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"Hit and Run" Driver Injures Two Persons

A "hit and run" driver injured two Ballinger people Friday night, and shooting the gas to his car made a get-away towards Winters. Saturday morning he had not been apprehended.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Winchester were on their way to town and as they stepped off the sidewalk at the corner of the C. A. Doose building on Seventh Street they were struck by a model T Ford roadster. Both were knocked down and painfully although not seriously hurt. They were taken to the Ballinger Sanitarium and treated for their injuries. Mr. Winchester suffered a badly crushed nose and painful injuries to one foot. Mrs. Winchester was bruised and scratched but no serious wounds were found.

The car was coming down Hutchings Avenue from Broadway at a fast rate of speed and turned the corner on Seventh Street just as the couple stepped from the sidewalk. As soon as the car struck the pair, the driver speeded up and the last seen of him was when he turned the corner towards Broadway at the Santa Fe passenger station.

Chief of Police J. L. Moreland and Sheriff R. E. McWilliams left a few minutes later in pursuit of the reckless driver and went as far as Winters. Officers there had been telephoned to be on the lookout for the car and were on the highway when the Ballinger officers arrived. They reported that no such car had passed that way and local officers are of the opinion that the auto turned off in another direction.

According to the officers three indictments could be filed against the driver—if he is apprehended—one for driving without lights, one for speeding and one for negligent assault. The last named offense carries a minimum fine of \$25 and a maximum of \$1,000 and two years imprisonment.

Mr. and Mrs. Winchester were reported to be resting well Saturday afternoon.

Sim Cottelle came in Saturday from Corpus Christi, where he had been buying cotton during the season just closed.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Holt, of Altus, Oklahoma, are here visiting relatives and friends.

Boy Scout Fund Being Raised Here

Members of the Boy Scout council circulated a petition in Ballinger Friday morning asking merchants and individuals to contribute monthly to that organization. The finance committee has set the goal at \$100 per month and solicitors are meeting with excellent response.

The Scout movement costs money if it is looked after properly. An annual assessment is made against the local troops for support of the Chisholm Trail Area which maintains an office at Abilene. Ballinger is located in that area and local interests must assist in carrying on the work of the district headquarters if affiliation here is continued.

Other expenses are constantly coming up that the lads cannot finance and which are necessary to maintain an A1 organization. The fund being subscribed will also provide money for the annual summer camp which is a school and an outing for the boys at the same time. The council feels that to properly maintain the work here and make it possible for the Scout movement to grow and prosper, a certain sum will be necessary every month.

Last year local Scouts operated on a fund of about \$40 per month which was insufficient. The Boy Scout movement has convinced Ballinger citizens of the great amount of good done by the organization. It is not only training for the boys but the Scouts are always ready to answer any call which will aid other local organizations. During the Runnels County Fair last year the uniformed lads were on the job constantly, escorting strangers about the grounds, and doing work free for the association. They have been called upon many other times to assist in worthy causes and have always responded willingly.

Solons Fail to Get Excited Over Politics

AUSTIN, Feb. 17.—The political "debilience" it was anticipated would be attached to the special session of the legislature, failed to materialize. Politics seemingly had little or nothing to do with deliberations, and future governors, United States Senators, Congressmen and other office holders were seldom discussed in hotel lobbies and capitol ante-rooms.

Former Gov. James E. Ferguson, prospective candidate for governor, Lieut. Gov. Barry Miller and Sen. Thomas B. Love, favored candidates and members of the Senate, and State Treasurer W. Gregory Hatcher, also running, were on the scene all of the time, but there were no developments.

Of course, the big political kick came when the State Democratic Executive Committee in session here provided a diversion for the busy legislators by barring from the Democratic primary ballots those who failed to support the presidential nominees of the party in 1928. But even that failed to inspire any unusual excitement. It was taken as a matter of course, and since Senator Love was the main one to suffer from the ultimatum, interest simmered down to him and his followers.

Those who were barred have recourse to the courts in an effort to show that the committee exceeded its authority. In the meantime leaders among those who bolted the national ticket when former Governor Alfred E. Smith headed it are planning mass meetings and other gatherings to voice their protest en masse.

There isn't any doubt about the outcome. Senator Love and his contingent will stay in the Democratic primary if they can manage to get on an equal footing with those who remained loyal to the party in 1928, but if they cannot they will form an independent ticket and carry on a campaign that will likely stir more interest than the bitter combat within the party when Governor Smith was the target for the insurrectionist and Texas instructed her presidential electors to vote for Republicans for the first time in history.

It will not be the first time Texas Democrats have been badly split, for in 1922 an element of the party brought out young George E. B. Pretty as a candidate for the United States Senate against Earl B. Mayfield, the Democratic nominee. That was when the Ku Klux Klan was "in flower" in Texas and those who supported Pretty did so on grounds that Mayfield was the candidate of the Imperial Empire and that in fact he was the nominee of the Klan rather than the Democratic party. They lost and Mayfield went to Washington.

There was another "bolt" in 1924 when Senator Love renounced the party nominee for governor—Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, wife of former Gov. James E. Ferguson—and joined with the Republicans in an effort to elect Dr. George Butte. The bolters lost that time.

In fact, those who have endeavored to organize against the Democratic Party nominees heretofore have failed—except in 1928 when Texas slipped across the line and turned down Governor Smith.

FOUR SISTERS IN IOWA WERE BORN ON FEB. 12

LUZINE, Iowa, Feb. 14.—Four of seven children in the family of Mrs. Frank Dvorak, a widow, were born on Lincoln's birthday, February 12.

Three were born in Czechoslovakia before Mrs. Dvorak came to join her husband in the United States in 1913. Dvorak died a year ago.

The quartet claiming February 12 as their birthday are Mrs. Frances Prechal, 26; Mrs. Blanche Lagos, 20; Mary Dvorak, 18, and Lillian Dvorak, 9.

Hand-holding doesn't appeal to the modern woman unless it's the whip hand.

Be wise and advertise.

Sides Gets 1 Year For Dry Violation

At noon Monday two cases had already been disposed of by the court. I. E. Musil pleaded guilty to a liquor charge and was given one year in the penitentiary. This case has been on the docket for some time but had never been tried before.

Manuel Spruell, negro, was given one year for stealing chickens after he had entered a plea of guilty.

District court at Ballinger continued to grid away Tuesday afternoon, after four cases had been heard Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. A number of other cases still remain on the docket and it is likely the remainder of this week will be used in hearing criminal cases.

Monday afternoon the case of the state vs. J. W. Cox, charged with forgery was heard by the court. Cox entered a plea of guilty and after evidence was submitted the jury gave him two years in the state penitentiary.

Rance Stevens charged with driving while intoxicated was also tried Monday. The jury in this case set punishment at 45 days in the county jail.

Tuesday morning the trial of the state vs. Frank Ammons charged with theft was begun. This is a case growing out of a robbery here sometime ago of the Higginbotham store when a number of guns were stolen. The guns were later found in a pawn shop at Fort Worth and Ammons was arrested and charged with the offense. The state failed to make a case and the jury was instructed to render a verdict for the defendant.

The jury in the case of the state vs. John Sides, charged with the possession of liquor, returned a verdict of guilty late Tuesday afternoon assessing punishment at one year in the penitentiary. The case was contested, but the defendant placed no witnesses on the stand in his behalf. According to testimony in the case, officers were summoned to the Sides home on this particular occasion by a telephone call stating that some trouble was taking place there. The officers made a rush there and after they were in this house alleged that Sides began breaking bottles and other containers which were filled with liquor. The defense was based on the claim that officers were not authorized to search evidence in the house as they had not search warrant with them and that no evidence received in the home without it would be admissible to a jury. The state claims that officers went there for another purpose and after being in the house they were entitled to whatever evidence they might secure.

The sheriff's department also announced that the court of Criminal Appeals had affirmed the case of assault with intent to rape against Bill Winans and that a new trial had been denied. Deputy John White stated that he had arrested Winans and was holding him in jail awaiting transfer to the state prison to serve a two-year sentence.

The case of the state vs. Henry Nobles was commenced Wednesday morning. Nobles is charged with a liquor violation and the case is being tried here for the second time. At the last term of district court the jury failed to agree and the case was declared a mistrial. The case was argued and given to the jury shortly after 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

MRS. E. E. KING IS OPERATED ON AT ABILENE

Mrs. E. E. King underwent an operation at the Baptist Sanitarium at Abilene Wednesday morning and was reported to be resting very well Thursday morning. Mr. King returned home Wednesday night after being called here on business. He stated that Mrs. King stood the operation fine but would be in the hospital for some time under treatment. Mrs. King's sister, Mrs. Perry King, was operated upon Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and the two sisters occupy rooms near each other in the sanitarium. Miss Hortense Holt is at Abilene with Mrs. King. She returned here Tuesday from Belton Baylor College where she is attending school.

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Germany Tops World in Aircraft; U. S. Next



Germany leads the world in number of air records held, with United States second. American record holders include Lieut. Anollo Soucek (upright), Lieut. T. G. W. Settle (upper left), Lieut. J. Paul Richter (lower left), and Capt. Lowell H. Smith.

By Oscar Leiding
Assistant Editor, Associated Press Feature Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—American aviation is wondering whether world records tell the tale of supremacy in the air.

Of 113 official records newly listed for 1930 by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale and the National Aeronautic Association, for all types of aircraft, the United States holds but 28.

Germany leads with 43 records to her credit. The other holders include France, 25; Great Britain, 8; Switzerland, 3; Italy and Hungary, 2 each; and Poland and Czechoslovakia, 1 each.

The United States is supreme in a single class, refueling of airplanes, with the duration record of 420 hours and 17 minutes, set by Dale Jackson and Forest O-

Infection Causes Death at Rowena Will Employ One Night Watchman

Edwin Sauer, age 24 years, 10 months and 14 days, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. R. M. Currie, near Rowena, Tuesday morning at 10:30. Sauer has been making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Currie for several months working in that community. Mr. Currie is a prominent landowner of that section.

A few days prior to his death, decedent was working on a windmill and sustained an injury on his leg just back of the knee. Nothing was thought of the wound at first but later an infection ensued which resulted in his death Tuesday morning.

Sauer's home was at Shiner, Texas, where his mother and father and five sisters reside. The sisters are: Mrs. R. M. Currie of Rowena, Mrs. J. M. Barrow, Mrs. Walter Teken, and Misses Edna and Inez Sauer, all of Shiner.

The body was brought to the Higginbotham Funeral Home here where it was prepared for shipment to Shiner on the early morning train Wednesday morning. A funeral service was held at 6 o'clock with a large number of Rowena citizens attending. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen and a committee was appointed by the lodge to sit with the body through the night Tuesday.

Funeral services will be held at Shiner at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon and interment will be made in the cemetery at that place.

Mrs. J. N. Ogburne and Mrs. J. M. Skinner went to Bronte Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Boyer, of Coleman, who died recently at the home of her brother, Milton Wylie, from pneumonia.

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Brine, and the distance mark of 3,293.26 miles, made by Capt. Lowell H. Smith and J. P. Richter.

A. H. Orlebar's feat of traveling 357,723 miles an hour gives Great Britain the maximum speed record; Willi Neuenhofen of Germany, holds the altitude record of 41,794 feet.

Lieut. Apollo Soucek gave America the seaplane altitude record of 38,549 feet and plans an assault on Neuenhofen's mark. Lieut. T. G. W. Settle and Ensign W. Bushnell hold four balloon records after a single three-day flight.

Of the 26 new records written into the books at the close of 1929, Germany was responsible for 11; the United States, 7; France, 5; Great Britain, 2; and Poland, 1. Twenty-one of the 28 records held by the United States are old marks.

County Council Meeting Attended by 18 Units

Drunk Man Enters Local Residence

Mayor W. C. McCarver presided over city court Wednesday morning and assessed fines and costs on two men, both charged with intoxication.

Bill Whitley was charged with drunkenness and disturbing the peace at West Gate Tuesday night and was fined \$1 and costs, amounting to \$12.70.

The defendant in the second case was Ernest S. Spurlin, who is employed on the highway west of the city, and who with his wife, lives at Broadway Tourist Park.

Spurlin, according to the testimony adduced in the examination of witnesses, obtained a pint of whiskey some time Tuesday and late Tuesday began to imbibe, and finally landed in a private home in Ballinger where he was arrested by Chief of Police J. Lee Moreland, and placed in the county jail.

According to a statement by Rev. J. H. McClain, pastor of the Ballinger Baptist Church, he was awakened about 3:30 a. m. by someone entering the front of his house. He heard the marauder go on through the house and enter the bathroom. The preacher arose to investigate and when he reached the bathroom found the light on, the gas stove burning high and paper on the wall scorched. Rev. McClain called to the man, who was lying on the floor asleep, but received no answer. He then telephoned Chief Moreland to come to the home. Mr. Moreland found the defendant, he stated, asleep on the floor of the bathroom, and with some difficulty aroused him and took him to jail.

Spurlin, according to the testimony, is from Moberly, Mo., and has been working on the highway since September, 1929. He is married but has no children. According to his testimony he has not been drinking more than one year and had never been in jail before. Spurlin has been an oil field worker for many years, working in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. He is 25 years old, and is said to be a reliable workman. He was fined \$10 and costs, totaling \$21.70.

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WASHTON SAVED

And Now We Spend!

In the days when Washington was leading a ragged, ill-equipped band of colonists against the most powerful army in the world he could not afford to waste a crumb of a cartridge. He had to make every shot, every cent count. He did it, and his success is mirrored in the rich nation which he helped to found. The economy of yesterday brings the riches of tomorrow.

This bank invites you to emulate Washington by saving systematically.

This institution will not be open Saturday, February 22nd.

The Winters State Bank
Winters, Texas
"The Dependable Bank"

A small man can be just as dangerous as a big one, but he seldom is.

Corkill Motley returned Saturday afternoon from San Angelo, where he had been visiting for the past week.

Members of the city commission were interviewing local merchants Thursday relative to the employment of a second night watchman. During December and January two night watchmen were employed by the city but on February 1st one was discharged in order to save expenses. This week a petition was circulated here by individuals asking merchants for monthly donations to assist in the employment of a second watchman.

When the list had reached about \$75 it was presented to the commission which was asked to supply the remainder of the amount necessary to employ the second patrolman.

Members of the commission declared Thursday morning that they did not want the help from the firms if a second policeman was necessary. The city is willing to hire two men if a majority of the citizens feel two are necessary and with this idea in mind canvass of a number of leading business houses was being made. A check up of the interviews showed that about 85 per cent of those talked to were opposed to the second man, and for the present at least the commission will use but one night watchman.

The commissioners announced that in case the demand was created another man would be placed on the force, and that on all special occasions, extra police would walk beats in the city.

O. L. Reed, general agent for the Abilene & Southern Railway of Abilene, was in Ballinger Thursday explaining a new freight service to people of this territory, instituted recently by his road.

W. P. Denny, C. R. Porter, M. I. Taylor and Ernest Mullikin have returned from Dallas where they had been attending a Frigidaire salesmen's meeting for the past several days.

BIG BARGAIN OFFER



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Instead of giving away automobiles and other premiums we have decided to cut the price and give the benefit to the subscribers. This is the cheapest rate on this paper in the past ten years.

This proposition applies to new and old subscribers alike. Renewals will be taken at \$1 and your expiration date will be placed at January 1, 1931.

Political Year

This is the year you will most need your countysite paper. A big political year is just in the offing and the entire news of state and county affairs will be given from week to week.

Another Saving

Subscribers who will read advertisements in this paper will save more than \$1 in a short time on advertised Saturday specials.

This Offer Good Until March 15th

It's Worth More Than \$1000 to Her Says Mrs. Lafoon

"I Haven't Been Entirely Well Before in Six Years," Declares Breckenridge Housewife; Orgatone Restored Her Health.

"I wouldn't take a thousand dollars cash for the good Orgatone has done me," said Mrs. H. L. Lafoon, wife of a well known employee of the Webster Wholesale Grocers Co., and residing at 604 N. Park, Breckenridge, Tex.

"It may sound strange, but I had suffered with stomach and kidney trouble and a general run down condition, until I got to the place where I felt like nothing would ever do me any good. Everything I ate soured on my stomach and made trouble for me, and in addition to the kidney trouble I was nervous and restless and unable to get a full night's rest. I just lived in misery all the time and couldn't get any relief.

"I have just finished my first bottle of Orgatone, and it's surprising the way I have improved considering that I haven't been entirely well for six years. The pains in my back and kidneys are gone, my stomach is all right and I can eat anything I want and digest it. I have gained some in weight, and am able to do my work and feel good all the time. I want everybody to know what Orgatone did for me."

Genuine Orgatone may be bought in Ballinger at the Weeks Drug Store.

Yoakum Farmers Show Progress

YOAKUM, Feb. 13.—As a result of an extensive diversification program for farmers in the Yoakum trade territory, promoted by the Yoakum Chamber of Commerce, the value of farm products shipped has increased almost 1500 per cent since 1925.

Despite the fact that the weather, insect and other conditions governing crop production, have remained practically the same over the entire period, the value of farm products has steadily increased year after year. This being partly due to new crops being added to the diversification program and partly to an educational program.

Following figures were included in a report of W. M. Carleon, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and include truck, express and carlot shipments during 1929, of the products mentioned: Eggs, \$53,200; turkeys, \$95,000; tomatoes, \$177,000; hogs, \$16,000; chickens, \$22,000; corn, \$11,250; and a creamery here paid \$181,000 to farmers for butterfat. This produce was in addition to cotton, cane, feedstuff and beef cattle. The value of cattle shipped from Yoakum was estimated at approximately \$250,000.

In 1925 the shipment of all farm products with the exception of cotton, beef cattle and butterfat was \$20,000 or approximately the same as chicken shipments during 1929.

Sam Ashburn, of San Angelo, was in Ballinger Tuesday attending to business.

With Mussolini running things w e wonder just what the king of Italy does to justify him in drawing his salary?

Mrs. H. B. Fain, of Amarillo, returned to her home Sunday after a visit here with her sister, Mrs. E. E. King.



THE MARK OF GENUINE ASPIRIN BAYER ASPIRIN is like an old friend, tried and true. There can never be a satisfactory substitute for either one. Bayer Aspirin is genuine. It is the accepted antidote for pain. Its relief may always be relied on, whether used for the occasional headache, to head off a cold, or for the more serious aches and pains from neuralgia, neuritis, rheumatism or other ailments. It's easy to identify Bayer Aspirin by the Bayer Cross on every tablet, by the name Bayer on the box and the word genuine printed in red.

Lions Feature Trade at Home

Lions Clubs all over the United States are featuring "trade at home" programs at their meetings for the month of February, and in keeping with this observance, the Ballinger club at its Friday noon luncheon staged a very impressive program.

As soon as the meeting was called to order "Mrs. Jones," played by Miss Arminda Timmons, and her three sons, Tom, Caule, Brendon Wilke and Tommie Hall, entered the luncheon hall. They were met at the door by F. V. Gates, local merchant, who after inquiring what they wanted, was informed by "Mr. Jones" that they desired to look at some shoes. The local merchant very politely fitted the three boys in shoes to suit their feet perfectly. The mother was very particular regarding the size of the shoes, the last and other measurements and copied them in a little book. When the three boys were perfectly fitted the merchant started to wrap up the three pairs of shoes but was informed by "Mrs. Jones" that she did not intend to buy them but just wanted to get the proper sizes so that she could order them from a mail-order house.

Here one of the boys pulled a mail order catalogue, which is a common sight in many homes and showed the merchant the shoe section, nicely portrayed in highly colored pictures. "Mrs. Jones" also requested that the merchant take back a pair she had bought from the same house in exchange for another pair, stating that the shoes just received were too small for her. The local merchant furnished the shoes for the boys and also exchanged the pair for "Mrs. Jones" and thanked her for letting him serve her. He also inquired regarding the marketing of her butter, cream, poultry and eggs, offering to pay her a little more than she was getting elsewhere.

The stunt was greeted by big applause. The occurrence representing an incident that often happens to local merchants. Fred Kiechle, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank, was the speaker of the day. Mr. Kiechle talked along various lines of home co-operation and more especially in regard to the financial conditions of the town and county at the present time. Following Mr. Kiechle other members expressed themselves regarding the trade-at-home problem and ways to prevent so much business being sent out of town.

A delightful part of the program was musical treat rendered by Miss Catherine Todd, violinist, and Miss Helen Brewer, pianist. Miss Todd played as her first number "Traumeri," and for her second "Little Star," a Mexican love song. The meeting was well attended.

Judge Discharges Civil Suit Jury

The jury in 35th district court here hearing the case of Mrs. S. E. Stocks vs. Higginbotham Bros. & Co. was discharged after it had deliberated for more than a day and was unable to reach an agreement.

Mrs. Stocks was asking \$10,000 damages for injuries sustained when she fell and broke her hip in the Higginbotham store several months ago. Presentation of evidence and arguments in the case consumed two days and the jury took another day trying to reach a decision in the matter without success.

Thursday afternoon shortly after 6 o'clock the jurors asked Judge E. J. Miller to discharge them as it was evident they could never render a verdict in the case. The jury stood six to six on the last ballot taken, according to one of the discharged jurors. Six favored damages for the defendant, and six were in favor of allowing doctors, nurses, medicine and sanitarium bills.

METHODIST LEAGUE MEETING HELD FRIDAY

A large number of Methodist young people accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Bowman went to Winters Friday night to attend a meeting of the Epworth League. They report a very fine program given at the Methodist Church there and a pleasant time.

Roy Reeder has returned from San Antonio where he had been for the past week attending to business.

John Noran, of Winters, was in Ballinger Sunday afternoon visiting friends and relatives.

Look at a grouch and you won't blame him for being grouchy.

Equipment Arrives For Post Office

Fixtures for the Ballinger post office arrived Tuesday morning and were uncrated and placed in the new Jones building before noon. O. S. Tolle, Dallas representative for the Federal Equipment Company, Carlisle, Penn., is here and with a large crew of workmen expects to have everything in place sometime Thursday.

Postmaster J. A. Reese stated that as soon as the equipment was installed that the office would be moved and the change made overnight. Plans for the move have been considered by Mr. Reese for some time. All boxes already have been assigned, giving patrons the same numbers in the new office.

The equipment is all built of heavy oak and is the latest type material. All boxes with the exception of a few large ones have combination locks. The boxes slant towards the front so that no letters or parcels will be able to fall out of the floor inside the office as is the case in the office now occupied.

Furnishings will be arranged for the convenience of the employees and working conditions will be improved in the new office.

Lighting equipment is arranged so that every spot in the building can be made as bright as day at night. Twenty-five drops have been installed with large fourteen-inch white bowls. In each of the drops is a 100 watt lamp and each is operated by an individual pull. This is done in order to have light at any needed point and at the same time not have to burn all the lights in the building.

Lock boxes run about the same size as in the old office, however, there is a small number of larger boxes about twice as large as anything in the old furnishings. The large boxes are opened with a key. They are twelve inches deep and will take care of a large amount of mail at one time. The building is equipped with gas stoves with vents running through flues to the outside to eliminate fumes. Steel safes of the latest structure will take care of the valuables and money. The office will be ready to be occupied by the latter part of this week, according to the architect.

Would You Know One If You Saw It?

If you ever came face to face with a germ, would you recognize it? Of course it is not likely that you ever will see a germ, unless you own a tremendously powerful microscope, for you would have to magnify one over a thousand times to make it as big as a pin head. But you should recognize the fact that these tiny germs can get into your blood streams through the smallest cut, and give you typhoid fever, tuberculosis, lockjaw, blood poisoning, and may more dangerous and perhaps fatal diseases. There is one sure safeguard against these dangers — washing every cut, no matter how small, thoroughly with Liquid Borozone, the safe antiseptic. You can get Liquid Borozone at Weeks Drug Store.

Fee System Bill Passed in Senate

AUSTIN, Feb. 18.—The fee system bill, amending the statutes regulating the collection of fees of office by precinct, county and district officers, was finally disposed of on this, the last day of the special session of the legislature, by the Senate adopting the free conference committee report approved by the House yesterday. The legislation is not the same as sponsors of the changes set out to get when Governor Moody named the subject as one of the emergency measures justifying another called session.

Penitentiary centralization apparently is hopelessly lost as the Senate's new conference group, and the House committee, continued to be deadlocked over a compromise between the Austin site and the rehabilitation of existing properties.

The sulphur tax bill, carrying a levy of a dollar a ton asked by the House, and fifty cents a ton as proposed by an amendment in the Senate, also is in immediate danger of going down with the steadily settling legislative ship.

Lynn Stokes is in Dallas this week attending a meeting of the Texas Farm Bureau board.

Too many of our new senators seem to be turning up in Washington with a past instead of future.

The average person spends 11 days a year eating instead of the 61 two decades ago, concludes Marye Dahnke, an economist.

Before Baby Comes

comfort and ease The muscles, tissues and nerves must "give" easily as the abdomen, only giving much pain and suffering may result. Note important hints to have the tissues and muscles as elastic as possible when the great moment of child-birth arrives. Countless thousands of expectant mothers for over 60 years have been relieved by the use of "Mother's Friend" — that time-tested, scientifically-prepared skin lubricant which originated in the prescription of an eminent obstetrician.



You owe yourself the comfort "Mother's Friend" gives during the waiting months. It is so soothing and relaxing it is not a drug to be taken. It is used externally only—gently rubbed into the skin. Clean and pleasant to the touch. Brings relief promptly. Very valuable in keeping the breasts in good condition. Also puts you in fine shape for the approaching ordeal.

"Mother's Friend" is on sale at all drug stores. \$1.25 per bottle. Try a massage with it tonight. It gives a booklet on "Things to Know Before Baby Comes" will be mailed on request. Address: Bradfield Regulator Co., Dept. 15, Atlanta, Ga.

McWilliams Winner In Pistol Contest

Sheriff R. E. McWilliams of Rannels county was declared the best pistol shot of all officers attending the West Texas Sheriffs Association convention at San Angelo Thursday afternoon at the close of the pistol contest. The Rannels county sheriff got 44 bullsseyes out of a possible 200, which was a record far better than any competitor.

Peace officers from all sections of West Texas gathered at San Angelo Thursday morning for the two-day convention. The meeting is one of the best attended ever held by the association since its organization.

The officers were guests at an old time square dance Thursday night and with old fiddlers doing their stuff danced until a late hour.

The officers signed a petition Thursday requesting Governor Moody to pardon R. S. McDonald, former sheriff of Ward county, who is sentenced to five years in the penitentiary on a charge of conspiracy to murder. Bob Millet, president of the West Texas Sheriffs Association, and R. E. McWilliams, president of the State Sheriffs Association, wired the governor Thursday that the petition was being mailed and it was hoped to have some answer before the close of the convention Friday afternoon. McDonald was present at the session Thursday, having been granted a parole by the governor for several days. He left San Angelo Thursday for Austin to appear before the board of pardons, which is reviewing his case.

Backache

If functional Bladder Irritation disturbs your sleep, or causes Burning or Itching Sensation, Backache, Leg Pains, or Muscular Aches, making you feel tired, depressed, and discouraged, why not try the Cystex 48 Hour Test? Don't give up. Get Cystex today. Put it to the test. See for yourself how quickly it works and what it does. Money back if it doesn't bring quick improvement, and satisfy you completely. Try Cystex today. Only 60c. Weeks Drug Store.

In 36 years the late Augustus Gordon wrote 84,913,920 words for the Logan, Utah, Journal, of which he was editor.

A local bride added the other night won the same bottle of bath salts she won last September.

Prize Winner

been considered that safety, comfort and the Chevrolet owner. See this greatest of all over its new features. find quality you never find—at such greatly

The Sedan Delivery \$595 The Light Delivery Chassis \$365 The 1 1/2 Ton Chassis \$520 The 1 1/2 Ton Chassis, Cab \$625

et Co. Texas OF THE FOUR

Program and Party Is a Huge Success

The "party" and Founder's Day program given Monday night in the high school auditorium by the Parent-Teacher Association was one of the most entertaining and successful events staged in Ballinger recently. About 125 persons were present and everyone apparently enjoyed the program thoroughly.

As the guests arrived they were escorted into the auditorium. At the door was a penny box where each one deposited a penny for each year of his age. A slip with the month of the guest's birth printed on it was issued to each and then all were ushered to their seats.

The program opened with a prayer by Rev. E. W. McLaurin. Mrs. F. M. Pearce presided over the business session with Mrs. H. C. Spencer, secretary, reading the minutes of the last meeting. Mrs. Pearce called upon the standing committee for a report of any activities handled by them since the last meeting and the ways and means committee reported having made twenty-odd dollars on the entertainment recently presented here by the Simmons University players. The local appearance of Birch, one of the three great magicians of the United States, was announced for March 18. The association voted to pay dues to the county council and become affiliated with that organization. It was voted to conduct a summer "round-up" in which all first year school children and infants will be given physical examinations. At the conclusion of the business session Mrs. Pearce talked on the 33rd birthday of the association and gave a short history of the work accomplished since its founding.

Here the meeting was turned over to the chairman of the program committee, Mrs. H. C. Spencer. The audience joined in singing a number of P-T A songs which will be used when the district convention is held in Ballinger in March. The high school orchestra under the direction of Miss Catherine Todd offered several numbers and hearty applause greeted each selection.

Mrs. Joe Simmons, chairman of the health committee, introduced Mrs. Ira Cain, of San Angelo, who delivered a fine talk on cooperation in child welfare. Mrs. Cain has been engaged in this movement for many years, studied it from every angle and with her experience and ability to speak brought one of the finest messages ever heard here on the training of children. Mrs. Cain showed that the children of the community and nation are their greatest assets—that pavement, civic improvements and other material endeavors amount to nothing compared to the proper teaching and rearing of children. She made a strong appeal for

parents who are ready to live and sacrifice for their children to make them Christian men and women and take their place in the world of the future.

Mrs. Spencer called for all in the audience labeled with the same month of birth to meet together, those born in January in one group, etc. These groups planned impromptu stunts, each of which was then presented from the stage. These stunts proved humorous in the extreme and much originality was shown by the leaders in quickly arranging entertainment that was different. Everyone entered into this part of the program which consumed about an hour.

The P-T A birthday cake was auctioned off, but not to the highest bidder. It was announced that the bidding would last a certain length of time and that each bidder would only be allowed to bid ten cents at a time. The person bidding when the signal sounded that time was up would

be given the cake. Harry Lynn and Troy Simpson acted as auctioneers and imitating two famous auctioneers of this section spoke the same words at the same time and kept a chatter going for ten minutes. When the signal sounded Jas. A. Wear was bidding and was awarded the cake. The cake brought \$6.80.

The entertainment committee invited all guests to the dining room in the domestic science department where hot punch and home-made cookies were served.

Night School for Farmers

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 14.—(AP)—More than 6,000 North Carolina farmers are going to school this winter. The farmers, in 155 different communities, attend evening classes at their vocational agricultural high schools to learn better farming methods. Their ages range from 20 to 65.

Read today's news in The Ledger today.

Advertisement for Staley's Syrups featuring a woman at a table and a product can. Text includes "Browned...battered hot 'cakes with this maple flavored syrup" and "On cold, wintry mornings what a pleasure to come down to a breakfast of piping hot pancakes. Especially when they're nicely browned, with Staley's Maple Flavored Syrup dripping over them. You'll taste the tang of real Canadian maple in this syrup. It's so inexpensive, too. Ask your grocer for Staley's Maple Flavored Syrup today. Then for variety try the Honey Flavored, as well as the other flavors. STALEY SALES CORPORATION, Dallas, Illinois." Includes a list of flavors: Maple Flavored, Honey Flavored, Sorghum Flavored, Crystal White, Golden.

Large advertisement for Goodyear tires. Text includes "Try a GOOD YEAR for a Change!" and "All the latest Goodyear tires are here at Low 1930 Prices: Double Eagle New Heavy Duty Standard All-Weather and Honorable Maxig value. New Style Pathfinder". Lists various tire sizes and prices: 30x4.50 X Goodyear \$9.20, 28x4.50 X Goodyear \$8.35, 22x7.5 X Goodyear \$10.20, 30x3 1/2 Goodyear \$6.75. Also lists "Essentially GOLD MEDAL Farm Tested ME" and "Cheese lb. 28c American Full Cream Ham lb. 24c Picnic, Melrose Fancy". Includes "We'll Gladly Inspect Your Tires Free—and Inflate Them. Drive In." and "Illustrations AC 206A, 207A and 208A".

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State politics was assured of more interest this week-end when James E. Ferguson announced for governor. He and his wife are two of the most prominent political figures in the South and have ever commanded an enormous following.

Gradually the list of candidates grows and indications now are that a number of offices will be sought by more than one person this summer. A number are already campaigning diligently and candidate cards are beginning to be handed out freely.

"Fair and warmer" is getting to be the regular daily weather forecast. It is difficult for people to be satisfied with these prognostications, however, and while everybody has all the blizzards he wants most citizens are looking for a cloud that will offer some encouragement for a rain.

Ballinger people are glad to learn of the appointment of Judge J. O. Woodward, of Coleman, as a member of the state board of pardons. Judge Woodward served for many years as district judge in the Ballinger court.

A number of meetings will be held in Ballinger in the near future which are important and which citizens should prepare for. In March the county interscholastic meet will be held here for two days and school children and their parents will come from all parts of the county to attend.

It will only be a short time until federal enumerators commence taking the 1930 census in this county. The canvass will begin on April 1st and will be

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Completed in rural sections in two weeks and in towns in one month. In order for the enumerators to secure the desired information and complete their work on schedule time it will be necessary for them to receive every cooperation possible at the hands of individual citizens and local organizations. A great amount of information is asked in the taking of a federal census and every town and county desires to make a better showing than their previous listings. To accomplish this in Ballinger and Runnels county citizens should begin to study the value of their lands and stocks, checking up the number of horses, sheep, goats or anything else they possess. The amount of land in cultivation and a thousand other items will be required in the next report. Be ready to go out of your way to assist the enumerator in gathering all required data. This year's census should show a wonderful growth for Runnels county and all towns in its confines. Figures compiled during a federal census are very valuable and should be made as correctly as possible. Accuracy of the report depends on the way individuals answer the questions.

The city commission's action in discharging one night watchman February 1st is in line with the record of the grand jury that has just been released here. Crime in this fair city has been so scarce during the past year that there is little occasion for watching.

This can be construed two ways, however. As seen by some there is no use to have extra police when no criminals are working here, and another viewpoint is that with the city properly policed criminals have no opportunity to work. When we talk about the record here for the past year we "knock on wood" for past experience teaches us that about the time we begin bragging a series of criminal acts are reported and the juries are kept busy trying to deal justice to the offenders. Anyhow the commission is very fair in the matter. It is willing to be guided by a majority of the citizens and in case need arises it is ready to employ another man and pay for his services. Petty thieving which has been common here is difficult for a watchman to run down. The marauders learn who the police are, when they make their rounds, and arrange to do their devilment when the officers are in some other part of town. We agree with the commission that when two men are needed it is the commission's place to put them on and work them under the supervision of the city government so that the patrolmen will punch the clocks on their rounds and be responsible to some authority.

Political platforms are including several new planks this year that will cause much interest from a majority of the voters. Some candidates are already making known their stand in regard to the much agitated question of home owned vs. chain stores. Others will be forced to come out on this issue before the campaign is over and it may develop into one of the outstanding issues.

Automobile accidents will occur just as long as cars are used as a means of transportation. Many of these accidents are unavoidable and neither party is to blame in any way, but when someone is run down by a car as happened in Ballinger Friday night and the driver speeds away without stopping to render aid, he should be punished with the maximum penalty. Such an act is inexcusable. The least that the driver can do is to offer every assistance possible to those injured, and to run away is nothing but a cowardly, dirty act.

The world is full of get-rich-quick dreamers. They want an oil boom, or something big to happen which will bring unlimited fortunes overnight. Citizens of this country do have fortunes in sight if they are willing to work for them and make the best of every advantage offered by this great country. The trouble with most people who desire fortunes is that they are not willing to work and accumulate wealth gradually. Don't go all over the world seeking gold when it is in your own back yard. Pull up your own town and county and prosperity will follow.

Winters citizens have started campaign to have every house in that town numbered. This is good move and many other towns could benefit by similar action. In Ballinger there are many new houses which have never been numbered and others that one had numbers have lost the plates. This makes it difficult for stranger to be directed to an address and a similar campaign here would cost little yet be much benefit.

"Trade at home" campaigns are looked upon differently by some people and some times misunderstood. To be loyal to the home town merchant does not mean to trade with him at prohibitive prices or to accept inferior merchandise. This is not the case in the first place and if it were, there is enough competition in every town so patrons can go to another store handling the same line and buy the article. Merchants who advocate home trade only ask that they be given a chance to supply your needs. If they are too high, their merchandise not good enough, or their accommodations too scanty, they will not argue if you send your money away. Demand the same things of the mail-order house as you do of your home merchants and things will be equal. Make them show you the goods before you buy, ask them for support of community institutions, when charity calls see that they contribute, when roads are needed ask them to help them, when credit is needed demand that they accommodate you, see that they contribute to schools for the education of your children, demand that they support local churches, lodges, chambers of commerce, community fairs, and all other local activities that are beneficial. If they refuse then spend your money with the home merchants who do these things every day and year of their existence.

Winters fire Loss is \$18,000 Fire originating in the warehouse of the Magnolia Petroleum Company at Winters Wednesday morning at 2 o'clock caused a loss of approximately \$18,000. The fire was discovered in the building shortly after 2 and the alarm given. The Winters volunteer fire department responded quickly and used all available equipment in fighting the flames but it was after 6 o'clock when they were finally under control. As soon as the flames reached the oil and gasoline soaked buildings of the Magnolia, Texas and Gulf companies they spread fast and water was of little help in checking the flames. A number of barrels of gasoline and oil exploded which threw fire in all directions and caused it to spread. None of the large gasoline reservoirs exploded, however, as was at first reported. The estimated loss was \$12,000 for the Texas Company, which suffered a complete loss of all buildings; \$6,000 for the Magnolia and \$250 for the Gulf company. Announcement was made by the three companies that their plants would be rebuilt at once and business would be continued in the same locations.

CREWS P-T-A The Crews Parent-Teacher Association held its regular meeting Tuesday. There were seventeen members present. Several interesting discussions were made on the subject of "Food for School Children." After these discussions a musical reading was given by Sammie Beck. Delegates were elected to go to the P-T-A Council. It was decided that our next meeting will be a social gathering, and will be held on March 4th. We hope that this meeting will be well attended.

HAGAN NEWS It has been some time since our last report. We are glad to state that the health of the community is better than it has been in some time. Bro. Carter filled his regular appointment Sunday. Large crowds attended both services. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Turner and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Turner. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett, of Coleman, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson. Miss Velma Turner, who is teaching school at Lowake, spent the week-end at home. The party at Mr. Patterson's Friday night was well attended and enjoyed by all. Mrs. Page, of near Abilene, is spending a few days with Mrs. F. A. Sparks. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Owen spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sparks. Our community was made sad by the death of Mrs. A. P. Jones. We wish to extend our greatest sympathy to the bereaved ones. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wood and family and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Seipp spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sparks. Little Misses Florene and Lorene Wood spent Sunday with Miss Lucille Turner.

BIG DIRIGIBLE HAS ITS PRIVATE RAIN AKRON, Ohio, Feb. 19.—On a bright, cloudless day, a photographer entered the envelope of the new navy dirigible, ZR-4, to make pictures. He didn't make them because he found rain and fog inside. The big ship, under construction in Akron, makes its own weather. Warm, moist air rising from the floor where builders are at work, meets cold air at the top, condenses and falls to the floor as rain. There seems to be an opinion on the part of many who invested in the recent get-rich-quick schemes that they didn't make it.

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Utilities Party Well Attended

One hundred and fifty employees of the West Texas Utilities Company from all towns in District G gathered in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon and night for the regular safety meeting and social. About 5 of the men were here from points outside of Ballinger and the perfect weather gave the meeting one of the largest attendances ever reported at such a meeting in Ballinger. The men's meeting was held in the company storeroom near the Abilene & Southern depot at 6:45 Tuesday evening, with Chas. Coombs acting as chairman. P. W. Campbell, traffic manager of Abilene, was the principal speaker. A large number of topics were handled in ten-minute talks from employees of the company here and at other towns. The women met at the downtown office of the company at the same hour the men's meeting was held. Mrs. Guy Swan, chairman, introduced Mrs. P. W. Campbell, of Abilene, as the principal speaker. A joint social meeting was held at the Ballinger Country Club at 8:30 with approximately 200 people attending. Old time games were played until a late hour with everybody taking a part. Refreshments consisting of sandwiches and coffee were served by the women. Practically every town in the district had a large delegation present here Tuesday and one of the most profitable and enjoyable meetings for many months was held.

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Independent Dealers in Mass Meeting Monday

Independent dealers of Ballinger will be asked to meet on Monday night, February 24, at American Legion Hall for the purpose of organizing a "trade-at-home" association. The meeting will commence at 7:45 and everybody in Runnels county is extended an invitation to be present. This procedure was decided Monday afternoon when a number of local merchants met to arrange for the mass meeting. After a number of telephone calls Monday night was set for the meeting time so that speakers could be secured to address the meeting and assist with the organization. C. R. Pennington, manager of the Retail Merchants Association of Abilene, and chairman of the Abilene Merchants Association, recently organized, and Jimmy Allred, of Wichita Falls, will be here. Mr. Pennington has been very active in this movement at Abilene, where a strong organization has been formed. Mr. Allred is a well known as a speaker in Texas and at present is devoting all his time to the movement. A number of local people heard him speak on this subject Monday night over Col. Will Henderson's radio station at Shreveport, KWKH.

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inaugurate a campaign for home patronage. The steering committee will name a general committee of publicity with men from every locality of Runnels county as members, and between now and next Monday advertising matter regarding the meeting will be distributed in all communities. It is the desire of the committee to have as many people as possible outside of Ballinger to hear the speakers. Additional seats will be provided at American Legion Hall in case there is an overflow attendance. A chairman will be elected as soon as the house is called to order, to take charge of the meeting and preside during the organization proceedings.

LOCAL BANKERS ATTEND DISTRICT CONVENTION

R. G. Erwin and Harry Lynn, of the First National Bank; Fred Kiechle, of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank; and T. B. Saunders, of the Ballinger State Bank, left Wednesday morning for San Angelo to attend the district bankers convention in that city. Several other employees of local banks will go there Wednesday night to attend dances and other entertainment features in connection with the convention. "The Flying Squadron" of the Texas Bankers Association arrived at San Angelo early Wednesday morning, and bankers from Chicago, New York, St. Louis, San Francisco and other large cities of the East and West were in attendance. Misses Harry Lynn and R. G. Erwin accompanied their husbands to spend the day in San Angelo. Mrs. Mack Brown, of St. Louis, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cathey, and other relatives. Mrs. F. H. Turbeville, of Gainesville, is here visiting her mother and sister, Mrs. M. C. Smith and Miss Maryatt Smith.

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NORTON NOTES

Things are almost normal in our town again. The little J. H. Osborne baby is improving. Mr. J. W. Taylor who has been seriously ill with pneumonia is better.

Spring work is beginning. Men are in the fields, women in gardens and yards. Everyone is patiently waiting for rain.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Whittenburg had as their guest Sunday, Miss Morrison of Bronte.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Haley went to Hayrick Sunday to see Mr. Haley's brother who is sick.

Holladay Hayley of Abilene spent last week-end with home folks.

Mrs. Laura Harding has moved to our town to make her future home.

T. R. Setser had business in Miles Tuesday of this week.

The Ever Ready Club met on Feb. 18th at the home of Mrs. T. J. McCaughan, with 10 members present. Business attended, then Mrs. Maragat Noel of Johnston, N. Y., gave a demonstration which was enjoyed by everyone present. They adjourned to meet March 5 at the home of Mrs. Lester Bryson.

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MAVERICK MUSINGS

On last Friday evening, Feb. 14, the Maverick P-T. A. rendered a patriotic program, honoring both Washington and Lincoln's birthdays.

There was a large crowd present to enjoy the program and also to hear Judge O. L. Parish of Ballinger talk on Flag Etiquette.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Moore entertained the young people of this neighborhood with a "42" party Saturday evening.

The singing at the John Davis home was enjoyed by quite a large crowd Sunday evening.

The ladies of the 4-H Club were entertained in the home of Mrs. Clarence Lee Monday afternoon.

Their next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. R. D. Martins.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Carlton and family of Ballinger, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sharpes Sunday.

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For Calendar Reform
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—(AP)—The Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science announces that it has adopted a resolution favoring calendar revision giving the year 13 months of 28 days each.

HATCHEL NEWS

The farmers are at leisure at the present, everyone is up with their farming and is letting his teams rest up for the rush of putting seed in the ground. Although we don't have much moisture at this time but we are

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all living in hopes that we will get plenty of rain by planting time.

On last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tucker gave a turkey dinner, inviting all their children. All being present except one and from all accounts it was a day to be long remembered. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Mord Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathis, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Stone and Mr. and Mrs. Luin McWilliams.

Bro. Steward, of Taylor county, preached at the Church of Christ Sunday.

Mrs. W. O. Mathis was on the sick list last week but is improving at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith were called to Levelland last week to be at the bedside of Mrs. Smith's father, Mr. L. N. Graham, who has been quite ill but at this time is out of danger.

There will be singing at the Church of Christ every Sunday night. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. We have quite a few good singers in this community who will be at each service and am sure you will enjoy each song.

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HERRING TOPICS

Prospects in this community are dull, as we are greatly in need of rain.

Sunday school was attended with a large crowd Sunday morning. Bro. Golden drove out to be with us. We were indeed glad to have him with us again and listen to the message he gave us. We hope he will visit us again.

Next Sunday is regular meeting day. Sunday night Harmony will put on a B. Y. P. U. play here.

Mr. and Mrs. Brandon and Bro. Golden spent Sunday with Mr. F. Kerby and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brevard visited their son, Clyde, of Blanton, Saturday.

The young folks of this community enjoyed a party at Mr. McIntire's Friday night, also one at G. C. Aven's Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosford were callers at the S. H. Miller, home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Lee of Mills county, is vis-

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iting with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. John Rosford.

W. A. Hale and family spent Sunday with A. S. Allcorn and family.

Grandmother Pendleton was stricken ill Sunday, but at the present she is reported to be better.

Miss Myrtle Ruth Hale and Maggie Ruth Brevard were Saturday night guests of Miss Nona Aven.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore, spent the week-end in this community.

The high school students are preparing a play, "The Unfortunate Calamity," which will be given sometime in the near future.

The boys basketball team and the outside boys played Friday afternoon.

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PLAINVIEW CREAMERY HAS PROSPEROUS YEAR

PLAINVIEW, Feb. 18.—During the nine months it operated in 1929, the Hale County Dairy Association's creamery at Plainview, manufactured and shipped 428,543 pounds of sweet cream butter. It paid out to its members and in expense of operation \$168,819.20.

The creamery is owned and operated cooperatively by members of the Hale County Dairy Association, which is in its sixth year. Opened during 1929 the creamery has paid its members an average of 41.7 cents per pound for No. 1 butter fat and 39.3 cents for No. 2 butterfat.

There are eight hundred members.

ANGLO PLAYER WILL TRY OUT WITH SHREVEPORT

SHREVEPORT, La., Feb. 18.—Among the candidates for an outfield berth with the Shreveport Sports this season will be "Siki" Sikes, former great athlete at Texas A. & M. College. Last year Sikes hit 346 and did not make an error in the West Texas League.

In addition to receiving all-Southwest Conference honors as an end in 1925, Sikes also lettered in baseball and basketball at Aggie land. He was one of the four Southwest Conference stars who created a stir by their great play in the East-West game on the coast that year. The others were Poel Hunt, Gerald Mann and "Rags" Matthews.

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West Texas League Meeting for Sunday

Dave Snodgrass president of the West Texas Baseball League, has called a meeting of the league to be held at San Angelo, February 23. Representatives from the six cities who were members of the circuit last year will be present to discuss the baseball situation in West Texas for the ensuing year. Meeting with them will be a number of baseball men from the Texas League who are interested in the proposition in this section.

An announcement was made Sunday that four of the teams were ready to begin spring training. These were said to be Abilene, San Angelo, Ballinger, and Coleman. The same announcement stated that Fort Worth was ready to assist Coleman, Dallas to help Ballinger, Wichita Falls to look after Abilene and San Angelo and Midland were expected to go ahead without aid. If this is the case, only one more team is needed to complete the loop.

Ballinger officials will be present at the meeting and find out what is to be done for the coming summer. If any help is offered from higher class leagues it will require some fast action to get the propositions worked out and finances raised before March 1st.

Ballinger has nine men under contract and one on the volunteer retired list. These men must be submitted contracts before the first day of March or they will automatically be released and become free agents. As the matter now stands the club cannot afford to mail out contracts for the 1930 season and if there is any chance of maintaining professional baseball it does not want to lose any of the present material. The meeting at San Angelo Sunday will likely settle the matter yes or no, and following this conference the clubs will either commence planning for winning a pennant or begin getting rid of what players they can at any price and release the remainder.

Miss Eugenia Baskin, student of T. C. U. at Fort Worth, is here spending a short vacation with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Baskin. She has with her as a guest, Miss Katherine Goss, of Dalhart, who is a roommate of Miss Baskin at T. C. U. The young ladies will return to Fort Worth Thursday.

Read today's news in The Ledger today.

Irion Man Seeks U. S. Senatorship

SHERWOOD, Tex., Feb. 15.—C. A. Mitchener, Irion county attorney, who has announced for United States senator in opposition to Senator Morris Sheppard, is 60 years old. He has been county attorney here four months, having been appointed by the commissioners' court.

Mr. Mitchener's platform attacks speculation on the stock market and states he would place New York and Chicago under a permit to be held at Abilene by officers. His bond was first set of \$7,500 but later reduced to \$3,500, according to information received here Friday.

The group of thieves is believed to have had approximately \$100,000 capital and to have operated in Texas, New Mexico and California. Officers believe that when the plan is finally unraveled that men in "high up" positions will be involved in the gang.

He disagrees with Senator Sheppard on prohibition which he declares can never be enforced and would permit the sale of light wines and beer. He salutes labor, declaring all money comes from labor. Farm relief as now constituted, he believes, is a useless tax on the people. He would recognize the Soviet government of Russia and open trade relations with that country.

The candidate formerly lived in Dallas. He is a graduate of the University of Indiana.

Three are Arrested in Alleged Car Theft Ring

The arrest of three men in this section of the state during the last few days is believed by officers to have uncovered an organized ring of automobile thieves which have been operating from Sherman to Clovis, New Mexico.

One of the men arrested is a former Ballinger man who for years was engaged in the automobile business here. W. E. Boswell, better known here as Ed, is reported to be held at Abilene by officers. His bond was first set of \$7,500 but later reduced to \$3,500, according to information received here Friday.

The group of thieves is believed to have had approximately \$100,000 capital and to have operated in Texas, New Mexico and California. Officers believe that when the plan is finally unraveled that men in "high up" positions will be involved in the gang.

Officers state that most of the gang's operations was in faking bills of sale and hypothecating credit papers on cars, involving delicate and highly specialized work in the forgery line as well as necessitating an outlaw printing plant somewhere.

Cars which were stolen had their numbers changed by experts, new stripes of paint placed on the bodies, radiators re-nickled and upholstery changed so that the cars were beyond identification.

Sheriff Frank Mills of Coleman had been working on the disappearance of autos from Brown county for some time but did not realize how big the conspiracy was until after the third arrest was made at Coleman Thursday.

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Candidate Can't Use Mail Boxes Without Paying Postage

Postmaster J. A. Reese reports that he is experiencing considerable trouble on mail routes by candidates placing their cards in mail boxes. Mr. Reese stated that this is a violation of federal postal laws and warns candidates to stop placing cards in mail boxes. He further stated that candidates who wished to get cards or other material distributed through the mails would comply with the law by addressing them and stamping the cards.

Route carriers Tuesday brought in a large number of these cards which they had taken from boxes. It is not known whether candidates placed these cards in boxes or not, but in most cases the same candidate's cards were found in all boxes along the route. No notice will be paid to this first offense, but warning is issued that this practice must be stopped or it will be reported to federal authorities.

These cards can be mailed to box holders at a very cheap rate and postal employees will explain this plan to any candidate who desires to use this means for distribution of any political literature.

Supt. H. C. Lyon left Wednesday afternoon for Atlantic City, N. J., where he will attend the National Educational Association convention which will be in session for six days next week.

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Births

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Davis, who live near Ballinger, are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby boy born to them on Feb. 11. The young man weighed 8 pounds and has been named Wilbourne Lee. The mother and baby are doing well and the father was able to be in town Tuesday to attend to business matters here.

Miss Elizabeth Parker, teacher of domestic science in the Ballinger high school, left Thursday afternoon for San Antonio to attend a district conference presided over by the state supervisor of home economics.

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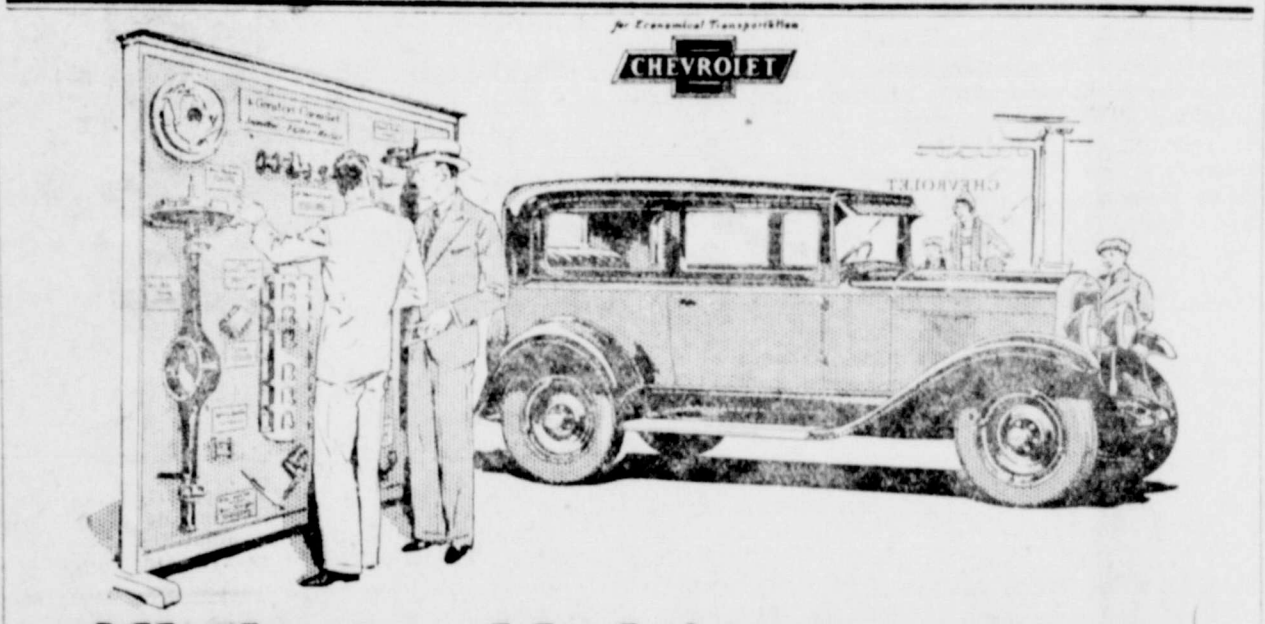
Cocoa	Hearsey's, 1 lb.	26c	Conlee	Max-i-mum, lb.	41c
Cake Flour	Gold Medal Large Size	25c	Quality with a Flavor and Quality of Distinction.		
Peanut Butter	Ot. Jar	37c	Bananas	dozen	18c
Pancake Flour	2 pkgs.	25c	Apples	dozen	24c
Flour	Nationally Known 48 lbs	\$1.69	Potatoes	10 lbs.	35c
B. C. C. Soda Crackers	3 lbs.	39c	Oranges	dozen	49c
Milk	Baby 4 1/2c Tall 9c		Swift Jewell or Flake White Compound An All Purpose Shortening 8 lbs. \$1.04		
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Cemetery to Plant Additional Trees

The Ballinger Cemetery Association will commence a series of improvements and beautifications at once which will add much to the looks of the burial grounds. Each spring the association uses what money it can spare from the taxes to beautify the grounds and the local cemetery today is one of the prettiest to be found in this section of the state.

The association has ordered 100 pyramidal cypress trees which will be put out as soon as they arrive. In addition to these trees they have ordered a number of shrubs and flowers which will be placed in the new section of the cemetery.

Water mains were extended last year and at present there is plenty of water piped to every spot in the grounds. Two years ago 500 sycamores were purchased at a very low price.

A part of the trees were set out in the grounds and the rest were "heeled out" and are being used as they are needed.

E. Shepperd, secretary of the association stated Thursday morning that an extra man had been hired to work at the cemetery as soon as the weeds began to grow and that everything would be looked after and beautified this spring and summer.

The association experienced very little trouble during the freezing weather in January, water was kept cut off and only about six breaks were found in the lines. These have been repaired and the irrigation system is now in readiness for use at all lots.

The order of trees is expected to arrive here the latter part of this week or the first of next and will be planted as soon as received.

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CARR'S MAN SHOP IS MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

Carr's Man Shop was completing Saturday the installation of new fixtures throughout the store which adds much to the looks of the interior and also to the convenience. Walnut finished shelving, and combination cabinets for the display of shirts, collars, ties, hats and suits have been installed making this one of the neatest appearing stores in the city.

GIRL'S HEART ON RIGHT SIDE BUT IS HEALTHY

CLEVELAND, Tex., Feb. 17.—Ruby Vinson, 12, daughter of R. E. Vinson, 12 miles from here, has always supposed she was a perfectly normal girl.

But that was before doctors began exploring.

An X-Ray examination in the Livingston hospital disclosed that her heart is on the right side. All other organs are transposed, those that belong on the right side being on the left and vice versa.

She has been normal and healthy all her life.

Miss Elizabeth Parker, teacher of domestic science in the Ballinger high school, is ill at Abilene and unable to meet her classes here.

Still, there is no indication that we would be happier if winter weather came in summer and summer weather in winter.

R. W. Earnshaw went to Abilene Friday night to attend a meeting of Lions Clubs from this section of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Webb were in town Monday attending to business. Mr. Webb was sick for several weeks but is now able to be out again.

See No Change In Sheep Market

FT. WORTH, Feb. 17.—It appears that the high point in the expansion of sheep numbers in the United States has about been reached. A new annual record slaughter of sheep and lambs is expected within the next two years and it seems improbable that prices for these increased supplies can be maintained at the high levels of the last 3 or 4 years.

The increase in the world wool production in recent years will probably not continue much further and some reduction is expected by 1931. Production in 1930, however, will probably not be greatly different from the high production of the last two years. It is likely that demand conditions, which are unfavorable at present, will begin to improve in the last half of 1930, and will more favorably affect the marketing of the domestic clip of 1931 than that of 1930.

The outlook for the sheep industry suggest that the readjustments which will take place as a result of reduced price levels should be effected gradually in order that the market may not be unduly depressed by temporary seasonal gluts. In the past, periods of low prices, such as those now prevailing for wool and as seem probable for lambs, have been followed by higher prices a few years later.

Sheep numbers in the United States continued to increase during 1929 but the increase of 1,400,000 head was the smallest in the last 4 years. There were probably as many sheep (including lambs) on farms January 1, this year as on that date in at least 30 years. Of the 48,913,000 head as estimated on farms January 1, 1930, some 5,490,000 head were estimated on feed for market. This was the largest number estimated on feed in eight years and was probably almost as large as in any previous year.

In spite of increased sheep numbers the estimated lamb crop last year (25,976,000) was about 1 per cent smaller than that of 1928. The native crop was larger but due primarily to unfavorable weather both at mating and lambing time, the western crop was considerably smaller. The western states with about 96 per cent of the sheep population reported a 1929 lamb crop of 16,645,000 head as compared with 9,331,000 head saved in the native states.

Lamb slaughter from the 1929 crop up to January 1, was about 450,000 head larger than the same period. In addition there were about 700,000 head more lambs on feed January 1 this year than last year. The total lamb slaughter from the 1929 crop will thus probably exceed that from the 1928 crop by at least 1,000,000 head.

The average price of sheep and lambs slaughtered during the fed lamb season for the 1928 lamb crop, December 1928 to April 1929, inclusive, was \$13.81, compared with \$13.38 paid for the corresponding period a year earlier.

The average price paid for sheep and lambs slaughtered during the grazing season for the 1929 crop of lambs, May to November 1929, was \$12.31, as compared with \$13.21 paid in the same period of 1928, and \$12.84 paid in that period of 1927.

Football Trophy Made Permanent

H. C. Lyon is in receipt of a letter from the Brady manager of the United Chain Stores stating that the football trophy offered to the district champions for 1929 will be made a permanent award and the Bearcats will not have to defend the title to retain it. The trophy was received here two weeks ago and is a large bronze statue of a player preparing to punt a football. The trophy was offered by the Brady store early in the season to the winner of district 11 and was conceded to the Bearcats when they defeated the Brady Bulldogs on November 11th.

Phil M. Ollan, general manager of the Brady store, stated in his letter: "Since the Ballinger citizens and the Ballinger high school students so cordially welcomed all Bradites who attended the deciding game, and with such a fine spirit of friendly competition on your school's part, we have decided to make the trophy a permanent one instead of a season-to-season contest."

The trophy is now lined up in the principals office among other loving cups and trophies which have been won by the local school. It is very highly treasured by the local students since it represents the first honors won in football by the Bearcats.

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Walker Resigns from Ballinger State Bank

E. D. Walker, for five years president of the Ballinger State Bank of this city, tendered his resignation at a regular meeting of the board of directors Tuesday morning. The resignation was accepted by the board and C. P. Shepherd was elected president of the bank and chairman of the board of directors, and T. B. Saunders was elected active vice-president to take Mr. Walker's place. Mr. Walker stated in his resignation that due to failing health he felt he needed to retire and get a much needed rest. A short time ago he disposed of his interest in the bank to other stockholders. C. P. Shepherd has served the bank for a number of years as vice-president and is thoroughly familiar with the banking business and the needs of this bank in particular. Mr. Saunders is no stranger to Ballinger having been connected with the Hicks Rubber Company store here for several years and previously for 21 years was engaged in the banking business in Texas.

In electing Mr. Saunders to take the active management of the bank, the directors did so after much investigation, and being convinced that his past banking experience fitted him for the place here Mr. Saunders was for 21 years president of the First National Bank of San Augustine, Texas, and his many friends of that city were loud in their praise of him. L. D. Thorn, vice-president of the San Angelo National Bank stated in a telegram "Am glad to recommend T. B. Saunders whom I have known a number of years, for bank vice-president. Consider him a good and capable credit man and executive well met." R. C. Downs, now president of the bank at San Augustine which Mr. Saunders served for many years, added his recommendation to a long list. Other bankers wiring in behalf of Mr. Saunders were Bert Demont Moulton, assistant cashier of the San Angelo National Bank; W. G. Sharp, president of the Commercial State Bank of San Augustine; L. R. Bryan, Jr., vice-president of the Second National Bank of Houston.

Mr. Walker served the Ballinger State Bank as president for the past five years and prior to that had been engaged in the banking business here since 1905. He had been connected with the bank before taking active charge there five years ago, and had also been connected with the Farmers and Merchants Bank here for a number of years. He is well known all over the state in banking circles.

The board of directors of the bank issued the following statement concerning the resignation of their former president: "It is with the keenest regret that we accept the resignation of our friend and fellow worker, Mr. E. D. Walker, as president of this bank and chairman of this board. We have worked with Mr. Walker for nearly five years and during this time we have learned to

appreciate his work as a banker and his interest in the success of the bank over which he presided so ably. We regret that his health is and has been such that he is and been forced to take this step, and we will miss his able guidance and his wise counsel around the table at our meetings, but necessity and failing health are matters over which we have no control and we accept this fact with much regret and hope that with a rest that our friend and co-worker will regain his erstwhile good health.

"C. P. Shepherd, E. F. Batts, Wm. Halfmann, N. J. Allen, W. B. Dankworth, Jas. E. Brewer, directors. Sam Baker, cashier." As soon as his resignation was accepted Mr. Walker made the following statement: "After nearly five years as head of The Ballinger State Bank, I have tendered my resignation and am retiring for a much needed rest. During my five years as president of this bank I have given the best that is in me and how well I have succeeded, I leave for the public and the record of the bank to say. "I have enjoyed the heartiest co-operation of my board of directors and my success, if any, is partly due to their assistance and advice and for them I have the very kindest feeling and appreciate how they have stood by me in the direction of the affairs of this bank.

"To the patrons of this bank I want to thank you for your patronage and friendship, as I realize that whatever success that I have made is due to your help, and I bespeak for the future of this bank the same conservative management and the same desire to assist its patrons, as I have ever tried to do.

"E. D. Walker."

GOPHER AND RABBIT RATED AS FARMERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The original farmers of the western ranges were ground squirrels, rabbits, pocket gophers and prairie dogs, says a report to the American Association for the Advancement of Science by Walter P. Taylor of the U. S. department of agriculture.

He has been studying the harm they do to the ranges in consuming, foraging, impairing watersheds and removing shelter and food for valuable animals.

Mr. Taylor concludes that their effects are not all bad; that they often disseminate valuable plants, that some of them consume large quantities of insects, that burrowing rodents are industrious soil cultivators, and that in some places they may do more good than harm.

Forest fire damage in North Carolina in 1929 cost \$151,044.

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With an increase in the red-blood-cells, you will be on the right road to Health. This is Nature's way to body power and to clear skin. Naturally, with your strength restored, it is easier to fight disease and infection; to enjoy your food and to sleep soundly. When firm flesh takes the place of that which was once flabby, you will feel strong—your nerves will become steady—more happiness and friends will follow.

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Carsey Successful With Band Work

H. H. Carsey, director of the Ballinger Band, has set a record during the past eight years, since coming to Ballinger, that he can point to with pride. He was employed to take charge of the local band in 1922 and since that time has been on the job practically every day making musicians out of local boys.

From the Ballinger Band have developed some of the best musicians in the state who at present are making good in a number of college bands and orchestras.

Mr. Carsey took charge of a very small organization here in 1922 and his first public appearance of any importance was to enter the band contest at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention in San Angelo that year. With only sixteen members he made a very creditable showing in this contest and lost only after the band was penalized for its size and instrumentation. There is not one of the original sixteen members in the band today. All have either moved away or quit playing.

During the eight years Mr. Carsey has resided here more than 150 men have enrolled for membership in the band. Of that number more than 85 per cent applied themselves and stuck to the task until they learned to play. Men who commenced their musical training in the Ballinger Band are holding down chairs this year in the best college bands in the state. A check up finds students from Ballinger playing at Simmons University, Southern Methodist University, A. & M. College, Texas Christian University, Baylor University, Daniel Baker College, and Howard Payne College. Their musical training in several instances aids them to get through school.

Besides helping them through school, these boys are permitted to go on tours to the enlargement of their general education. At least three former members of the Ballinger organization, who are attending Simmons University this year, will go to Europe this summer, visiting nine nations.

The local band at present is at low ebb. Only about thirty members are practicing regularly and Mr. Carsey is anxious to build the instrumentation back to at least fifty. Training received is cheap and of great benefit to the boys as has been proved by those already graduated from the band here and making good else-

where. The time for summer concerts is almost here and it is pointed out that during the vacation period is an excellent time for boys to begin musical studies.

In addition to making an unqualified success of the Ballinger Band, Mr. Carsey has made fine progress with the Bronte Band. This organization has grown to thirty-odd members who are capable of playing heavy music. Until recently he also directed and instructed the band at Rowena.

COSTS MORE TO RAISE COTTON THAN IT BRINGS

For the commodity, a survey of crop conditions in 91 counties, recently completed under the supervision of George B. Terrell, commissioner of agriculture, disclosed.

According to the report the average cost is 23.9 cents while the average price received is only 18 cents. Central Texas leads the list in districts where the production cost is highest, the av-

erage cost per pound being 30.8 cents. Northern Texas with 16.2 cents has the most favorable production costs with the other districts ranging between these two.

Although the average production cost is 23.9 cents per pound, in some districts it cost \$1.16 per pound while the lowest cost of production is listed at 6.7 cents per pound.

Variations in the producing costs is attributed by Commissioner Terrell to the partial or complete crop failure in some sections of the state.

Harley Davis and Felton T. Wright went to San Angelo Saturday to attend the district basketball tournament in progress there.

Miss Helen Swift, district worker for the A. & M. extension service, arrived here Sunday to work several days with Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, county home demonstration agent.

Old doctor's idea still helping Elderly People conquer constipation

DR. CALDWELL made a startling discovery shortly after he graduated from medical school back in 1875. He found great numbers—especially older men and women—suffering from constipation, who were taking harsh laxatives and purgatives. So he concluded that many things people take for constipation do more harm than good, and physicians of today are of the same opinion. This thought made Dr. Caldwell conduct a search, and out of it came the prescription which made him famous. Over and over he wrote it, when he found people bilious, headachy, out-of-sorts, weak or feverish; with coated tongue, bad breath, no appetite or energy. Its action was so thorough even in the most obstinate cases, and yet so gentle with women and children. The product you get from your drug store, today, when you ask for Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is put up exactly in accordance with this prescription. It has become the world's most popular laxative. It is a pleasant tasting mixture of fresh herbs and other pure ingredients; it is a real corrective for constipation for men, women and children.

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CONTENT NEWS

The program given last week by the representatives of the American Legion was enjoyed by all who attended. Talks by Mr. Lyon and Mr. Motley were interesting to the school children as well as the others present. The music was very much appreciated too.

On Friday morning at the school, B. M. Farmer was practicing jumping, preparing for the track meet, when his foot caught on the rope, causing him to fall to the ground, striking on the back of his head, and knocking him unconscious for several minutes. When he rallied Mr. Criswell took him to his home. We are glad to note that he suffered no bad effects, but was able to be at work the following day.

Dannie Smith, who has been attending school at Abilene has entered the Content class for the remainder of this term.

On Feb. 14, the Grammar and High School Grades enjoyed a "chicken roast" down on the creek near the school house.

There was a large crowd present. After roasting the chickens and eating a wonderfully good supper they all joined in playing games. All reported a fine time.

Monday, Feb. 10, there was a call meeting of the P-T-A. Some new members were enrolled and a few items of business were attended to. It was decided to have a program on Feb. 17, the birthday of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers of Founders' Day as it is called. The following program was given:

- Song, "America the Beautiful," Prayer.
- President's Message, Mrs. J. W. Bright.
- Birthday Anniversary, Mrs. E. J. Criswell.
- History and Significance, Mrs. R. E. Lafoon.
- Memorial Tribute to Founders, Mrs. A. J. Fisher.
- Song, "A Little Child Shall Lead Them," Alpha Pierce.
- Story, "A Hundred Days," Mrs. R. W. Babston.
- Three Corner Stones of Child Welfare: (1) Home, Mrs. Sam Mathis; (2) School, Mrs. C. C. Simmons; (3) Community, Mrs. Velma Jones.
- Resolutions for Mothers, Mrs. Caleb Brown.
- Child's Lament, Helen Simmons.
- Song.
- Prayer.

We are happy to announce that Mrs. Clyde Jenkins, who has been critically ill for several days is much improved. Her brothers and sister who came to be with her have all returned to their homes except Mrs. Leslie Crunk, who says she will stay until her complete recovery. The following relatives were with Mrs. Jenkins: Mrs. Leslie Crunk and son Cleburne, of Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Poreh and family, of Seymour; Mr. Flavious Poreh, of Munday; and Mr. Thaddeus Poreh, of San Antonio.

"REPORTER."

Nature Thought of Everything
Nature thought of everything when the human body was made. When the body is about to become ill, nature planned danger signals to warn us. Thus, if our children grind their teeth when they sleep, or lack appetite, or suffer from abdominal pains, or itch about the nose and fingers, we should know that they may have contracted worms. Then, if we are wise, we buy a bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge and safely and surely expel the worms. Thus we avoid the danger of very serious trouble. White's Cream Vermifuge costs only 35 cents a bottle, and can be bought from Weeks Drug Store.

BENOIT NEWS

The patriotic meeting was well attended at the school house Friday night. We wish to thank the boys who came from Ballinger for the good music rendered.

Mrs. Jennie Dietz and son,

Sidney, visited A. W. Hill and family Sunday.

We are always sorry to report sickness in our community, and especially a contagious or children's disease, such as scarlet fever which has stricken down little Lucille Hoffman. We trust her illness is not serious and that she will soon be able to attend school. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Brookshire have taken the serum against the disease. It would be well for all school children to take the serum and guard against the spreading of this malady.

Mrs. Dorman Gantt, of Coleman, visited in the W. T. Hill home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Williamson, of Ballinger, spent Sunday afternoon in the Odom home, visiting Grandpa Odom, who has been indisposed for some time.

S. T. Williams and Jack went to San Angelo Thursday.

Mrs. Joe Green visited Mrs. W. D. Lewis Sunday.

Mrs. Krehbiel Allison was slightly ill at her home the weekend.

Rev. Smith, Methodist preacher at Talpa, was a pleasant caller at Benoit Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Riser, of San Angelo, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Grandma Clayton, who makes her home in Abilene, is visiting the Claytons and Brookshires this week.

Mrs. Lizzie Vandevanter returned to Ballinger Sunday from a visit with Henry Vandevanter and family, near Christoval.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Clayton and Mrs. Lela Clayton helped eat a turkey dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Clayton Sunday.

There will be a social, sponsored by the P-T-A at the school house on February 27. For entertainment there will be a fish pond and other games. Candy and sandwiches will be sold. The proceeds are to be used to buy lights for the Benoit school.

"REPORTER."

BLANTON NEWS

Rev. Tierce filled his regular appointment Sunday morning, delivering a fine sermon. He did not preach Sunday night as the Harmony B. Y. P. U. brought an interesting play to our church which was enjoyed very much. We wish to invite them back to be with us again some time in the near future.

Rev. and Mrs. Tierce spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur

Wood.

Miss Eunice Gurion, of Ballinger, spent the week-end with Miss Eula Fowler.

Mrs. Chas. Toungel and Mrs. J. A. Foreman spent Friday with Mrs. Dietz, of Crews.

Mr. and Mrs. Barker were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boothe.

Miss Alene Huston spent Sunday with Mrs. H. F. Boothe.

Miss Maude James is spending this week with Miss Lois Dietz, of Crews.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. James spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Cotten, of near Lowake.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Foreman and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cope, of Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Elkins and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Kennedy Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Poy Davis and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gray Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Toungel, of Oxnem, and Miss Alice Foreman spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Toungel.

Miss Helen Smith, of Ballinger, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Pauline Malone.

Ed McMillan, Mrs. T. L. Foreman and Miss Nettie Wood went to Brownwood Monday to carry Mrs. R. C. Ingram and her two children home.

Mrs. Ella Foreman visited Mrs. J. A. Foreman Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gassiot are the proud owners of a new six-cylinder car. Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Coffey also are driving a new automobile.

Mrs. J. P. Boothe visited Mrs. Chas. Spier, of Ballinger, Tuesday.

"REPORTER."

VEGETABLE NEWCOMER HAS VARIETY OF USES

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Feb. 18.—A humble vegetable newcomer from Mexico is on the way to fame and fortune in Florida and other sections of the South where the soil does not freeze. It is the chayote, a one-seeded squash introduced by the United States department of agriculture. The roots, resembling yams, are delicious. So are the shoots, which are prepared as is asparagus. The vines may be fed to stock and it has been found that bees produce superior honey from the flowers. The chayotes also can be made into pickles.

Speakers Named For Senior Day

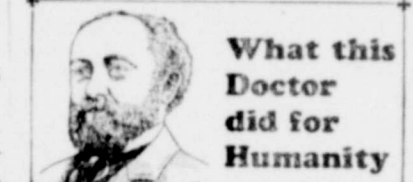
High school seniors have been selected and parts assigned them for Senior Day to be held in connection with commencement on May 15th. On this program all addresses are to be made by students, each one being selected far in advance of the date, and subjects given them for which they are best fitted. The class and its officers working with school officials select the speakers.

Senior Day is one of the outstanding programs of the entire commencement week since it shows those who attend something of the work done by the pupils in the high school. The program last year was well attended and was found very entertaining and interesting. Special preparation will be made by those on the program this year and a real treat will be in store for those who hear them on Senior Day.

Following is the schedule of speakers and subjects: Commencement theme "Vocational Efficiency." "General Education as a Basis for Vocation," Alfred Kettler. "An Analysis of Occupation for Men," Wilbourne Underwood. "An Analysis of Occupation for Women," Virginia Holman. "How to Select a Vocation," Halle Cooper. "Preparation for a Vocation," Fred Spreen. "Success in a Vocation," Claudia Smith. "The Need of an Avocation," Neoma Matejowsky.

J. C. COOK ANNOUNCES FOR JUSTICE OF PEACE

J. C. Cook threw his hat in the political ring Thursday morning and is asking for the office of justice of the peace of precinct No. 1. Mr. Cook will make an active campaign and will see as



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As a young man the late Dr. R. V. Pierce, practiced medicine in Pennsylvania and was known far and near for his great success in alleviating disease. Finally he moved to Buffalo, N. Y., and put up in ready-to-use form, his GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY, the well known tonic for the blood. This strength builder is made from a formula which Dr. Pierce found most effective when in private practice. It aids digestion, acts as a tonic and enriches the blood—clears away pimples and annoying eruptions and tends to keep the complexion fresh and clear. All druggists. Tablets or liquid.

many of the voters as possible in person. He stated, however, that this might be impossible and he wanted the vote and influence of every man and woman in the precinct.

Mr. Cook stated that he has never held public office before and that in asking for this place he feels that he is capable of attending to the affairs of the office. "You can tell them that I will be on the job every day and strive my best to deal fairly with every transaction coming before me," Mr. Cook stated. Mr. Cook has been living in Ballinger for the past fourteen years and during that time has been well known both in a business and a social way. He feels that he has many friends to back him for the office.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carter, of San Angelo, visited relatives and friends here Sunday.

Mrs. E. E. King, who underwent a minor operation at Abilene this week, was returned to her home here Friday afternoon.

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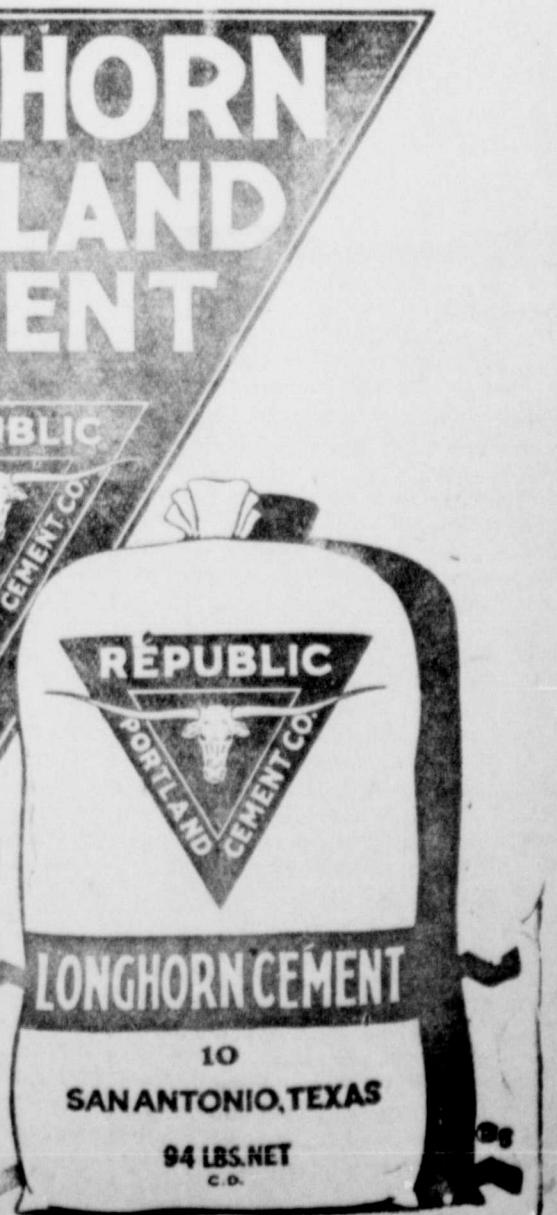
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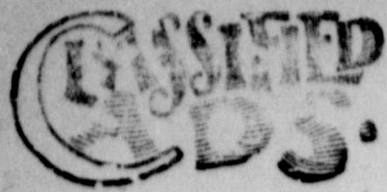
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Notice

Owner of two bay horses, about seven years old, get same by paying for this ad. JOE MARTIN, Norton, Texas. 24-4tw-7

Deaths

Hugh F. Doherty

Hugh F. Doherty, age 20 years and 13 days, died at his home on Thirteenth Street, Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Doherty was an employee of Kirk & Mack and well known in Ballinger and all over Runnels county. A few days ago he developed an infection that gradually grew worse until his death.

Besides his wife, decedent is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Doherty; five brothers, and four sisters. The brothers, Lester, George, Glenn, Weldon and Floyd, all live in Ballinger. The sisters, Mildred Carroll, Willie Mae, and Nonda Grace, reside in Ballinger; and Mrs. G. N. Lindsay, in Waco. Funeral services were held at the Ballinger Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Rev. Cole of Abilene, in charge, assisted by Rev. J. H. McClain of Ballinger, and Rev. H. C. Goodman of San Angelo. Interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery.

Undertakers from the Higginbotham Funeral Home prepared the body and were in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were Fred Tappee, Jim Flynt, Hub Fulcher, Deibert Davenport, Lem Harvey and Alfred King.

W. W. Gabriel

W. W. Gabriel, age 74 years 5 months and 3 days, died at his home near Marie, on Valley Creek Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. He had been ill for only a short time when claimed by death. He had been making his home at that place for some time and many friends mourn his going. Decedent is survived by two sons Tom and R. I. Gabriel of the Norton community, a daughter, Mrs. E. F. Heath, of Lorena, and a brother, T. C. Gabriel, of Hamlin.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Norton cemetery with Rev. J. F. Steele in charge. Interment was to be made there immediately following the service.

Undertakers from KingHolt Company were called to the home to prepare the body for interment and were in charge of funeral arrangements.

Brady Prepares For Legion Meet

BRADY, Feb. 19.—Six outstanding speakers in Legion circles will provide the oratorical part of the two-day program of the 17th District convention of the American Legion at Brady, Feb. 22 and 23.

With the opening day devoted to entertainment and routine matters, the serious part of the program will open Sunday morning with a divine service at the Christian Temple. State Senator Walter C. Woodward of Coleman, will deliver a patriotic address, while the sermon will be preached by the Rev. George Greene, of Sweetwater.

Aviation, which has been one of the most prominent projects sponsored by the Legion, will be presented by Col. Wm. Easterwood of Dallas, chairman of the Aeronautical Division of the American Legion of Texas.

"The Legion and Education" will be the subject of J. R. Reed, of the State Board of Examiners. J. S. Watters of Dallas, will speak upon the Veterans Bureau and Rehabilitation. R. O. Whittaker, State Adjutant, and Ernest Cox, state commander, are other prominent legionnaires whose names appear on the program.

Germany will make flying boats for a private French company.

The Old World doesn't seem to be old enough to know better.

Be wise and advertise.

The fifteenth decennial census of the United States will be taken during the month of April. The enumeration will be made by a force of about 100,000 enumerators who will go from house to house and secure the information required for the census. Every person is to be enumerated so far as possible, at his "usual place of abode" or the place where he usually lives. Where individual members of a family are away from home at the time the census is taken they will be reported to the enumerator by other members of the family.

For cases where it is known in advance the whole family will be away from home at that time, special provision has been made by the director of the census in the form of an absent family schedule which is to be filled out by some responsible member of the family and in advance of the census date and transmitted to the local supervisor of the census. A copy of this schedule can be secured by application to Mrs. W. L. Turner of Brownwood, Texas, who is the census supervisor for this district.

Families planning to be away the month of April, leaving the home closed or with one in charge who is qualified to give the census information to the enumerator, are urged to obtain one of the schedules at once and to fill it out and send it to Mr. Turner at the earliest possible date. Or if the house is left in charge of a servant who will be sure to be at home when the enumerator calls, the schedule may be left with such a servant for delivery to the enumerator. The information furnished on this schedule will be treated as confidential and will be used only for the tabulation of statistics which will not reveal any information with regard to individuals or families.

Nine-Tenths Preventable
Nine-tenths of all the diseases of the American people can be traced directly to constipation, doctors say. Constipation throws into the system poisons which taint and weaken every organ of the body and make them easy victims for any germs which attack them. Prevent constipation and you will avoid nine-tenths of all diseases, with their consequent pain and financial losses. Herbine, the good old vegetable cathartic, will prevent constipation in a natural, easy and pleasant way. Get a bottle today from Weeks Drug Store.

Joe Spill, who has been very ill, is still confined to his home. Mr. Spill has been missed from the streets for several weeks and is yet unable to get out.

A season's venture in raising 1,100 turkeys has netted Mrs. Wayne Redinger of Lamont, Ia., a profit of about \$3,900.

Be wise and advertise.

Have You Paid for Christmas Seals?

The Runnels County Public Health Association conducted the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals the past year by mail, and to date a number of people have failed to remit for the stamps received or to return the seals. R. E. White, chairman of the county organization, mailed a letter this week to all who are delinquent in their settlements, requesting them to either send the remittance or return the stamps.

It is hoped that this will receive the prompt attention of everyone who receives a letter. Receipts from these seals are largely responsible for the health program carried on in this county and for that reason it is necessary that the county's full quota of these stamps be raised.

These stamps were mailed out shortly before Christmas and doubtless many in the rush of the season did not attend to the matter at the time and the seals and all reminders became lost. Attention is directed that while the letter and this notice is fresh on the mind would be a good time to send a check to the chairman to maintain the health movement in Runnels county.

CORRECTION

In publishing an account of the civil suit instituted by Mrs. S. E. Stocks against Higginbotham Bros. & Co. in Friday's issue of The Ledger it was stated that six of the jurors were in favor of giving damages to the defendant and six in favor of allowing doctors', nurses', and sanitarium expenses.

When discharged the jury stood six in favor of paying the plaintiff nothing and six favored allowing doctors', nurses', sanitarium fees, etc.

The defendant was not asking damages in the case and the report was an error in this regard.

FLAG PROGRAM PRESENTED IN TWO SCHOOLS FRIDAY

The American Legion flag program was presented in two Runnels county schools Friday night. Overton L. Parish was the principal speaker at Maverick Friday night, and Frank C. Dickey talked to a gathering at Benoit. Good crowds and excellent programs were reported from each place.

Colored Baptists Good Financiers

The Mount Pleasant Baptist Church (colored) of Ballinger has set an example in church finance that is expected to place that institution on a sound financial basis. According to officials of the church no one has been mistreated and it was just a question of getting rid of dead limbs on the church tree.

In October each member was notified by letter of his financial assessment. The members were given 60 days in which to pay or be expelled from the church.

The congregation met in official meeting last week and all members, about 35 in number, who had not paid their dues into the church treasury were turned out. They can be reinstated in the church, however, upon the payment of their obligations.

This procedure is a little unusual but seems to have produced results and every member in the little church is now paid in full on all assessments.

A few of the members who were expelled from the membership took the matter up with Chief of Police J. L. Moreland, to see what could be done about the matter the chief "backed up" and refused to have any hand in the matter, stating that no law of the city had been broken and that was as far as his jurisdiction went.

Pat Hatch, left handed pitcher who worked a few games for the Bearcats, and was promised a try-out here this spring, writes from Oklahoma City that he is ready to report. Hatch showed lots of stuff and with a little experience would be a winner in Class D company.

HILL COUNTY MOURNS LOSS OF AN OLD TIMER

PENELOPE, Hill County, Feb. 18.—When H. Plunkett of Penelope died recently at Waco, Hill county mourned the passing of one of its most picturesque characters.

He was born in Ireland but moved to this country at an early age. Left an orphan at seven, he was placed in an orphanage. At 14 he ran away and, without a penny and with scarcely the rudiments of an education, he commenced a grim struggle to make his own way.

He came to Penelope many years ago, engaged in farming, and died one of Hill county's wealthiest farmers. He was childless and his wife died three years ago. He had no known near living relatives.

The pastor of the Methodist church aided the pastor of the Catholic church in conducting the funeral services here.

Baseball officials here express themselves as believing that hopes are about gone for any organized baseball here this summer. Representatives of all the West Texas League agree that they cannot run their clubs without outside aid and to date no proposition has been made any town regarding financial assistance.

Two more weeks remain before releasing day and after that date

Be wise and advertise.

Baseball Players Ask About Jobs

Members of the baseball club are beginning to write in to find out if they will have a job here this spring. The warm days are beginning to make the players think about spring training and a job for the summer.

Danny Lynch, employed by the Dallas Athletic Club, wired Friday morning asking for his release that he might sign a contract with another club. He has been informed that the West Texas League will not operate this year and wants to get lined up elsewhere.

A letter was received Friday morning from A. M. Dockery dated at Denton stating that the railroad had laid off many men and he was anxious to get lined up for the summer. "Speck" stated that he was in fine shape and ready to start busting the apple as soon as the Bearcats are ready to begin training.

Harold Brent wrote Thursday from Ann Arbor, Michigan, stating that he was ready to report at any time and was in fine condition. Brent stated that he would like to get hold of Long John King and the Midland crew for the first tilt.

"Red" Hill was heard from the first part of the week and stated that he would be ready a month in advance of the playing season to report and get everything in readiness for the opening of the training season. "Red" said that he had a string of fine young prospects on the mat and could bring these youngsters here for training.

Bill Bean is sojourning at Snyder and wants to get an early start so that he will have his hitting eye on the ball for the opening game.

Kittrell is raring to go but has a place elsewhere and in case the team does not operate wants a release as soon as possible so that he can accept another contract.

Mueller, Fant and Jackson have not been heard from so far but all stated that they would be ready to report, at the time they left here last year.

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Membership Drive By Legion to Start

Plans were perfected Monday night by the Pat Williams Post, American Legion, for the staging of a membership drive in Ballinger on Wednesday, February 19th. A number of local Legionnaires will devote the entire day to interviewing those who are eligible, but are not paid up to date, soliciting them to join the post before Sunday. A report of the post membership must be made at the district convention in Brady Saturday and Sunday, and at this time the Ballinger post is far short of its quota.

Cold weather prevented a drive in January and the membership is below normal for this time of the year. The local quota was set this year at 150 members which should prove an easy goal to reach with a few days work. The drive Wednesday will be restricted to Ballinger and every available member secured in the city before the campaign is extended.

A large group of local Legionnaires and Auxiliary members will attend the Brady convention this week-end. Several signed up to take their cars with full loads. M. C. Atkins was elected as a member of the resolutions committee.

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Local Salesman Winner of Prizes

DALLAS, Feb. 13.—Two Ballinger salesmen were accorded recognition as leaders among the entire Frigidaire sales organization at the annual regional convention here today when they were called to the platform amid blaring bands and cheering of 400 fellow-salesmen from this section of the United States, and were presented with diamond-studded pins, and cash prizes in gold, as follows: W. P. Denny, Ballinger, \$50; and A. L. Brady, formerly of Ballinger, \$50.

Awarding of salesmen's prizes and introduction of new products were high spots of the convention at which speakers struck an optimistic note for 1930. Among the new developments in electric refrigeration presented were a hydrator, for freshening vegetables; two new compressors and two sizes of commercial refrigerator cabinets.

The convention was one of a series of thirteen which will be attended by more than 10,000 members of the field organization. Prizes of more than \$100,000 will be awarded for extraordinary sales achievement. The convention party will travel more than 10,000 miles on its nationwide swing.

Mother, 72, Dies Seeking Lost Son

DEL RIO, Feb. 15.—Death has written the finishing chapter here to a mother's vain search of more than seven years for her son.

Mrs. Fannie Royce Drowne, 72, died after coming to Del Rio, the last point in a search which had extended all over the continent. Mrs. Drowne enlisted the aid of other persons and advertised in many periodicals but she did not locate the missing boy, C. A. Drowne.

Another son, B. C. Drowne, participated in some of the major engagements of the World War and is now in a veteran's hospital in the east. He is a former student of Colgate University.

Although the aged woman made all arrangement for the administration of her affairs after death, she persisted in the hope that she would live to find her lost son and see the other well again.

She left word for her body to be buried in Kerwin, Kansas. Mrs. Drowne came here from Florida and died within a week.

Mrs. M. S. Karmany returned Thursday from Dallas, where she had been to purchase goods for Higginbotham Bros. & Co. store of this city.

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