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Educational Growth In 20 Counties Large

The committee on educational progress made a very interesting report to the Mid-Texas Educational Association at Brady last week showing the progress that had been made in twenty counties during the past two years.

The report is printed below to show the great extension of this work in this section of the country.

"To the Mid-Texas Teachers Association:

Your committee on educational progress received replies from 45 counties and city superintendents to ten brief questions concerning educational conditions in the twenty counties served by the association.

"First—Tax Increases. Nineteen out of forty-six superintendents report tax increases in forty-five districts, ranging from three to seventy-five cents on the hundred dollars. Some districts with maximum rates have made higher valuations.

"Second—Student Activities. Lampasas and Brownwood have had district basketball championships. Richland Springs had county championship in Interscholastic League for 1929. Dublin is active in glee club and Hamilton county in 4-H and P. T. A. work. San Saba has honor system in the library and Runnels county is 100% in Interscholastic League membership.

"Third—27 superintendents report 46 new departments introduced.

"Fourth—33 out of 46 superintendents show increased credits to a total of 176 units. Several schools have all the credits needed.

"Fifth—33 superintendents report increased enrollment: Nolan, Taylor, Tom Green, Brown, and McCulloch leading. Increased enrollment is largely in the cities. The scholastic census for the 20 counties in 1928 was 81,249; for 1929, 82,180, showing a slight increase.

"Sixth—30 superintendents have an increase in teaching force. More than 200 new teachers have been employed in the last two years in the twenty counties, the cities showing greatest increase.

"Seventh—School consolidation is proceeding rapidly. Sixteen superintendents have made consolidations. 38 consolidations have been effected. Comanche leads with 8 and Brown follows with 7. In Brown county the number of school districts has been reduced from 55 to 30.

"Eighth—Consolidation has been accompanied by transportation. Nineteen superintendents report 85 trucks in operation. Comanche county leads with 30 trucks. Brown county is second with 19 trucks in operation.

"Ninth—26 superintendents report 61 new buildings constructed during the past two years.

"Tenth—The following building program has been completed, or bonds voted: San Angelo \$510,000; Brady, \$135,000; Brown county, \$118,500; Santa Anna, \$100,000; Abilene, \$100,000; Tom Green county, \$98,000; Eastland city schools, \$75,000; Eden, \$65,000; Hamilton city schools, \$50,000; Brownwood, \$46,000; Baird, \$45,000; Cisco, \$42,000; Goldwaite, \$40,000; Runnels county, \$35,000; Stephenville, \$35,000; Richland Springs, \$30,000; Coleman city schools, \$30,000; Hamilton county, \$23,000; Taylor county, \$20,000; San Saba county, \$14,000; Erath county, \$12,000; Coke county, \$12,000; De Leon, \$2,500; Paint Rock, \$1,000; Bronte, \$1,000.

"The total program for new buildings in the twenty counties has been \$1,491,600."

Long Staple Cotton Duty Agreed Upon

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The duty of seven cents a pound on long staple cotton, which is now on the free list, was agreed on today by the congressional conferees on the tariff bill. The levy had already been passed by the Senate. House Republicans yielded, it was said, after a warm debate.

House tariff bill had retained long staple cotton on the free list.

By terms of the measure agreed on in conference the 7-cent duty would apply to cotton of staple an inch and an eighth and over.

Be wise and advertise.

Road Construction Progressing Nicely

Friday afternoon there was only a gap of 2.8 miles separating the concrete on highway No. 39 between Miles and the Tom Green county line. The contractors are making excellent progress and within a short time will have all the concrete poured.

The work was stopped at the railroad track that leads to Paint Rock and the machinery moved to the Tom Green county line and headed this way. Almost one mile of that sector has been completed.

State Engineer G. M. Garrett stated that it would only be a short time until the concrete could be opened to Miles, and the detour made over good road from Miles to the Tom Green county line.

Allowing for some bad weather the road should be all finished and open to the public by June 1st or before. After all the concrete is poured it will have to stand for about three weeks before being uncovered for travel. Engineer Chas. Cohen expects to get under way on highway No. 4 and the bridge across the Colorado River by April 15th. Equipment has been ordered here to start the work and is expected to arrive within the next few days. Mr. Cohen has opened a city office on the second floor of The Hub building and is organizing his forces for operations.

Poison Bait for Gophers.
STILLWATER, Okla., Apr. 14.—(AP)—Poison baits are best means of controlling gophers, says C. F. Stiles, extension entomologist at the Oklahoma A. & M. College. The best bait, found most effective in the spring, consists of one-eighth ounce of strychnine and one-eighth ounce of saccharine.

County Agent Is Very Busy Man Buster Caudle Wins a Prize Mill to Again Award Club Prizes

County Agent C. W. Lehmburg is being kept on the jump daily in attending to various phases of his work in Punnels county. He still is supervising considerable terracing and at the same time devoting much effort to the reduction of cotton acreage in this county.

During the past week the county agent has had with him T. B. Woods, district farm agent, and A. L. Smith, beef cattle specialist. Mr. Smith has been working with Mr. Lehmburg on a feeder plan and a number of stockmen have signed up to feed a certain number of cattle, sheep or other livestock this year. The plan is to sell the feed raised to the livestock growers and create a market for feed produced in this county.

The Ballinger Cotton Oil Mill Company has offered a number of prizes to the farm boys and girls of the county again this year. Mr. Lehmburg is in receipt of a letter from H. W. Lynn, local manager, which states that the company will continue the same practice this year except that more prizes will be offered. Last year four prizes were given of \$25 each, three going to boys and one to a girl. This year three first prizes of \$15 each and three seconds of \$5 each will be given boys. Two girls will get first prizes of \$15 each and two second

County School Program May 11

Supt. R. E. White has set Sunday afternoon, May 11, for the holding of the county-wide graduation exercises of all seventh grade pupils in the rural schools. The place will be the Ballinger Baptist Church and the hour 3:30 o'clock.

This will make two baccaulaurate services in this church on the same day. The Ballinger high school senior class will use the 11:00 o'clock hour.

Mr. White stated that this was about the only suitable day that could be arranged for the county graduation exercises. One school will close Friday of this week and others will continue to close before May 11. A few schools in the county will close after the second week in May but a majority of them will close the first and second weeks in May. Those who will graduate from the seventh grade will be given their diplomas at that time.

Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of Simmons University, Abilene, will be the speaker at the combined service. He accepted the date several weeks ago, declaring that he was delighted to have the opportunity to speak to such a large group of children who were just ready to enter high school.

A special musical program will be arranged for the service and a large attendance from all sections of the county are expected here. One hundred and fifty graduates will take part in the exercises and their parents and friends should fill the large auditorium.

Independence will be the first school in the county to close this year, completing the term Friday, April 18th. Independence's term is about two weeks short this year, but most others schools will operate full seven months.

Ninety-Four Years Ago

It was in 1836, April 21st, that Sam Houston's troops conquered those of Santa Anna at San Jacinto and freed Texas from Mexican rule. Thus began the independence history of our Great State which was destined eventually to become the largest State of the greatest country in the world.

We join with all other Texans in paying tribute to the memory of the heroes of San Jacinto.

This Bank will be closed Monday, April 21st, in observance of San Jacinto Day.

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Highway, Bridge Work is Started

Chas. Cohen, engineer in charge of the work on Highway No. 4 for W. S. Thomson Company, stated Thursday that machinery was being moved here and placed on locations. When asked when he expected to start the work, he stated that he was already at work and that from now on, the work would gradually increase until all phases were being pushed at the same time.

Mr. Cohen will establish an office near the new bridge site and will direct construction on the bridge and road from there. As soon as the machinery is all in place a large crew will be placed on the job.

In addition to the construction of the bridge and the grading of the right-of-way, there will be a number of drainage structures to build. A few culverts are already in place on the new highway but the changing of the road to shorten the distance will cause several others to be necessary.

The right-of-way is already marked and fenced most of its length. Utilities companies who had poles along the original highway have completed moving them and nothing will interfere with the operations from now on.

Some musicians in the Ozarks put rattlesnake rattles in their violins to keep cobwebs away.

Press Meeting at Llano April 19th

Newspaper men of this section are preparing to attend the Heart of Texas Press Association convention to be held at Llano on next Saturday, April 19th. Llano was selected as the next meeting place at the convention held in Ballinger last September, and according to publicity received an interesting program has been planned for the press representatives at this meeting.

A number of representatives from the Texas Press Association as well as the West Texas Press Association and other organizations in the state will be present.

New entertainment features have been added to take the place of the regular golf tournament as there is no course at Llano. One event will be a baseball game between the editors and business managers.

A banquet will be given at noon Saturday by the business men of Llano.

Device Stacks Grain as Cut
SHELBY, S. D., Apr. 15.—(AP)—A new harvesting machine which stacks the headed grain as it is cut has been developed and used successfully by farmers here.

Nearly 140,000 persons attended vocational agricultural meetings in North Carolina last year.

Church of Christ Ready to Build

Contractors working on the new Church of Christ at the corner of Eighth Street and Bon-sall Avenue have about completed excavation for the foundation of the building.

Brick and other material has been placed on the ground to commence construction and within a short time the cornerstone of the building will be laid.

Plans call for two units, but at present only the basement section will be completed. This unit will extend above the ground and will provide ample Sunday school rooms and auditorium to take care of the congregation for some time.

The structure will be built of faced brick and stone and will be an attractive addition to the religious buildings of the city. For the present the congregation is holding services in a tabernacle on the rear of the lots.

Mrs. A. S. Anderson was operated upon at the Halley & Love Sanitarium Sunday morning at 11 o'clock for appendicitis. The attack was very severe and an emergency operation was necessary. The patient was resting well Monday, having been operated upon under a local anesthetic.

W. H. Whitley, of Talpa, was in Ballinger Saturday attending to business.

Bond Money is Received by City

The City of Ballinger received a deposit slip Thursday for the money derived from the recent sale of municipal bonds. The total amount is \$145,000, plus the accumulated interest. The funds have been deposited in the Security Trust Company at Austin and will remain there until ready to be used.

Work is expected to begin on the water system here within a few days and a contract will be let for the erection of the city hall on April 30th.

The money is now ready for use by the city and nothing remains in the way of the improvements here going ahead at a fast clip.

Home laborers have applied for jobs on the city works here and more men are available than jobs. Men will be picked from those who have registered with the city secretary and in case all not securing jobs the list will be turned over to the contractors on highway No. 4, which is under construction south of this city.

Kansas Warned of Locusts
LAWRENCE, Kans., April 15.—(AP)—Eastern Kansas farmers have been warned of an early invasion of the 17-year locusts. Cicadas have been discovered on the banks of the Wakarusa River by Prof. H. G. Hungerford, University of Kansas entomologist.

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City Report Shows Much Work Done

City Secretary K. V. Northington has begun making weekly reports of city activities and copies are furnished each commissioner and the mayor. The reports cover all activities of the various departments and make interesting reading.

Departments covered in the weekly reports are: office, engineering, police, fire, health, dairy inspection, street, sanitary, and water system. After listing the work done in each department, a percentage of the work is given per day for the entire week in each department.

Among items included in the report this week were as follows:

Office—In this department 85 disbursement accounts were reported, all of which had been notified by letter as to the condition of their account. Five building permits were issued and 5 gas inspections made. Other work was routine.

Engineering—This department showed a steady work of setting stakes and doing preliminary surveying for the dam and water system.

Police—No arrests were made by the department during the week and very few calls answered other than the regular daily duties. Four animals were impounded.

Fire—One alarm was responded to during the week, following which 600 feet of hose was washed, the old truck cleaned, and other minor jobs attended to. Three practice meetings were held by the department.

Water System—Thirty-two new meters were set, 5 new meter boxes installed, 6 leaks repaired, 3 meters re-read, 3 meters cut off, and 30 sacks of lime hauled to the pump station.

Water Plant—Repairs were made to a number of belts; flow-ers and grass set out and watered and the basin lined at the station.

Sanitary—This report was large last week and showed some good work. Thirty cart loads of trash were removed from premises, Railroad Ave. cleaned and swept, 15 wagon loads of trash removed from the business section, and a number of calls answered in regard to the finishing up of Clean-up Week.

Dairy—Twenty-two visits to dairies were made, 20 samples of milk tested, 121 cows inspected, 7 permits issued to sell certain grades of milk, and 3 placards posted.

Street—Two blocks of caliche were laid and dragged, numerous other places covered with caliche, dirt hauled, downtown paving swept and cleaned, and 3 days work done at the municipal airport with road and street machinery.

Health—One case of small pox quarantined, 6 families released from quarantine. The record shows that contagious diseases, especially small pox, have about run their course, only one case being reported.

Heads of departments file tickets for each piece of work done with the secretary and from these tickets the weekly report is composed.

Light Rains Fall South of Ballinger

Point Rock reported a 75 inch rain Tuesday afternoon which was the most received at any point south of here. Concho reported half an inch, and Eola a shower. Pony received no rain at all.

A large cloud hung south of Ballinger for several hours Tuesday afternoon and local observers expected to hear of large rains over the territory south of here. The report Wednesday morning was discouraging. The rain continued heavy on south of Point Rock and tourists arriving here late Tuesday evening stated that they pulled heavy mud all the way.

Farmers arriving from San Angelo reported passing through some heavy showers on the highway but that they covered a small territory.

Hatchel and a good sized territory west of that place received about half an inch Monday afternoon. The rain there fell opportunistly and will help some if other rains follow soon.

The weather report for Thursday is not encouraging as it indicates cooler weather and fair skies over all West Texas.

TEST AT 10,000 POUNDS RIGHT FOR AUTO SCALES

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16.—A load of at least 10,000 pounds should be used to test auto scales, the bureau of standards says.

"There is a popular conception," the bureau explains, "that a scale which will weigh any load within its capacity range with equal accuracy. This belief is entirely erroneous."

4-H Club Organized At Olfen Monday

C. W. Lehmburg, county agent is still doing terracing work in Runnels county. This work has been under way since early in the fall and much of the county agent's time has been taken with this activity.

Mr. Lehmburg stated Wednesday that he was having some time now for boys' club work and expected to have a number of strong 4-H clubs this year. A fine club was organized at Olfen Monday of this week and some eight or ten more members are expected to join there within the next week. The short time in which to supervise club work makes it difficult for the county agent to organize as many as he would like.

Farmers as a whole are giving the boys more cooperation than ever in this work. They are letting them plan and raise their own crops and giving the lads a thorough education in farming.

A recent issue of the Farm & Ranch had the following to say of Runnels county terracing:

"Soil conservation work is holding precedence over all other phases of extension work in Runnels county. During the month of February terracing lines and contour lines were run on fifty-five farms covering an area of 7,635 acres. In putting over this large program the county agent was ably assisted by seven cooperators who are also the chairmen of the soil conservation units, in their respective communities.

"The quality of the work done by these cooperators is most commendable and is keeping pace with the rapid growth of soil conservation work in the county.

"The total number of acres on which terraces and contour lines were run during the terracing season of 1929-1930 amounts to 17,847 acres.

"The total number of acres on which soil conservation work has been done up to the present time is 190,225 acres, giving Runnels county the largest number of acres terraced and contoured of any county in the State of Texas."

THE UP-AND-DOING CLUB

The Hatchel Up and Doing club met in their regular meeting at the club room in the high school building on last Thursday afternoon. The minutes were read by the secretary, Mrs. Jack Mathes, then the roll was called and each member answered as to whether she was satisfied with her child's training. After the roll, Mrs. S. A. Mathes talked on why children should be taught obedience. After Mrs. Mathes had finished Mrs. Ernest Graves was asked to say a few words and she responded with a fine message. Miss Ruby Guin talked on the necessity of proper diet in relation to the child's health.

Mrs. Charlie Michaels talked on the care of pre-natal babies.

There were fourteen very enthusiastic members present, everyone doing their bit to make the club a success. At the next meeting we urge every member to be present and bring some new members with you. Mrs. Hollingsworth will be with us and she always brings some good message to us.

BALLINGER BALL PLAYERS GET TEXAS LEAGUE START

Tom Vaughn, star twirler of the Bearcat staff last year and who was sold to Beaumont in the latter part of the season, got his first start Tuesday against the San Antonio club. Tom pitched a fine ball and won an easy victory, 7 to 1. He allowed the Indians six hits and three of them went to the same man.

E Mueller got a try at short-stop with Shervport for the past three days. He has not started a game yet but has showed up fairly well in the part of the games in which he has played. These are the only two Ballinger players now in the Texas League and local fans eagerly search the line-ups for their names.

GEOLOGISTS TO MAKE STUDY OF McCULLOUGH

BRADY, April 12.—A comprehensive study of the geological and mineral resources of McCulloch county will be made this summer when thirty or more students and instructors of the University of Texas department of geology will make their summer camp at Brady and will survey the resources for 60 days.

Dr. Fred M. Bullard, who will be in charge of the camp, stated that McCulloch county offered an excellent field for the study of geology. "It is situated on the northwest flank of the Central Mineral Region and rocks of the Ordovician, Pennsylvania and possibly Permian and Cretaceous ages are exposed," Dr. Bullard said.

Rotarians Enjoy Comedy Program

The Wednesday meeting of the Ballinger Rotary Club was mostly an hour of fun for the members. In the absence of the song leader, H. C. Lyon was called upon to conduct the singing. After one song he stated that while attending the recent singing convention here he found that leading singing was a thing that should be passed around and not kept in the hands of any one man, so he asked M. C. Atkins to take charge of the next song. Mr. Atkins responded and at the conclusion of one verse turned the leadership over to Roy Reeder. Mr. Reeder surprised the membership by his skill, but not wishing to "hog" the show asked that his friend R. L. Harwell be given a chance. Mr. Harwell in a high tenor voice conducted a chorus singing and as he retired in favor of Paul Trimmer the music was brought to a close. Each of the leaders made big "hits" with their tempo and voices and the club sang as a whole better than at any previous time.

J. W. Macune and H. C. Lyon entered a discussion as to why attendance was no better. The idea was suggested that programs were not to the liking of some of the members and for that reason attendance had slumped lately. Dr. Macune called upon Jim Douglass, Joe Simmons, Ralph Erwin and Bill Dooze for their advice. All four men praised the programs very highly and declared that in their opinion this was not the reason for the slack attendance. When they were all seated, the chairman informed them that their own attendance records showed less than fifty per cent. This little scene brought forth peals of laughter.

The chairman urged all those expecting to attend the 41st district meeting at Temple next week to let the committee have their names at once. The Temple club is requesting names of all who will be present so that housing facilities may be secured.

U. S. FARM IMPLEMENTS SENT TO 10 COUNTRIES

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12.—Canada, Argentina and Russia lead all other countries in buying power farming machinery from the United States.

Of \$140,801,556 worth of farm implements exported last year, Canada accounted for \$37,714,754 worth, Argentina's totaled \$35,342,051 and Russia's \$20,121,429.

Of all American-made farm machinery, 83 per cent was shipped to 10 foreign countries.

SPIDERS, WOOD PECKERS, CAUSE LINE TROUBLES

DALLAS, Apr. 16.—Spider webs, birds and wood peckers came in for discussion by T. F. Whiteside of the Dallas office of the Southwestern Bell Telephone company, in explaining causes of line trouble involving automatic telegraph printers which carry Associated Press news to the Mexican border.

"I worked in the territory around Harlingen and Corpus Christi for six years," he said, "and one of the worst, recurring causes of wire trouble was spider webs.

"Giant spiders build webs from wire to wire in dry weather. The webs are unnoticed. Then comes a rain and the webs conduct the water from one wire to another, causing a short circuit.

"Even worse than spiders in that district, are the wood peckers in Mexico. In some districts it is impossible to keep a wooden pole standing much more than 24 hours. The wood peckers attack them in swarms and peck them down.

"At times wooden poles are replaced by iron poles, and it is not uncommon to find a wood pecker who has committed suicide by pecking hard at the iron.

"Flocks of birds sometimes cause short circuits and line trouble when they alight in large numbers on the wires."

NOW YOU TELL ONE

EDINBURG, Apr. 14.—There are fish tales and fish "tales," but Edward Lockheed, 42-year-old riverman living on the Rio Grande near Hidalgo, declares that this one is true.

Lockheed said that while fishing about three months ago he dropped a handkerchief containing 45 cents into the river. The other day he was walking along the bank and saw a large fish lying in a little cove. Upon examining the fish, Lockheed found a large portion of his handkerchief had lodged in the fish's gills, evidently causing its death. He cut the fish open and found his 45 cents intact, he related.

H. Giesecke, of San Antonio, came in Saturday to look after business interests here for several days.

Big Fund to Fight Wild Animal Pests Sought from U. S.

By Frank I. Weller

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16.—Plans for a 10-year war on predatory animals are being backed by the department of agriculture.

Secretary Hyde is lining up all his influence behind a bill to appropriate \$13,787,000 for a campaign against coyotes, wolves, mountain lions, bobcats and other pests, by Representative Scott Leavitt of Montana.

Figures from the various bureaus involved indicate to the secretary that stock killing animals cause an annual loss of from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 to the livestock industry.

Their inroads on game animals and game and insectivorous birds, he says, have an important bearing on the conservation of game.

The fund would make available \$782,500 yearly for the destruction of stock killing animals, and \$596,200 for rodents and other small injurious animals. Funds now available from current appropriations amount to \$346,867 for the former and \$219,767 for control of the latter.

It is believed, the secretary says that the fund estimated to be necessary for a 10-year intensive program of control will make it possible to prevent constant reinfestation of cleared areas. It also will enable the department to meet the demand in states where operations now are being undertaken and to extend its work on the public domain and into new areas from which requests are constantly being received.

Opposes Supervision of Cotton Exchanges

WASHINGTON, Apr. 15.—Opposition to the Vinson bill to bring cotton exchanges under government supervision was registered before the House agriculture committee today by Philip Weld, president of the New York cotton exchange.

Weld said it was a mistake to have legislation enacted that would bring exchanges under regulation because such action is unnecessary, adding that the cotton market can not be manipulated.

CHILD'S HOME TRAINING KEY TO SCHOOL ATTITUDE

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Homes are often responsible for the aversion which some children feel toward school and its demands, in the opinion of Mrs. A. H. Reeve of Philadelphia, president of the International Federation of Home and School.

"Children are threatened at home with visits to the doctor and dentist if they don't behave," says Mrs. Reeve. "A fear of physical examinations in the school thus grows in them.

"Many children, too, are forced into vocational work for which they are not fitted because the parents have a fond vision of the child as a professional type of some kind when he grows up."

City Hall Plans Are Approved

Paul Silber, San Antonio architect, returned to Ballinger Wednesday bringing with him the revised plans for the new city hall. At a meeting of the city commission Wednesday afternoon the plans were accepted in every detail, and all blue prints, plans and specifications are in the hands of the city officials.

As soon as the plans were accepted the commission set April 30th as the day to open bids and award the contract for this building. All contractors who desire to bid on the erection of the structure may begin their estimates at any time now by making arrangements for a set of blue prints.

Bids will be received from now until April 30, when the commission will hold a meeting to tabulate the bids and make the award.

Indications are that some ten or twelve contractors will submit bids for the construction.

The plans as accepted by the commission are very similar to the original plans and the exterior view of the building will be no different from the drawing which has been on display here. The only changes made were in the floor plan of offices.

The building will be of Spanish architecture and will be erected on municipally owned lots at the corner of Ninth Street and Railroad Avenue.

In addition to housing all departments of the municipal government the structure will include a modern fire station with living quarters for the driver and

his family and a dormitory for firemen.

The commission will have to purchase some extra furniture when the move is made into the new building. The offices will contain a large vault to take care of all books and valuable papers which are kept on record in the city hall.

A notice of bidders is being prepared and will be published notifying contractors to present their bids on April 30.

Hospital Inmates To Stand Trial

(By Associated Press)

BOERNE, Tex., Apr. 11.—In face of state statutes precluding punishment of insane persons for crime, Homer Edwards and Ernest Young, escaped inmates of the Southwestern insane asylum at San Antonio, must stand trial for the murder of J. W. Bradshaw, District Attorney K. K. Woodley announced here today.

Edwards and Young were brought to Boerne from San Antonio today for an examining trial.

PRISONER IS RELIEVED OF HIS ARCH SUPPORTERS

BEAUMONT, Apr. 14.—Arch supports are designed to aid in walking—but not walking from jail.

A prisoner brought here from Port Arthur had his arches well braced. The fly in the ointment was that the arch supports had a saw edge and were intended to cut bars of the jail. They are now in custody of the county jailer.

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"No medicine ever helped me as did Konjola," said Mrs. G. I. Crabaugh, 739 Quaker street, Tulsa. "For more than nine years I had trouble with my stomach. Gas accumulated after meals and I bloated terribly. The pains and pressure often made me short of breath and dizzy. Constipation was another of my worries and I became an almost daily user of cathartics. I had terrible headaches and found it difficult to sleep. My nerves became badly affected and my general condition badly run down. I am delighted with the results I obtained from Konjola. Before I had finished the second bottle my constipation had been relieved and my stomach greatly improved. As I kept on with this great medicine my general health improved until I am feeling better today than I have in a long time. I have an excellent appetite and eat heartily without distress. Even neuritis which attacked me occasionally has been totally driven from my system. I cannot say too much in praise of this great medicine. Though Konjola works quickly, six to eight bottles are recommended as a fair trial. Although many people are benefited within a few weeks, the longer period is best. Konjola is sold in Ballinger, Texas, at the Weeks Drug Store, and by all the best druggists in all towns throughout this entire section.

48 BUSINESS FAILURES IN TEXAS FOR MARCH

AUSTIN, April 10.—Business mortality in Texas during March was on a much smaller scale than during February, according to the Texas Business Review, issued by the bureau of business research of the University of Texas.

In March, 48 defaults were reported as compared to 69 in February and 52 in March, 1929. During the first quarter of 1930 there were 167 business failures while for the same three months in 1929 they were 148.

Liabilities of the 48 failures in March totaled \$699,000 making a total of \$3,052,000 for the first quarter. The most discouraging item about the record failure, according to the report, is the fact that larger concerns are being forced out of business.

One Texas bank was placed in receivership during March, making three for the quarter as compared with two bank failures in 1929.

TWO BALLINGER GIRLS ON SUL ROSS HONOR ROLL

ALPINE, Apr. 15.—The honor roll for the winter quarter at the Sul Ross State Teachers College has been made public. It includes the names of those who have made at least "B" averages during the last quarter of college work. Less than ten percent of the student body was thus honored. The list follows: Barbara Sholtz, San Antonio; Mrs. Willa B. Morelock, Alpine, Mr. and Mrs. William Powell, Loma Vista; Celeste Carl, Ft. Stockton, Emma Anderson and Ruth Anderson, both of Alpine; Florine Kitts, Dallas; Bessie Chyle Leath, Alpine; Ardian Turney, Alpine, Florine Beane, Presidio; Sarah Beechcroft, Montell; Mary Boatright, Sweetwater, Florence Bymark, El Paso; Marcus Connally, Mena, Ark.; Lola Eubank, Ballinger; Eleanor Fowler, Ballinger; Melburn Glass, Sterling City; Mildred Holt, Hamlin; Vivian Howard, San Antonio; Alynx Mixner, Paint Rock; Fredus and Gilbert Mize, Rotan; Alice Neuman, Hon-do; Mrs. Ethel Wiggs, El Paso; Martha Ahr, La Coste; Rose Breedlove, Alba; Vida Mae Couson, Alpine; Thelma Floyd Colls, Ft. Stockton; Clara Grubb, Ft. Davis; Mrs. Naomi McPherson, Alpine; Louise Scott, Alpine.

Georgia exported 656,537 barrels of resin and 8,982,926 gallons of turpentine last year.

Supt. Marrs Favors 12 Month Schools

AUSTIN, Apr. 10.—Favoring the plan being advanced to keep all public schools of the state open the full year, S. M. N. Marrs, state superintendent of public instruction, stated it would entail the saving of large amounts of money to the taxpayers of Texas. The plan was advocated recently at Fort Worth by R. T. Ellis, executive secretary of the Texas State Teachers Association. Marrs stated a large amount of money now is being wasted in having the buildings unoccupied during the summer. In addition to the money that is lost a considerable amount of time is wasted, he said.

"There are very few successful businesses that are closed during three months of the year. Since it is impractical to operate a business on a nine months basis, the same rule is applicable to the business of educating the children of Texas," Marrs stated. The head of the state school system declared there is considerable merit in the plan advocated by Ellis, stating there is too much waste of time and property under the present system. He also made a statement that probably will arouse the ire of the majority of the pupils of the state by saying "the vacation periods now are entirely too long."

One serious objection to the plan, Marrs said, is that it would interfere with the improvement of the teaching staffs as the instructors will be required to stay on duty the full 12 months thereby preventing them from taking examination courses in the summer schools.

The adoption of the 12-month school year was given serious consideration in Texas several years ago and is being tried out in several other states at the present time. According to Ellis there are many inequalities suffered by the various classes under the present system that would be relieved by a 12-month school year. Taxpayers would be saved much money in operating costs and in bonds issues for new buildings if the present plants were operated throughout the year, he said.

Ellis proposed that the school year be divided into three terms of 17 weeks each and permit students to attend the two terms found the most convenient for them.

Marrs, however, stated the ideal plan would be to divide the school year into four terms of three months each with one-fourth of the pupils out each term.

Preparations to adopt such a plan were made several years ago at Amarillo by Superintendent M. H. Duncan, who since has become superintendent of the schools at Lubbock, Marrs said.

Under the plan worked out at that time, the county board of education would have had the power to allocate the students to the various terms but the attorney general held that the board did not have the power to tell students when they could attend school. His opinion was based on the ground that a public school should be open to all students eligible to attend whenever it is in session.

It was planned by the Amarillo board to conduct four three-months terms.

Marrs said that serious consideration of the plan was being given by several educators and that perhaps in the future a workable scheme could be perfected which would enable the schools to remain open the full year.

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LEDGER GETS FLOWERS FIRST TIME IN HISTORY

The Daily Ledger received a beautiful bouquet of flowers Thursday afternoon. The bouquet, donated by Mrs. J. W. E. Meaders, of the Ballinger Floral Company, consisted of a dozen large red carnations with fern and basket, and was the first floral tribute ever to grace the editorial rooms of this paper.

The flowers are very much appreciated by members of the staff who have proudly shown them to everyone entering the office. Being the first flowers ever received, we are particularly proud of them, and publicly thank the sender for this remembrance.

Ballinger citizens are proud of having a local florist where they can secure speedy service. Mrs. Meaders is deserving of the entire patronage of the city.

Noted Speakers On Program at Baptist Meeting

AUSTIN, Apr. 11.—The fifth annual Texas Baptist Sunday School convention will be held at Austin April 15, 16 and 17, with approximately 4,000 persons expected to attend. The session promises to be the largest ever conducted.

Sessions will be held in the senate chamber of the state capitol with many prominent religious leaders scheduled to deliver addresses.

The convention represents 3,163 Baptist churches in Texas with a total membership of 451,110. In past years the Texas Baptist Sunday School department conducted an annual superintendents session and an organized Bible class convention. These two conventions, however, have been merged into a cooperative body of all Sunday School departments. Previous sessions have been held at Waco, San Antonio, Corsicana and Sherman.

All phases and problems affecting the administration of a Sunday school along the lines demanded by the trend of modern times, will be discussed in detail in the three-day meeting, officers of the convention have stated.

Among the speakers on the program will be Dr. B. W. Spillman of Kingston, N. C.; Former Governor Pat M. Neff of Austin; Dr. F. B. Thorn of Aledo; Dr. W. R. White of Dallas, secretary of the Baptist general convention; T. C. Gardner, state secretary of the B. Y. P. U. and Dr. R. C. Campbell of Lubbock.

Divisional meetings will be held for all departments to operate under the Sunday school classification in the Baptist church. This will include young people's adults, home, elementary, primary, beginner and cradle roll work. The young people's, home adult and extension department conferences will be under the supervision of William B. Phillips and W. A. Harrell of Nashville. Miss Alice Biby of Nashville will be conference leader for the intermediate class while Miss Lillian Forbes, secretary of the elementary department of the Baptist Sunday school board, Nashville, will have charge of the elementary work.

The daily vacation Bible school conference will be directed by Dr. Homer L. Grice of Nashville, head of this department of the Baptist church. Dr. W. Marshall Craig, pastor of

a Dallas church, is state president of the convention and G. S. Hopkins of Dallas corresponding secretary and treasurer. Other officers are: Miss Flake Steger an dMrs. Paul Peterson of Dallas, recording secretaries, and the following vice-presidents: Rev. R. O. Cawker of Atlanta; Rev. O. D. Martin of Hull; Claude E. O'Neal of Houston; Rev. J. E. Stack, La Feria; Col. J. E. Franklin, San Marcos; Rev. D. H. Heard, Big Spring; Rev. V. N. Hereford, Rev. C. R. Joyner, Wellington; Rev. E. M. Agee, Wichita Falls; W. C. Westbrook, Gainesville; Rev. J. F. Murrell of Greenville; Rev. Sam D. Dollahite of Marlin; W. S. Barron of Bryan, speaker of the house of representatives; M. O. Cook of Brownwood, and Ted Russell of Hamlin.

Music will be under the direction of Robert H. Coleman of Dallas, assisted by Robert Jolly of Houston and Prof. I. E. Reynolds of Seminary Hill.

2,398 STUDENTS AT A. & M. COLLEGE CHURCH MEMBERS

COLLEGE STATION.—Of 2,738 students at A. & M. College who answered a religious questionnaire on enrollment, 2,389 were church members. M. L. Cashion, general secretary of the college Y. M. C. A., who compiled the record, has announced.

Fifteen religious denominations are represented in the student body, the Methodist leading with 792. The Baptist is second with 620 and the Presbyterian third with 272. Other denominations are represented as follows: Christian, 176; Catholic, 172; Episcopal, 149; Lutheran, 72; Church of Christ, 66; Jewish, 33; Christian Scientist, 14; Congregationalist, 1; Unitarian, 2; Evangelical, 2; Seven Day Adventists, 1; Confucianists, 1. Seven students listed themselves as protestants.

TO CUT COTTON ACRAGE

SAN AUGUSTINE, Tex., Apr. 14.—Cotton acreage will be reduced in this county 20 percent this year, according to merchants who have kept records of the farmers during the last month. Much of the land formerly planted in cotton has been turned to corn and other feed stuff.

Warns of Over-Pruning URBANA, Ill., Apr. 15.—(AP)—Pruning shears snip too energetically in American gardens and orchards, says Irving I. Peterson, University of Illinois expert. Most of the hardy trees and shrubs need "little pruning," he says.

All In a Day With Gov. Moody

AUSTIN, Apr. 16.—Somewhere in Texas there is a calomel mine. The Governor narrowly escaped being told about it recently, but the man who came to see him got tired waiting in the reception room while the chief executive met his appointments, and went his way and the secretaries overlooked asking him his address. A big, tall, gaunt man came to the Governor's office and told Pat Dougherty, secretary, he wanted to see the Governor. The secretary told him to have a seat and his turn would come.

The man waited patiently. Hours passed and remained awaiting his turn. More hours passed and the man became restless.

He got out of his chair and his voice shook the big capitol building.

"Well, I've waited as long as I can," he said. "I wanted just a minute of the governor's time. I have been trying to see the Governor of Texas for 27 years and I have not succeeded yet."

He told Dougherty about his mission. He wanted to tell the governor about a mountain of calomel. It is three miles long, 40 feet wide and eight feet deep, he said.

"But how do you know it is calomel?" Dougherty asked.

"Well, I took a dose of it, and it is the finest calomel I have ever tasted," he replied.

Dougherty let him get away without asking him the location of the calomel mine.

Two negroes, unmistakably from the cedar brakes northwest of the capitol, rapped on the door of the governor's office out of office hours. Secretary Dougherty did something he seldom does.

Instead of letting them rap, as he does most people who try to gain admittance during recess, he opened the door and there stood the darkies.

"Please sir, we want to see the Governor," one of them spoke up.

"What do you want to see him about?" Dougherty asked.

"Wanna get a pardon," was the reply.

"What is he in for?" the secretary asked.

"Well, Ise married and wai the Governor to pardon me." I can get married again," the negro explained.

"The governor isn't practicing law during his tenure, so you better go on down to the county house," Dougherty advised.

Strange, mail, as well as strange visitors, come to the governor's office. Of course, the governor, never sees most of it. That is one of the reasons he maintains a corps of secretaries—to weed out the mail and the visitors.

A letter recently suggested that automobile drivers be compelled to wear red neckties.

Another one started off: Dear Governor: I have intended writing you several times, but each time I changed my mind. It was signed by a woman.

\$1,500,000 PASTURE LOST TO CHICAGO

CHICAGO, April 16.—Chicago has lost its \$1,500,000 cow pasture, irksome to the Hyde Park residential district for 37 years.

By the will of John Dunham, who died in 1893, his property could not be sold until all his immediate heirs had died. The 10 acres which he used as a cow pasture remained unimproved through almost four decades. When the last heir died recently the property was sold for an apartment house. It was valued at \$1,500,000.

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City Report Shows Much Work Done

City Secretary K. V. Northington has begun making weekly reports of city activities and copies furnished each commissioner and the mayor. The reports cover all activities of the various departments and make interesting reading. Departments covered in the weekly reports are: office, engineering, police, fire, health, dairy inspection, street, sanitary, and water system. After listing the work done in each department, the expense of the work is given per day for the entire week in each department. Among items included in the report this week were as follows: Office—In this department 65 delinquent accounts were reported, all of which had been notified by letter as to the condition of their account. Five building permits were issued and 3 gas inspections made. Other work was routine. Engineering—This department showed a steady work of setting stakes and doing preliminary surveying for the dam and water system. Police—No arrests were made by the department during the week and very few calls answered other than the regular daily duties. Four animals were impounded. Fire—One alarm was responded to during the week, following which 600 feet of hose was washed, the old truck cleaned, and other minor jobs attended to. Three practice meetings were held by the department. Water System—Thirty-two new meters were set, 5 new meter boxes installed, 6 leaks repaired, 3 meters re-read, 3 meters cut off, and 30 sacks of lime hauled to the pump station. Water Plant—Repairs were made to a number of belts; flowers and grass set out and watered and the basin lined at the station. Sanitary—This report was large last week and showed some good work. Thirty cart loads of trash were removed from premises, Railroad Ave. cleaned and swept, 25 wagon loads of trash removed from the business section, and a number of calls answered in regard to the finishing up of Clean-up Week. Dairy—Twenty-two visits to dairies were made, 20 samples of milk tested, 121 cows inspected, 7 permits issued to sell certain grades of milk, and 5 placards posted. Street—Two blocks of caliche were dragged, numerous other places covered with caliche, dirt hauled, downtown paving swept and cleaned, and 3 days work done at the municipal airport with road and street machinery. Health—One case of small pox quarantined, 6 families released from quarantine. The record shows that contagious diseases, especially small pox, have about run their course, only one case being reported. Heads of departments file tickets for each piece of work done with the secretary and from these tickets the weekly report is composed.

Light Rains Fall South of Ballinger

Paint Rock reported a .75 inch rain Tuesday afternoon which was the most received at any point south of here. Concho reported half an inch, and Eola a shower. Pony received no rain at all. A large cloud hung south of Ballinger for several hours Tuesday afternoon and local observers expected to hear of large rains over the territory south of here. The report Wednesday morning was discouraging. The rain continued heavy on south of Paint Rock and tourists arriving here late Tuesday evening stated that they pulled heavy mud all the way. Parties arriving from San Angelo reported passing through some heavy showers on the highway but that they covered a small territory. Hatchel and a good sized territory west of that place received about half an inch Monday afternoon. The rain there fell opportunely and will help some of the other rains follow soon. The weather report for Thursday is not encouraging as it indicates cooler weather and fair skies over all West Texas.

TEST AT 10,000 POUNDS RIGHT FOR AUTO SCALES WASHINGTON, Apr. 16.—A load of at least 10,000 pounds should be used to test auto scales, the bureau of standards says. "There is a popular conception," the bureau explains, "that a scale which will weigh a small load correctly will weigh any load within its capacity range with equal accuracy. This belief is entirely erroneous."

Mrs. Layton Wins In Song Contest

Mrs. O. H. Layton, of Ft. Worth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Cordill of Ballinger, was winner in a song contest recently conducted there. The contest was for the best words for "The Voice of Fort Worth," and Mrs. Layton was selected as winner out of many entries. Following is a report of the contest published by a Ft. Worth 4-H club: Mrs. O. H. Layton, 2505 Campbell Street, was the winner of the Panther's Music Contest for the words of the song, "The Voice of Fort Worth." She will get the \$15 cash prize. "The words written by Mrs. Layton were unanimously selected by the judges, Bill Feeley, Mayor of Escota," and Miss Kathryn Cochran, English instructor at T.W.C. "They said that according to the rules of the contest, her poem best expressed 'The Voice of Fort Worth.' Dozens of other good verses were found, however, among the more than a hundred entries in the contest. They gave honorable mention to the following: Mrs. J. A. Murrell, Mrs. J. O. Hughes, Blossom Bennett, Venice Morrow, Mrs. M. L. Tucker, Mrs. C. C. Crady, Jr., D. S. Landis, Annie Going Taylor. "The song written by Mrs. Layton follows: 'The Voice of Fort Worth' Early every morning the city starts a day Like a smithy at his anvil. You can hear the hammers play And hear the rivet-tapping, the engines hissing high. Each outdoing the other, helping Fort Worth reach the sky. CHORUS 'Back and forth, like busy ants Men tread the great steel beams To the cheery tune of the hammers' chants Building the city of our dreams Building the city of our dreams! 'So listen to the music, the voice of Fort Worth sings Like a great and mighty organ The 'Son of Progress' rings. The hammers singing baritone, the rivets sing bass Each outdoing the other, helping Fort Worth take first place." Joe Spill is still very ill and confined to his home on Tenth Street. Mr. Spill has been sick for several weeks and is showing little signs of improvement. Dr. A. S. Love and "Al" Jennings left Thursday morning for Ozona to attend to business in that city.

Many Visitors at Airport Sunday

Many Ballingerites visited the new municipal airport Sunday afternoon. A special attraction was the presence of a plane at the airport over the week-end and a number of citizens took advantage of that fact and saw Ballinger from the air. H. O. Denman, of Junction, came to Ballinger Saturday to assist in laying out the landing field here, coming in his plane with a pilot Mr. and Mrs. Denman were the guests here of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Motley. Mr. Denman praised the landing field very highly and stated that Ballinger was fortunate in having such a site near the city limits. He told of the trouble in finding a place near Junction where a plane could take off, test its motor, and alight. Mr. Denman left in his plane Monday morning for San Angelo and after having it serviced there he will fly back to his home at Junction. Mr. Motley stated Monday that improvements would continue at the airport until it was in first class shape. All weeds and trash will be raked off the field, posts surrounding it will be whitewashed and the center guide built up with rocks, which will be whitewashed. A post has been erected and as soon as the air sock arrives it will be placed on top as a guide to pilots. Unintentional Suicide Many people are slowly poisoning themselves just as surely as if they drank iodine every morning for breakfast. They are daily absorbing the toxins, or poisons, created by accumulated waste matter in their constipated digestive systems. Sooner or later disease will conquer their weakened bodies. If you have dizzy spells, headaches, coated tongue, bad breath, insomnia, no appetite, bilious attacks or pains in the back and limbs, you are probably suffering from self poisoning caused by constipation. The surest and pleasant relief for this condition is Herbine, the vegetable cathartic. H. O. Denman, of Junction, was here Saturday assisting others in laying off the landing field at the Ballinger airport. Mr. Denman and a pilot flew here from Junction in his plane Saturday morning, making the hundred mile journey in an hour and spending part of the time circling over Menard. Mr. Denman owns his own plane and has just recently been granted a pilot's license. "Joy riding on ashcarts" is forbidden by an order of the New York sanitation department.

Census Count to Give Texas 2 or 3 New Representatives

AUSTIN, Apr. 15.—Guessing the results of the decennial census is a national indoor sport which is rapidly gaining in favor. To Texas as politicians, however, it is something else and many of them are figuratively speaking, burning midnight oil in an effort to get their names on tickets for offices that are based on population. There seems to be little doubt that Texas will be entitled to at least two additional representatives in the national House when figures for the 1930 census are known. Politicians see two more opportunities for political prestige. Election officials, however, have thrown cold water on the proposed candidacies of men seeking the new posts with the statement that census returns will not be completed in time to permit the election of two more Texans to congress at the November balloting. Ambitious politicians must wait two years more, according to a court interpretation of the election laws. It has been proven in previous cases that a candidate cannot indulge in population figures and become a congressman. Texas and other States have had candidates who, in advance of the decennial count, have put their names on the State ticket as candidates for congressman-at-large. In some instances these candidates have been elected, contingent on the census figures being large enough to justify a new congressman. The minimum number added by a state is a population gain of 30,000. The supreme court has held consistently that a candidate who runs in anticipation of the census count, even if the count proved an extra congressman was permitted, cannot take office. Office-seekers must wait until returns from the census are in and congress has ratified the new allocations. Congress has agreed that the next allocation will be in 1931 and become effective for the 1932 elections. Political experts have estimated that at least 23 congressmen will lose districts while about that many more will be gained through the shifts in population. States which these experts believe will show a loss are Missouri, loss of three; Iowa, Kentucky and Tennessee, two each; Alabama, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Virginia, one each. California is expected to show the greatest gain and may be entitled to six new congressmen; Michigan may gain four, and Ohio three. Texas and New Jersey may be entitled to two more each. Texas now has 18 congressional districts. For the 1932 election, the two new congressmen, if authorized, will probably be classed as congressman-at-large. After the 1932 election the state legislature would undertake to re-report the districts, making twenty if the census warrants. Mrs. Ed Pape discussed the proper foods for children. Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth showed some very interesting pictures illustrating the effect of proper and improper foods in the development of children. After all business was attended to Mrs. Lawler and her daughter, Miss Hazel, passed refreshments consisting of pop and cookies. Those present were: Mrs. Otto Wood, Mrs. E. Pape, Mrs. C. B. Mosley, Mrs. Frank Smith, Mrs. J. C. Bloxom, Mrs. Wilmer Byler, Mrs. F. E. Lawler, Mrs. R. P. Virden, Mrs. W. L. Duke, Mrs. Frank Kemp, Mrs. G. H. Lauder, Mrs. E. T. Branham, Miss Ethel Kemp, Miss Josephine Lauder and Mrs. Hollingsworth. There were two visitors Mrs. Charlie Owen and Miss Hazel Lawler. The next meeting will be at the school house. Reporter.

Children's Colds. Checked without "Rubbing" Rub on 26 VICKS VAPORUB OVER 17 MILLION PARS USED YEARLY. Rooster Not Worth Much. AMES, Iowa, April 12.—Roosters, says Iowa State College, cause an annual loss of \$2,000,000 to Iowa farmers because fertile eggs spoil more quickly than infertile ones. After the breeding season is past the rooster is just a boarder.

PALACE THEATRE -Ballinger- 3 Days—Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Gloria Swanson in The Trespasser. Amazed! Way Tanlac Relieves Stomach Troubles. Attention Farmers. Parr Bros. Garage. HIGGINBOTHAM FUNERAL HOME. Dr. R. F. Zedlitz.

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Board Elects Teachers; New Methods Adopted

The board of trustees of the Ballinger independent school district met in regular session Monday night to consider applications of teachers for next year, and other business at hand.

A plan adopted by the board will give teachers who remain in the local schools for three years an increase in salary each year, providing their work is satisfactory.

The board adopted a motion that no bills be allowed for supplies unless a written order is given from the commissioner of supplies or from Supt. H. C. Lyon.

The following teachers were elected in the primary department for next year:

Mrs. W. A. Bridwell, principal; Miss Eugenia Suber, Miss Gladys Jones, Mrs. H. C. Lyon, Miss Malcorine Wardlaw, Miss Grace Murchison, Miss Eloise Walker, Miss Faye Clark, principal at West Ward, Miss Helen Anderson and Miss Zemma Street.

A change of methods used in the central elementary school was announced. The departmental system was abolished at the meeting Monday, and a

teacher elected to look after each room. A number of reasons developed for making this change. One of the arguments for the departmental method was that one teacher could teach some one subject better and students would receive specialized instruction.

Arguments against the system were numerous: One advanced was that discipline is not as good. Teachers going from one room to another do not feel responsibility for any particular group and each teacher uses a different method, which confuses the pupils and does not get the results. There is also less personal interest between teacher and student.

Teachers elected for central elementary are Miss Nellie Bigby and Miss Irene Trousdale.

Teachers elected in the high school were: H. C. Lyon, superintendent; Miss Maryatt Smith, Mrs. Bessie Liddell Lowe, Miss Ulis Newton, Miss Elizabeth Parker, Harley Davis, Carr, Felton Wright, and Miss Helen Brewer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Robinson will teach the negro school.

Teachers who did not apply for positions here were: J. B. Pace, Mrs. H. C. Spencer, Miss Sydney Sturges, M. J. Weaver, Mrs. Joe Forman, Miss Hazel Hamilton, and Miss Arminda Timmons.

M. E. Irby, superintendent of schools at Omaha, Texas, was elected principal of the high school Monday night. Mr. Irby is married and has one child. He is 32 years old, a graduate of the East Texas State Teachers College at Commerce, a member of the Methodist Church, and comes from a prominent East Texas family.

Miss Wynis Greer was elected teacher of advanced English in the high school. She has had three years experience in teaching, is a graduate of McMurry College, and at present is teaching at Stamford. Miss Greer lacks one summer course of obtaining her master's degree.

Seven vacancies are yet to be filled and one extra teacher will be added at central elementary. The addition is necessary because Miss Geistman has been made supervisor of writing, drawing and public school art.

Supt. Lyon stated that the manner of selecting teachers for remaining vacancies would be the same as had been in practice here for the past three years. Qualification and experience will

Completion of Highway Nears; More Road Open

The L. E. Whitman Construction Company is pouring concrete daily on highway No. 30 in an effort to complete the job in short order.

After finishing pouring of cement there will be some shoulder work to be completed, however, a crew of teams and scrapers is already on this work and making good time.

Bridges and drainage structures will have to be filled in with two inches of asphalt.

Mr. Whitman stated that the past three months had been unusual weather for concrete work and few stops had been caused by weather conditions.

Barbers here have learned they must have two certificates to do general barbering as they have been accustomed to doing.

Other instructors named Monday night were: Miss Louise Doss, piano; Miss Nona Diltz, speech art; and Miss Hortense Holt, art.

Adults Contract Children's Diseases. Adults can and do, contract many children's diseases. And, usually, they suffer from them much more than children do.

Diets Drug Store is opened here. R. E. Albritton, of San Angelo, opened the Dietz Drug Store in Ballinger this week and will operate it for the owner, Taylor Elmore, of San Angelo.

New Farm Land Built By Silt-Laden Water

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Apr. 12.—New farm land is being built on the shores of the Salton sea by utilizing silt-laden waste water from the Colorado river.

Incubator Now Running

We Set Eggs Each Monday. Will be glad to take orders for trays and Baby Chicks any time. Have a new supply of Baby Chick Feed, Feeders and Founts.

Advertisement for Currie Produce Co. featuring incubators, baby chicks, and farm supplies.

Health Buttons for Kiddies by May 1

Miss Addie Alexander, public health nurse for Rannels county, is again active after illness which confined her to her home for a week.

Miss Alexander announced Tuesday that health buttons would be given in the Ballinger schools around May 1st. The exact date has not been set but will be worked out with the Parent-Teacher Association in a few days and arrangements made with the local school authorities to stage the program.

All children to receive a health button this year in addition to the other requirements, must have been vaccinated for smallpox and have had toxin anti-toxin against diphtheria.

The five points of the star on the state health button represent defects corrected, vaccination and toxin anti-toxin, health habits practiced, satisfactory grades, and satisfactory attitudes.

All children must be the correct weight, have no infected tonsils, good teeth and other qualifications before they are eligible to receive the buttons.

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Suffered Constantly With Backache and Pain in Side

Gonzales, Texas. "A short time ago I was suffering constantly with backache and pain in my right side. My sister knew of my condition and advised me to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. She said it had helped her so I took five bottles and by that time I was feeling fine. All my aches and pains are gone and I have had no trouble since."

All dealers, fluid or tablets. Ingredients listed on label. Send 10c to Dr. Pierce's Invalids Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., for trial pkg. of the Tablets and write for free advice.

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Sherwin-Williams Paint Headquarters

Save 61c while you beautify that shabby piece of furniture. Act now! SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY OFFER ON ENAMELOID. Here's what you get: One whole pint can Enameloid and one genuine rubber set paint brush.

\$1.50 VALUE FOR SHERWIN-WILLIAMS ENAMELOID. THE DECORATIVE ENAMEL. We make this special trial offer to prove to you that Sherwin-Williams Enameloid is a perfectly balanced, rapid-drying varnish enamel.

All Kinds of Building Windows, Doors, Screen Doors, Cement and Window Glass. Higginbotham Lumber. PAINT HEADQUARTERS Ballinger. Phone 151.

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PRAIRIE, Minn. A banker from Iowa county will have committee on agriculture. Minnesota Bank.

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City Report Shows Much Work Done

City Secretary K. V. Northin, has begun making weekly reports of city activities and copies are furnished each commissioner and the mayor. The reports cover all activities of the various departments and make interesting reading.

Departments covered in the weekly reports are: office, engineering, police, fire, health, dairy inspection, street, sanitary, and water system. After listing the work done in each department, a percentage of the work is given for the entire week in each department.

Among items included in the report this week were as follows: Office—In this department frequent accounts were reported, all of which had been verified by letter as to the correctness of their account. Five building permits were issued and 5 gas inspections made. Other work was routine.

Engineering—This department showed a steady work of settling stakes and doing preliminary surveying for the dam and water system.

Police—No arrests were made by the department during the week and very few calls answered other than the regular daily ones. Four animals were impounded.

Fire—One alarm was responded to during the week, following which 600 feet of hose washed, the old truck cleaned and other minor jobs attended to. Three practice meetings were held by the department.

Water System—Thirty-two meters were set, 5 new meters installed, 6 leaks repaired, 3 meters re-read, 3 meters repaired, and 30 sacks of lime hauled to the pump station.

Water Plant—Repairs were made to a number of belts, flywheels and grass set out and watered and the basin lined at the station.

Sanitary—This report was the last week and showed some 845 tons of work. Thirty cart loads of trash were removed from premises on Railroad Ave. cleaned and swept 25 wagon loads of trash removed from the business section, and a number of calls answered in regard to the finishing up of City Day Week.

Dairy—Twenty-two visits to dairies were made, 20 samples of milk tested, 121 cows inspected, 3 permits issued to sell certain grades of milk, and 5 placards posted.

Street—Two blocks of caliche were dragged, numerous other places covered with caliche, dirt hauled, downtown paving swept and cleaned, and 3 days work done at the municipal airport with road and street machiner.

Health—One case of small pox quarantined, 6 families released from quarantine. The record shows that contagious diseases, especially small pox, have abated their course, only one being reported.

Heads of departments tickets for each piece of work done with the secretary and these tickets the weekly report is composed.

Light Rains Fall South of Ballinger

Paini Rock reported a 75 inch rain Tuesday afternoon which was the most received at that point south of here. Concho reported half an inch, and Eola a shower. Pony received no rain at all.

A large cloud hung south of Ballinger for several hours Tuesday afternoon and local observers expected to hear of large rains over the territory south of here. The report Wednesday morning was discouraging. The rain threatened heavy on south of Paini Rock and tourists arriving here late Tuesday evening stated they pulled heavy mud all the way.

Parties arriving from San Angelo reported passing through some heavy showers on the way but that they covered small territory.

Hatchel and a good sized stormy west of that place received about half an inch Monday afternoon. The rain there fell, partially and will help some other rains follow soon.

The weather report for Tuesday is not encouraging as it indicates cooler weather and skies over all West Texas.

TEST AT 10,000 POUNDS RIGHT FOR AUTO SCALES WASHINGTON, Apr. 16.—A scale of at least 10,000 pounds should be used to test auto scales, the bureau of standards says. "There is a popular conception," the bureau explains, "that a scale which will weigh a load correctly will weigh any load within its capacity range with equal accuracy. This belief is entirely erroneous."

After Kidnapers Freed Bristow



Free after being held captive 30 days by Mexican bandits, J. E. Bristow, San Angelo, Texas, oil mine operator, is shown here between two reformed kidnapers who acted as emissaries in the ransom negotiations and then conducted the Texan to safety. Bristow's beard was long and his clothes worn when he reached Ahuacatlan.

Camps and Irene Minshew, Glad and Orville Powers, Marion Drake, Lee Howell, Allen B. Dorsey and Troy Laxton and Buna Camp enjoyed a fishing party on the creek Thursday night, with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Forgy acting as chaperones.

Arch Tyree took a couple of shots at some chicken thieves in his chicken house Thursday night. Three of the made quick time back to the creek.

Everyone enjoyed the party at Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tyree's Saturday night.

Bro. Richards and family of Norton, visited our Sunday school Sunday and Bro. Richards preached for us. His sermon was very interesting, being on Love.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Drake and son Marvin, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Howell and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tyree visited Mr. and Mrs. Jess Sandusky of Bronte, last Tuesday.

Sidney Sides made a business trip to Kerrville, Friday.

Scripps Institute of Oceanography is cooperating with the navy in an effort to develop paint to protect ships from marine growths.

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We now sell Goodyears for little more than the cheapest makes. Yet we can prove that Goodyears are superior even to highest-priced tires. Reason enough—Goodyear builds more than 5/8 of all tires sold in America—50 other makers divide the remainder of the business.

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Double Eagle New Heavy Duty Standard All-Weather

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Matchless for the money in looks, construction and performance. Full Oversize Fresh 1930 'Firsts'—carefully mounted—lifetime guaranteed and backed by our year round service.

30x3 1/2 \$5.60 30x5 \$22.50

30x4.50 \$6.90 30x5.25 \$10.80

Ballinger Auto Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cope, of Happy, are spending several days with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brandom returned from Wichita Falls Saturday where they had been visiting their daughter.

Miss Bernice Hale spent the week-end with Steve Hale and family of Ballinger.

Arthur Kerby visited Clyde Brevard of Blanton community the week-end.

A slight shower fell here late Monday afternoon, and we are expecting more rain as it is very cloudy today (Tuesday).

Bro. Tierce and wife, accompanied by Misses Dora Gressom, Nonna Avert and Florence Summers, attended the B. Y. P. U. meeting at Norton Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. T. L. Foreman and children of Blanton community, were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Avert.

Mrs. Clyde Brevard, of Blanton, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Kerby, part of last week.

The majority of the folks in this community are up with their work and have nothing to do until it rains. Quite a few have gone fishing the past week, however, the fish seem not to take notice of the hooks very much.

A number from here have been attending the Oxen meeting the past week which was a great success.

Mrs. Moore visited Mrs. G. C. Avert Saturday afternoon.

There will be a tackey party at the Herring school house next Friday night. The P. T. A. will serve refreshments and all who do not come dressed tackey, will be charged 10 cents to get in. So come on, we are expecting a jolly time.

Trustee election was held April 5. Mr. Barmore and Mr. Hale were elected. Mr. Kerby being the old one.

Nolan Barmore is reported ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Miller visited in the W. A. Hale home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Alcorn visited Mrs. Alcorn's parents of Plainview citizens.

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Requests Control Of Cotton Futures

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Wide supervision and control of cotton futures exchanges, and "pitiless publicity concerning the operations of specific trades," were items recommended today in a letter by Carl Williams, of the federal farm board, and placed before the House agriculture committee.

Williams' letter was addressed to Representative Vinson, Democrat of Georgia, whose bill to place cotton exchanges under federal regulation was up for hearing.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16.—Phillip Weld, president of the New York Cotton Exchange, after a conference with President Hoover today, predicted a five per cent decrease in cotton acreage this year.

Weld declared he believed general business and stock market conditions are improving.

In Texas, and the Southwest, where the cotton yield is 105 pounds of lint per acre, Weld said, "the farmers must be terribly busted."

Mrs. J. F. Currie has returned from Dallas after a few days visit in that city.

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It pays to be careful when you buy Aspirin. Genuine Bayer Aspirin is safe as well as sure. These tablets are always reliable—they never depress the heart.

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Word has been received here that Dr. George J. Burnett, of Memphis, Tenn., has been released from his duties as assistant secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, that he might lead an endowment campaign for the college here.

Dr. J. E. Nunn, of Amarillo, has proposed to give the school \$40,000 of a proposed \$250,000 endowment fund.

Soon a campaign will be launched to raise \$50,000 of that endowment in contributions from Plainview citizens.



UNEARTHED BONES OF ANCIENT BEAST NEAR BALLINGER

This week, while digging a large tank on his place west of Ballinger, E. J. Carroll found a number of bones of some large animal. The discovery was made under ledges of rock, some of the ossified remains being unearthed at a depth of about six feet.

Mr. Carroll said the bones were under rock stratas which apparently cover the whole area without a break. The bones are very brittle and are believed to have been underground for centuries.

It is not known whether the discovery has any historical value but effort will be made to determine at what era the remains belong.

Mrs. E. E. King went to Abilene Thursday where she was joined by her sister, Mrs. Perry King, and the two left for Amarillo to visit for two weeks with Mrs. H. B. Fain and family. Mr. King accompanied his wife to Abilene.

F. F. Ligon left Sunday for Ft. Worth, where he will be for a few days attending to business.

He will advertise.



Easter Greeting

To add splendor and beauty to this Spring Gala Day send Flowers to Sweetheart or Friend. They speak each message the heart would convey. Cut flowers here are fresh and lovely.

Ballinger Floral Company 1006 8th St. Phone 263

Advertisement for HEIDY SEELY featuring Easter candy and various goods. Includes prices for Bananas (15c doz), Beans (15c 2 lbs), Pineapple (2 for 25c), Peanut Butter (19c 9 oz), Soup (9c), Lunch Meat (28c lb), Hams (30c), Bacon (28c lb), Dry Salt Jowls (13c lb), Cheese (35c lb), and Pork Chopsp (25c lb).

Rural

RENOIT NEWS

Heavy sprinkle fell here Monday afternoon where settled the and gave renewed hope to farmers and ranchmen.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clack and visited in the Frank Hoff-Some Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brookshier and Mrs. Lane motored to Winters Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Gibson and family attended services at the Methodist church at Talpa Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Donaldson and children, Mrs. L. B. Rappy Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shepherd, of Pecos, in on the bus Sunday to the week-end with her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rack-

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Tullos motored to Angelo Tuesday.

Mr. W. Morris left this week for work in the oil fields.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lewis has been on sick list the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Annie Ruth Williams, of Ingler, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Hoffman attended Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brookshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ashton, of Valley community, went to her Saturday afternoon after being at the side of her grandfather, and the home of her parents, Mr. Mrs. J. A. Odom, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxie Cole has been ill at parents' home, with scarlet fever, but will be able to return home as soon as the quarantine is raised.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hill returned Monday night from a visit to relatives at Bay City. They report the lower counties in good condition, fine crops growing, and all prospects bright.

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BETHEL NEWS

Miss Sallie Shelburne, who had been visiting in Rusk, Tex., returned home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Nail and D. Hornburg attended the Mid-Texas Teachers Association convention at Brady Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Greenhill entertained with a party Friday night. Everyone reported an enjoyable time.

A large crowd attended the Birthday Social last Friday night. Those who were awarded prizes were: Barney Nunley, Doris and Mr. Martin. Refreshments were served to about one hundred and twenty. Everyone enjoyed the event a great success. From the ticket sale \$27.87 was realized.

Miss Thelma Jean Nail visited with Isabelle Richardson last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Greenhill Jr., and Mrs. Mary Nunley spent the week-end in Bronte.

Mr. Meade McShan was ill this week - it is now able to be

NORTON NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Joyce Crockett of Waco, are spending several days with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Price spent Sunday with friends at Bronte.

Mr. G. Roper, Treat Jennings and Harold Osborne, returned Saturday from Corpus Christi.

Harold Doggett, of Abilene, spent the week-end with J. M. Mackey and family.

Ardis Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith, who had the misfortune to step on a piece of broken glass and cut the leader on his foot, is in a serious condition.

Bill Smith is spending this week with his parents.

Mrs. J. R. Taylor returned Saturday from San Angelo where she spent a few days with her daughter.

Mrs. J. E. Drummond, Miss Winnie Ruth and John Drummond of Caps, spent Monday with Mrs. Henry Drummond.

LeRoy Price and Clay Griggs had business in Fort Worth this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gleaghorn, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Florence and Joe Dismore, returned Tuesday from an outing on the Concho River.

Several of the Methodist people attended the Epworth League institute at Ballinger Tuesday night.

The Baptists are holding a meeting this week, services twice a day, every one invited to attend.

The Methodist quarterly conference will meet at the Methodist Church Sunday 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crockett and family of the Bethel community were visitors in the home of Bob Crockett, Sunday.

Miss Maggie Taylor of San Angelo spent the week-end with relatives.

Mrs. Mattie Louder, of Miles, spent last week-end with Mrs. F. Roper.

Marjory Mitchell, of Rankin, is spending this week with her grandmother, Mrs. Laura Harding.

HAGAN NEWS

Bro. Corder filled his regular appointment Sunday with a large crowd present. We had 106 members present for Sunday school, and a good lesson reported.

Mrs. Doris Nunn has returned to her home in Abilene.

Miss Georgia Bailey, of Hatchel, spent Saturday night with Miss Edna Mae Patterson.

Quite a few of the Hagan people attended the singing convention at Ballinger Sunday and everyone enjoyed the good singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wood and family of Harmony and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sparks spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wood.

Miss Floy Drake enjoyed the company of Miss Maurine Carroll Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Seipp, Willis Sparks and Cecil Davison visited at Sweetwater Sunday.

The rabbit drive in our community this week was a great success. Everyone enjoyed the dinner and lots of rabbits reported killed.

We are very glad to report that Mrs. Jess Sellers who has been in the sanitarium for some time is better and expected to return home soon.

BLANTON NEWS

A large crowd enjoyed a singing at the Blanton church Sunday night.

The Blanton high school pupils will carry their play "The Unfortunate Calamity," to Goldsboro Friday night. It will be given at Blanton at the close of school.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Tunget and family and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Boothe and family visited Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boothe Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wood and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wood Sunday.

Sunday school at both churches was well attended. There were 47 present and five new members joined at the Baptist church. We are always glad to have you come and join our Sunday school. We invite each and every one of you to come each Sunday morning and be with us at 10 o'clock.

Rev. Tierce will preach at the Baptist church Sunday. We are expecting a fine sermon as it will be Easter Sunday.

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

Rev. and Mrs. Brown and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Sunday.

A number of the young people from this community attended the dance at the Johnes home Saturday night. A good time was reported by all.

Miss Louise Foreman had as her guest Sunday Misses Orna Lee, Tounget Imogene, Doris and Arline Boothe.

Mrs. Dulin and two daughters, Misses Velma and Ima Lee, of San Angelo, were guests in the W. F. James home Friday.

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Otis Brown, wife and baby, of San Saba, visited his uncle, R. E. Brown, last week.

Willie Mae McMillan spent Friday with Corene Brown.

Mrs. Mary Kelly is visiting in Abilene.

Mrs. V. B. Jones spent the week-end with her mother near Blanton.

Mr. Farnes has been very ill the past week but is better at this writing.

Miss Anna Bee Mapes is visiting in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McMillan and daughter, Willie Mae, spent last Sunday in San Angelo with Ed McMillan and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Eckerman entertained a number of friends Saturday night with a turkey supper in honor of Mr. Eckerman's birthday.

The South Ballinger Girls Sewing Club was entertained with a picnic at the pecan orchard on Corene Brown's home place. A delightful day was spent.

Mrs. Horace Murphy has returned from an extended visit at Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hooks have a new car.

Who said South Ballinger couldn't grow? C. A. Rogers is putting in an up-to-date meat market. Parr Brothers have an up-to-date filling station and garage. The Nest will be a general merchandise store. Watch us grow.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Farley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Parrish.

Henry Royley went to the Concho Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Farley and children, Mrs. R. E. Brown and daughter, Corene, Mrs. Henry Royley and children, Mrs. Claude Kelly and children, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Parrish and daughters, Kate and Alta, enjoyed a moonlight picnic at the dam Saturday night.

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HATCHEL NEWS

The half-inch rain which we received last Monday afternoon, was a very pleasant affair. It makes everyone feel good to know that it still knows how and we are hoping that we will receive plenty before it is too late. Clouds are still close by and it looks very promising for a good one yet.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Caudle returned last Sunday from a visit to their daughters at Abilene and Stanton.

Lulu, Jr., Dorothy and Norris McWilliams, of below Ballinger, spent the week-end with their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tucker.

Hatchel is working on one of the best plays which has ever been staged in this community. The name is "Beads On a String" a comedy in three acts. Time about two hours. We are expecting to be able to put this on the fourth Friday in this month. Watch the paper for further announcement.

Mrs. Mord S. Tucker and her father and sister, L. M. Bales, and Mrs. Ethel Ratliff, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gill of Ballinger, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hinkle and family attended the Tom Green county singing convention at Christoval Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Barnhill entertained the Baptist Sunday school on last Friday night in their home south of Hatchel. After the guests had gathered a group of young men from Winters entertained in a charming manner with a fine selection of musical numbers. After which ice cream and cake was served to all present. Everyone expressed themselves as having spent a very pleasant evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Mathis spent last Wednesday in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Carl Horn, of Norton.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Ratliff and sisters, Edith and Katy Rae, of Littlefield visited their sisters, Mrs. Marcus Bales and Mrs. Clifton Davis, last week.

Quite an interesting service was given at the Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 3:30, when two deacons were ordained. Those ordained were Lonnie Stone and Mr. White Bro. Harry McGregor, the pastor, had charge of the service and was assisted by Bro.

Hardesty, of Abilene, Bro. McClain, Willie Stephens, and B. C. Kirk of Ballinger.

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WILMETH NEWS

The Baptist people are holding a meeting this week. Mr. Steele, the pastor, is conducting the service. Attendance is good.

There was a series of prayer services at the Baptist church all last week.

Drue Harkins has been ill again but is better.

Mr. and Mrs. Fowler were in Oklahoma for the week-end.

Roy Smith, of Seminole, Oklahoma, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Allen were visitors at the teachers Sunday afternoon. They were accompanied by William Polk and Miss Twilda Allen.

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Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends who were so kind to us during our recent sorrow. The true friendship shown by so many will always remain in our hearts and we will always remember the many kind words and acts. We appreciate the floral offerings which made beautiful the last resting place of our loved one.

Mrs. D. Reeder and Family
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BLOOMING PRAIRIE, Minn., Apr. 15.—(AP)—A banker from every Minnesota county will have a place on the committee on agriculture of the Minnesota Bankers' Association.

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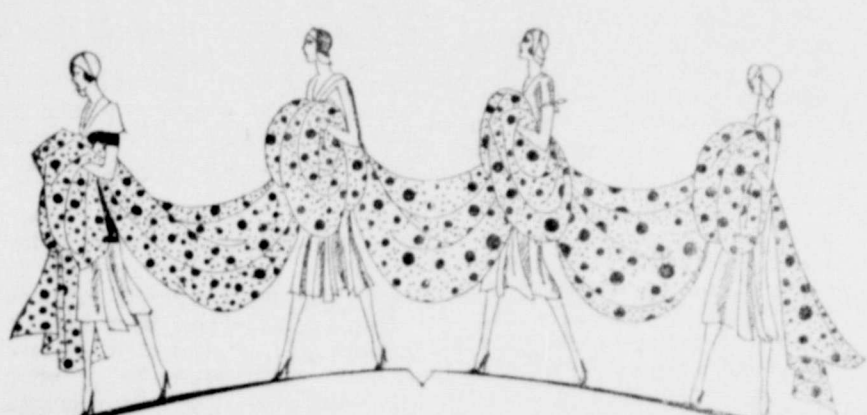
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Shantungs - Flat Crepes - Printed Shantungs - Printed Flat Crepes - Dimities - Batists
Prints and Gingham - They Surely are Buying Them - Because They are Bargains.
But There are Plenty Yet - Come and Get Yours - If You've Had Some Come Buy More.

CHIFFON, \$2.50 VALUES

42 inches wide chiffon, extra good quality, so sheer and cool, just the thing for making those wonderful new dresses with the new silhouette. This is a real \$2.50 value in the new spring shades, cream, egg shell, bright blue, peach, pink, orchid, red and black. Easter Sale price only

\$1.79

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A real \$2.50 value in the very newest for the new spring and summer dresses. Very smart patterns, blending beautiful pastel colorings. They cannot be described, to know how pretty they are you must see them—Easter Sale price only

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GEORGETTES

40 inches wide georgettes, beautiful quality, very sheer in beautiful shades for spring—rose, cloud, pink, peach, tan, bright rose, light blue, bright Red, navy and Wine. Easter Sale price only

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NEW PRINTED DIMITIES

These are so nice for the light, cool summer frocks and very nice for children's dresses, regular 50c values. Easter Sale only the yard

33c

SHANTUNGS

Solid color shantung, the most wanted dress material of the season. Best quality in all the new spring shades as follows: green, pink, red, orchid, maize, orange, blue, natural and white. Elsewhere \$1.50, Easter Sale price only

\$1.39

40 INCH PRINTED FLAT CREPES

Very newest spring patterns in all the wonderful colorings that are so good for the beautiful sport dresses—new Princess dresses and new jackets. Dresses extra good \$2.50 values. Easter Sale price only

\$1.79

FLAT CREPES

40 inch flat crepe, extra heavy, beautiful texture in all the new spring shades as orchid, bright blue, maize, bright green, orange, flesh and black. Elsewhere \$2.50. Easter Sale price only

\$1.79

FLAT CREPES

40 inch wide extra good flat crepe, beautiful weight and very fine weave in the wanted eggshell, pink, orchid, maize, blue, chartreuse, white and tan. Easter Sale price only

\$1.39

NEW SPORT PIQUES

In the newest pastel colors, many colors blended in one. These are very attractively made into sport frocks. Regular \$1 values. Easter Sale price only

79c

NEW PRINTED VOILES

40 inches wide and of such sheer weave, when made up they look almost like georgette, this is just the material to make your wash dress up with. Regular 50c value. Easter Sale price only

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Winters is conducting a beautification campaign in connection with a clean-up. The movement is being fostered by the Winters P.-T. A., who besides working for a clean town is encouraging better yards and gardens. Prizes have been offered to children for the best bird-houses.

Within a few weeks approximately 4,000 school children in this county will commence their summer vacations. A majority of these are old enough to do considerable work and if late rains furnish a need for labor this source will not be overlooked.

A family quarrel was finally settled at Brady Monday afternoon when two young men met and "shot it out." After the shooting both men were lying dead within a few feet of each other, each with three fatal wounds in his body. That is one way of settling disputes but a very poor way, and loved ones are left to suffer as a result.

Abilene colleges will play a major role in entertaining visitors at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention. Each night during the convention one of the colleges will entertain and six Abilene schools in addition to a number of other West Texas institutions will take part in the educational parade.

The irrigation project being fostered on the Colorado River with a damsite above Robert Lee proposes to water 75,000 acres. A company has been formed to promote the project and preliminary surveys will be run and costs estimated for the building of the dam and extending canals to all sections of the district.

Ballinger is to be congratulated on its milk ordinance. Other nearby towns are realizing the great importance of such an ordinance and starting the ball to rolling in the same direction. Milk can be the best of all foods; again improperly handled it can breed disease and be unfit for use by hogs. Milk patrons here have no trouble in securing grade A milk that has passed every test to make it pure.

Speaking of milk some rural friends have the idea that they cannot market their cream and butter here unless their herds have been tested and passed. This is not true. The law requires those who sell and deliver sweet milk to have these tests made and to print on the cap of the bottle the grade each is authorized to sell.

Newspapers coming to the editor's desk this week from this section of the state have had many nice things to say in regard to the firemen's banquet and the new fire equipment at Ballinger. All the papers praised the demonstration of the new truck here last Monday and the progressiveness of the city in commencing erection of a new \$35,000 city hall and fire station.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to find a place to go fishing these days. Most people who own land on stream fronts would like to accommodate the public but some fishermen destroy property and abuse the privilege extended. This makes everyone suffer and the man who would be careful finds it almost impossible to get to a fishing hole because someone else abused the right.

In entertaining the Mid-Texas Educational Association Brady will use Richards Park, its municipal recreation grounds. The teachers were given a basket picnic at that place on the opening day of the convention. The Brady park is one of the nicest in the state and is well equipped with every known kind of play device for the kiddies. It is an amusement center any town could be proud of.

The number of candidates for governor and other state offices this year has caused the Texas Election Bureau to raise assessments against papers who are members of that organization. It is estimated that the expense of tabulating the vote this year will cost many thousands of dollars more than in past years. The Daily Ledger is a member of the Bureau and the staff will be on the job all night following elections to give accurate and quick returns.

The fine feeds that are being served on rabbit drives in this county are causing increased at-

tendance at these events. Those who like to hunt are finding plenty of sport on the drives as rabbits are plentiful and the crowds are large enough to cover wide territories. Many thousand rabbits have been slain in the past two weeks and this will enable farmers to raise more feed.

Those who travel the highways regularly report that more people are seen walking now than ever before. A local man counted ten men afoot between Miles and Ballinger one day last week and stated that it was not an unusual number for any day. Many are going nowhere in particular, some to visit, others trying to get home, and still others looking for work. Travelers are not eager to pick up strangers and many of them walk most of the way.

Census enumerators are going every day trying to tabulate the people who live in Runnels county. None have reported yet but a number have about covered their districts and within a short time some idea as to the population should be made known. Ballinger citizens are anxious to know how many people will be counted in the city limits. Guesses range from 3,750 to 5,500.

When construction opens in Ballinger the line of workmen seeking jobs resembles a recruiting station. And with this condition prevalent we hear some wondering what will happen when rains come. A few are afraid that public improvement will get under way, employing all surplus labor, and when planting time arrives help will not be available to get the seed in the ground as quickly as possible.

Dry weather has caused many applications to be made for water rights this year and a number of plants will be installed along streams in this county. Irrigation is forgotten in years when there is copious rainfall, but when moisture is scarce farmers begin to figure how they can produce their crops. Irrigation in this section has been studied for many years and with the great possibilities along the Colorado it may some day become a very fertile belt. At present plans for a dam-site and the irrigation of 75,000 acres are being proposed.

A good rain cloud would attract more excitement in Ballinger than a circus parade. A small thunderhead will cause local citizens to watch it closely and although fooled several times by the weather report they still keep the weather eye open. A good rain now would make the farmers feel easier, pep the business men, put out stock water and be of great benefit to sheep and cattle men by starting grass and weeds. The last good rain was at the close of the Runnels County Fair in October and the few rains that have fallen since have been showers that covered a very small territory.

There has been much said recently about "dry" conventions and it causes us to wonder if the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention at Abilene will be a "bone dry" affair. Many people would attend if they were positive there would be no drinking and drunks, while others

would lose all interest if the "wild" part were eliminated. Two classes of citizens attend conventions. One wants to get away from home and "cut loose," while the other goes to attend the convention. It is not impossible, however, for both groups to attend a meeting in the same city and never meet in the same places of their liking.

The committee soliciting firms for Easter eggs to be used in the hunt here next Saturday is meeting with ready response. One of the solicitors said everyone seen had been anxious to cooperate and had donated the suggested number and a prize egg. The committee will strive to make this one of the best events ever staged in Ballinger and many boys and girls under twelve years will be entertained here on the day before Easter. Any business house which is not solicited for eggs and who would like to donate is welcome to do so. The more eggs, the better the hunt will be. A phone call to The Ledger office stating how many eggs the donor will furnish will be accepted and the committee notified.

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Senior Picnic Held Wednesday

The senior class of the Ballinger high school enjoyed a picnic Wednesday evening at the upper dam. The crowd met in town and went to the dam at 7:30 where games were played until the time for the lunch.

A menu which had been prepared by the teachers and girls was spread and everyone gathered around and enjoyed the good eats.

During the meal, Wallace Chastain acting as spokesman for the class, made a short talk in which he expressed the appreciation of the entire class for the principal, J. B. Pace. The talk carried real feeling and after the spokesman concluded others personally expressed their thanks to Mr. Pace for the many thoughtful acts shown the seniors not only this year but in all four years of their high school work. Mr. Pace will leave the local school this year. Following the talk, Drew Dickson led a yell for "Jerry" in which every senior and teacher present took part.

Other teachers were Mrs. Besie Lowe, and Miss Hamilton, Parker and Timmons. After a short play time the thirty odd seniors returned to town.

J. D. Forman, of Throckmorton, was here Saturday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Forman and friends.

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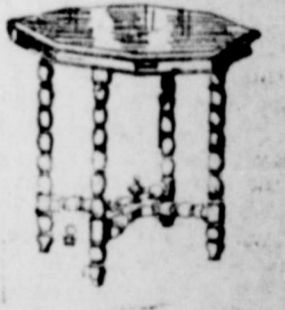
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Deaths

Elario Sanceda
Elario Sanceda, age 56, died at his home here at 3:00 o'clock Monday evening following a long illness. He is survived by his wife and mother, his mother being 92 years old.

Funeral services were held at 4:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at St. Mary's Church and interment made in the Mexican Catholic cemetery.

Undertakers from the Higginbotham funeral home prepared the body for burial and were in charge of arrangements.

R. F. Davis, Sr.
News was received in Ballinger Thursday announcing the death of R. F. Davis, Sr., of Nachogdoches, father of Roy F. Davis, city engineer here. Mr. Davis received a call to come to the bedside of his father Wednesday night and left at once, but arrived after the death.

Mr. Davis was prominent in educational affairs at Nachogdoches, having been superintendent of schools there for the past 33 years.

Funeral services were held at the home at 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon and interment made soon after.

Mrs. Rhodie Ellen Moore
Mrs. Rhodie Ellen Moore, age 83 years 3 months and 2 days, died at the home of her son, Tom Moore, Thursday evening at 2:00 o'clock, following a long illness.

Mrs. Moore moved to Ballinger about four years ago with her son from a point near Waco. Decedent is survived by five sons and one daughter: Tom Moore, of Ballinger; Henry Moore, of California; Jim Moore, of California; Will Moore, of Oklahoma; Sam Moore, of the U. S. army; and Mrs. S. D. Reed, of Ft. McKavitt.

Funeral services were held at Evergreen Cemetery Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock with O. R. Williams, minister of the Church of God officiating.

Undertakers from Higginbotham Funeral Home were in charge of the funeral.

DALLAS VISITORS EXPRESS APPRECIATION OF VISIT

Secretary J. D. Motley received a letter Monday from Homer D. Wade, general manager of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, expressing thanks for the delightful meeting in Ballinger on the recent trip of business and railroad men of that city.

Mr. Wade stated that at no place did the Dallas men receive more genuine hospitality than at Ballinger.

The party spent several hours in Ballinger and while here met and associated with the leading business men and civic leaders. The object of the trip, as stated, was to study conditions and offer Dallas facilities to local business men.

Crowell—Foard county's total cotton ginnings is now near 15,000 bales.

HIGHWAY PATROLMEN WORK HERE SATURDAY

State highway patrol officers were in Ballinger Saturday night and gave many motorists warnings along the designated highway through Hutchings Avenue. One arrest was reported and a number were warned against double parking, running without tail-lights, driving with one head-light, turning corners too fast and numerous other violations.

Bigby Home Total Loss by Blaze

The residence of Mrs. N. T. Guest, 1600 Twelfth Street, burned to the ground Thursday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bigby and family occupied the house with Mrs. Guest.

No one was at home at the time of the fire. Mr. and Mrs. Bigby had gone to their farm home and Mrs. Guest was calling on a neighbor across the street. The children were at school and the fire was not discovered until the ceiling and roof were fully ablaze.

No member of the family was able to give any cause for the fire. There had been no stoves burning for several hours.

The first persons to reach the scene stated that it was almost impossible to enter the house on account of the terrific heat. The flames were fanned by a high wind and the fire company did well to hold the damage to the residence and save the outhouses. One trunk containing boys'

clothing, a trunk of gifts and relics, a radio and a table were about the only articles carried from the house. Most of the clothing belonging to the occupants was burned and all household goods were lost.

It was the first actual test of fire fighting for the new Ballinger fire truck and the machine worked perfectly. A quick connection was made and two large streams of water were played on the burning structure until all flames were extinguished. Mains in that section of the city are small and the machine could not pump to its full capacity, but the two streams of water used had plenty of pressure.

Miss Nellie Bigby, a teacher in the Ballinger schools, had a narrow escape in going home to the fire. Her automobile struck a curb on Eighth Street as she was turning a corner and both rear tires blew out. She kept the car face up, however, and after bringing it to a stop, caught another car for the remainder of the way.

Read today's news in The Ledger today.

Brownwood Gets Teachers Meeting

The annual convention of the Mid-Texas Educational Association came to a close Saturday afternoon in Brady with the election of officers and the selection of a meeting place for next year. Brownwood was named the host city for 1931 after making a vigorous fight for the honor. The following officers were elected: C. H. Hufford, of Coleman, president; R. E. White, Ballinger, first vice-president; Mrs. Karl Blasig, Brady, second vice-president; and Miss Helen Brewer, of Ballinger, treasurer.

The secretary is appointed by the president and is always from his own town. Mr. Hufford had made no appointment Saturday when the convention adjourned.

All Ballinger and Runnels county teachers returned home Saturday night and report one of the best conventions ever held by the association. Some fine speakers were on the program, and praises were heard from all the Ballinger

teachers for the hospitality and entertainment furnished by Brady.

Attendance was larger this year than ever before. At Ballinger last year about 675 teachers were present and the first day registration at Brady exceeded this number. Something over 700 was present during the last day. The Runnels county delegation probably was the largest out-of-county group at the convention. All teachers in McCulloch county were present to help with the entertaining. It was estimated that Runnels county had 85 present.

Practically all schools in this county were represented, how- ever, some of the larger schools only had one teacher in attendance. A majority of the schools in this county declared a holiday Friday in order that every teach-

er would be free to go.

SALES BARN BURNS AT MILES: LOSS IS \$2,500

MILES, Apr. 10—The Bob Albritton sales barn burned to the ground here shortly after noon yesterday. The barn had been remodeled and was housing several Mexican families. The blaze started in the southwest corner of the building from an unknown cause. Three dogs perished in the flames and no bedding or household goods were saved.

The building was erected here some twenty-five years ago by C. C. Culwell and was valued at about \$2,500. Mr. Albritton bought the place from Culwell about twelve years ago. The loss was covered partly by insurance. A stiff southwest wind hindered

work of the Miles volunteer fire department, and although the firemen fought the blaze valiantly, the building was totally destroyed.

Posted
This is to inform the public that my place on Mustang is posted against hunting, fishing, and all forms of trespassing. Everybody is requested to stay out.

MRS. MARY SPREEN
10-2td-2tw*

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