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Prowling Continues; Officers Arrest Four

Ballinger officers placed four men in jail Wednesday afternoon and night, however, prowling and small robberies were continued Wednesday night in this city. No charges of any nature had been filed against the men Thursday morning but investigations were set for all suspects in the courts.

Herman Brown was arrested at the home of Mrs. E. A. Giesecke early in the night. The arrest was made by C. B. Armstrong and M. C. Atkins after a prowler had been reported in that section of the city. Officers stated that Brown had an oil can, some rubber tubing and other implements when arrested and declared that he was on his way to a gasoline station to secure gas. Earlier in the night a man had been seen at windows in that residential section and doors had been tried by some prowler. A phone call brought officers to that vicinity.

Wesley Sheldon, Eugene Fowler, and Carl Thompson were arrested early Wednesday night on various charges, according to officers. On a car belonging to one of the men was found a casing which had been taken a week before from the automobile of Oliver Cochran, manager of the Ballinger Furniture Co. The casing was missed from the spare rack of Mr. Cochran's car following a school entertainment here last week. Vagrancy charges were filed against two of the men. H. B. Goss, who was arrested Tuesday night, was still in jail at the time the others were locked up. All of the men live near Ballinger and are well known here.

One prowler received a genuine scare at the home of W. H. Jackson early Wednesday night. The family was away from home with the exception of Douglas Jackson, 14-year-old youth, who was alone studying his lessons. The boy heard someone trying to get in at the back door and he grabbed his .22 calibre rifle and went out the front door, circled the house and ran into the man at the back door. As the man broke to run, young Jackson took a shot at him but missed, and the prowler made his get-away, but did not visit in that neighborhood again during the night.

About 11:00 o'clock Night Watchman C. B. Armstrong on his round discovered the back door to the Butler Grocery Store broken open. Mr. Butler was called to town and a check up

made in the store. All that was discovered missing at the time was about \$8 or \$10 in money taken with a purse from a hiding place in the store. It could not be told definitely how much, if any merchandise, had been stolen.

Possemen continued to patrol the city until a late hour but no disturbances were reported after midnight.

Business Sessions To Feature Meet

STAMFORD, Mar. 21.—At the twelfth annual convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in Abilene, May 29, 30 and 31, a special effort will be made to interest the delegates in the business sessions.

On each of the three days of the convention, three hour business sessions will be held in the mornings. The opening feature on these programs will be 45-minute addresses by nationally known speakers.

After the addresses matters of direct interest and important to West Texas will be presented and discussed on the floor of the convention. All registered accredited delegates will be allowed to participate in the discussions and each town will be petitioned one vote for membership in the regional chamber when the time comes for deciding the stand to be taken by the organization on the various matters presented.

During the afternoons general business sessions are scheduled. Some district meetings are scheduled for the afternoons, but the principal features of that part of the day will be entertainments, parades and other like activities.

RURAL PUPILS TO SING IN MASS CHOIR AT FAIR

PARIS, March 25.—Small girls between three and five thousand rural school children will sing at the Iowa State Fair next summer in a state-wide rural choir.

Every rural school child in grades four to eight is eligible to try out for the choir. He must pass tests in music and rhythm.

C. A. Fullerton, head of the music department of Iowa State Teachers' College, will direct the choir.

Buy your printing at home.

Gap in Highway 30 Only 6 Miles Long

L. E. Whitham & Company, contractors on highway No. 30 from Ballinger to the Tom Green county line, have made excellent progress since the gap was closed between Ballinger and Rowena and equipment moved to a point west of Rowena.

G. M. Garrett, state engineer, said Tuesday that more than four miles of concrete had been laid since the machinery was moved and that the mixer was only about 3 1/2 miles from Miles at the present time. This leaves a gap of only about six miles in the entire contract and when it is finished the road will be completed.

Estimates as to when the final concrete will be poured are placed at between May 1st and 10th, and if this is correct the entire road will be open to traffic by June 1st.

A celebration has been planned by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce and the San Angelo Board of City Development when the road is finally opened for its entire length.

When the one-day affair was discussed it was proposed to hold it either at Ballinger, San Angelo or Miles. This matter was never settled as representatives of each city thought it best to wait until the date could be definitely set. The celebration will doubtless draw a large crowd and should be a successful event. This will be the first two county-sites connected by concrete in this section of the state and is an occasion worthy of being celebrated.

ERRORS ARE FOUND IN COUNTY MEET RESULTS

Superintendent H. C. Lyon and R. E. White Monday rechecked the final reports on the Runnels County Interscholastic League meet held here last week-end and a number of changes in results were made. Errors in announcing winners were discovered by schools being classed wrong.

The following results were declared to be correct after the recheck was completed: Class A high schools—first, Ballinger; second, Winters.

Class B high schools—first, Miles; second, Blanton; third, Contant.

Ward schools—first, Ballinger; second, Rowena; third, Winters.

Rural schools—first, Independence; second, Sweet Home; third, Oak Creek.

The final records of the meet were filed in the office of County Superintendent White and anyone desiring to see any record may view it at that place.

The records were turned in by the judges in writing and each report has been filed in its proper place.

Gets \$100 for New Plum

EXCELSIOR, Minn., Mar. 25.—(AP)—A prize of \$100 for a new seedling plum has been awarded its creator, Charles Harsolan, living near here, by the Minnesota state horticultural society.

Owners of Plantations to Raise No More Cotton

CORSICANA, Mar. 25.—Trinity Valley Farms, comprising almost 3,500 acres of rich overlow black land in the largest cotton state of the Union, will produce no more of the staple after this year.

Robert M. MacFarlin of Tulsa, Okla., and San Antonio, Tex., owner of the large plantation near here, has decided against King Cotton. "There's no money in cotton," was the blunt way in which the millionaire oil man and philanthropist expressed it.

A building program calling for the expenditure of \$100,000 is under way as the owner prepares for the new type of farming. Some 1,900 acres will be devoted to alfalfa, sudan and headed feed crops. The remainder will be grazing lands for Mr. MacFarlin's blooded hogs and beef cattle. All of the land is sub-irrigated and will produce several crops of hay and coverage yearly.

With the change from cotton to feedstuff, another plantation will supplant the mule and horse with the tractor. Only about 30 mules will be kept. The present crew of 150 laborers also will be cut.

Three Dairies Here Grade A in Tests

Dr. E. R. Walker, city health officer, has completed the testing of cows in the four principal dairies in Ballinger and three have met all necessary qualifications to handle grade A raw milk. One dairy met requirements for class B.

The Runnels County Cooperative Creamery has not been graded at date but officials are working on the proposition and expect to be able to issue a permit for the creamery to sell grade A pasteurized milk by April 1. The creamery handles milk from so many herds that it will require some time to get these herds examined.

All herds that sell milk to the creamery will have to meet class B requirements before pasteurized grade A can be allowed. Dr. Walker said Tuesday that he felt that these requirements would be met by the first of the month.

Every place in Ballinger that sells milk to the public must post cards saying "We Serve Grade A Milk." In the blank space must be listed the grade that is sold and in practically every case that will either be grade A raw milk or grade A pasteurized.

Every person who sells and delivers milk must stamp on the cap of the bottle the grade he is authorized to sell and must have in his possession a permit to sell this grade.

A number of people who keep one cow for family use, sell one or more bottles of milk daily to neighbors. If this milk is delivered it must be graded and a heavy fine will be imposed where the law is violated. Dr. Walker stated that many one-and-two cow owners had asked that their cows and barns to be examined and permits issued them. To inspect all cows and premises where a small amount of milk is sold will require some time as this will take in many herds in the county whose owners bring milk and cream to Ballinger for sale.

The work will be carried on as rapidly as possible until every one making an application has been reached. Cards to be posted in eating houses have been received and will be posted in a few days. It is a requirement of the law that every place selling milk post these cards so that customers can see what grade is served.

Dairies in Ballinger that have passed grade A raw milk tests are Kemp's, White's and Broadway. The Witt Dairy is authorized to sell grade B milk.

Mr. and Mrs. Drew Dickson are in Big Spring for a visit and where Mr. Dickson is attending to business.

Albert Sledge, reporter on the Sweetwater Reporter, returned to his work Tuesday morning after a short visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sledge, and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Gregory, of Stamford, were here Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregory.

1929 Cotton Ginnings in County Total 43,210 Bales

Dallas Business Men to Visit Ballinger April 1st

J. D. Motley, secretary of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce, has received notice of the arrival here on April 1st of a special trainload of Dallas business and railroad men. Only twenty-five of the men on the trip represent wholesale institutions and railroad lines at Dallas. They will arrive here from Coleman at 10:30 a. m. and will remain until 1:30 p. m.

The letter received by Mr. Motley requests that no entertainment be planned for the boosters but that a meeting place be arranged where they can gather with Ballinger business men. The special train carries diners, sleeping quarters and entertainment and for that reason the party is asking each town visited to make no plans for entertainment.

The meeting here will be held at the Palace Theatre as soon as the party detains. President F. M. Pearce and Secretary Motley of the local chamber of commerce urge that every local business

man attend this meeting. The visitors desire to discuss important business with Ballinger citizens. It was stated that the Dallasites are carrying no souvenirs, no advertising matter and have nothing to sell. All they want is to study conditions here and try to be of some help to local business interests.

If the session at the Palace is completed before noon the party will have lunch on its train and spend the remainder of the schedule visiting the city.

A committee of city, county and commercial club officials will meet the party at the train when upon arrival and accompany the group to the Palace Theatre for the session.

Practically all lines of business will be represented in the party which travels in a train carrying a club car with barber shop and shower baths, a diner serving table d'hote meals, a sleeper with individual drawing rooms, and an observation sleeper.

Final ginning reports have been announced for the 1929 cotton crop in Runnels county which show that the total was 43,210 bales. The 1928 crop was 60,260 bales.

These ginnings were divided up as follows: Ballinger, 9,373; Rowena, 5,596; Miles, 5,421; Wingate, 4,815; and Winters 14,196 bales. Other gins in the county took care of 3,817 bales.

The 1929 ginnings exceed the expectation of most of the optimistic cotton men. Pessimists early in the season estimated the crop as low as 10,000 bales but very little attention was paid to their estimates.

All cotton has been ginned for some time now and the federal agricultural department has had time to check accurately the reports by counties and the total ginnings made public at this time is the final and complete report for the entire crop.

Farmers at present are studying the nation-wide plan for reducing the acreage in 1930. Growers in many counties have signed up for a specified number of acres to be cut this year, and mass meetings are being held in all the principal cotton producing counties of Texas to discuss this matter.

George Hall, of Winters, was a visitor in Ballinger Sunday afternoon.

J. D. Fincher, who recently underwent an operation at the Baylor Hospital, Dallas, is slowly improving and was moved to the home of Mrs. Fincher's parents on March 14. Due to phlebitis complications Mr. Fincher is unable to sit up yet, and will probably be confined to bed several days longer.

F. & M. Bank Holds Important Meeting

Fred Kiechle, active vice-president of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank, announces that at the regular meeting of the board of directors of the institution Tuesday afternoon Mrs. J. F. Currie was elected president to succeed her father, the late Col. G. G. Odum, and H. Giesecke was elected on the board of directors. There were no further changes in the personnel or the management of the bank and its policy remains unchanged.

The bank recently suffered the loss within the last thirty days of both its president, Col. Odum, and one of its vice-presidents, J. F. Currie. Both were pioneers of West Texas and had resided in Ballinger for many years. They were both instrumental in the organization of the bank and Mr. Currie served as its first president. The loss of their friendship and kindly advice is keenly felt by the remaining officers and employees of the bank.

Fred Kiechle, who has been actively in charge of the bank since April 1, 1929, is thoroughly familiar with the conditions of the country, and it is under his management that the F. & M. Bank has become one of the leading financial institutions of West Texas. J. L. Chastain, cashier, has been with the bank since its organization in 1909, his cheery smile and hearty welcome becoming one of the traditions of the bank. Edward Sommer, assistant cashier, has been with the bank since October, 1925, and R. E. Bruce, the other assistant cashier, has been in the organization since August, 1926.

Mrs. J. F. Currie is the widow of the late J. F. Currie who was a director of the bank since its organization in 1909. Mr. Giesecke was connected with the bank up to several years ago, and has served in both the capacity of president and director. He is one of the most prominent landowners and cattlemen of West Texas and is known and recognized in all of the leading financial centers of Texas.

The officers and directors now consist of the following: Mrs. J. F. Currie, president; Fred Kiechle, active vice-president; J. L. Chastain, cashier; Edward Sommer and R. E. Bruce, assistant cashiers; H. Giesecke and J. A. Zak, directors.

This bank was organized January 28, 1909 with the following officers and directors: J. F. Currie, president; H. Giesecke, vice-president and chairman of the board; M. D. Chastain, vice-president; R. A. Risser, Jr., vice-president; W. B. Ray, secretary; R. W. Bruce, J. N. Adams, R. R.

Russell and T. S. Lankford, directors. Jo Wilmet, who now resides at Ft. Worth, was elected the first cashier of the bank. The institution has experienced a steady, continuous growth since the date of its organization and has built a reputation of conservatism.

The F. & M. has a capital stock of \$100,000 and an earned net surplus fund of \$45,000, which reflects very favorably upon the efficient management of its officers and directors.

BLAMES WELL SHOOTING FOR POOR HATCHINGS

BEAUMONT, Mar. 25.—If the spring hatch of chicks in southeast Texas is below normal this year, it may in part be blamed on the oil industry. Detonations from dynamite used in making tests for salt domes in this vicinity have caused a reduction of hundreds in the hatches, according to chicken raisers. Persons who have buildings with concrete foundations have suffered least.

In addition to damage done eggs, hundreds of windows have been reported broken and plaster has fallen as a result of the detonations.

The matter has been brought to the attention of officials of both county and city, but in their opinion there is nothing they can do about it, since in many cases damage is done in another county from the one in which the blast occurred.

Alto Lee, of Maverick, was in Ballinger Monday attending to business. Mr. Lee is preparing to advertise and sell his store at Maverick and retire from that business. He left an order for printing with The Ledger office for sales bills on his stock of groceries and shelf hardware.

Making Assurance Doubly Sure

Every man, woman and child on the farm has learned that there is health, happiness and profit in a home garden of fresh, green vegetables.

But let's make assurance doubly sure this year by planting even bigger and better gardens than ever before.

The proposed reduction in cotton acreage is going to release more land and give more time for the raising of ample food and feed to supply every farm home need.

There is a splendid reward awaiting if you will make every one of these bright spring days count in the preparation and planting of a coming bountiful garden.

The Winters State Bank

"The Dependable Bank"

Sample Gloves Valued At \$2,500 Stolen Here

Robbers Saturday night broke into the car of a traveling salesman and took glove samples and other goods valued at \$2,500.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Gould arrived here in their Buick coupe Saturday night at 9:15. The car was parked in front of the Central Hotel and doors locked before the couple entered the hotel. After registering Mr. and Mrs. Gould went to their room and spent the night and it was 9:30 Sunday morning before the robbery was discovered.

Persons in the hotel lobby thought they heard glass breaking about 11:30 but supposing it was in the kitchen paid no further attention to the incident.

The robbers broke both steel knobs off the doors of the automobile and failing to gain entrance by that method broke out the windshield and unlocked the doors. The gloves were in three cases, all of which were taken. A \$50 suitcase, property of Mrs. Gould, and filled with ladies' wearing apparel, was stolen. The suitcase was of brown leather and practically new.

Mr. Gould carries three lines of glove samples. One line is made in France and one in Germany. The lines are Aris, Chanut, and Grewen fabric gloves. All were ladies' gloves and the first two mentioned are kid gloves of high quality. The samples were all for one hand and can be of no value to the thieves.

One case of brown leather was

marked with the initials "J. M. C." Another was of imitation black leather with no markings, and the third an imitation leather case with no markings.

The companies represented were Slunberger Bros. Glove Corporation, J. M. Chanut Cie., and Grewen Fabrik Co.

Local officers were notified as soon as the robbery was discovered Sunday morning and immediately began an investigation but without any clue as a lead. Mr. Gould thinks some of the samples may be thrown away here when it is found that they are all for one hand and that someone may find them and return them, which will be a great saving to him.

Mr. Gould stated that he had been traveling for thirty years and this was the first time he had ever been robbed. He thought nothing of leaving his car outside the hotel after it was locked which is a common practice among all traveling men in this territory.

Mr. Gould immediately wired his companies when the robbery was revealed and will remain in Ballinger until new samples are received. He can be communicated with at the Central Hotel and anyone finding gloves or cases is requested to inform him. He was doubtful that he could get new samples at this season, especially from the houses in Germany and France, but Monday he had heard from two manufacturers who are shipping him new cases.

BLANTON NEWS

Rev. Brown filled his regular appointment with the New Home church Sunday morning and night, with large crowds present for both services.

Miss Annie Mae Wishire visited Miss Evelyn Odum Sunday.

Quite a number from this community attended the funeral of Claud Hambricht at Crews Friday.

Mrs. W. F. James, Miss Maude and Vernon James returned home Thursday from Tracy and Cameron, where they had been visiting relatives.

Grover and Hubert Foreman spent the week-end with friends at Brady.

Mr and Mrs. J. A. Foreman and family visited Mr and Mrs. Carl Dope of Miller, Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs. R. L. Huddleston attended singing at Crews Sunday afternoon.

Misses Grace Moore, Delilah Reese, Sallie Mae Pressley and Alice Foreman; Messrs. Tee Berry, Hollis Pressley and Joe Walden, and Mrs. Sid Chapman enjoyed a 42 party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Boothe Friday night.

Mr and Mrs. J. A. Foreman and family visited Mr and Mrs. Caebe Flannigan Sunday afternoon.

Misses Helen and Kathrene Smith, Carrie Witter and Wilma Johns, and Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Brevard and Waldo Johns were all Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Malone.

There will be a rabbit drive in the vicinity of Blanton and New Home, Tuesday and Wednesday. Everyone is invited to attend.

Misses Minnie Bee Wade, LaVerne Boothe and Mildred Elkins were guests of Miss Mamie Routh Boothe Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Brevard, of Belton, are here spending a few days with relatives and friends.

A number from this community attended the play at Eagle Branch Saturday night.

Misses Kathrene and Helen Smith, of Ballinger, and Miss Carrie Witter spent Saturday night with Miss Pauline Malone.

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NORTON CLUB

The Norton home demonstration club met with Mrs. Buster Crockett, Wednesday, March 19th.

The subject for discussion was "Butter and How to Score It." Mrs. Hollingsworth was present at this meeting and gave us several new and good ideas to remember and use in our home dairying.

Mrs. W. W. Mitchell, Mrs. Grady Barrett and Mrs. Curtis Barrett rendered the program as printed in the year book.

There were several visitors present, four coming from Old Norton club. A neighborly chat was enjoyed by all after adjournment.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Clay Griggs. All members are urged to be present April 2nd to discuss an important business matter which must be decided upon at next council meeting.

Club Reporter.

HATCHEL NEWS

We Hatchel people were disappointed very much on last Friday afternoon when we didn't get any of the rain that came so close. But we still have hopes that we will get plenty before it is too late. Quite a few farmers are needing stock water in our community and unless we get it before long it is going to be serious.

Our school is getting along in the best possible way. There has been a good deal of gossip around over the country about our school not getting along very well but I want to say that I am sure there is not another three-teacher school in the county that has done better. I happen to be a patron of the school and want to say that I am sure no children under the same circumstances could have learned faster. We have three fine teachers who are really interested in their work and they are using every possible means in the school room to carry the work on in the right way. Of course there is not a teacher in the whole United States who can please everyone no matter how hard he tries so I feel like if the teachers who are hired to teach your children don't do just as you think they should—don't condemn them too quick—they may not be the cause of the trouble. Place yourself in their

shoes, look at their side of affairs and I believe you will be a booster instead of a knocker. Of course once in a while you find a teacher who is just teaching for the money but about nine-tenths of them are trying to help your boys and girls climb the ladder which leads to success. Without your cooperation they cannot accomplish much so help them in every way possible. Get acquainted with your teachers, talk to them about your child—the closer you can get the home and the school together the better both will be. So boost your teachers—stand behind them in everything. Their ways are generally the best to follow as their thoughts are for the good of your child.

We have been having a fine meeting at the Church of Christ, Bro. J. N. Cowen, of Robstown, has been doing the preaching and there have been quite a few additions to the church. We are always very glad to have a meeting to start in our community because we know that every word said, every song sung and every prayer is for the betterment of our community. We should strive in our weak way to help all we can in this work.

On last Friday Mr. and Mrs. Mathis gave a birthday dinner in honor of their daughter, Mrs. Jack Robertson, of San Antonio, better known to Hatchel people as Miss Aveloe Mathis. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson have been here on a visit for several days and while here this delightful birthday remembrance was planned. All the children gathered at the Mathis home and spent a day that will be long remembered. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robertson, of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mathis, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathis, Mrs. Carl Horn of Norton, and Odie Mathis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis are spending the week with Mrs. Davis' father, L. M. Bales. Mrs. Davis had just returned a few days ago from Temple where she underwent an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Davis, of near Talpa, spent last Thursday with Mr. Davis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Davis, of our community.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Graham, of Levelland, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Frank Smith, and family, for a few days. It looks like old times to see Mr. Graham in our midst, as he was a resident here for a number of years, moving to the plains about seven years ago. We are always glad to have them back and wish their visits could be more often.

On last Friday, March 14th, a birthday dinner was given in honor of Mrs. J. A. Davis, celebrating her 75th birthday. The celebration was held at the upper dam where dinner was spread. Everyone present reports a day long to be remembered. Mrs. Davis, who lives at Ballinger, was once a much loved citizen of our little community, everyone who knew her learning to love her very much. She is a fine Christian woman, a great church

worker who is always ready and willing to help those who are in need. We wish for her many more such birthdays. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Davis and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Wade and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Taylor, Misses Gladys Ovello and Media Pearl Davis, Foy Davis Jr., Misses Tommy and Lula Starkey, Mrs. Joe Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tuncel, Miss Agnes Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Love, of Abilene, were visitors in the L. M. Bales home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schlyer, of San Angelo, visited in the home of Mrs. W. A. Galt Sunday. Mrs. Schlyer will remain over this week with home folks.

Cliff Kornegay and daughter, of Winters, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Davis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Walker are moving back to our community. They have been living in San Antonio for several years. We are very glad to welcome them back again. You know Hatchel is such a good place in which to live people can hardly stay away. I know from actual experience—I have tried it and couldn't.

Mr. and Mrs. Burley Vinson are the proud parents of a fine boy born to them Saturday, March 15th. Baby and mother are doing nicely.

REPORTER

THE UP-AND-DOING CLUB

The Up-and-Doing Club met in regular session on last Thursday afternoon in their club room in the Hatchel high school. The secretary called the roll and each member answered by telling what she did with her spare time. After the roll call the following program was carried out:

"Refinishing Old Furniture." Mrs. Tom Ferguson
"Making Discarded Furniture Useful." Mrs. Elmer Barnhill
"Replacing Bottoms in Chairs, Using Inner Tubes." Mrs. Claud Reagan.

After the program it was decided to meet next Friday afternoon and spend a few hours hanging drapery, refinishing chairs and doing other things to make the club room more home like.

Reporter.

HEKING TOPICS

Bro. Sparks preached Sunday morning and night. There was also B. Y. P. U. Sunday night. We have recently reorganized the B. Y. P. U. and invite everyone who will to come and take part.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hale and family visited in Lawn Sunday.

Leslie Allcorn, of San Angelo, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Kerby and Mr. and Mrs. Morton of Glen Cove

left Thursday for a tour of the plains and New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Barmore entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scott, of Lawn, are spending the week with the W. A. Hale family.

Miss Mona Arent visited Miss Maggie Ruth Brevard Sunday.

We are glad to have Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Allcorn moving back in our community.

Miss Zora Lee Grissom, of Crews, Miss Marie Fuller and Miss Florence Summers spent Saturday night with Miss Dora Grissom.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Faubin and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Rosford were Sunday guests of G. G. Arent and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Allcorn were Santa Anna visitors Saturday.

REPORTER

BETHEL NEWS

Mrs. Weatherby is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Womack.

Rev. Cole preached at the Baptist Church Sunday and Sunday

night.

The training school closed at the Baptist church Saturday night with a large crowd attending throughout the week. We feel sure that a great help was derived from the lectures.

Mrs. Dave Crockett and Trece spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crockett.

Rev. McClain, pastor of the Ballinger Baptist Church, delivered a splendid sermon here Saturday night.

Miss Beatrice Bucher, of Brownwood, visited Mrs. Paul Richardson last week-end.

Miss Jeffie Lee Broos spent last Sunday in Mikes.

The date of the P-T-A was moved from Thursday, 27 to Wednesday 26, due to the district meet at Ballinger, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. A short program will be given. Everyone be sure and come. All P-T-A ladies are requested to bring a half dozen sandwiches. Some very important business must be attended to, so we urge every member to be present.

Rev. Cole preached at the Baptist Church Sunday and Sunday

night.

Mrs. R. Silvey visited her mother, Mrs. W. F. McShan last Sunday.

Our school came out in the lead as a class B school at the county meet. The total number of points won was 64. The junior girls also won county championship in baseball.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Richardson visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Richardson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Adams and family of Paint Rock, attended services at the Baptist church Saturday night.

Miss Perry who has been conducting the training school, returned to Abilene, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Sim-

mons attended services here Sunday night.

The Happy Home Makers club met with Mrs. T. E. Richardson Thursday, March 20. A brief program was given on "Dairying." Plans for our birthday social were discussed. It was decided that we would have the social Friday, April 4. There will be twelve tables each representing a month of the year. Each person will be served at the table which represents the month he was born in. These refreshments are free. An admission fee of 25 cents for adults and 15 cents of school children will be charged at the entrance. Three rugs, made by the club will be given away. Every one has a cordial invitation to come. The purpose of this social is to get money to send delegates to the Short Course at A. & M. College.

REPORTER

GOING TO MARRY?

Then take out a policy which will entitle you to up to \$1,000 at the time of your marriage. Cost is only an \$8.00 application fee, \$1.25 a year, and \$1.25 whenever anyone in your group marries. Send in name and \$8 to be enrolled as a member. Universal Marriage Benefit Association, Dept. BL, Citizens Bank Bldg., Brownwood, Texas.

Pre-Easter Sale OF SUITS, COATS, DRESSES, HATS



Pre-Easter sale of Rothmoor, Printzess and other well known suits. Rich imported tweeds, chevrots, covers, basket weaves and other fabrics. Tuck in blouses and ensembles for the large figures. Richly tailored, new lines, new styles and trims. Priced \$26.75 to \$79.50 at

A collection which features the very smartest types for Miss or Matron. Georgettes, sport crepes, printed georgettes and printed crepes, uneven hem lines and tailored types for street wear. All sizes and styles. Originally sold from \$26.50 to \$29.75 now

1/4 Off

\$19.98

House Dresses

Fast colored wash dresses in long and short sleeves, in straight and flare skirts, also a few styles in Nelly Don's

98c

Children's Dresses

One lot of fast color print and combination wash dresses, beautiful styles and colors, all sizes

98c

Coats

A clearing sale of our entire coat stock Rothmoor, Printzess, Klingrite and cheaper lines. New soft rich imported woollens with swagger lines and luxuriously fur trimmed collars. Among the most popular of all Rothmoor are these tailored top coats. Printzess tailored, tan and navy twills, also black broadcloth in styles that women like. This coat can be worn the year around and styles that stay and are dependable. With and without fur trim. Sizes 12 to 32. Prices range from \$12.50 to \$88.50.

Reduced to 1/2 and 1/3

Dress Specials

Georgettes, sport crepes, printed crepes and georgettes in the new long uneven hem line and tailored straight. A number of higher priced dresses carried over from last season included in this assortment. Values from \$16.75 to \$29.75

\$13.98

Close Out

A collection of dresses in carried over stock. In very best materials in straight tailored lines. Values to \$18.50

\$3.98 to \$9.98

Clearance Sale of 300 High Grade Hats

(Group 1)

Entire stock of early spring hats felts, Baku, silk combinations, novelty braids and felt combinations. Flak Lyon, Gage, Lonsco and many other well known brands. All styles, colors and combinations. Plenty of large head sizes.

1/2 Price

A close out of high grade hats which have been carried over from season to season, some slightly soiled from try-ons. Wonderful qualities but bad styles. Very unusual buys. Values to \$10

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Joseph M. Schenck presents "Three Live Ghosts" THE GREATEST TALKING COMEDY YET!

Also an All Talking Comedy and Sound News

Wets Retain Lead In "Straw Vote"

The second tabulation of votes in the Literary Digest straw vote on prohibition was released this week and shows a total of 703,935 post card ballots tabulated. The percentage continued to run about 40 percent of the votes counted for repeal of the eighteenth amendment.

No Texas votes have yet been listed in the count and a large number of the votes for the repeal comes from New York, Wisconsin, California and far eastern states. Kansas, the home of Carrie Nation, shows a strictly dry vote exceeding both that for modification and for repeal.

All of the 20,000,000 cards have been mailed and are flowing back into the office of the magazine rapidly. A large staff is busy tabulating the votes and weekly reports will be made of the count.

Twenty states and the District of Columbia are represented in the second vote. Other states will be included weekly as fast as the votes can be counted.

In addition to the 20,000,000 cards already sent out another set of ballots, numbering 1,000,000 will be sent to physicians, lawyers, clergymen, and teachers and each class will be reported separately.

The Literary Digest reports more interest in this "election" than in any ever conducted by the magazine.

The following states are included in the second release with none of them complete: California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Washington and Wisconsin. The total vote of 703,936 is divided as follows: For enforcement 191,909; for modification, 224,141; and for the repeal, 287,885.

Notice of Hearing to Appropriate Public Waters of the State of Texas

No. 1232

Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned that Emil Seipp, the postoffice address of whom is Maverick, Texas, did on the 25th day of February, A. D. 1930, file his application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, in which he applies for a permit to appropriate of the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas, from the Oak Creek, a tributary to the Colorado River, in Rannels county, Texas, sufficient water for irrigation purposes, said water to be impounded in a reservoir, created by the construction of a dam, said dam to be located at a point which bears 1126 varas south and 850 varas east from the northwest corner of the A. J. Lively survey, No. 311, and is distant in a westerly direction from Ballinger, Texas, about twenty (20) miles.

You are hereby further notified that the said Emil Seipp proposes to construct a dam to be of reinforced concrete, five (5) feet in height, 60 feet in length, having a top width of 1 1/2 feet, and a bottom width of four (4) feet, thus creating a reservoir having an average width of 50 feet, length of impounded water 2600 feet, average depth of stored water seven (7) feet, and having a storage capacity of twenty-one (21) acre-feet, and to impound therein and divert therefrom, by means of a pumping plant, sufficient water for the irrigation of not to exceed 20 acres of land, fully described in the application.

A hearing on the application of the said Emil Seipp will be held by the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, in the office of the Board at Austin, Texas, on Monday, March 31, A. D. 1930, beginning at ten o'clock a. m. at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be conducted from time to time, and from place to place, if necessary until such determination has been made relative to said application as the said Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable and proper.

Given under and by virtue of an order of the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, at the office of the said Board, at Austin, Texas, this 26th day of February, A. D. 1930

John A. Norris
C. S. Clark
A. H. Dunlap
Board of Water Engineers

(SEAL)
Attest:
A. W. McDonald
Secretary.

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Hamburg, S. C., once the terminus of the country's first lengthy railroad, is being rebuilt.

More than 1,200 people visited major exhibitions at the metropolitan museum of art in New York last year.

Baptist Church

The Sunday school work which has been in progress all this week in the Baptist church of this city, has exceeded the expectations of all leaders. The enrollment at the night services reached the high mark of 1250 Wednesday night, and as many attended practically all the services at night.

Rev. J. M. McClain, pastor of the Ballinger church, called Saturday that all of the twenty-three leaders were delighted with the response at each church, and the earnest desire to increase Sunday school attendance. He believes that the revival work has been done and said that as a result of the meeting, a class of candidates from several churches would be here Sunday afternoon for baptism.

Rev. McClain told of one church in the county where a teacher had made the decision to enter the ministry and had preached his first sermon Wednesday night. At the conclusion of his sermon, he was encouraged in his start by seeing every unsaved man in the audience saved in a great rally. Other similar occurrences have taken place during the week and the churches have had a great spiritual awakening which will reap good in the future.

The average attendance at the afternoon sessions held at the Ballinger church has been around 335. This session was for the purpose of receiving reports from all churches, keeping enthusiasm worked up and making general announcements.

The Ballinger church had an enrollment of 112 taking part in the study courses.

Last Sunday a religious census was made in Ballinger and while the cards have not been checked in full, Rev. McClain stated that less than half of the citizens of Ballinger showing Baptist preference were now enlisted in Sunday school. The cards from the census have been divided and other churches listed as a preference will be furnished with cards. The average attendance at Sunday school in Ballinger is usually less than one-fourth of the population of the city which shows that each church has plenty of material to work on.

A Great Discovery
When Pasteur discovered in 1852 that the infection of wounds was caused by malignant bacteria, he performed a service of inestimable value to mankind. Since then medical science has been producing better and better antiseptics, to kill these germs that may enter the smallest cut and give us diseases such as typhoid, tuberculosis and lockjaw. Now, all you have to do to be sure that these dreadful germs will not infect a wound is to wash that wound, however small, thoroughly with Liquid Borozone, the modern antiseptic. You can get Liquid Borozone, in a size to fit your needs and purse, from Weeks Drug Store.

JOHN WHITE APPOINTED JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

John White, formerly chief deputy sheriff, has been appointed justice of the peace of precinct No. 1, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge C. H. Willingham. Judge Willingham's health made it necessary for him to retire from office and the commissioner's court named Mr. White as his successor. Mr. White has been connected with the sheriff's department for some time and recently announced as a candidate for the office of justice of the peace of this precinct.

Mr. White is now in the office and all justice court cases will be heard before him.

Loans

Plenty of money to loan on farms and ranches. No inspection fee. No bonus to pay. No stock to buy. Write, give description.

HENRY BICKLE
Coleman, Texas
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WINGATE PARENT-TEACHER ASSN. ELECTS OFFICERS

The Wingate Parent-Teacher Association elected officers at its regular meeting held Friday. The following will assume office for the ensuing year at once: Mrs. Geo. Seltz, president; Mrs. J. B. Wilson, vice-president; Mrs. Geo. Bickwell, secretary-treasurer; and J. B. Smith, historian.

The Wingate organization has been very active during the past year and has aided the school in many matters. Special programs are presented once a month and at the last meeting Misses Jones, Cottrell and Brewer furnished special numbers.

A home-made movie projecting machine furnishes Perry, Okla., a town of 3,500, with its talking pictures.

New Building for Church of Christ

The Church of Christ, located at the corner of Eighth Street and Bonnell Avenue, let a contract Wednesday afternoon to J. C. Kearns of Ballinger for the erection of the first unit of a new church building. The first unit will comprise a basement auditorium and Sunday school room.

The plans and specifications as drawn for the Ballinger congregation by Arthur P. Schwartz & Co., architects of San Angelo, call for a concrete foundation approximately three feet under-ground to six inches above the beautiful faced brick and finished side with plaster and tile. The size of the building will be 40 feet fronting on Eighth Street and 66 feet deep along Bonnell Avenue.

The first unit will have in addition to the auditorium, four Sunday school rooms, two of which will be constructed with folding doors which can be opened to increase the seating capacity of the auditorium when needed. The building will be equipped with two dressing rooms and all other modern conveniences to be found in similar buildings.

Members of the local church have been planning for sometime for a better church home, and the building and finance committee have worked almost continuously for the past few months in an effort to make possible a building on the beautiful lot owned by the church. The church will be one that not only the membership but the entire citizenship of Ballinger will be proud of.

The contract let was for a turnkey job. All materials will be furnished by the Ballinger Lumber Company and work will begin at once. Members of the building committee expect the first work to start not later than Monday of next week. The contract calls for 90 working days to complete the first unit.

Plans for the completed church call for a beautiful front on Eighth Street and an attractive side view on Bonnell Avenue.

When finished the church, completely furnished, will represent an estimated cost of \$17,000.

Dogs Poisoned By Doves Here

For the past week someone has been putting out poison for Ballinger dogs. A number of fine canines have been killed. A few have been saved by their owners giving them medicine in time. In most cases the dogs poisoned were fine animals at some of the best homes in the city. No cases of poisoning have been reported in the negro section where dogs are plentiful.

John White lost a blooded dog this week and also reported the poisoning of Sheriff R. E. McWilliams' dog. Mr. White estimated that the persons doing this work had covered a large part of the city and few dogs had been saved as most of them were given the poison at night when the owners were asleep and could not revive them.

Local officers believe thugs are putting watch-dogs out of the way so they can enter homes without being disturbed.

FARMERS TO COOPERATE IN RAISING BETTER COTTON

SMITHVILLE, Mar. 24.—The Smithville Chamber of Commerce reports farmers in this territory are cooperating in efforts to raise a better grade of cotton on fewer acres.

Some farmers have cut cotton acreage by one-half and generally are planting corn as an additional crop. Other released ground will be planted with hegar, sudan and other grasses as well as various kinds of cane.

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Water Committee Fails To Agree on Land Price

The committee of three men appointed by the city commission and J. H. Wilke to determine the value of the land to be affected by the proposed new city water reservoir, has filed a report with the commission showing that it is impossible for the members to reach an agreement.

It was reported here a few days ago that the committee had settled on a figure for the land to be overflowed by the waters of the lake, but the written report of the committee, filed Thursday at the city hall, showed no agreement had been made.

Mayor W. C. McCarver said Friday that the lower dam probably would be built three feet less in height than the first plans called for, and by doing this a very small tract of land would be inundated, and at the same time the lower reservoir would be increased three-fold. Engineer Roy F. Davis stated that the lake,

with the dam three feet less than formerly estimated, would impound a lake of approximately 234 acre-feet. Most of the increased supply could be taken care of in the creek bed and on land already owned by the city.

Mrs. Fannie Johnson and son, Joe B. Johnson, of Bonham, were in consultation with city officials here Friday in regard to a small tract of land belonging to them that would be affected by the proposed lake. No agreement had been reached between them and the city Friday afternoon.

The three men appointed as an arbitration board in the city-Wilke negotiations were named several weeks ago. One man was named by the city, one by the Wilke interests, and these two selected the third man. The committee spent considerable time going over the land and after deliberating for almost a week could not agree on a price which seemed equitable to all three.

Paving Suggested On Two Blocks

The drawing of the new city hall building posted in the window at the Weeks Drug Store has attracted much attention and practically everyone viewing it is complimentary in expressing themselves regarding the structure.

The building will be erected on the lot owned by the city at the corner of Ninth Street and Railroad Avenue. The city owns a lot at this location and will purchase one more lot adjoining. The old fire station will be razed and the keepers house moved to another location until the new building is completed.

The new building will face on Ninth Street with the fire truck entrance on Railroad Avenue.

City Commissioner E. Shepherd stated Tuesday morning that all property owners on both Railroad Avenue and Ninth Street were in favor of paving the two blocks so that the paving would connect on Eighth Street and Hudlunds Avenue. This move came unsolicited and will do much to beautify the city property.

In addition to the paving on these blocks property owners plan some other improvements including the wrecking of some old shacks along the two streets. This improvement will help both the appearance of the new building and make it easier of access both by car and by foot.

All changes in the original plans were made by the commission Monday and Paul Silber, the architect, will return here in a week or ten days with the redrawn plans showing all alterations.

The changes made in the plans will make the cost less and enable the commission to build the structure, lay concrete sidewalks, landscape the grounds and buy some furnishings out of the \$35,000 bond issue.

Four Announced as School Trustees

Four names were handed to The Ledger Tuesday afternoon to be announced as candidates for school trustees in the election to be held here on Saturday, April 5. The four names submitted by friends are G. P. Teague, Henry Jones, Harry Lynn and Lee Butler.

Mr. Lynn is serving on the board at the present time, having been appointed to fill the vacancy made when Dr. E. C. Baskin resigned last year. Mr. Butler is an old member of the board and has served for a number of years. Messrs. Jones and Teague are new candidates and while none of the men are anxious for the added responsibilities they are willing to serve if they are the people's choice.

Three hold-overs which will make up the board of seven members are H. S. Strain, O. C. Sykes and Tom Caudle.

School patrons have been looking for candidates for the past two weeks to take the place of the four retiring members. No one was willing to come out and make an announcement for the office but the four men listed above have been drafted by their friends and will have their names printed on the ballots.

"Here may be others," one man stated, "and if there are it will be fine." Election day is less than two weeks off and four citizens must serve the community as trustees.

Two former Alabama Poly baseball stars will join major league clubs this spring. They are Ben Sanky, infielder, purchased by Pittsburgh from Selma, Ala., and Cecil Stewart, also an infielder, purchased by Cleveland from Shreveport.

R. W. Earnshaw went to Abilene Monday to look after business. He was accompanied by W. D. Upshaw.

Hatched Here

The American League baseball club were presented at Hatch on Friday night before a large crowd. This club was assigned to E. E. King and the Hatch Parent-Teacher Association arranged early in the week for the presentation there Friday night in connection with a local program.

Accompanying Mr. King were J. D. Motley, who acted as master of ceremonies; Ernest Money and his orchestra; and Jimmy & Johnny, singers and comedians. After a number of selections by the orchestra, Mr. Motley made a few preliminary remarks and introduced Mr. King as speaker of the evening. Mr. King covered all phases of clearance of the American flag in his talk and brought out many items regarding the colors that are not commonly known. He stressed flag etiquette and the proper ways of displaying "Old Glory."

After the talk popular singers were presented and recalled for a number of encores before the

4-H CLUB ACTIVITIES INCREASE IN ILLINOIS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Mar. 25.—Illinois 4-H clubs took steps forward during the last year, reports compiled at the University of Illinois show.

Out of 18,454 farm boys and girls enrolled in the 16 farming and homemaking projects of the clubs, 14,670 carried their endeavors through to completion at a financial gain of \$500,000, the figures reveal. This was an increase of 41 percent over 1928 in the number of members finishing the year. There were 296 more clubs in 1929 than the year before, and 3,332 more members enrolled.

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The Banner-Ledger

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A city crew began Saturday morning the grading of Hutchings Avenue from the end of the pavement to the Colorado River bridge.

Recent showers in this county have greatly helped sheep and cattle men. The rains have been sufficient in many places to start grass and weeds and some have cancelled orders for feed and turned their flocks loose on the range.

Saturday's rain report was scanty but every little drop helps and Ballinger citizens are thankful for getting their yards and gardens well watered.

Just when people were beginning to breathe easy in regard to burglars here, the biggest robbery of the year was committed. This proves that there are still thieves working here or perhaps a ring of them working in all parts of West Texas.

Runnels county political positions are a little more contested than usual, however, there are seven seeking county offices who have no opponents to date.

Since the announcement that the West Texas League would not operate this year a number of cities in this section are planning to maintain fast amateur teams of the semi-pro class.

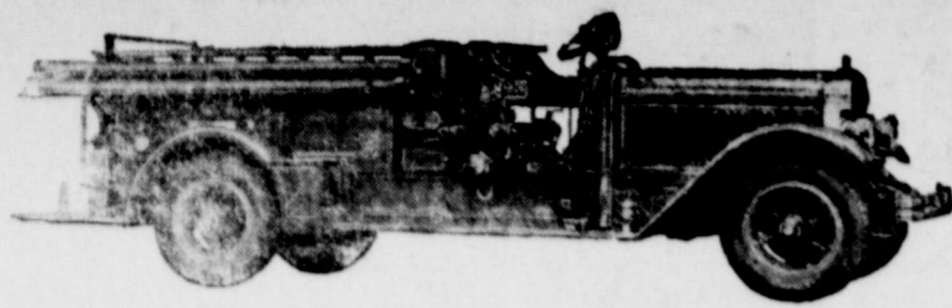
The spirit and enthusiasm of the directors of the Runnels County Fair Association as shown at their meeting in Ballinger Wednesday is a safe indication that the fair will be better this year than ever before.

Plant life seems to be rushing the season this year. Shrubs have already had one set-back as the result of budding out before winter had finished his tricks.

A hard freeze at this time will probably destroy most of the fruit on the trees. Peach, plum and pear trees have practically finished blooming and a drop to the freezing point will mean disaster.

Many Ballinger citizens are becoming interested in the routing of two highways through the business district.

Ballinger's New Fire Fighting Apparatus



The Ledger has received a letter from the American-LaFrance Company, builders of fire trucks, stating that they are ready to ship the truck recently bought by the Ballinger fire department.

Mayor W. C. McCarver stated Wednesday that he had received no notice from the company in regard to the shipping date.

The machine is the very latest of its type and will add greatly to the city fire fighting equipment.

Following is the description: Pictured is the new American-LaFrance Type "75" motor fire apparatus which was recently purchased for the local fire department.

of two highways through the business district. The first is No. 4 leading south from here to the Combs county line and which has been designated to leave the city down Seventh Street.

City and county officers seem to have stopped, for the time being at least, prowling in Ballinger. One officer stated Saturday morning that their efforts were nothing to compare with the loaded shotguns of the citizens and with the fact known that such a reception was awaiting them.

Senator Walter Woodward has resigned from the state Senate and at the same time announced for re-election to that office. Senator Woodward is resigning so that his father's appointment to the state board of pardons will be legal.

The unemployment situation is becoming alarming in West Texas for the first time in several years. Labor-saving machinery annually takes the place of many men and the unskilled laborer is coming to the point where it is difficult for him to get employment.

FLAPPER FOLLIES

An increasing death rate from tuberculosis among girls is reported in some sections of this country. The fact is the more

operated siren, searchlight, crowbar, pike pole and all necessary operating tools. The hose body of the apparatus is of sturdy construction and has a carrying capacity of 1,200 feet of two and one-half inch hose.

Some of the advanced features of this apparatus are: Specially designed four-wheel brakes, fully enclosed, pressed steel heat treated frames; new type cooling system; hollow steel spoke wheels; the strongest and most durable known; new and especially designed steering gear, and left hand drive instead of right hand.

The apparatus is beautifully finished and is completely stream lined. The apparatus is of sturdy construction and has a carrying capacity of 1,200 feet of two and one-half inch hose.

WILL BAN XMAS TREES TO CONSERVE FORESTS

MEXICO CITY, March 26.—The Christmas tree will be eliminated from Mexican custom if a plan submitted to the National Congress for Conservation of Forests is adopted and proves successful.

The plan is to start a campaign in the public schools to prepare the children for elimination of the Christmas tree from the Yuletide celebrations, and to place a gradually increasing tax on Christmas trees calculating to eventually place them beyond the people's reach.

Indiscriminate destruction of forests has resulted from chopping down pines for Christmas trees without replanting.

ALTOISTS TO BLAZE TRAIL FROM SEATTLE TO ALASKA

VICTORIA, Can., March 26.—To demonstrate the feasibility of the proposed highway from Seattle to Fairbanks, Alaska, through British Columbia and the Yukon territory, a motor caravan will leave Vancouver June 13 for Hazelton, B. C., 1,000 miles north, over the route of the planned road.

Invitations to newspaper men of the United States, especially the west coast, and of Canada, have been extended by Premier S. F. Tolson of British Columbia, to accompany the 28 Americans and 12 Canadians who will make up the premier's party.

300,000 Cars a Year Stolen WASHINGTON, Mar. 26.—(AP)—Three hundred thousand automobiles are stolen annually in the United States, it is estimated by the American automobile association. The national loss is \$20,000,000.

Chief Justice Hughes is said to have given 40 hours to preparation of a recent speech on the World Court.

WILMETH NEWS

The Sunday school training class has met every night for the past week. On Saturday night they gave a social. A fine time was reported by all.

Mr. Kamy is improving. Drue Harkins is much better.

Miss Baker's mother from Blanket, spent the week-end with her.

Mrs. Jake Freeman has been ill, but is doing nicely now.

PLAINS COUNTIES WILL INCREASE COTTON CROPS

LAMESA, Mar. 25.—Ten counties in the Lower South Plains will increase cotton acreage this year instead of decreasing it, contrary to government warnings, according to Wm. A. Wilson, manager of the Lamesa Chamber of Commerce.

"Believing that our section can produce cotton cheaper than any section in the United States, according to government figures, and since our methods of harvesting are cheaper, we do not see any inducement for reducing our acreage," Wilson stated.

Be wise and advertise.

Will Invite Clerks' Convention Here

Plans are being made here for inviting to Ballinger the next meeting of the County and District Clerks Association. Misses Ima McKown and Georgia Singletary will go to Graham on April 3 and 4 to attend the two-day convention at that place and will place Ballinger among the towns invited for the next semi-annual meeting of the organization.

The clerks' association is composed of both county and district recorders from about 75 Texas counties. Misses McKown and Singletary are regular attendants at the conventions and are well known among the members of the organization.

J. D. Motley, secretary of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce, has a list of the membership of the organization and before the Graham meeting will send each one a personal letter urging him to vote for Ballinger at the next meeting place.

The organization has not held a meeting in this section of the state and representatives of many counties in West Texas will line up for Ballinger in order to bring it near their homes.

This city's delegates will promise the association entertainment similar to that received at other conventions and if possible improve on it. Genuine western hospitality will be guaranteed to the membership if this city is selected as the meeting place.

Interest Growing In Clean-up Move

Between March 30 and April 3 Ballinger will be cleaned up from the Colorado River to its extreme northern limits, if present plans are carried out and citizens cooperate. Mayor W. C. McCarver, following the issuing of a proclamation has appointed a committee of three to assist in the campaign and urging citizens to do their best to make Ballinger clean.

Those named on the committee by the mayor are: Alfred Crager, chairman, R. E. White, and Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh, who are representatives of the Rotary and Lions clubs and Parent-Teacher Association. The clean-up drive will be presented to both civic clubs this week at regular meetings and the entire membership asked to become active in putting it over.

The idea, fostered by the state fire insurance department has the hearty endorsement of the entire city commission. The principal objects are the reduction of fire hazards and the increase of health standards in the city.

Fire Marshal J. L. Moreland will make regular inspections of the city and reports of the amount of work being done will be made daily. In addition to this inspection fire department officials will be asked to work on inspection tours. The firemen's work is just as much in elimin-

ating fire hazards as in fighting fires and the entire city will be carefully inspected and every hazard reported.

The city health department has agreed that during the campaign to send its wagons and trucks through the streets and alleys and haul off all trash free. This refuse must be put in a convenient place in some kind of container.

Besides eliminating fire hazards and raising health standards, the city government desires to make the town a better place in which to live by beautifying it during this campaign. All vacant lots must be cleaned up and any spot where trash, bushes, weeds or any unsightly rubbish has collected the owners will be asked to remedy.

It has been suggested that repairs on dilapidated buildings and fences and brightening up with paint will add effectiveness to the campaign.

Most Stolen Cars Found WASHINGTON, Mar. 26.—(AP)—The Automobile Chamber of Commerce is authority for the statement that 300,000 automobiles are stolen annually, and that although 92 per cent of them are recovered, there is an annual loss of \$20,000,000.

Goldthwaite—Plans for the Mills County Fair are being formed by managers.

Nine "Little Theaters" will enter a tournament at White Plains, N. Y.

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You can depend on such repair as we may do for you.

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CONTENT NEWS

Some of our farmers are up with their work until we have a good rain. The shower which fell last Friday, accompanied by some hail, was not sufficient to season the ground for ploughing and planting. We are trying to be optimistic and hope for rain in time for making a good crop; meanwhile many hands are busy working on tanks, terracing, and ditching.

The Sunday schools were pretty well attended Sunday morning and afternoon. It is rather unusual, we think, that a large percent of those present at Sunday school are adults. We deplore the fact that our young people do not attend more regularly, and are trying to make our plans more interesting for them. We are proud of our girls and boys and want to do all we can to strengthen them in all line of endeavor.

We are sorry to report that the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Smith is ill with scarlet fever. We sincerely hope that our school may escape the usual epidemics this spring. We have not heard of any other serious illness among the children.

Brother Wilkerson preached two good sermons Sunday to good-sized congregations. Just before the evening service those present discussed the time for the holding of the Methodist meeting. It was decided to have the first service Easter Sunday morning and to continue at least one week. It was also "unanimously carried" that the pastor do the preaching and that local talent be used for the song service. There was earnest attention and interest given at the evening service. Several asked for an interest in the prayers of the Christian people. Two members were received into the church by letter—Grandma Greer, from Midway church; and Mr. Satterwhite, from Lawn Methodist church.

Mrs. Nathan Bryan, who has been very ill for several days, was a little better at our last report. It was a pleasant surprise to her friends to see Mrs. Clyde Jenkins at Sunday school Sunday afternoon. She had been quite ill and only recently returned home from the sanitarium at Ballinger.

P.-T. A. Meeting

On Monday night, March 17, a business meeting was held at the church. Following the opening song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," Mrs. A. J. Fisher read and commented on our "Congress Prayer." The secretary, Mrs. C. S. Brown, called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. The treasurer's report showed a small balance in the treasury. Letters from a number of county and district officers were read and passed upon. The club voted in favor of "doing our bit" towards the supper to be given on Friday night, March 23, for the delegates at the district convention. Mrs. Gilbert Carter was elected as delegate to the convention and Mrs. C. C. Simmons as alternate. It is hoped that a number of the members may be able to attend the meetings of the convention.

At the last meeting it was decided to elect officers in March, in order to enable the new officers to attend the convention and thereby receive information and enthusiasm for the work. A nominating committee composed of Miss Cleo Blackwell, Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Brown, Miss Blanche Johnson, and Miss Ruth Cook was appointed. This committee submitted its report and the following officers and committees were named:

President, Mrs. J. W. Bright; vice-president, Mrs. E. J. Criswell; secretary, Mrs. C. S. Brown; treasurer, Mrs. Sam Mathis. Program committee—Mrs. A. J. Fisher, Mrs. C. C. Simmons. Social committee—Mrs. Roy Smith, Mrs. Bettis Lockett. Finance committee—Mrs. Sam Mathis, Rufus Babston. Membership committee—Mrs. Little, Gilbert Carter. Publication committee—Mrs. R. E. Lofoon, Miss Blanche Johnson. This club, at a previous meeting voted to sponsor a Boy Scout organization here, but so far, it has not succeeded in getting the unit perfected.

Miss Cora McCorkle, of Colorado City, is here visiting relatives and friends.

The girls of the graduating class at school have had an interesting time deciding on their class pins, rings, etc. They selected a beautiful design and are quite proud of their rings, which they recently received. They have also ordered their invitations.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hamons, of Winters, were visitors here Sunday.

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HATCHEL NEWS

Hatchell is still dry, no rain yet, but we have not given up yet. It seems that other places in Texas are getting plenty of rain, so we still feel that it will get here.

We had a very enjoyable program on last Friday night at the school auditorium, presented by the Hatchell P.-T. A. and the American Legion of Ballinger. The part of the program rendered by the Ballinger delegation was enjoyed very much. Every one expressed themselves as getting a great deal of good information on when our flag should be displayed and when it should not. There is lots to be learned about our flag and everyone should do everything in our power to learn everything we possibly can about it. The last part of the program was turned over to Mrs. Jack Coppage of our primary, who rendered a program, using every child in her room, which was enjoyed very much. It is hard to believe that children who have just been going to school so short a time can do so well in a little play as these did.

The most pleasant event of the season was a party given by Mrs. Elmer Barnhill on last Thursday in honor of her little daughter, Miss Marjorie Barnhill, on her eighth birthday. The guests were invited to be present at four o'clock, so as to let her school chums attend and after they had all assembled they played games until they were called to the dining room. On entering they were stationed at the table and to the surprise of all present, in came Miss Annette and Jaunette Tucker dressed like fairies one carrying a basket filled with gifts while the other carried a large pink rose and upon examining the rose Margorie found a little box containing a diamond ring given to her by her mother and father. After this they were then served with ice cream and cake. Everyone reported a jolly good time and hope that Margorie may have many such birthdays. Those present were: Misses Annette and Jannette Tucker, Helen and Jane Looney, Helen, Billy Nell and Jewel Hinkle, Carrie Ruth Wand Rae, Walker, Nelma and Edna Marie Williams, Cyrene and Margidean Andrews, Ralph and Francis Smith, LeRoy and Malcome Bales, Erwin and Helen Heniger, Evelyn Wood, Nadine Caudle, Media Pearl Davis, Dorothy and Dessie Davis of Winters, and Jack and Bob Mathis.

Mr. and Mrs. Mord Tucker spent Sunday with T. F. Davis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coppage were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Looney Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Bales visited Mr. and Mrs. Mack Lone or Abilene Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a large crowd from Hatchell motored to Ballinger Sunday afternoon to be at the closing of the Sunday school revival. Hatchell Baptists seems to have new life since the services last week. They had sixty-six at Sunday school Sunday morning and are planning to keep up the good spirit.

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NORTON NOTES

Mrs. W. C. Underwood and children left Tuesday for their home at Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Drummond spent Sunday at Abilene where they went to see Mrs. Drummond's cousin, Wordie Hopkins, who is in the hospital at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mackey of Bronte spent Sunday with Mrs. M. E. Gregory.

Mrs. J. W. Taylor is spending this week at Abilene.

Mrs. Dell Poe went to Abilene Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Clark, of Bronte visited Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hayley Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Nunnally of Winters spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McCaughan.

T. R. Setser is spending several days on his ranch in Concho county.

Several of the Norton people attended the funeral of little Ruthell McBrayer, at Winters, Sunday afternoon.

Tomato Seed Ranch

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 22.—Fifty thousand pounds of tomato seed is produced yearly on a single ranch in Southern California.

Contract Signed for Valley 16,000-Acre Irrigation Project

DEL RIO, March 24.—Contracts have been awarded and actual work is expected to begin in 30 days on construction of a huge gravity irrigation works which may convert the Quemada valley from brush land into a garden spot.

The initial contract provides for facilities to irrigate 16,000 acres. W. L. Rockwell, engineer for the Maverick County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, said. The entire project embraces 60,000 acres, a bond issue of \$6,500,000 having been voted by the people of the district.

The first unit involves the removal of 6,000,000 cubic yards of earth; 300,000 cubic yards of rock; and the use of 15,000 cubic feet of concrete in 1,700,000 square feet of lining for the main canal.

Definite figures on the amount of labor to be utilized in the construction are not available, but as many as 500 men will be employed at times.

Some idea of the magnitude of the project will be gained when it is considered that the main canal is to be 90 miles long with 250 to 300 miles of main laterals, converting the Rio Grande valley from a point not far south of Del Rio to south of Eagle Pass, into a network of canals. The main canal through the earthen section where it will be cut through rock, will be 26 feet wide and 10 feet deep. Bottom width of laterals will range from 4 to 10 feet. Contractors will build a headgate at every 40- or 80-acre plot and land owners will distribute their own water.

The present contract will cover about 32 miles of frontage on the Rio Grande, with a take-off for the main canal on the river near the Val Verde Irrigation Company pumps. The water improvement district, 90 miles long, has an average width of about 4 miles. The highlands of this area can be used as they are being used now, for grazing purposes, and the lowlands, with the application of water, can grow forage and truck growing are seen as potentialities of the area.

Early construction of a power plant is planned by engineers, who said a power and light company had agreed to start taking water power within 60 days after completion of the main canal. The plant, under present plans would be erected ten miles north of Eagle Pass and about 45 miles south of Del Rio. An 82-foot

water fall is expected to develop 100,000 horsepower.

Two plans for levying on property owners of the district have been adopted: One is a flat rate charge of \$1.50 for every acre irrigated, to cover the interest and sinking fund; and the other a charge for the sale of water through meters. The latter charge will be fixed each year by a board of directors.

ELECTRICIAN QUITS TRADE TO TAKE UP SCULPTURE

AUSTIN, Mar. 22.—Once an electrician, first class, Swen E. Bergstrom of Round Rock, now is an accomplished sculptor.

He was employed in quarries around Austin as one of a crew of electricians. He spent most of his spare time practicing on a clarinet as he was a member of the Ben Hur Shrine Band.

Often he would pause in his electrical work to watch the sculptors in the quarry and while fascinated gave it only a passing thought.

Recently, he came upon one of the sculptors carving on a block of Cordova limestone. The bare outline of an Indian head had been worked on the material and Bergstrom sought permission to finish it.

The electrician turned out a perfect piece of work so good that it has been placed by the stone company among an exhibit of their best products.

Bergstrom is no longer a member of the electrical crew but is one of the band of sculptors.

GOLDTHWAITE MAN BUYS THE AMERICAN CAFE

W. F. Brim, of Goldthwaite, closed a deal here Wednesday in which he becomes the proprietor of the American Cafe, formerly operated by Bura Davis. As soon as the deal was closed Mr. Brim returned to Goldthwaite, leaving Mrs. Brim here in charge of the business. He will return to Ballinger about April 1st, bringing with him a complete set of new fixtures. Mr. Brim, who has been engaged in the restaurant business at Goldthwaite, formerly resided at Winters, and stated that he was anxious to get back in this part of the country and had always considered Ballinger one of the best towns in West Texas.

Clarence Knight, of Eldorado, was in Ballinger Sunday visiting friends.

Many Present at Utilities Meeting

A large crowd of employees and visitors were in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon and night to attend the sales and safety meeting of the West Texas Utilities Company. The twenty-one towns in District G were all represented at the double session held Tuesday night in American Legion Hall.

Chas. Coombs stated Wednesday morning that it was one of the best meetings held here by the company and aside from the entertainment, much good was accomplished from the sales meeting.

A feature of the concluding number of the program was a play presented by the Ballinger employees. The play, directed by Mrs. Garland Thomas, presented eleven characters. For the past three weeks the play had been in rehearsal and those taking part were excellent in their respective roles.

The offering, entitled "To Have or Not to Have," was staged in two acts. The first act pictured a very drear and drab scene of how people are forced to live who do not have the modern conveniences of today. The lines were in keeping with the scene and humorous at times as the story was unfolded.

Act two showed a very beautiful set of a modern home, equipped with necessary conveniences to make housekeeping "play."

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2 Murder Cases Are Reversed

AUSTIN, Mar. 26.—Two death and one life imprisonment sentences were reversed and remanded by the Court of Criminal Appeals today because the indictments did not allege the defendants killed with malice aforethought. The court had previously ruled that unless one killed with malice aforethought, he could not be given a sentence of more than five years imprisonment.

The death sentences reversed today were those against Ofilio Herrera, of Mason county, and Will Fritts, of Jines county.

Miss Ruth Martin, of the Maverick community, has entered Draughon's Business College, at Abilene, for a private secretarial course, including bookkeeping, shorthand and typewriting.

H. C. Lyon returned Saturday from Dallas, where he had been on a short business trip.

Horace Gustavus, a student at Simmons University, Abilene, is here spending the week-end with his mother.

Earl Morley, manager of district G, was unable to be present as he was called to Abilene for an important meeting. He returned to Ballinger Wednesday morning.

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

February Poultry Reports are Good

Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, home demonstration agent, has completed a check up of the poultry clubs in this county for the month of February which is very gratifying to the workers.

The report was made up from the following demonstrators: Mrs. W. P. Murray, South Ballinger; Mrs. W. B. Keese, Hagan; Owen Bragg, Herring; Mrs. H. A. Mitchell, Drasco; Mrs. D. A. Dobbins, Drasco; Mrs. E. H. Colburn, Pumphrey; Mrs. A. F. Kemp, Rannels; and Mrs. John McKown, Oak Creek.

The reports assembled in one for the whole group show that there was a total of 1661 hens, egg production amounted to 25,853 which was an average of a little more than 15 eggs to the hen.

A total of 2150 1-2 dozen eggs were sold which brought \$621.88. Feed bills amounted to \$133.24, leaving a balance of \$488.64 in profits to these club demonstrators.

Standard egg production for the month of February is eleven to the hen and the Rannels county clubs beat that considerably. The highest production was reported by Owen Bragg, who has a flock of 90 White Leghorns and received an average production of slightly better than nineteen eggs to the hen. The lowest production for any flock in the list was eleven-plus, and the general average for all clubs is four more than the standard for the month.

In keeping strict record on their flocks, the club members are causing many other raisers to keep books to see whether they are making or losing money.

Just Like An Ostrich

A medical authority says that a person who tries to cover up skin blemishes and pimples with toilet creams and powders is just as foolish as an ostrich that buries its head in the sand to avoid danger. Skin eruptions are nature's warning that constipation is throwing poisons into your blood stream and weakening your whole constitution. Remove the constipated condition and you will strengthen your system against disease and clear up your disfigured skin. The best way to do this is with a course of Herbine, the vegetable medicine that acts naturally and easily, which you can get at Weeks Drug Store.

SUCCESS OF BOYS' CORN TEACHES DADS A LESSON

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Mar. 22.—After planting a nondescript variety of corn for 100 years, farmers in Hamilton county have learned a lesson from 4-H club boys that has doubled their corn yield in many instances.

Ballinger Camp Fire Girls Celebrate 10th Anniversary

The Ballinger Camp Fire Girls celebrated their 10th anniversary Saturday night at a party given at the home of Mrs. J. W. Norman.

Ballinger won honors at the meeting by having the largest out-of-town delegates present and also by having the largest percentage of their membership at the celebration. The local group have 65 girls enrolled in the organization and 35 attended the meeting.

Mrs. M. V. Northington, director of the work here, accompanied the girls and was assisted in the chaperonage by Miss Katrina Deese, Mrs. Henry Jones and Mrs. J. P. Teague. They left Ballinger Friday afternoon in the baseball bus and Friday night were billeted in a cottage at San Angelo.

Friday night the girls attended the grand council fire which was staged by a man from Lubbock who has lived many years with the Indians. The fire was a very impressive ceremony and those taking part wore Indian costumes. The Ballinger unit was too young an organization to take part in the contests but many other groups were given the opportunity and took honors.

Saturday morning the Ballinger group had breakfast on the banks of the Concho, the girls preparing their own meal. At 11:15 they were given a lesson in outdoor cooking by a woman in charge of this phase of the work.

Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock a lengthy lecture on first aid was given the girls. Following this lecture the man who staged the grand council fire on Friday night lectured the girls on symbols and the law of the campfire. His long experience with the Indians made this a very interesting talk.

Saturday night the Ballinger girls and their chaperones attended the banquet given on the roof of the St. Angelus Hotel to which 563 girls and scouts attended. Each boy and girl wrote his name on a slip of paper when he entered and at the conclusion of the dinner one was drawn from each box which entitled the holder to a free trip to the annual camp this summer. Lois Carroll, a Ballinger girl, won the free trip to Camp Council, near Carlsbad, which will open May 28 and last for ten days.

The local leaders feel that much good was accomplished by the trip and that greater interest will be shown by the newly organized groups here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Forman went to Coleman Sunday to visit Mr. Forman's parents.

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FORMER RANNELS CITIZEN DIES AT MIDLAND

Jim Shelbourne, formerly of this county, but who for the past ten years had resided at Midland, died there Wednesday after being seriously ill for more than a month. Mr. Shelbourne was county clerk of Midland county, holding that office for several years.

Decedent lived just south of Ballinger for many years, enlisting in the army during the World War. He was sent overseas and on the morning of November 11th, a few hours before the armistice was signed, he was wounded in several places. These wounds practically made an invalid of him for the remainder of his life.

About one month ago Mr. Shelbourne took what he thought was aspirin but was a bichloride tablet. He discovered the mistake and a physician was called but it was too late to do more than prolong his life. He lived for a month but the poison in his system finally brought his death.

Mr. Shelbourne had many friends here who mourn his death. He attended school with a number of Ballinger citizens, and an uncle, Jim Shelbourne, for whom decedent was named, resides near here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Norman, of Killeen, are here this week-end visiting their daughter, Mrs. Tommy Hall.

Miss Annie Lou Mears, of Menard, is here this week the guest of Mrs. Lula Noyes and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Middleton.

Night Schools May Start in Ballinger

A strenuous campaign is being waged all over the United States to teach illiterates how to read and write before the taking of the 1930 federal census. The 1920 census showed more than 5,000,000 citizens in this country in this class, and leaders of the nation felt the sting of disgrace when the figures were published. Indications are that the 1930 report will show more of this fundamental ignorance unless something is done immediately to alleviate the condition.

The states, and particularly Texas, have already begun a drive in which night schools, free teaching, and other methods are urged for these illiterates before the census is taken in April. The state department of education at Austin is sending out free, eight simple lessons for use in these schools, but to date this has not been followed up in Ballinger. City and county superintendents are urged to do something at once to give illiterates a chance to be classed differently this decade.

County Superintendent R. E. White stated Friday that nothing had been done in this matter, but that he intended to discuss with City Superintendent H. C. Lyon the opening of night schools, as soon as the latter returns from Dallas. Mr. White asserted he felt sure that teachers in the rural districts would be glad to donate their time in teaching free night classes and in this way give everyone in the county an opportunity to learn to read and write. The approved eight lessons will have to be taught during next week as the census enumerators will commence their work early in April.

According to the 1920 federal census there were 400 illiterates in Rannels county and 69 in Ballinger. Some believe there is little to do here but Rannels county is ranked very low with the other counties of Texas. In fact ranks 116th in the state. Four counties in 1920 reported no illiterates and a large number of counties were listed with from one to four.

There is plenty of work to be done in this county and city, but with cooperation of all the citizens and teachers the condition could be greatly relieved in the short time remaining.

Texas stands 35th from the top in comparison with other states in the number of illiterates. In 1920 there were 80,643 native white illiterates in Texas, which is more than the combined number in Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, Nebraska, Maine and South Dakota.

POTATO GROWERS ARE INVITED TO VALLEY

SAN BENITO, Mar. 24.—The San Benito Chamber of Commerce has invited potato growers of Maine to extend their proposed southern tour into the Lower Rio Grande Valley. There will be 150 persons in the Maine party scheduled to arrive at San Antonio April 3.

The chamber explained in the invitation that the valley is the banner potato growing section of Texas and that if the tourists accepted they would be here about the time the harvest is in progress.

Ed Spill, city editor of the San Antonio Express, is in Ballinger visiting at the bedside of his father, Joe Spill, who has been ill for some time.

Prize Winner



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Unemployment Here Discussed by Citizens

A small mass meeting was held Thursday morning at the offices of the chamber of commerce to discuss the unemployment situation in Ballinger and the numerous calls that the charity board is receiving. Willie Stephens and F. V. Gates, members of the charity board, outlined the many calls they are receiving daily and also gave a short financial report of the organization.

During the past few weeks many people have drifted into Ballinger seeking employment. Arriving here and finding nothing to do they have become destitute and forced to apply for charity. The report seems to have gone out over the state that Ballinger has much work when in fact there is not enough labor to keep all local citizens employed and people who pack up and come here looking for jobs are disappointed. Many of these arrive here with nothing and their families are without food.

In addition to these cases there are people who have been here for several months without work, some who have had sickness and been under quarantine, and other instances were cited where men are forced to ask for groceries from the board for their families. J. D. Motley, secretary of the chamber of commerce, gave a report of the number of calls he has daily from people seeking any kind of work. During the meeting a number of people came to the door for that purpose.

Mayor W. C. McCarver explained the city's side of the question which showed there are no jobs open at present and he could not tell when any work would be available. Commissioner Elmer Shepperd pointed out the extravagance of having work done when it was not needed even at a cheap rate, but added that he would not like to live in a town where women and children were allowed to go hungry.

County Judge Paul Trimmer talked from the county's viewpoint explaining that only bonafide citizens can be aided by the county and that a majority of the urgent calls now are from people who have not lived in the county six months. He also explained the only way the county can spend money for this purpose and stated that the list now was about as large as it had ever been since he has been county judge here.

Son's Blood Thin and His Stomach Disordered



Wichita Falls, Texas.—"My son was in poor health when he was about twenty years of age. His blood became thin and he was pale. He was also troubled with his stomach and his face broke out with pimples. Finally, I decided to have him try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. By the time he had taken a few bottles of the 'Discovery' he was completely relieved of all these troubles, his blood became healthy, and he had no more stomach trouble."—Mrs. Beulah Singleton, 808 Austin St. Tablets or liquid. Druggists. Write to Dr. Pierce's Clinic in Buffalo, N. Y., if you desire free advice. Send 10c for a trial pkg. of the tablets.

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For Commissioner, Precinct No. 4: R. A. PERRY
For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1: J. C. COOK, CARL WILSON, JOHN D. WHITE

Small Area

ADILENE, Mar. 22.—Continuing to herald the approach of a successful season for crops, heavy rains to showers were reported to have fallen yesterday in more than 75 counties served by the West Texas Utilities Company, according to a report of the company's dispatcher.

Intermittent showers and rains were reported to have fallen over the area included between Cisco, Albany, Haskell, Roby, Winters and Cross Plains. Up to Saturday morning Adilene had received 28 of an inch, while Stamford had a three-fourths inch rain. McCamey east to Mason, Menard and Junction reported light to heavy rains, more than 75 of an inch falling over the eastern section. San Angelo reported a sandstorm.

Ballinger received .60 of an inch rain Friday afternoon, however the precipitation covered only a small area and other points in Rannels county received very little moisture. A number of showers were reported from various immediate points but no rain of consequence was recorded with

the exception of at Paint Rock. Paint Rock and a good vicinity was visited with a 3-4 inch rain at about 1:00 o'clock Friday afternoon. Leaday also reported a similar amount of rain about the same time.

The rain that visited Ballinger extended only a few miles south. It was sufficient to be of great benefit to yards and lawns here. Motorists arriving here from San Angelo early Saturday morning stated that very little rain had fallen along the highway and that only a few places along the detour were even muddy.

Mrs. O. B. Love, of Ft. Worth, who had been here visiting with Mrs. W. H. Thomas has gone to Brownwood for a visit with her son, O. B. Love, before returning to her home.

North Carolina's fencing team, Southern conference title claimants last year, has three matches scheduled with conferences foes, Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama.

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DISTRICT P-T. A. CONVENES HERE THURSDAY

The Ballinger Parent-Teacher Association is all set to entertain the ninth annual child welfare conference of the sixth district, Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Association, which starts Thursday.

The theme of the Ballinger convention will be "The School and Worthy Home Membership." All sessions will be held at American Legion Hall with the exception of banquets and social gatherings.

Delegates began arriving this morning and local leaders are expecting not less than 200 to register for the opening day session. The program has been given wide publicity and it is believed will attract many people to this city.

A number of local women have been preparing for the past month to entertain the gathering. Committee appointments include the following:

Mrs. Frank M. Pearce—general chairman, credentials and registration—Mrs. Joe Simmons, Mrs. G. P. Teague and Mrs. B. J. Smith; hospitality—Mrs. Harry Lynn, Mrs. R. F. Lane and Mrs. M. E. Montague; transportation—Mrs. R. T. Williams, Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh and Mrs. Oscar Douglas; homes—Mrs. Elmer Shepperd, Mrs. W. L. Brown and Mrs. H. S. Strain; information—Mrs. Victor Miller, Mrs. Ira Sims and Mrs. Herndon; decoration—Mrs. Estes M. Lynn, Mrs. Paul Trimmer and Mrs. O. R. Lasater; rules and regulations—Mrs. C. R. Stephens, Mrs. Horace Murphy and Mrs. H. C. Lyon; resolutions—Mrs. Jas. A. Wear, Mr. John Dresson and Mrs. Roy Thompson; pages and local program numbers—Mrs. A. J. Thorp, Mrs. Troy Simpson and Mrs. Alfred Crazer. Registration will begin Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at American Legion Hall and delegates will be assigned to homes.

The first banquet will be served at the First Methodist Church Thursday evening at 6:30. This affair will honor the state and district officers and will be given by the Ballinger Parent-Teacher Association.

Following is the program for Thursday afternoon and night:

2:00 to 4:00—Registration of delegates and assignment to homes.
2:30 to 3:30—Meeting of the pre-convention executive board.
2:30 to 3:30—School of instruction for all delegates and visitors—led by state officer.
3:30 to 4:00—Address by S. P. Walker, Denton, College of Industrial Arts.
6:30—Banquet at First Methodist Church, honoring state and district officers.
8:15—At American Legion Hall—Call to order by Mrs. Frank M. Pearce, general chairman. Invocation—Rev. T. E. Bowman, Music—Ballinger High School Orchestra.

Addresses of Welcome—(3 minutes each)—for the city, Mayor W. C. McCarver, for the schools—Supt. H. C. Lyon, for the federated clubs, Mrs. B. C. Kirk, for the Rumsels County Parent-Teacher Association, Mrs. Elmer Shepperd.
Response—Mrs. S. T. Gilmore, sixth district president.
Vocal Solo—"A Little Child Shall Lead Them," Mrs. Alex McGregor.
Address—Mrs. Noyes Darling Smith, state president.

All sessions held at American Legion Hall are open to the general public and all citizens are cordially requested to attend. Mrs. Frank Pearce, general chairman of the convention, said Wednesday that a large crowd is desired at each session, which will be of interest to everyone.

Card of Thanks
We wish to take this moment and opportunity to thank the good people for their faithful service and bountiful sympathy extended us during the long illness and burial of our beloved brother and son, Claude Hambricht. We wish to thank especially Prue Martin who stood by us and Claude for about six weeks like a brother. It all has very beautifully pictured to us the great spirit of human brotherhood.

May Heaven's blessings rest and abide with each and every one to whom we are indebted for your loving service and sympathy.
Mrs. N. A. Hambricht and Children
Winters, Route 2, Texas.
28-17w

Bacteria Line Ocean
LA JOLLA, Cal., March 26.—(AP)—Bacteria in the Pacific Ocean appear confined to top and bottom layers of water, according to Haldane Gee of the Scripps Institute of Oceanography, University of California. The top layer is about 200 feet deep.

INDIAN WOMAN ON TRIAL IN BUFFALO HEX SLAYING



Lila Jimerson, 35, Seneca Indian, is on trial for murder in Buffalo in the slaying of Mrs. Cicelye Marchand, wife of the noted artist, Henri Marchand (left). She is shown in court at opening of trial.

Orange Man Held; Wife Given Bond

ORANGE, Tex., Mar. 26.—N. E. Perkins, 41, was remanded to jail without bond today after a preliminary hearing in connection with the slaying of Will White, policeman, yesterday. Mrs. Fannie Perkins, his wife, was allowed bond in the sum of \$5,000. Statements of both man and wife were taken but no new evidence was uncovered. Perkins declined to say whether he did the shooting. Both were charged with murder yesterday.

Former Guard is Beaten by Convicts

HUNTSVILLE, Mar. 26.—Jess Randall, former prison guard, was beaten severely by four convicts in the state penitentiary last night after he had been arrested by officers and imprisoned as a city prisoner. Randall said a jury in a "kangaroo" trial sentenced him to five lashes, which the convicts inflicted. Randall said when the convicts found he had no money on his person they planned to whip him because he had been a guard. An investigation of the incident has been instituted.

Wisconsin Governor Invited to Texas

AUSTIN, Mar. 26.—Gov. Moody has transmitted an invitation to Gov. Kohler, of Wisconsin, to come to Texas and investigate for himself the conditions in the Rio Grande valley and elsewhere in the state complained of by the state realty board of Wisconsin. The Texas Senate recently passed resolutions suggesting that Texans refrain from making purchases of Wisconsin manufactured goods so long as the Wisconsin realty board persisted in refusing to grant permits to certain Texas companies to sell lands there.

McKinzie to Go to Insane Asylum

SAN ANTONIO, Mar. 26.—Unless a higher court mandate so directs John Pete McKenzie, sentenced to death for killing Chief of Detectives Sam Street, will not face trial again in district court on the sanity issue. Judge W. W. McCrory said today after the jury in McKenzie's second sanity hearing was discharged yesterday, hopelessly deadlocked. McKenzie will be turned over to the Bexar county judge to be committed to a state institution for the insane.

COUPLE TO REPRESENT 4-H CLUBS ARE NAMED

COLLEGE STATION, Mar. 26.—Mille Novosad of the King's Highway community, Brazos county and Ruth Kempf of McCauley, Fisher county, will represent the 4-H Club girls of Texas at the National 4-H Club Encampment at Washington, D. C., in June by reason of their records in the annual Texas 4-H Club girls contest. Mille Novosad took poultry and gardening as demonstrations during her four years as a club member. In three years with a poultry project she realized a profit of \$520.87 and in four years canned 760 quarts of vegetables and fruits. She engaged in various home improvement tasks. Ruth Kempf's record shows a total profit of various projects over a period of four years of \$1,429.96.

ROADS EXCEED TRACKAGE ON RAILWAYS IN FRANCE

PARIS, Mar. 26.—The roads over which special automobiles belonging to the railway companies transport passengers from one railway system to another in France measure more than half as much as the iron tracks belonging to the same companies. In 1929, more than 300,000 passengers were carried in automobiles owned by the railway companies. The railway companies' automobiles have lengthened the railway lines of France by more than 15,000 miles.

Canada's Liquor Experience Cited

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Canada's experience with government control of liquor was cited today at the House judiciary committee's prohibition hearing as a warning to the United States not to embark on such a plan. E. C. Drury, former premier of the Ontario provincial government, testifying as a witness for supporters of the eighteenth amendment, Drury said "Whatever the solution of the drink problem may be" it was not in government control.

Farm Board Fund Is Available Now

WASHINGTON, March 26.—President Hoover today signed the deficiency bill appropriating \$169,500,000, of which sum \$100,000,000 is available immediately to the federal farm board.

Judgeship Case is Settled by Court

AUSTIN, Mar. 26.—The Texas supreme court today held the Travis county district court did not have jurisdiction in the case of Gordon Griffin against J. E. Leslie, involving the Hidalgo county judgeship. The court reversed the lower tribunal's judgment, which was favorable to Griffin, and dismissed the case. Leslie, the incumbent will retain the office. He was supported in the election by the faction headed by A. Y. Baker.

TOWN, AGED 151 YEARS, HAS NEW WATER SYSTEM

JONESBORO, Tenn., Mar. 26.—A going concern when George Washington was president, and boasting the first charter issued a community west of the Alleghenies, Jonesboro does not propose to live on its past. Within its borders a state was created and abandoned before Tennessee joined the union. Men who made pioneer history lived here. But now Jonesboro wants the world to know it has a new water system and will celebrate its 151st anniversary this summer.

TO SEEK FUNDS TO CARRY ON RICE EXPERIMENTS

BEAUMONT, March 26.—Rice growers of this section have started a campaign to obtain \$10,000 for support of the state rice experimental station located at Amelia, Jefferson county. The station has been carrying on successful work since 1912 but it is felt that better results could be obtained if the appropriation could be made adequate to carry out the work to a greater extent. It is one of 16 experimental stations in Texas and while established as a rice experimental station primarily, it has taken up work with figs and citrus fruits, which are grown extensively in this area. This work has been curtailed, however, by lack of funds. The appropriation heretofore has been \$5,000.

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In Beauty Dispute



Disagreement over who will represent United States at Rio de Janeiro beauty contest arose at Miami between supporters of Janet Eastman (below), Miss Texas, winner of the Miami contest, and Beatrice Lee (Miss Utah).

Officer Accused



Maj. Charles A. Shepperd, army surgeon, arrested in Denver charge with fatal poisoning last June of his wife. He has admitted his engagement to Grace Brandon (below), Brooks Field, Texas. He denies any connection with his wife's death.

VALLEY CITRUS FRUIT CROP SHOWS LARGE INCREASE

HOUSTON, Mar. 26.—The citrus fruit crop in the lower Rio Grande Valley for the season just closing was more than 100 per cent greater than that of last season, according to information gathered by the Missouri Pacific lines agricultural bulletin.

The total crop, it was said, was around 5,000 cars, but for a freeze, would have been from 5,500 to 5,700. Four thousand cars, the bulletin added, were shipped by carlot freight; 400 by express, 500 by truck.

Next year's yield it was predicted, would be between 7,000 and 10,000 carloads.

Flatonia—Arrangements are being made to secure the right-of-way on the Old Spanish Trail, six miles west of here to conform with the State Highway Department requirements to widen the road to 100 feet.

SINGING CONVENTION PLACE IS CHANGED

Feeling that we could not take care of the convention as it should be, we have accepted the offer of the Baptist Church at Ballinger to take care of it for us. All singers and lovers of music are cordially invited to be there the first Sunday in April.

Crews Committee.
28-21w

Be wise and advertise.

Belated Blizzard Claims Five Lives in the North

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS
Since our last report we have had a nice little rain which was surely welcomed by all. The river got on a rise.

Corene Brown was among the Camp Fire Girls who went to San Angelo. She reports a wonderful time and wonderful instruction on many things.

Mrs. Horace Murphy is visiting in Dallas this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Farley went to Fort Worth last Wednesday, returning Thursday. Mr. Farley went on business while Mrs. Farley visited her brother, Roy.

Mrs. R. E. Brown received news Tuesday that her niece, Neomia Brown, was much improved. Neomia will be remembered by a number of friends here.

Mrs. Bessie Smith and Herman Pfeffer were married last Saturday. We wish for them a long and happy life. Mrs. Pfeffer will be remembered as Miss Bessie Leach.

Mrs. J. G. McMillan and Mrs. V. B. Jones spent last Sunday with Mrs. Fred Tuckey, of near Crews.

We are sorry to report some cases of small pox in our midst, but none are serious.

Miss Gertrude Pagles and members of the family and Gertrude Van Nort motored to San Angelo Sunday afternoon.

ZOOLOGIST SPENDS YEARS STUDYING GROWTH OF EGG

BERLIN-DAHEM, Mar. 26.—After trying since 1909 to determine what makes an egg grow, Dr. Ernest Everett Just, head of the department of zoology of Howard University, Washington, has come to Germany in hope of finding the key. He seeks it in the researches of Professor Max Hartmann, of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Biology, whose method of examining single cell animals has attracted international scientific attention. Just returns to Washington in June and says he hopes to know before then.

MEXICAN QUAIL SHIPPED TO WARDE IN KENTUCKY

LAREDO, Mar. 26.—Ten thousand Mexican and White quail have just been delivered here to C. J. Meredith, state game warden for Kentucky. They will be liberated in various sections of that state to replenish preserves. Smaller consignments of Mexican quail have passed through Laredo enroute to other states.

Be wise and advertise.

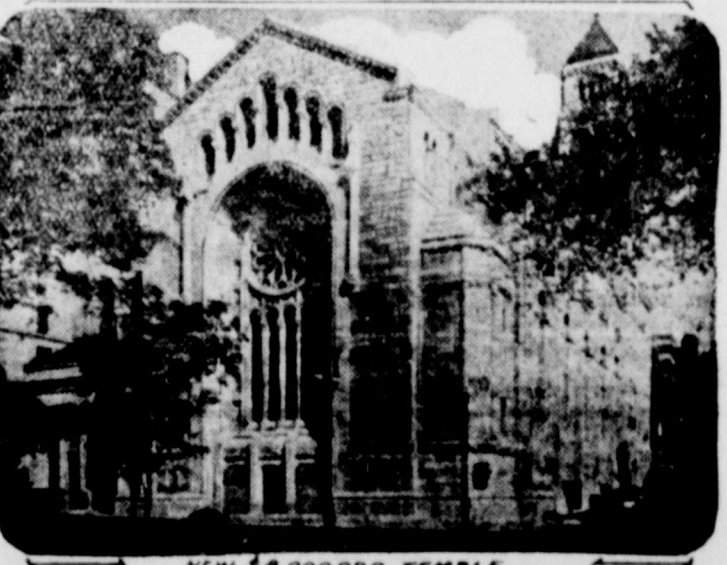
FIFTEEN HURT IN DIXIE WRECK



Fifteen persons were injured when "The Creole" crack train from Chicago to New Orleans and Gulfport, left the rails near Sallisville, Miss. Nine coaches left the tracks.

Be wise and advertise.

Thousands of New Churches Needed



NEW \$3,000,000 TEMPLE
America needs 1,600 new churches a year to replace obsolete structures. It is estimated 30 per cent, or 33,000, of the old churches now being used have been outgrown. It would take twenty years to replace them, building 1,600 new edifices a year.
This is the estimate of President A. E. Dickinson of the Indiana Limestone company, who has "promoted more stone for use in churches in the past year than ever before."
Strength, beauty and practicality characterize new churches. They are built with the security of a fortress. The new Temple Emanu-El, Fifth Avenue and Sixty-Fifth Street, New York, with its gorgeous lace stone front, typifies the new era in church building. Mr. Dickinson says the new one are Romanesque in style, the architecture being an adaptation of the early Romanesque where it was influenced by the Eastern and Arab invasions of Sicily and Southern Italy. The structural proportions are magnificent. The exterior is variegated Indiana limestone, and an interior decorative feature centers on the ark where columns and dome are of various colored marble and mosaic work. Inlays. The new temple, of which Kohn, Butler & Stein are architects, represents a cost of around \$3,000,000.
"Church construction is on a high plane," added Mr. Dickinson. "Some of our cathedrals surpass those of the old world. Certainly the finest old frame church is a ghost of the new one."

COMMUNITY BUILDERS, AWAKEN!

Justice For All -- Malice Toward None

To Arms, Ye Texans!

How oft in times past, this tocsin has rallied the sons and daughters of the Lone Star State to battle!

It has stirred the souls of our forefathers to resist the galling yoke of Mexican tyranny, when our Republic was bound by FOREIGN CHAINS of Santa Anna, that inhuman butcher from the land of the Montenumas.

It was their love of liberty . . . yea the right of man . . . that made Crockett and Houston come from afar to add their courage and leadership to the side of the then beleaguered Texas.

It was their sense of fair play, the conviction that Texans had a right to life, liberty, and the pursuits of happiness, that led such men of valor as Bowie and Travis, those immortal "Lambs of Liberty" to shed their deathless blood upon the altar of THE ALAMO, whose bullet-riddled walls today summon all true Texans and Honest men and women to break asunder the FOR-

EIGN CHAINS that again threaten our liberty.

The invaders today wear no armor, nor do they battle with a courage known even to the minions of Santa Anna. They are decked with the robes of seemingly legitimate business enterprise. They are the hirlings of BIG MONEY, whose leaders, like cowards, direct them from the safe financial battlements of Wall Street. Their weapon is the kiss of betrayal, for they pretend to be benefactors, bent on reducing the cost of living for the average man, when truly they are piling heavier taxes on him and taking out of circulation in the community the money with which for him to pay the burden.

Men and women of Texas, your freedom is menaced by the statewide invasion of these minions of MONOPOLY . . . the FOREIGN CHAIN STORES. Rally to the fight! HEAR THE TRUTH!

Here is the Creed of the Community Builders!

1. To protect the homes of this community and preserve the principles upon which the United States of America were founded.
2. To prevent the necessities of life from being controlled by a few powerful interests in the East, to the detriment of the citizens of this community.
3. To educate the public to the fate of this great American Republic if

- chain stores garner the wealth of our community or every community for the coffers of Wall Street.
4. To point out to the citizens of this community their responsibility in preserving home, community, and country from the money grabbers who supply Wall Street, instead of local banks with their money for investment.
5. To inspire parents with a desire

- to strengthen the bulwarks of this community to the end that their children, tomorrow's citizens, may have an opportunity to be independent and free business men and not commercial slaves.
6. To show fair play and home interest by helping those who are helping to build and maintain our churches, our schools, our colleges -- our streets and our paved high-

- ways--the merchants and bankers and business men of our state and county and city.
7. To save the independent manufacturers, bankers and merchants of our nation from destructive methods of chain store system.
8. Get the spirit--boost our community and its builders! Our opposition is to nationally owned and controlled chain stores.

MR. FARMER . . .

Should you sell your produce to the home merchants, and then buy your goods at the foreign chain stores?

MRS. HOUSEWIFE . . .

Should you buy at the chain store and thus help to deprive your children of their future opportunities in life?

MR. LABORER . . .

Should you buy from the chain stores when they afford you no employment and try to hold wages down?

MR. SCHOOL TEACHER . . .

Should you buy from chain stores when the local merchants support the schools and their activities help pay your salary?

MR. LAWYER . . .

Should you buy from chain stores when they never call upon you for your professional service?

MR. PUBLIC OFFICIAL . . .

What share of the community expense do the chain stores bear? Do you betray the people by buying from the chains?

MR. LODGE MAN . . .

Should you buy from the chain stores and have to look to local merchants for your support?

MR. AUTO MECHANIC . . .

Should you buy from chain stores when they do not run any delivery cars from which you might get work?

MR. INSURANCE MAN . . .

How much insurance do you sell to the chain stores? What kind of institutions support your business?

MR. BANKER . . .

How long do the foreign stores doing business in Ballinger leave their money in your bank? What do they pay you for keeping their books?

MR. REAL ESTATE MAN . . .

What would you do if the chains predominated and all the population shifted too fast for home ownership?

MR. MERCHANT . . .

Should you buy your needs in other lines than your own from the chains when your neighbor is in business selling what you want?

MR. MOTORIST . . .

Should you buy your tires and accessories from chain concerns when your own friends are in that business?

MR. CHURCHMAN . . .

Should you buy your needs for church affairs from the chain store when you depend on your home merchants to support your activities?

MR. AUTO DEALER . . .

Should you buy from chains that pay their employees so meagerly that they are not prospects for an automobile?

YOUNG PEOPLE . . .

Should you buy from the chains when the result of their system is to discourage individual initiative and youthful ambition?

MR. GOOD CITIZEN—Should you support any business whose object and purpose is to accumulate the wealth of our community and transfer it some foreign point from which it can never return to benefit either you or your community?

Let's Continue to Build Our Community -- Not Ruin It!

(THIS ADVERTISEMENT PAID FOR BY COMMUNITY BUILDERS)

30 Camp Fire Girls On Trip to Angelo

Thirty Camp Fire Girls and a number of leaders left Ballinger Friday afternoon for San Angelo to attend the big gathering there Friday and Saturday. The Ballinger group will return here following a banquet Saturday evening at 6:30.

Accompanying the girls on the trip were Mrs. K. V. Northington, Mrs. G. P. Teague, Mr. and Mrs. Henry John and Miss Katrina Doose. Mr. Jones returned to Ballinger Friday night, reporting that the girls arrived safely, were well quartered and having a fine time.

Most of the girls were loaded into the baseball bus and with three Boy Scouts acting as driver and handy men, left here with three automobiles piloting.

K. V. Northington will go to San Angelo late this evening to assist in getting equipment loaded and brought back to Ballinger.

The girls will stage several demonstrations in San Angelo today and will attend the sessions to be held. Only a few of the girls belonging to the Ballinger organizations could make the trip but the bus and three cars were well loaded Friday afternoon. The girls carried their bedding, intending to sleep in the cottage where they were quartered, and each girl took a certain amount of groceries. The girls will do their own cooking under the direction of their leaders and will learn much of the requirements of the organization as well as enjoying an outing.

Resolutions of Respect Be It Resolved:

That, at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of The Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Ballinger, in its office held on the 25th day of March, A. D. 1930, the following resolution was made:

Be It Resolved that we, the Directors of The Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Ballinger, recognize the immeasurable worth of our President and co-worker, the late Col. G. G. Odom, and that his death is to us a great loss.

That, we shall keep before us the high ideals and sound business principles which, with his valuable help, we have heretofore established.

That, we shall make of this institution a worthy monument to his memory.

That, to his bereaved wife and other loved ones we extend our most heart-felt sympathy.

That, his memory shall not depart from us as we shall perpetuate in this institution, which is our heritage and our responsibility, the good principles and recognition of responsibility which characterized his life.

That, a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this institution.

Signed:
FRED KIECHLE, Vice-President
J. L. CHASTAIN, Secretary
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SANITARY BARNs REDUCE CONTAMINATION IN MILK

GENEVA N. Y., Mar. 14.—The possibility of contamination of milk from the air in a barn is affirmed in tests here.

They are reported to the Society of American Bacteriologists by P. Arne Hansen of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station.

In testing milk for certain bacteria he found the smallest number of minute organisms in milk at the cleanest barns.

Rev. W. H. Doss has returned from Austin, where he had been attending the special session of the state legislature. Rev. Doss is chairman of the Senate and had been away from home during the session just coming to a close.

Henry Jones returned from San Angelo Friday night after accompanying the Ballinger Camp Fire Girls to that city.

Only one oil is good enough for household equipment, says chemist

Chemists, mechanics and lubrication experts say only one kind of oil is good enough for your expensive mechanical devices—the best. To get best results from your sewing machine, vacuum cleaner, lawn mower, washer, electric fan, refrigerator and other household appliances, you should use an oil that not only lubricates, but also cleans and protects.

3-in-One Oil is different from all others, because it is a scientific blend of animal, mineral and vegetable oils. It gives you the best properties of each. It dissolves and works out dirt, protects against rust and wear and gives the most efficient lubrication, thus eliminating unnecessary repairs and replacements.

Naturally such oil costs more to make, but it really costs less to use. Play safe; insist on 3-in-One Oil. At good stores everywhere, 16¢ and 30¢ sizes. For your protection, look for the trade mark "3-in-One" printed in Red on every package.

FLIES TO RANSOM FATHER



Corcoran "Obie" Bristow (left), former Oklahoma university football captain, who rushed by airplane to Tepec, Mexico, with the 10,000 pesos ransom demanded by bandits who held captive his father, J. A. Bristow (right), San Angelo, Texas, oil operator.

District Meeting Dates Changed

The district interscholastic meet which was first scheduled at San Angelo on April 4 and 5 has been postponed and dates definitely set for April 18 and 19. Several county meets have not been held yet and the district meet was set at a later date in order to give some time for training after all county meets had been held.

Two full days will be used to select first place winners who will be eligible for competition in the state meet at Austin a few weeks later.

San Angelo high school has announced a complete program for the district meet and officials are preparing for a large attendance.

The following program has been published and sent to all schools and newspapers in the district:

Friday, April 18th

1. Preliminary Debates, 9:30 a. m. Rooms 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 Senior High School.
2. Extemporaneous Speaking, 10:00 a. m.
3. Tennis Singles and Doubles, 8:30 a. m. Contestants meet in room 11, Senior High School.
4. Junior Study Hall, Room 24, (3rd floor) Senior High School, 1:00 p. m.
5. Junior Rural Declaration, 1:00 p. m. Senior High School Auditorium.
6. Junior High School Declaration, 3:00 p. m. Senior High School Auditorium.

Senior Rural Declaration, 3:00 p. m.

Junior Study Hall, Room 24, (3rd floor) Senior High School
Final Debates, 8:00 p. m. Junior College Auditorium.

Saturday, April 19th

1. Track and Field Events: High School Athletic Field. (a) Preliminaries, 8:30 a. m. 220 yard dash. 100 yard dash. High and low hurdles. (b) Final Contests, 1:00 p. m. Music Contests, 1:00 p. m. Senior High School Auditorium.

All-round championships and group contest cups and awards to individual winners will be presented at the end of each contest. These awards are made by the San Angelo Board of City Development and San Angelo merchants.

The San Angelo Board of City Development will provide out-of-district judges for final contest in declamation and debate.

Doctors Disagree

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

Tordale—An oil refinery may be located in this place soon.

Clean Up Campaign Starts March 30th

March 30 to April 5th has been designated in Ballinger as "Clean-Up Week." Mayor W. C. McCarver has issued a proclamation calling on all citizens to join in making this city one of the cleanest in the state.

Before the campaign commences city officers will inspect vacant lots, alleys and residential property, and following the clean up another inspection will be made. Civic committees of all local organizations are requested to assist city officials in conducting the campaign.

Following is the mayor's proclamation: "It has become an established practice in every wide awake community to clean house in the spring of the year.

"Much of our cleaning is due to a desire to make everything attractive, yet there is another important reason why our efforts in that direction should be thorough and complete. I refer to fire and disease prevention, and it is to that feature of the spring clean-up activities that I am directing the attention of our people at this time.

"Safety from fire and disease is a matter of supreme importance. Wherever there is dirt and disorder there is danger. A pile of trash may start a conflagration; a few ill-kept homes, dirty yards or stagnant pools may easily become the source of an epidemic. There is a marked similarity between fire and disease hazards. They have a common cause—dirt and carelessness. They have a common cure—constant care to prevent their existence.

"Now, therefore, I, W. C. McCarver, mayor of the city of Ballinger, do hereby designate the period from March 30 to April 5 (inclusive), as 'Spring Clean-Up Week' in Ballinger, and I call upon every man, woman and child to diligently observe the occasion by clearing away all things that menace our safety from fire, or the public health.

"I suggest to housekeepers that they begin in the attic and remove everything from the home that has outlived its day of usefulness. And, when that task has been completed, turn attention to the yard, garage and outhouses.

"I call upon every business man to thoroughly inspect his buildings and premises, removing therefrom rubbish and other combustible materials that may have accumulated during the winter season.

"This Spring Clean-Up Campaign should be carried into

every section of the city, and the time to begin making preparations for it is now.

"Let us enter actively into the work, and thereby contribute to the safety, health and happiness of ourselves and our neighbors.

"Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 20th day of March, A. D. 1930.

"W. C. McCARVER, Mayor."

CAMP FIRE GIRLS HAVE PARTY AND CANDY SALE

All members of the Camp Fire Girls who did not go to San Angelo last week-end to attend the two-day gathering there, attended a party at the home of Mrs. Q. V. Miller, Cookies, marshmallows and hot chocolate were served by the hostess.

Bridge, "42" and other games were played and everyone enjoyed the social occasion very

much. Those who attended the party were: Kathryn Atwell, Jennie Krimplan, Merna Sue Clark, Elva Sykes, Irene Bradford, Mary Ruth Reese, La Verne Coffee, Ruth Yeager, Laura Edith Miller, Faye Wardlaw and Helen Routh.

The girls held a candy sale Saturday on which they made a net profit of \$9.30.

FARMERS ARMED AFTER WHITE CROSS IS FOUND

HOUSTON, March 25.—The strange going on at the isolated home of R. S. Montgomery near Humble have led the farmers to sleep among shotguns and pistols and to have his house wired with electrical devices which sound when a gate or door is opened.

Montgomery awoke one morning recently to find that a huge white cross had been marked out

with lime in a corner of his tract. Later, he received this note, penciled on cheap white paper:

"Why create so much mystery? You mentioned about the cross. Why didn't you mention about the chickens?"

Once the farmer was awakened at night by one of his buzzers. He ran outside and fired at two running figures, but without effect.

Deputy Sheriff Frank Neville has begun an investigation. Meanwhile, Montgomery sits among his weapons and fingers them longingly.

J. A. Williams spent Sunday in Abilene visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Williams. Mrs. Williams underwent an operation in the Baptist Hospital at Abilene last week and at present is doing nicely. Relatives expect her to be able to be removed home by Wednesday of this week.

HELPY-SELFY

A BALLINGER INSTITUTION
Owned and Operated by McGowen and Claude W. Brown

Our truck is in the Valley this week after a load of fresh vegetables. Don't overlook the chance to get in on these, for the price will be right and the quality can't be beat. When you consider quality merchandise, you should give Helpy-Selfy a chance. We guarantee very item that leaves our store. You don't see in our shelves a brand of merchandise that you know nothing about.

<p>Corn No. 2 2 For 25c</p> <p>Macaroni, Spaghetti, Noodles Skinners 3 for 25c</p> <p>Peanut Butter 9 oz. 19c Tumbler</p> <p>Pork & Beans 3 cans for 25c</p> <p>Lux-Camay, Med. Ivory SOAP 3 bars for 25c</p> <p>SPINACH No. 2 each 15c</p> <p>Blackberries No. 2 can 16c</p> <p>Potted Meats 6 for 25c</p> <p>JELLY Pint Jar, each 29c</p>	<p>PINTO BEANS 10 lbs. 75c</p> <p>MINCE MEAT Pkg. 10c</p> <p>COFFEE Bulk, 1 lb. 21c</p> <p>PEACHES No. 2 1/2, each 19c</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We Want Your Eggs!</p> <p>Picnic Hams lb. 23c</p> <p>WEINERS lb. 23c</p> <p>STEAK lb. 25c</p> <p>CHEESE Longhorn, lb. 25c</p> <p>Sliced Bacon lb. 28c</p>
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If you have 80 or more acres of grain to harvest—it will pay you to own a "Caterpillar" (Holt) Combine—and a "Caterpillar" Tractor.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Bulletin, No. 1565, issued April, 1928, says: "Direct cash or out-of-pocket expenses for harvesting if the help of two men is available with a combine is 34¢ an acre as compared with \$2.03 for harvesting with binders and threshing with hired separators."

A New Low Price—A Better Combine

Since the foregoing bulletin was issued, "Caterpillar" has reduced prices and built a combine that has longer life, lower depreciation, less repair expense, that saves more of the grain, is more dependable in operation, that makes harvesting costs still lower and increases profits for the owner.

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Thirty Six—14½ or 20-ft. header	"Caterpillar" Twenty - 20
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Deaths

Mrs. B. F. Jones

Mrs. B. F. Jones, age 78 years and 12 days, died at her home Wednesday morning at 11:30. She is survived by her husband; a brother, C. A. Rogers; and a sister, Mrs. L. R. Wilcox, of Post. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been residing in Ballinger for the past fifteen years and have a host of friends here.

Funeral services were announced for Thursday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock at the family residence, 304 Eleventh Street, with Rev. J. E. Kerr officiating, assisted by Rev. J. H. McClain. Interment will be made in Evergreen Cemetery following rites at the residence.

King-Holt undertakers took the body to their funeral parlors for preparation for burial and returned it to the home late Wednesday afternoon.

Dallas Business Men Here Tuesday, 1st

Dallas business and railroad men will visit Ballinger on April 1st, arriving here at 10:30 and departing at 1:30. In some way this date has been misunderstood and a number were expecting the guests here Wednesday morning.

Arrangements have been made to meet the visitors next Tuesday and all business men of Ballinger have been invited to attend a meeting at the Palace Theatre as soon as possible after the special train arrives. The party requests that no local entertainment be furnished as this is not a trade trip where parades are staged, souvenirs given away, and parties given, but to study business conditions and meet the Ballinger business men.

The 25 men on the tour have a de luxe train with every accommodation. They have nothing to sell and urge that the meeting held for them be as widely advertised as possible so that they can have an opportunity to talk to a large representation of business men.

DIRECTORS OF C. OF C. MEET THURSDAY MORNING

The regular meeting of the board of directors of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce will be held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in the offices of the organization. For the past several years these meetings have been held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month but on account of a number of other business meetings held on these days, regular meeting days have been changed to the second and fourth Thursday in the month.

All directors are requested to be present Thursday morning and business will be taken care of in a short session.

Miss Addie Alexander and Miss Margaret Kemp went to Santa Anna Tuesday to attend the district nurses meeting held in that city.

Huntville—Dates for the Walker County Fair have been set for October 1 to 4.

Maverick Farmer To Irrigate Land

Emil Seipp, a prosperous farmer of the Maverick section, was in Ballinger Monday attending to business and preparing to begin work on a large dam across Oak Creek, one mile north of Maverick. Mr. Seipp has applied to the state board of water engineers for the right to impound a large lake of water for the purpose of irrigating his farm which lies along the banks of the stream.

Plans for the project call for a five-foot dam across the creek, built of concrete. When the lake is full Mr. Seipp will install machinery and pumps to raise the water to the top of the bluff and from there gravity flow can be used to spread the water over a large area.

He will have a very modern plant and with the watershed on Oak Creek will have no trouble in getting the lake full after any ordinary rain. The lake will hold about 23 acre-feet and will be sufficient to irrigate a large number of acres.

The Seipp farm is one of the best known in that section and while Mr. Seipp has been successful with dry land farming, he realizes what can be accomplished by irrigation at the needed time.

Robt. L. Wright, of Sweetwater, agent for the Western Marriage Endowment Co., spent Friday in Ballinger attending to business.

Says Farm Prices Are at Low Level

AUSTIN, Mar. 22—Low prices are the chief depressing influences in the agricultural situation at present, according to Bervard Nichols, editor of the Texas Business Review.

"Farm prices started downward about the middle of last year and have about reached the low levels existing in previous business depressions. However, no immediate sustained rise is in prospect and even lower quotations are possible before improvement takes place," he stated.

"Weather conditions during February were favorable to farm work and great progress was made. A large percentage of the spring plowing has been done and considerable cotton and corn planted in the southern parts of the state. Early planted cotton is up to a good stand in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and chopping will begin shortly. Moisture is lacking in a few areas but good season is in the soil, generally. Winter wheat and oats are making excellent showing.

"Shipments of fruits and vegetables are about back to normal, indicating that effects of the winter frost have been overcome. Loading should gain sharply from now until May or June. Unless farm prices advance before harvest time agricultural purchasing power will be under that of 1929."

Be wise and advertise.

Paint Rock Firms Raided by Thieves

Paint Rock was visited Saturday night by robbers who ransacked business houses of the town, apparently working unmolested until seven places had been robbed. No store reported any large loss and in most places cash seemed to be the object of the robbers' quest. The robberies were discovered Sunday morning when storekeepers went to their places of business and found their money drawers broken open and merchandise in disorder.

The City Drug Store missed about \$15 in cash and merchandise; H. H. Ratchford lost \$23; Bradshaw's store, \$14; Cox Service Station, \$2; a meat market, cats on which no value could be placed; Wade Hardware Co. lost four guns and large amount of ammunition. The postoffice was broken into but no report was received on the loss.

Paint Rock merchants believe the robbers started to work soon after midnight when all business houses were closed and employees had retired for the night.

Officers in this section have been notified and are watching for suspicious characters and for certain merchandise that was stolen at Paint Rock and which can be identified.

Few persons would keep their present jobs if they fell heir to \$1,000,000, tests by Dr. Harry D. Kitson, Columbia university psychologist, revealed.

New Bills to Affect Runnels Schools

Important legislation affecting school and school officials recently has been passed at Austin, and at least four of the bills will apply to schools in Ballinger and Runnels county.

One bill provides that the county superintendent be elected for a four-year term. Heretofore this office has been the same as any other county office and the incumbent elected for two years.

Another bill provides that boards may elect superintendent, principals and teachers for three-year terms in towns up to 5,000 population, and in towns of more than 5,000 for terms of five years.

School trustees in both city and county will be elected hereafter for three-year terms instead of for two years. This will provide a "revolving" board, with some trustees to be elected every year. In this way there will always be a majority of old members on the board and no new bloc can be elected any one year to control the entire board.

Most of these measures have met with hearty approval from educational authorities and it is thought will be of benefit in raising the school standards.

Mrs. Clarence Hale, of Midland, was here Friday night visiting.

Gilbert K. Chesterton, English writer, is teaching two courses at Notre Dame this spring.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

FOR SALE—Seed Maize, pure line tested and tagged, grown from third year bagging record seed, for sale at Green's Store, Winters, Currie's and Sullivan's, at Ballinger; and Will Moore's, at Talpa. Ditz Bros., Talpa, Texas. 28-31w

FOR SALE—Frost proof Cabbage Plants. Mrs. E. M. Eubank, 905 Sixth Street. Phone 171. 25-2td-11w

FOR SALE—Oats at 85c per bushel at barn; also Mebane cotton seed, graded, \$1.00 per bushel. Mrs. W. C. Wheelis, Phone Rural 8543FZ. 30-2w-3td

FOR SALE—Fancy Dwarf Milo Maize Planting Seed and Hegari and Qualla cotton seed. D. J. Goetz, Winters, Route 5. 7-4t*

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Notice to Bidders
Sealed proposals addressed to W. C. McCarver, Mayor, City of Ballinger, Texas, will be received at the office of City Secretary until 2:00 p. m., April 3, 1930, for furnishing all necessary materials, equipment and labor for constructing certain water improvements for the City of Ballinger, owner, of Ballinger, Texas.

Bidders must submit Certified Check for 5 per cent of bid price, payable without recourse to the order of W. C. McCarver, Mayor, or a Proposal Bond in the sum of at least twenty-five per cent of the total bid from a reliable Surety Company, as a guarantee that Bidder will enter into the contract and execute bond and guarantee in the forms provided with ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without required check or Proposal Bond will not be considered.

Successful Bidder must furnish bond for the sum bid, on the attached form, from a responsible

surety company, or from good and sufficient personal sureties, satisfactory to Owner.

All lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script and figures. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. Unreasonable (or "unbalanced") unit prices will authorize the OWNER to reject any bid.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Instructions to bidders, proposal forms, specifications and plans are on file at the office of R. F. Day, City Engineer, of Ballinger, Texas.

Copies may be secured upon deposit of \$25.00, \$20.00 of which will be returned to the CONTRACTOR on submission of a bona fide bid on the work, with such Plans and Specifications, or upon returning the Plans and Specifications immediately after examination of same, and advising the ENGINEER that bid will not be submitted; otherwise, the deposit shall be forfeited.

The City reserves the right to award contracts for the dam work, pipe work, and tank and tower to separate contractors and in separate contracts. Contractors may bid on any one of the above mentioned classes of work without bidding on the other two or he may bid on as many of the three as he so desires. However, the City may let contracts on all or any part of the work at its option. 25-1td-11w

WILL CHECK SMUGGLING WITH AID OF PLANES

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 26—Upon the recommendation of President Ortiz Rubio, Secretary of War Amaro has ordered construction in the government factory at Toluca of 18 hydroplanes to be used in patrolling the Gulf and Pacific coasts.

The patrol service is intended to check smuggling.

Joe Ward, former band instructor here, spent a short time in Ballinger Friday, returning to his home at Abilene after a fishing trip on the Concho.

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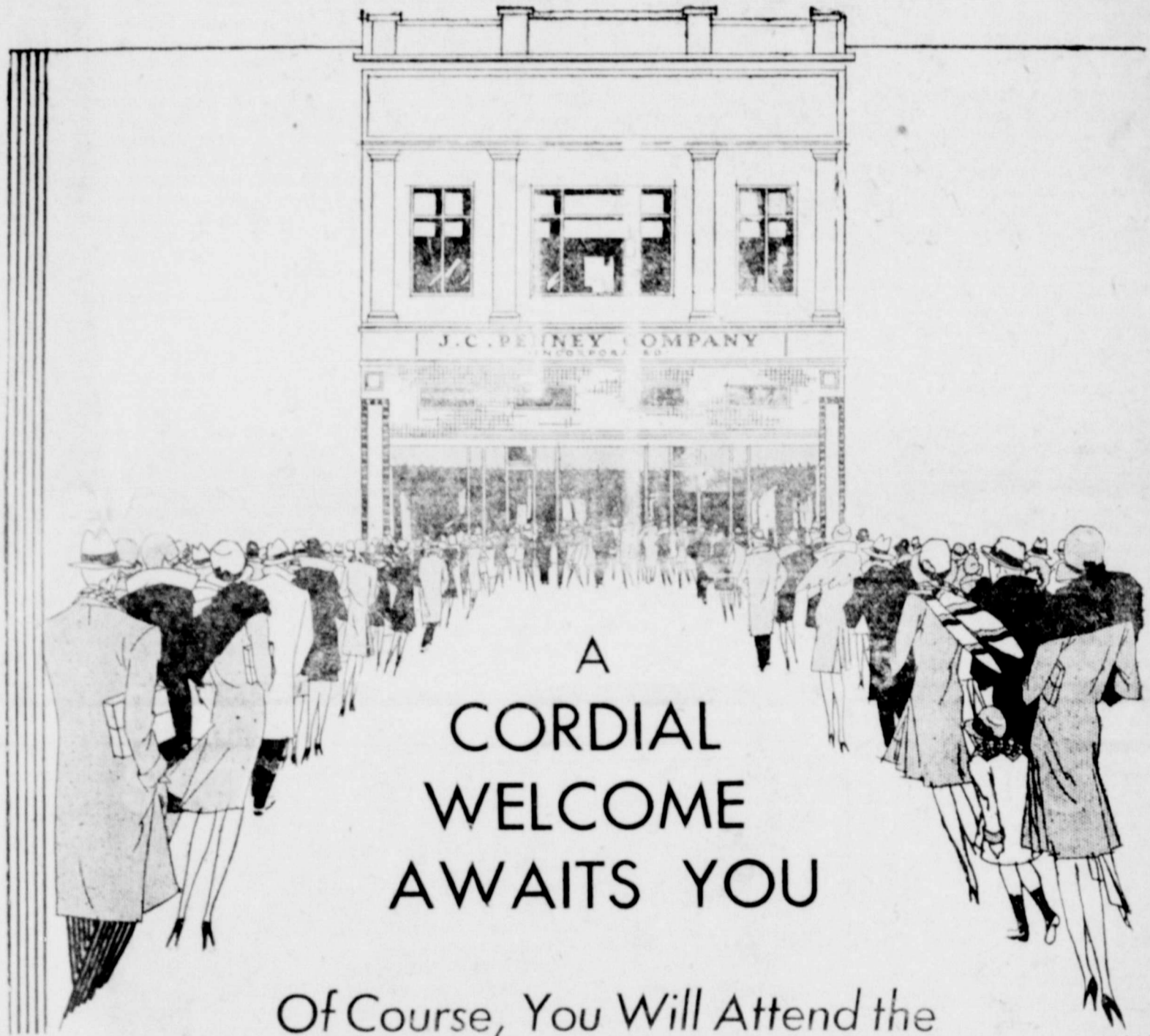
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