WILMETH NEWS"

Monday night, December 23rd, R. N. Ensor gave a farewell party. Mr. Ensor is a pioneer of this community, and we hate to lose him. The family is moving to the plains.

T. J. Tubbs gave a party Christmas night. Many were present, and all reported a good time.

On December 19th, Truett McDonald and Elsie Tubbs were married. Both of these young people are well known in this community, and everyone wishes them happiness and prosperity. Their home is to be in Ballinger, where Mr. McDonald will be with the Healer Chevrolet Company.

Robert Ensor died in the Lubbock sanitarium on December 26. Robert had been ill for many months. Everyone offers sympathy to the bereaved family.

Jay Ensor and Phillip Davidson spent the holidays at home. They are attending Weatherford Junior College.

"REPORTER"

"NORTON NOTES"

Mrs. A. A. Sadler, of Elida, New Mexico, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Good.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Oliver and children, of Alpine, visited Mrs. Oliver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Taylor during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hambright spent the holidays with relatives at Happy.

Mrs. Will Mackey, of Bronte, and Mrs. J. Kevil, of Marie, visited their mother, Mrs. Gregory, this week.

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Everyone enjoyed the beautiful holidays we had during Xmas.

Mr. Patterson is visiting his father at Lampases.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Nunn, of Abilene, spent Sunday with Mrs. Nunn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Horn have moved from north of Ballinger to our community. We are very glad to welcome them.

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"WASHINGTON"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (AP) - The answer of the act, the answer of the eight-year battle for relief, is regarded by the outstanding event of the year.

Under it, the president created a federal farm board with Alexander Legge, former manufacturer of farm machinery, at its head. Its eight members, representing the major farm commodities, are pledged to effect a better adjustment of production to demand and a more efficient system of marketing.

So far it has set up a \$100,000,000 national marketing organization for grain, a \$1,000,000 agency for livestock, and a national marketing concern of the same capitalization for wool and mohair.

It has approved a loan of from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 for the American Cotton Growers' exchange and advanced funds on smaller loans for farm industries ranging in type from seed associations to Florida citrus co-operatives and California raisin co-operatives.

It has used approximately \$50,000,000 of the original \$150,000,000 appropriated from the authorized revolving fund of \$500,000,000.

It is the theory of the federal loans that they are to help the farmer help himself and that they are to be paid back with interest.

While stress is laid upon the effective organization of co-operative marketing associations as a means of improving farm conditions, the act contemplates a program embracing all major economic factors that materially influence farm incomes.

To this program Secretary Hyde, an ex-officio member of the farm board, has correlated every agency in the department of agriculture, and behind this union of the two governmental forces stands the broad sympathy and cooperation of the National Grange and the American Farm Bureau Federation—the farmer's own organizations through which he struggled for farm relief legislation.

With agriculture thus drawing out of 1929 its first promise of national unity and its first program of concerted effort, it looks back on a year of total income that will equal, if it does not exceed, that of the preceding year.

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COTTON SEED
It is an established fact that one pound of cotton seed meal is equal to more than two pounds of corn meal. It is also a proven fact that cottonseed hulls contain more digestible nutrients than corn stover and practically as much as alfalfa hay. Hulls are clean, and can be fed without waste.
Cottonseed meal can be fed to all farm animals and is an economical way to balance the ration of work animals—feeding less grain and some meal. Horses and mules can be fed cottonseed hulls with grain and mixed with the hulls and no hay is needed.
We want every farmer to bring a load of cottonseed to us and exchange for meal and hulls. We will make exchange on following basis:
For Every 2000 Pounds of Cotton Seed We Will Give
In Exchange:
3000 Pounds Cottonseed Hulls and 600 Pounds Cottonseed Meal.
Swap your cottonseed for meal and hulls and feed them in the above proportion and you will have a better feed and feed that will feed over a longer period and cost you less money.
ASK YOUR COUNTY AGENT!
Ballinger Cotton Oil Co.
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Expire January 1931

Dec. 30.—Terms of 15 members of the Texas Senate expire January 1931, meaning these will be obliged to seek re-election next July and re-election next November if they are to continue in the roles of lawmakers. There will be sixteen holdovers whose terms do not expire until 1933. The entire house of Representatives membership is elected every two years.

The 15 Senators whose terms expire in 1931 are influential members of the legislature and, if any, intend to quit politics. In fact some of them like the game so well that they are anxious to climb even higher.

Those whose terms expire with the 41st legislature are: Miss Margie E. Neal of Carthage, R. W. Cousins of Beaumont, Julian Greer of Poyner, Ed Westbrook of Sherman, Joe M. Moore of Greenville, Thomas B. Love of Dallas, Gus Russek of Schulenburg, Walter Woodul of Houston, T. J. Holbrook of Galveston, A. J. Wirtz of Seguin, Eugene Miller of Weatherford, W. D. McFarland of Graham, Walter C. Woodward of Coleman, Archie Parr of Benavides and Julian C. Hyer of Fort Worth.

Miss Neal was the first woman to be sent to the Texas Senate and no member stands in higher esteem with her colleagues than she. She is influential and her services to her district have been of a high order. She has been mentioned as a probable candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction but she has never divulged her plans.

Senator Cousins has been a member of the Senate since only last January, having been elected to fill the unexpired term of the late Dr. H. F. Triplett. He probably will stand for re-election, according to his friends.

Senator Greer, a school teacher, is completing his second term and is likely to ask his constituents to send him back. Senator Westbrook is rounding out three and one-half terms, having been originally elected to fill a vacancy. There is some doubt about his candidacy for re-election.

Senator Moore has under consideration a race for lieutenant governor. Also he has been urged to run for Congress. If he does not run for some other office he is likely to ask to be returned to the Senate for a third term.

Senator Love is actively after the governorship. While he has been in the Senate only one term this time, he is no novice there, having been an "old timer" in the Upper House.

Senator Russek would not be happy outside the Texas law-making halls and can be expected to run for re-election and his friends say his district is so "solid" on him that he will not have opposition. He has served one and one-half terms.

Senator Woodul was drafted by his district to serve out the unexpired term of Senator J. W. Hall of Houston, who resigned to become Harris County tax collector.

Senator Holbrook is rounding out his second term and will probably seek re-election, although he has his eye on a seat in Congress. He tried for it in 1928.

Senator Wirtz is undecided. He has given eight years to his district in the Senate and is one of the most active members. He has a steadily increasing law practice and may decide to devote his entire attention to it. Also, he has been urged to seek the lieutenant governorship and there has been some talk of his becoming a candidate for Congress from the 14 District, where his former Republican law partner, Harry M. Wurzbach, lost out in 1928 to Augustus McCloskey of San Antonio.

Senator Miller, completing one and one-half terms is undecided he has confided in friends. He came to the Senate from the House, where he served while a student in the University of Texas, and was for a period the youngest member of the Upper House.

Senator McFarland is serving his first term and may become a candidate for Congress. He succeeded Senator J. D. Parnell of Wichita Falls, who is a candidate for lieutenant governor again after an unsuccessful try last year.

Senator Woodward has been talked of as a probable candidate for Governor or Congress. He is completing one and one-half terms and is recognized as one of the strongest Senators.

Senator Parr will likely return for his fifth term. He is the dean of the Senate.

Senator Hyer is filling out the unexpired term of former Senator Robert A. Stuart of Fort Worth who resigned last January after he had been elected district attorney of Tarrant County.

Senators who will not be bothered about re-elections until 1932, their terms expiring in 1933, are: Dr. J. W. E. H. Beck, De Kalb; W. E. Thomason, Nacogdoches; Nat Patton, Crockett; Tom Pollard, Tyler; Tom DeBerry, Bossburg; Will M. Martin, Hissboro; Edgar E. Witt, Waco; Charles S. Gainer, Bryan; J. W. Stevenson, Victoria; J. W. Hornsby, Austin; Carl C. Hardin, Stephenville; Oliver Cunningham, Abilene; W. A. Williamson, San Antonio; Dr. B. F. Berkeley, Alpine; Pink L. Farrish, Lubbock and C. C. Small, Wellington.

War Veteran to Get Aid After Fight

LEGION, Dec. 30.—Antony Tomassette, naturalized American, has been declared victor in one of the longest, oddest fights on record to heal wounds received in the World War.

Tony, as he is familiarly known to his comrades, was gassed near Fismes, Sept. 5, 1918, both lungs being seared to such an extent that he has lost 140 pounds of blood from them in 155 hemorrhages suffered in the intervening eleven years.

Hospital records show that in one 96-hour period back in 1923 Tony lost more blood than medical authorities estimated was in a body of his proportions at one time. His normal weight is 120 pounds.

His last hemorrhage of consequence followed immediately after a visit to the United States Veterans Hospital here by General Frank T. Hines, director of the Veterans Bureau, in October, 1928, when the general personally pledged Tony a \$5,000 Government insurance policy, which had been denied him.

Tony came to America in the spring of 1914 from his native Italy, and enlisted from Philadelphia in a machine gun battalion and sailed for France in May, 1918, with the famous 28th or Keystone Division. That division, with the 32nd was hurled in the breach July 15 to stop the picked German divisions at the second battle of the Marne. Three days later they launched the counter offensive that netted the 28th division 200 prisoners and advanced them ten kilometers in 24 hours.

After 48 days of almost continuous action, Tomassette, the sole survivor of his original platoon of machine gunners, was gassed about 2 o'clock on the morning of Sept. 5, temporarily losing the sight of both eyes and receiving many external burns. Six weeks in Red Cross Hospital No. 6 in Paris, however, restored his sight and he rejoined his outfit at the front.

Subsequently developments proved the gas had seared the tissue of both lungs and exposed one of the large arteries. Tuberculosis soon developed and Tony was ordered to a hospital immediately after his return to the United States. He then set about piling up a record for loss of blood and number of hemorrhages believed to be without parallel.

During his years in bed, Tony has patiently developed a native talent for sculpture, his clay models having shown considerable promise. He plans a study course under an American master on his discharge from the hospital, which is tentatively scheduled before the end of 1930.

MANY PEOPLE VIEW NEW FORD CAR HERE

The display room at the Harwell Motor Company was a busy place Tuesday as local people went in to view the new model Ford. A new automobile was attractively displayed on the floor and after invitations and explanatory advertising had been published for several days a considerable crowd responded. Salesmen were kept busy all day at this agency, demonstrating to visitors the changes that have been made in the body lines of the Ford. The new features have added greatly to the beauty of the car, and while no mechanical changes were deemed necessary, the beauty and comfort of the new model will appeal to those seeking a good automobile.

GOOD ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL OPENING

The Ballinger schools opened for the first day after the Christmas holidays Monday morning with a large attendance present to answer roll call. The campus was filled with children eager to get back to their work before the rooms were opened and regular schedules started at 8:30 without any delay. Indications were that attendance would be slightly larger than before the holiday.

W. G. Rudder, of El Campo, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Rudder during the holidays. He was accompanied here by Brooks Rudder, Jr., who had made an extended visit to relatives in El Campo.

Head of School Praises Sargon

"For six years I have been spending money and going thru some of the best clinics in Texas trying to get my health back. I started Sargon about 6 weeks ago, gained 14 pounds and it did



DAN J. THOMPSON

more for men than everything else I tried put together.

"My stomach was out of order and my digestion was so bad that often I had to get rid of undigested food through a rubber tube down my throat. For a long time had to practically live on milk. My color was bad and I was weak, rundown and nervous. I had taken six bottles of Sargon, eat anything I want, my digestion is perfect and all my stomach trouble is over. I am well and strong and full of new strength and energy. Sargon Pills stimulated my liver and cleansed my system of all poisons."—Dan J. Thompson, 903 Waverly Ave., principal of the Reinhardt Public Schools, Dallas. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co., Agents.

COLEMAN OFFERS LARGE INCENDIARY REWARDS

COLEMAN, Dec. 27.—Two rewards, totalling \$1,600 have been offered for the arrest and conviction of any person guilty of arson in the city of Coleman.

The city offers \$1,100 and Perry Stobaugh offers \$500. Speaking for the city, Mayor E. P. Scarborough said, "Unless the present rate of fire losses is stopped it is going to cost the citizenship thousands of dollars in the next few years. The penalty has recently been raised 15 per cent, making a total of 21 per cent penalty that will continue until 1933, regardless of the fire losses between now and that date."

Fire department and city officials believe many of the fires during the past year have been set; and the three consecutive fires in the grocery supplies of Perry Stobaugh resulted in his offer of \$500 reward.

MANY CLERKS TO CHANGE POSITIONS AFTER JAN. 1

Business changes in Ballinger beginning the first of the new year are slightly more than noted in previous years. A noticeable difference is in the number of both male and female employees to be released on January 1st. Local stores have been operating with large staffs of clerks and in order to reduce expenses will decrease their working forces to start the new year.

Most business houses are optimistic over the outlook for the ensuing year and the "hard times" some pessimists are talking about are not giving them much concern. With less expense and pushing hard for trade, most of the local managers feel that 1930 will be a normal year in every respect.

Due to the number of moves from one location to another, new business establishments opening in the city, and employees transferring from one position to another it will be late in the spring before every change is completed and business in its normal current again.

MRS. J. M. FORMWALT DIES AT GRANBURY

Mrs. W. E. Allen received a message Wednesday morning announcing the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. M. Formwalt, at Granbury. The death occurred at one o'clock Wednesday morning and the funeral was announced for Thursday afternoon. Charlie Allen left for Granbury to attend the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Formwalt were well known to many of the early settlers of Ballinger and Runnels county. Mr. Formwalt, who was the first sheriff of this county, died a few years ago. Mrs. Formwalt made her home here for a number of years and has many friends here who will mourn at news of her passing.

Textline—The Mountain States Telephone Company is rebuilding its entire system in this place.

Texas Crop—

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come towns and industries. Texas is a young giant just awakening. It has not begun to exhaust its resources. Texas farmers are beginning to build back their soils through crop rotation and diversification. They are introducing dairy farming in a larger way than ever before. Texas is now the home of several of the largest milk plants in the south. Cheese factories are coming to Texas, also. The raw products of the state are being manufactured into finished commodities. All of this means greater wealth.

The part played in the sound expansion of the cotton industry of Texas and the nation is important. Dallas lays claim to being the nation's largest inland spot cotton center with a record of about 3,000,000 bales handled annually by its members. Situated in the heart of the Texas "black lands," which are among the world's greatest cotton soils, Dallas does an annual cotton business of from \$250,000,000 to \$400,000,000, depending on price variations. The state's best staple cotton is grown within 100 miles of Dallas. There are large cotton warehouses and compresses in Dallas and vicinity. Eight trunk line railroads handle this cotton expeditiously to all parts of the nation and the ports of Galveston, Texas City and Beaumont afford prompt outlet to all foreign countries buying the particular kind of staple which has made a reputation for Texas.

The Dallas Cotton Exchange has consistently promoted the raising of better varieties of cotton to insure a steady supply of longer staple. In past years the exchange has contributed prize money to statewide cotton contests to encourage intensive production of cotton and improved staple. The exchange also has an agricultural committee which takes a keen interest in better cotton and its culture.

More and more cotton merchants buy on staple as well as grade differences, thus giving direct encouragement to the producers of superior staple.

As yet only a very small fraction of Texas cotton, which in such a year as 1926 reached 5,600,000 bales, is manufactured in its own cotton mills. While there are at present only 28 cotton mills with only 225,000 spindles, the future development of the industry is likely to be bright. At present most Texas cotton is exported to England, France, Germany, Japan and Italy, although large quantities are exported to every consuming center.

Texas occupies a commanding position not only as a cotton state but as an agricultural empire. It is some 60 miles closer to the large markets of the east than California. Its wide range of climate and soil will enable it to become increasingly important as a producer of raw products upon which the world will depend.

qualifications. I worked in the Collector and Assessor's offices during the busy season for six years before I ran for the office, thereby learning quite a bit about the detail work of the office. Since I have been in the office I have given the work my entire time and made the work a study so that I could render the best service possible.

You will note that I have had especially made for your convenience your poll and property tax receipts, made into a combination receipt and all are written and ready to tear out of the books when you appear to pay your taxes.

This is all done in advance of tax paying time so that I may give you quick service and not keep you standing in line any longer than possible waiting to get your receipts issued in the rush that always comes in the last few days of the tax paying season.

In the collecting of automobile taxes I do quite a lot of work that is not required of me for the reason that I want to render you quick service. All the transfer receipts are torn out of the books and arranged in a file according to the license number so that I may be able to tell you on a minute's notice in whose name the title of the car appears. Very few bring their old receipts with them when they come to re-register their cars, so in order to give you quick service here, I tear

the receipts out of the books and arrange them so that I can immediately find my copy of your receipt and register your car on short notice.

These years of experience also enable me to give efficient and quick service in the matter of delinquent taxes and locating the owners of unrendered property.

In other words I consider a political office should be operated just like any other business. I appreciate your confidence in me in hiring me to be your collector and I in turn try to do my work so efficiently that you will be pleased. Therefore, if I have done this I shall be very glad to be given your vote of approval next July. If I have not, I think it your duty and privilege to hire another. And I can truthfully say I have never had the slightest ill will toward one whom I knew did not vote for me. And to those who have helped me all along, I only wish I could in some way let you know how much I appreciate it.

Very truly yours,
W. L. BROWN
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Births

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holliday are the proud parents of a fine nine-pound baby girl, born early Tuesday morning. The little lady has been named Dorothy Ann.

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SINCE 1886

Deaths

Frankie Lee Woods, 20, wife of Stanley Woods, of Talpa, died at the family residence in Talpa Friday evening at 7:45 o'clock. Mrs. Woods had been ill for a little over three weeks.

Mrs. Woods is a merchant at Talpa, and Mrs. Woods was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Fruman, of Talpa.

Besides her husband and three-weeks-old baby, Mrs. Woods leaves to mourn her going, her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Fruman; a sister, Miss Esta Wise Fruman; and two brothers, Joe and Robert Fruman.

Funeral services were held from the First Baptist Church of Talpa, Sunday afternoon at 2:30, with Rev. Davis officiating. Interment was made in the Talpa cemetery.

Undertakers from the Higginbotham Funeral Home prepared the body and were in charge at the grave.

I. L. Talley

I. L. Talley, age 45 years 11 months and 0 days, died at his home on South Broadway Sunday at 12:30 p. m. He had been ill for some time.

Mr. Talley is survived by his wife and five children, five brothers and three sisters. The brothers are: Grover Talley, Talpa; Roy Talley, Big Spring; Ernest Talley, Corsicana; Lowe Talley, Houston; and Eugene Talley, of Ormabell. Sisters are: Mrs. C. E. Cole, Roperville; Mrs. M. T. Osburne, Frost; and Mrs. T. M. May, of Tarnes.

Funeral services were held at the home at 2 o'clock and interment made in the Crews cemetery, with the Odd Fellows Lodge in charge of the services at the grave. Rev. W. Lawson Brown officiated at the rites.

Undertakers from the King-Holt Company were in charge of all arrangements and prepared the body for burial.

A Great Discovery

When Pasteur discovered in 1882, that the infection of wounds was caused by malignant bacteria, he performed a service of inestimable value to mankind. Since then medical science has been producing better and better antiseptics, to kill these germs that may enter the smallest cut and give us diseases such as typhoid, tuberculosis and lockjaw. Now, all you have to do to be sure that these dreadful germs will not infect a wound is to wash that wound, however small, thoroughly with Liquid Borozone, the modern antiseptic. You can get Liquid Borozone, in a size to fit your needs and purse, from Weeks Drug Store.

Jack Lynn Ranks High in Scouting

At the regular meeting of the Ballinger Boy Scouts Friday night several awards were made to boys who were entitled to them through the examinations they were given during the court of honor held here recently.

Marion Connelly received one merit badge; Raymond Fowler, three; and Sam Malone, Jr., five. Jack Lynn, highest ranking scout in Ballinger, received his Star Scout award. Young Lynn has already reached a place in the order that very few attain. There are only two ranks in all scouting which are higher than the rank this boy holds; Eagle Scout and Life Scout, which he is now working to acquire.

Jack holds many merit badges as well as high rank in scouting, and his untiring work has brought him to high position. An Eagle Scout from Brownwood was given a free trip to Europe to the Scout jamboree this past summer, and many interesting things of this nature are in store for the local youth.

Miss Julia Thunderburg, of Eastland; Miss Sue Eppler, of Gorman; and Miss Dorothy Eppler, of Midlothian, spent Christmas here with Miss Eleanor Gates.