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## 500 from Here Expected In Abilene Delegation

Fred Kiechle, Harry Lynn and Ross Murchison, the committee in charge of the trip Friday to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention at Abilene, will start Wednesday morning enlisting cars and citizens to depart from this city at 8:00 a. m., May 30th.

Special hat-bands and other marks of identification are being printed and will be distributed to every person in the caravan just prior to the departure.

A goal of not less than 500 boosters has been set and all over that will be appreciated by the leaders. Citizens are requested to be ready to answer the committee whether they will go to Abilene or not when called on Wednesday.

The Ballinger Band will head the delegation wearing new caps and capes which were designed especially for this occasion. As soon as the party reaches Abilene about 9:30 a. m., a parade will be staged on the downtown streets and following that stunts and concerts will be presented in the hotel lobbies.

A number of nearby cities will send special delegations on the same date. Winters is planning a delegation in several hundred cars and officials were busy there Monday in an effort to make arrangements with the Bronte Band to accompany their delegation, wearing a special uniform for the occasion. H. H. Carsey, director of the Bronte Band, said he did not know if such an arrangement could be made as the Bronte Band was due to enter the high school class C contest and could not stand hard playing before that event.

Secretary J. D. Motley is in Abilene arranging a district booth and exhibit but will finish this and be ready to join the Ballinger group Friday morning.

W. A. Minter, of Abilene, will be host to the Ballinger trippers while they are attending the convention.

## County Court is Opened Monday

County court was called to order Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock by County Judge Paul Trimmier. The roll of jurors was called for the week and excuses heard from those desiring to be turned loose for the week. The following were accepted and sworn in for duty: M. B. Wardlaw, Dayton Smith, Arthur Giescke, Earl Jensen, H. B. O'Kelly, Dee Curry, W. R. Bogle, A. L. Spann, Delbert Vancil, C. A. Adams and E. T. Branham.

The first case called was the State of Texas vs. Lee White who is charged with the theft of about 700 pounds of cotton seed from J. D. Holloway on September 26. Sheriff R. E. McWilliams arrested White about three weeks ago and since that time defendant has been out on bond. A number of witnesses were in the court room at the opening of court Monday to be used by both sides during the trial. Whit is represented by Baker & Parish and County Attorney Roy Hiss is assisted by Frank C. Dickey in the prosecution.

Defense attorneys asked for a continuance of the case but the motion was overruled by the court. The state announced ready and the defendant waived the jury and asked to be tried before the court.

Judge Trimmier excused the jurors for all of Monday instructing them to report for duty Tuesday morning at 9:30. Other cases in which jurors will likely be asked by defendants will be called as soon as the White case is completed.

A number of cases are on the docket and will be called for trial according to County Attorney Hill.

## City Report Shows Building Activity

The report compiled by City Secretary K. V. Northington for the week which closed Monday, May 19th, shows considerable activity in building here. Four building permits were issued during the week. Permits were for construction of the new Magnolia service station; to Dewey Campbell for the building of a new residence on Ninth Street between Pou and Sargent avenues; to W. H. Greer for removal of a house adjoining the residence of Mrs. Lula Noyes at Davis Avenue, opposite Fair Park; and to R. E. Lane for an addition to a rent house on Tenth Street.

Other office activities for the week included the mailing of 62 final notices to water consumers, issuance of 41 cut-off slips, and cutting off 32 consumers Monday morning.

Engineering work continued, with time divided between the new city hall, street drainage, and the city water reservoir and distribution system.

The health department reports one case of diphtheria and one case of small pox were placed under quarantine. One small pox case was released.

The city dairy inspector made five visits to dairies, 26 cows were inspected, 8 laboratory tests made of milk samples, and one permit was issued for the sale of a certain grade of milk.

Street, sanitary and water departments all reported a busy week, mostly taken up with usual routine. The new pound pen was reported completed and ready to take care of stray stock found in the city limits in violation of the city ordinance. Firemen held one drill and work was completed on the temporary home which will be occupied until the new fire station is completed.

Sheriff R. E. McWilliams returned Sunday from Austin, where he had been to place Mrs. John McFarlane in an insane asylum. She was tried here last week and adjudged insane by a jury.

Miss LaVierne Sims returned Sunday from a visit with her friend, Mrs. Charlie Miller, of Abilene.

## Highway Work is Progressing Fine

Work on highway No. 4 south of Ballinger is progressing nicely since weather has permitted laborers to return to their tasks following the heavy rains.

Sixty-four mules are being used in grading the roadbed at the extreme south end of the project. The men and teams are divided into three gangs and are making much progress daily.

Pouring of concrete for culverts near the Concho county line has begun and will be continued as fast as the forms are ready.

Excellent time has been made for the past week on the Colorado River bridge at the foot of Seventh Street. Footings for the piers on the south side of the river have been poured and forms are being set in place to retain the piers. All work on the opposite bank of the river will be finished before the mixing machine is moved to the north bank. Carpenters have been erecting forms for several weeks, and the steel piers to be sunk in the ground are in place. With flood waters receded allowing steady construction, good progress is being made and the speed will be increased shortly.

An excellent detour has been arranged for travel while the sector from Ballinger to the Concho county line is under construction. The detour leaves the right-of-way about two miles south of this city, following the old river road to Pony for several miles, through Bethel, and directly south from there until within a short distance of the Concho county boundary. The road is in fine condition and in dry weather will be as good as the old road and practically no farther. This detour will be used until the highway section is completed.

Considerable has been said regarding the location of highway No. 23 from Ballinger to the Coleman county line. Many are delighted with the location of the road while others are fighting the route very bitterly. Besides some property owners who have holdings through which the new road will go, a few local business men are against the location for business reasons, as their places of business will be removed from any highway.

## TO HOLD CONFERENCE ON SOIL CONSERVATION

STILLWATER, Okla., May 27.—The second annual convention of the Southwest Conference on Soil and Water conservation will be held at the Oklahoma A. & M. College here June 19 and 20.

O. B. Martin, president of the conference director of the extension service of the Texas A. & M. College, said that land grant colleges and others interested in agricultural problems, experiment stations, banks, machinery concerns would attend the meeting.

With Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas having similar water and soil problems, special invitations will be handed out before leaving Ballinger which all trippers will be expected to wear.

Representatives of other towns in this immediate vicinity will visit the convention city on this date. Winters will send a large delegation. The San Angelo delegation will come through Ballinger shortly after the local party leaves. Coleman boosters are working up a big crowd and Abilene will throng on May 30 with delegations from all sections of West Texas.

## CAMP FIRE GIRLS GO ON SWIMMING PARTY

Saturday the We-Stri-Wi went to the second crossing on Elm Creek for a swim. The girls rode in the trailer attached to the car driven by Victor Miller.

Helen Routh and Laura Edith Miller passed a swimming honor. After the swim an enjoyable lunch was served.

Those present were: Mrs. Victor Miller and Mrs. G. P. Teague, guardian and assistant guardian; Jennie Krempin, Dorothy Teague, Dorothy Wootton, Kathrine Atwell, Mary Fay Wardlaw, Laura Edith Miller, Helen Routh, Merna Sue Clark, Billie Teague, and Helen Thomson.

The six named last, together with Mrs. Teague and Evelyn Teague, hiked home, starting at sunset and reaching home about 9:00 o'clock. They hiked six or seven miles. The others went home in the trailer.

J. B. Aldridge has accepted a position with the local Piggly Wiggly and will be in charge of the meat market. He formerly was with this store but for the past several months had been employed with another store here.

## Texas Cotton Co-op. Will Start Membership Drive

DALLAS, May 23.—The Texas Cotton Cooperative Association has announced dates for addresses in Texas by Carl Williams, cotton member of the Federal Farm Board, and has made public its plans for a statewide membership campaign which will start simultaneously with the tour of the Farm Board member.

The campaign will open the first of June, and Williams is to arrive in Abilene for an address before the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention May 30, following with addresses before farmers and business men's mass meetings at Paris May 31, Waco June 2 and Corpus Christi June 3.

Sweeping changes were made in the Texas Cotton Cooperative system during the recent annual meetings of members and directors. The old Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association, after ten years of pioneering was reorganized into the Texas Cotton Cooperative Association and its sales plans placed on an entirely different basis. Instead of contracting to deliver all his cotton for sale by the association, the member will now contract for delivery of only one bale in every two, and

this amount only until he has delivered ten bales. After delivery of the tenth bale, he may sell all the remainder on the open market, if he so desires.

A "decentralized membership" program is another new feature, with district and branch offices at larger points, and receiving agencies at smaller points, to allow the members to carry on his dealings in person with association representatives near his home, rather than by long distance relations with state headquarters as before. On the other hand, sales will be on a more centralized basis than ever, the Texas association being one of twelve, covering the entire cotton belt, which will sell their cotton through the American Cotton Cooperative Association, sent up and supervised by the Federal Farm Board.

Corpus Christi will be the scene of the first membership drive, 41 counties of that district to begin organization June 3, with preliminary work already under way. As rapidly as possible the organization movement will be transferred to the other districts, in order to be ready for actual operation by the beginning of the cotton season.

## Mayor of Abilene Issues Invitation To Citizens Here

W. C. McCarver, Mayor of Ballinger, received a message from Thos. E. Hayden, Jr., mayor of Abilene, Saturday morning enlisting an invitation to all citizens of Ballinger to attend the convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce which will be held there on May 29, 30 and 31. Following is the message: "Abilene, Texas, May 23, 1930."

W. C. McCarver

Ballinger, Texas. By formal resolution of the board of commissioners of the city of Abilene I am directed to invite you and all the people of Ballinger to visit Abilene during the WTCC convention. We have planned a constructive program for the ongoing of West Texas in the adoption and execution of which your citizens should share. Pleasures as well have been provided. Please convey this message to your people.

"Thos. E. Hayden, Jr., mayor." Preparations are going ahead here for Ballinger to have one of the largest delegations at the Abilene convention on Friday, May 30. The plans call for a caravan headed by the Ballinger Band to leave here at 8:00 o'clock Friday morning. The motorcade will be met on the outskirts of Abilene by W. A. Minter, who has been delegated to look after the Ballinger group. Cars will be parked together and a parade staged on the downtown streets soon after the arrival. Hat-bands and other marks of identification will be handed out before leaving Ballinger which all trippers will be expected to wear.

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The Friday night entertainment program will be one of the best during the convention and a number of local people will remain over that evening. Others who want to return to Ballinger before night may do so as the delegation will be dispersed as soon as the Ballinger parade and stunts are concluded.

Will T. Mansker, the veteran South Ballinger truck farmer, is at home from an extended visit to his old home in Tennessee. He reports crop conditions very poor due to excessive rainfall. He declared streams are up and practically all lowlands have been flooded.

## MANY PEOPLE COME HERE TO PICK BERRIES

Berry patches in and near Ballinger are being swamped by customers. People come here from miles away to pick blackberries but only a few are able to secure the amount they want. Recent hail, rain and wind have destroyed many berries and the crop has been cut short unexpectedly. Mike Boyd's place just west of the city limits, was crowded early Monday morning by pickers scrambling for all they could get. Last week some left containers and money for the first berries picked on Monday. Mr. Boyd was distributing the available berries to as many as possible, so that everyone who came would be able to at least partly fulfill their wants.

## Population of Runnels County Given at 21,321

Runnels county has a population of 21,321 according to an announcement made Thursday by W. L. Turner, district census supervisor. This is a gain during the past ten years of 4,247. In 1920 Runnels county had a population of 17,074.

At the same time the population of the county was announced the population for the town of Miles was reported, showing that community to contain 972 residents, a gain in the past ten years of 119. Miles' population in 1920 was 853. Twelve farms were enumerated that adjoin the city limits and whose owners reside in Miles.

Justice precinct No. 6 of Runnels county has a population of 2,094, making one of the largest growths of any precinct in the county. Its population in 1920 was 1,421 or a net gain of 673. Two hundred and thirty-three farms were counted in the precinct.

Runnels county in the last census had a total of 2,547 farms. The population of this county is the highest ever officially reported. The records show the population in 1900 to have been 5,379; in 1910, 20,858, and in 1920 retrograding to 17,074. About 1928 the Texas Almanac estimated and published the county's population as 25,000, but few local observers believed that an actual count would show that many residents.

Runnels county's growth for the past decade has not come from any one locality in particular but every precinct in the county has gained. The increase at Ballinger was the greatest for any one section. Of the 4,247 gained in this county Ballinger furnished 1,420 which is slightly more than 30 per cent.

All these figures are preliminary and subject to correction. They are the first complete tabulations in the district office and in case an error has been made the supervisor will so notify The Ledger before the count is sent to Washington for final, official reporting.

## Highway 30 is Accepted; Grading Started on No. 4

### Ferguson's Motion Rehearing Refused

AUSTIN, May 26.—The special state supreme court today overruled the motion of former Gov. James E. Ferguson for a rehearing on his application for a mandamus to compel the state Democratic executive committee to place his name on the ballots at a candidate for governor in the party primaries.

The motion was filed Saturday after the court Friday held him ineligible to again hold a state office because of his impeachment by the legislature and removal from the governor's office in 1917.

Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, former governor, announced she would replace her husband as gubernatorial candidate in the ensuing primaries.

### 350 LIVES ARE LOST YEARLY IN TEXAS FIRES

AUSTIN, May 26.—The average annual property loss from fire in Texas during the past five years was \$20,000,000 with a toll of 350 lives each year, Eugene Sanders of the state fire insurance department said in a report. The per capita fire loss in the United States is \$4.73 compared to 72 cents for England, 49 cents for France, 28 cents for Germany, 25 cents each for Italy and Australia, 15 cents for Switzerland and 11 cents for Holland, the report disclosed.

A constant campaign has been waged by the fire insurance department against carelessness as one of the main causes of fire. Although this campaign has been waged mainly in schools, plans have been made to extend it to other lines of activity.

Five hundred towns and cities are teaching fire prevention in public schools. Towns whose schools teach fire prevention receive a three per cent reduction in their fire insurance rates.

All work has been completed on highway No. 30 from Ballinger to San Angelo and the job has been accepted by the state. Finishing dirt shoulders and smoothing the surface on bridges and culverts along the route was completed this week.

Interest now has shifted to the south portion of highway No. 4, from Ballinger to the Concho county line. Grading began two weeks ago at the Concho county line. Approximately 2½ miles of the right-of-way on this road has been torn up and is being graded to the required roadbed. A crew also has been working on the bridge across the Colorado River at the foot of Seventh Street for several weeks. No great amount of progress has been accomplished on this project due to high water most of the time, however, a number of carpenters have been busy building forms for the piers and much material has been placed on the ground.

Travel from Ballinger to Paris, Rock at present is being routed by Bethel. This detour leaves the old highway a short distance south of the city and does not return to the highway again until within a short distance of the county line. All the grading will be done from the Concho end of the road this year. Included in the grading contract are drainage structures along the route.

A number of complaints have been registered regarding the location of highway No. 23 from Ballinger to the Coleman county line. This location is north of the Santa Fe railroad and will make necessary new right-of-way for a considerable distance.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Irby spent a few hours here Saturday visiting Mrs. Irby's sister, Mrs. E. W. McLaurin. They left later in the day to attend commencement at Daniel Baker College.

August P. Linebars, Jr., of the Pacific Red and Gun club last year in surf-casting threw a four ounce slinker 327 feet, 5 inches.

## VALUES TO BE DISCUSSED AT A. & M.

COLEGE STATION, May 26.—Discussions of the more important economic and physical factors that determine land values will feature the program of the first soil and land valuation short course to be held at A. & M. July 8-10.

This course will be conducted primarily for land appraisers but it should prove of interest to every man concerned with land types. Dr. J. O. Morgan, who will have charge of the course said. Qualities, values and management, discussions will be conducted by members of the school of agriculture of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Extension Service of the college. Judge M. H. Gossett, president of the Federal Land Bank of Houston, will deliver the principal address at a banquet the night of July 9. That afternoon will be given over to field trips on which several farms in the vicinity of the college will be studied from the standpoint of appraisal. The afternoon of July 10 will be devoted to discussion of problems of land appraisers. The course will be open to all adults.

## Mrs. MacFarlane Adjudged Insane

In Runnels county court here Thursday morning, presided over by Judge Paul Trimmier, Mrs. John MacFarlane was adjudged insane and committed to the State Hospital for Insane at Austin.

Mrs. MacFarlane will be taken to the institution as soon as a vacancy is available.

Testimony of witnesses who reside near Mrs. MacFarlane in West End was to the effect that the defendant had not been of sound mind for about nine years and that in the past two years her mental condition had steadily become much worse. It is alleged that she almost constantly annoyed store-keepers and residents in the vicinity of the MacFarlane residence, and that she at times entered private homes and used vituperative and abusive language when told to leave.



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## Memorial Day

With heads bowed, we recall tales of courage and sacrifice, accounts of battles won and lost by a nation that has ever upheld humanity's highest ideals.

We place wreaths of homage at warrior graves, and salute the heroes who live. May our ritual be more than a gesture. May it be a prayer for peace—today and tomorrow.

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This Bank will be closed Friday, May the 30th in observance of Memorial Day and Tuesday June the 3rd in observance of Jefferson Davis' Birthday.

### McCarver Winner in New Orleans Meet

Clarence "Nig" McCarver added more laurels to his track record in the A. A. U. track meet at New Orleans. "Nig" won the 100-yard dash in the junior division and took first in the 220-yard dash in the same division. In the senior division he won first place in the 220-yard low hurdles and was classed third in the 100-yard dash, with Cy Leland of Texas Christian University taking the honors. A picture of the finish of this race received here showed "Nig" only needing to complete a step to be winner of the race. Three runners were within a foot or so of the tape as Leland was declared winner.

Charles L. Dufour, New Orleans sports writer had the following to say about McCarver on the eve of the big event:

"A sprinter named 'Nig' McCarver from Texas has declared himself in one of the Cy Leland-Emmett Toppino sprint duel.

"What looked like a 'two-horse' race in the pre-meet dope because a 'three-horse race' yesterday when McCarver flashed his heels to the field in both the 100 and 220-yard dashes.

"Not only the fact that the rugged lad from Howard Payne college beat Hugh Whitley in both sprints, but the fact that he equaled the Junior Day mark in the 220, although the track was slow, indicates that he may lend something besides presence to today's Senior Day program.

"McCarver ran the 100 twice in 10.2 over the slow cinder path and stepped the 220 in 22.2 in a driving finish.

"The Texas lad is a big, strong fellow—by far the most rugged and powerful of all the sprinters in the meet. In meets this year he has done 9.5 for the 100 and 21.3 for the 220. Besides that he has excellent time in the hurdles—15.1 in the high and 23.9 in the low. With 'Foots' De Coligny out of the hurdles, McCarver looks like the winner and maybe a record-breaker, although 'Lizzie' Ford will be formidable."

#### Would You Know One If You Saw It?

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

### Births

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hill, of Emory, Texas, are the proud parents of a new 10 1/2 pound baby girl who arrived May 18th. The young lady has been named Dorothy Elizabeth. Mr. Hill formerly was manager of the Ballinger baseball club. He is engaged in the drug business at Emory.

Mrs. Alma Alexander and daughter, Miss Lois, were here Monday visiting friends and relatives.

#### Right Idea!



"This four year old athlete is the son of Mrs. Sam Jones, 1702 W. Laurel St., San Antonio. She says: 'Jimmie's wonderful condition shows my idea is right. Whenever he's the least cross or upset, or has a cold, I give him a little California Fig Syrup. It always brightens him up, regulates his stomach and bowels, gives him a hearty appetite. I have used it with all my children and it has never failed to help them promptly.' All children love the rich, fruity flavor of California Fig Syrup. A pure vegetable product, it doesn't grip or sicken. It always acts gently but thoroughly to cleanse the system of bilious, headachy, constipated children. Doctors say it tones and strengthens weak bowels. Try it with your child. See how bad breath, coated tongue or feverishness disappear! The name California marks the genuine, famous for 50 years. So look for it when buying."

### Wolf Association To Meet June 14th

The executive board of the Runnels County Wolf Club has called a meeting of the membership to be held in the court house at 2:30 p. m., Saturday, June 14. The present executive board of this association, organized July 1, 1928, is composed of C. W. Lehmburg, president; J. D. Motley, secretary; Bill Parramore, Feb McWilliams and Bob Corbell.

During the existence of this organization, bounties have been paid for 77 wolves, the aggregate sum being almost \$1,000. The payment per wolf, as originally decided, was \$10, but has been raised to \$18. This amount, with \$1 from the county and \$1 from the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce makes the total \$20 at the present time.

The purpose of the called meeting is to secure new members and replenish the treasury for the continued payment of bounties. Each landowner is assessed on the basis of one cent per acre for his holdings. A few wolves have been killed for which no bounty has been paid, but these accounts will be settled as soon as funds are available.

Notices have been mailed to members to be present at this meeting. Anyone interested in joining the club should either see Mr. Motley or Mr. Lehmburg in this city.

#### NATIONAL COMMANDER TO VISIT BROWNWOOD

Members of the American Legion post at Brownwood are advertising a big Decoration Day program to be held in that city on May 30, at which time National Commander O. L. Bodenhamer and State Commander Ernest Cox both will be present.

Invitations have been received here by Legionnaires and quite a number are contemplating attending to hear Mr. Bodenhamer in an address. Bodenhamer at one time resided at Brownwood, attending Howard Payne College for several terms. He later moved to Arkansas and was elected national commander at the last convention. He is one of the outstanding orators of the Legion.

Prior to being elected national commander he held many important offices in the organization. He was chairman of the national legislative committee for several years, devoting a large portion of his time to this work. The main part of the Brownwood program will be held at the Howard Payne auditorium at 10 o'clock Friday morning. This service will be followed by a luncheon and decoration of graves at 2:00 p. m.

Mrs. R. L. Stephenson and daughter, Mary Ann, of Lubbock, are here visiting Mrs. Stephenson's mother, Mrs. Z. A. Snell. Mary Ann had the misfortune to take a severe case of chickenpox upon arrival here.

### Building Feature Of City Report

The report issued by the city of Ballinger shows four building permits were issued last week for a total of \$5,169. Building has been rather slack until last week when the four permits were issued, and a number of others are expected this week. Other office activities for last week included collecting, billing and general office routine.

The engineering department had a busy week. Stakes for the new dam were set, footings checked on the new city hall and concrete checked as footings were poured. Steel and other materials were inspected on the city hall contract, and the concrete base on paving being done on Broadway was checked.

The police department reported two arrests and two fines assessed with one collected. Inspection in the business district and general patrol duty consumed the remainder of the time of two men.

One fire alarm was answered by the fire company and a number of water meters were repaired by this department.

The health department reports five visits were made, one case of small pox placed under quarantine, and two cases of diphtheria. Inspections were made of dairies and permits issued for sale of graded milk.

Street work was continued last week. The downtown pavement was swept and 23 wagonloads of dirt removed. A number of drainage ditches were opened in various parts of the city, and several streets graded to smooth out the ruts following heavy rains.

The water department record shows the lining of the basins, reading of 995 meters, 8 new meters set, 29 meters replaced, 26 lock-boxes installed, and a number of repair jobs done.

#### \$800 PAID IN BOUNTY ON WOLVES IN TEN DAYS

SAN SABA, May 23.—Nearly \$800 was paid within 10 days by the San Saba Wolf Club as bounty on wolf hides. W. H. Hinyard, secretary-treasurer of the club reports:

A bounty of \$10 is paid for wolf pup hides and \$65 for the hide of a grown wolf.

Among the trappers who received the largest amount were O. T. Woodward, 10 pups; Henry Galloway, seven pups; J. M. Wilson, three pups and one grown wolf; J. T. Holden, seven pups and two grown wolves.

Miss Lola Eubank has been elected a faculty member of Sul Ross State Teachers College at Alpine this summer. She is serving as assistant to Miss Elizabeth J. Keefe, nationally known etcher. Miss Eubank will receive her B. A. degree in August and will go to San Angelo where she has been elected as a teacher for the 1930-31 term.

### Weddings

Burkhart-Durris

Miss Josephine Burris, formerly of this city, and H. G. Burkhardt, of Beaumont, were quietly married in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer C. Daniel, 201 Tenth Street, at 6:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Mr. Burkhardt is a brother of Mrs. Daniels. Only a few friends and Miss Jewel Burris, sister of the bride, witnessed the ceremony which was performed by Rev. J. H. McClain, pastor of the Ballinger Baptist Church.

Mrs. Burkhardt was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts from members of Sunday school classes conducted by R. E. White and E. E. King and from her many friends. Mrs. Burkhardt formerly taught in the Ballinger city schools, but taught in San Angelo during the past term. She has many friends here who extend congratulations and best wishes.

Immediately after the ceremony, the joyful couple left for Austin where they will spend their honeymoon. Mr. and Mrs. Burkhardt will be at home in Beaumont after the wedding trip.

#### Sanders-Roberts

Roy Sanders of this city, and Miss Ruby Roberts of Winters, were quietly married at the First Christian Church here Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Rev. F. M. Crabtree, pastor of the First Christian Church, performed the ceremony.

Mr. Sanders is employed by the West Texas Utilities Company and has been stationed in Ballinger for the past four or five years. Miss Roberts, a resident of Winters, kept the wedding plans a secret from all but a few intimates and the news of the marriage was a surprise to her many friends in her home town.

The newly wedded couple left for San Antonio immediately after the ceremony where they will visit for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanders will be at home at 804 Seventh Street when they return from their honeymoon.

Mrs. C. L. Chumley, of Menard, is here this week visiting her father, Feb McWilliams.

H. Relieves G. 1 to 3 C. Days

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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J. EDWARD JOHNSON

For Tax Collector:  
W. L. BROWN  
E. V. BATEMAN  
W. A. FORGEY  
A. J. (DICK) THORP

For Cotton Weigher, Precinct 1:  
PAT TILLERY  
T. M. MARSH

For Sheriff:  
R. E. McWILLIAMS  
W. A. HOLT

For District Clerk:  
GEORGIA SINGLETARY

For County Clerk:  
IMA MCKOWN

For Tax Assessor:  
MIKE C. BOYD

For County Judge:  
PAUL TRIMMIER

For County Attorney:  
ROY L. HILL

For County Treasurer:  
Mrs. R. P. KIRK

For County Superintendent:  
R. E. WHITE

MISS SAMMIE PADGETT  
For Commissioner, Precinct No. 1:  
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CHAS. W. SCHWARTZ

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For Commissioner, Precinct No. 4:  
R. A. PERRY

For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1:  
J. C. COOK  
CARL WILSON  
JOHN D. WHITE

### Sweetwater Man Talks Highways

Sweetwater, Winters and Coleman will continue to work for the designation of a state highway through these three points according to an interview given out by A. S. Mauzey, vice-president of the association backing the route. Judge Mauzey admits that little chance now stands for a designation with the present state highway commission and speaks in caustic terms of one member of the commission, Judge W. R. Ely. Judge Mauzey is quoted as saying: "Judge Ely still has four years to serve on the commission, as I understand it. He may, however, end his term with the election of a new governor and apparently until that time our policy must be one of watchful waiting." Commissioner Ely has issued a statement that he opposes the new route and believes other members of the commission feel the same way.

Judge Mauzey declared that the association will not let the route die and that agitation will continue to show the advantages of the designation sought. He pointed out, however, that Mills and Lampasas counties must be lined up for road improvement before the route could amount to anything. He stated that roads in that section are narrow, unpaved and with narrow one-way bridges and sharp turns making them unfit for heavy traffic.

In the last portion of his interview Judge Mauzey recognizes the importance of the route that has long been sought by Ballinger which would open to Sweetwater traffic over two main state highways. Speaking of roads in the eastern end of the proposed route the Sweetwater man asserted that "Unless these roads are improved we would do better to get a designation from Bronte to Ballinger, 27 miles. From Eden to Ballinger there already is a good road just as there is from Bronte to Sweetwater. People would turn off at Eden and come this way."

Traffic entering Ballinger from

### Federal Highway 83 is Okehed by Commission

The east over highway No. 23 would follow the new route and traffic from No. 4 entering Ballinger from the south would have a short cut to the Plains through Sweetwater.

#### BALLINGER WOMEN ATTEND ZONE MEETING AT NORTON

Methodist Missionary Society members of this zone met in regular meeting at Norton Tuesday. This zone takes in practically all churches in Runnels county and a large crowd attended the Norton meeting.

Norton women served an excellent noon meal to the visitors and offered entertainment throughout the day.

The program was well planned and reports were heard from delegates representing the various churches in the zone. The next meeting will be held at Oak Creek.

Those attending from this city were: Mmes. W. W. Killiam, J. M. Garlington, Paul Jones, J. M. Skinner, Vernon Webb, and Joe Forman, and Misses Ima McKown and Fern Killam.

Miss Pauline Fraser, of Fort Worth, is here for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fraser. Miss Fraser is "Prissy" of the popular radio team "Prissy and Jack," heard almost daily over station WBAP.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The extension of federal highway No. 83 through Texas will follow the route designated by the Texas highway department, it was announced today.

From Perryton the federal highway will extend south through Canadian, Childress, Abilene, Ballinger, Uvalde, and Laredo, then follow the Mexican border to Brownsville.

#### TAYLOR FARMERS' CLUB TO MAKE 4-DAY TOUR

TAYLOR, May 28.—Plans for a four-day educational tour to enterprising points in Texas have been completed by the Future Farmers Club of Taylor. The tour will be made in August. Representatives from other Future Farmers Chapters in Holland, Granger, Bartlett, Round Rock, Manor, Elgin and Thrall have been invited to go on the tour, which will include inspection of the experiment station at Temple and visit to the model dairy farms near Hillsboro and the feed mills and packing houses at Fort Worth.

Model farms between Dallas and Fort Worth also will be visited.

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Former Citizen Killed in Wreck

The following account of the death of Mrs. John W. Milton, who was in a car wreck near Bastrop was published in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram Monday morning. The accident occurred Sunday morning.

BASTROP, May 25.—En route to her father's funeral, Mrs. J. W. Milton, 50, was instantly killed, her husband, pastor of the First Baptist Church here and their son, Joseph, 9, were injured, when their car overturned 16 miles west of here at 9 o'clock this morning. Rev. Milton who was driving the car, escaped with minor cuts, but the son suffered a broken arm, severe gashes on the head and face and is also believed to have sustained internal injuries. He is at the hospital here where physicians are doubtful as to his recovery.

In attempting to pass another car, Rev. Milton drove into some loose gravel. The car turned over twice before coming to a stop in the ditch. Mrs. Milton's neck was broken.

They left here about 8:30 a. m. for Waco to attend the funeral of Mrs. Milton's father, Mr. Tyler, who died Sunday morning at 1:30 o'clock.

In addition to her husband and son Mrs. Milton is survived by two daughters, Miss Dixie, 19, a student at Baylor University and Miss Ray, 15, a pupil of the Bastrop high school.

Funeral services for Mrs. Milton will be conducted here this afternoon.

Rev. Milton and his family came to Bastrop about a year ago from San Antonio to take over the pastorate of the First Baptist Church here. He succeeded in having a new church building erected which is scheduled to be opened next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton formerly lived in Ballinger. He was pastor of the Ninth Street Baptist Church here for several years before moving to Waco. He and his family will be remembered here by many citizens.

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BOY SCOUTS ENJOY NIGHT CAMP ON RIVER

Thirteen boys belonging to troop 30, accompanied by Scoutmaster K. V. Northington, enjoyed a night on the Colorado River Friday night. The lads met at the home of the scoutmaster and hiked to the river west of the city near the national guard rifle range. All boys were in camp by 6:30 and everyone took part in pitching tents and cooking supper.

After the meal was eaten and all details done, the boys were entertained with war stories related them by the scoutmaster. At 11:00 p. m. taps was sounded and all boys retired. First call was sounded at 4:30 a. m. and the camp again took on action. Several boys returned to town in a car with their leader after breakfast, while others remained at the camp until after dinner, spending the time searching for Indian relics. By 4:00 p. m. Saturday all Scouts were at home, tired, but having had a very enjoyable time.

Nature Thought of Everything

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

W. E. MIDDLETON STARTS NEW HOME ON TENTH ST.

W. E. Middleton has begun construction of a new home on his lots on Tenth Street. His old home has been wrecked, the lumber sorted and the foundation sacked off for a new home. The new residence will be modern in every particular.

Virginia Kerr, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Kerr, is seriously ill at her home on Eighth Street. She was reported to be resting better late Monday afternoon.

Motley to Welcome Firemen at Angelo

The State Firemen's Association will open a three-day convention in San Angelo on June 10, and the Ballinger company plans to have 100 per cent attendance on opening day. M. C. Atkins, chief of the local department, will visit San Angelo this week-end to hold a conference with John Parker, chief of the San Angelo department and president of the state association, to plan Ballinger's part in the convention.

Mr. Atkins said Saturday morning that he expected at least fifty per cent of the local fire fighters to attend the convention for the full three days and believed all would be present for the entire day on June 10th.

J. D. Motley, of Ballinger, has been selected to make the welcome address to the state firemen in behalf of West Texas. Mr. Motley is working on this speech and will have the support of every Ballinger member and the Ballinger Band when he is called upon to extend the welcome. On the opening day the local company headed by the local band will aid in entertaining the visitors at San Angelo. They will stage parades, concerts, and entertainment in hotel lobbies, etc. All Ballinger firemen will be asked to wear their caps to the convention.

Miss LaVierne Sims has been selected permanent sponsor of the local company. Her election was made at the last session of the firemen held this week. She has been out of town and the chief has not been able to notify her and secure her acceptance, but the department feels sure she will accept and accompany the fire fighters on the trip to the state meeting. Mrs. Albert Afflerback, nee Miss Olga Zappa, was sponsor for a number of years until she married and moved from Ballinger.

Another visitor to the convention that local firemen expect to take with them will be their lifetime chaplain, Rev. W. H. Doss. Rev. Doss was elected to this office for life a number of years ago and has been an enthusiastic member of the department ever since. He attends meetings about as regularly as any other fireman and is always present at banquets and special events held by the department.

San Angelo firemen are preparing to entertain a huge throng during the three days. The firemen's convention always draws large attendance and is one of the few conventions held in the state that has almost 100 per cent representation of all departments in the state.

TWO BALLINGER BOYS LAND IN FRANCE

J. L. McWhirter and Phillip Walker, two Ballinger boys, landed in France this week and will remain there for the next four months. The youths went to Houston about two months ago and took employment on an ocean liner, sailing about six weeks ago. While in Europe the young men intend to visit many of the principal cities.

J. W. E. Meaders returned Friday from Houston, where he had been at the bedside of his daughter, Mrs. Will Stuart, who underwent an operation recently. Mrs. Meaders remained in Houston with her daughter, who still is in a serious condition.

The total winnings of the race-horse Zev were 272,088.



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Farmers of Texas Face Big Task in Soil Conservation

By H. H. Bennett COLLEGE STATION, May 24.—Recent heavy rains in Texas have taken an enormous toll of rich soil material from farm lands through washing and erosion, particularly in the black land belt of Central Texas. There is evidence that not less than forty million tons of rich soil material was washed from the upper slopes of the black land belt alone to be carried off toward the sea or deposited on the lower slopes and in valleys where the soil is already deep and rich, needing no additional deposits.

Unless measures are taken to prevent this wastage of productive soil, through terracing and other soil conservation methods and by proper care in the cultivation of the soil, the time will come when the farm lands will be denuded of their productive top soil to an extent that will render them unavailable for profitable cultivation.

In Texas in connection with the soil erosion work being carried on cooperatively by the United States Department of Agriculture and the Texas A. & M. Experiment Station at the Temple and Tyler soil erosion stations, we had occasion to observe at first hand much of the result in Central Texas of the recent heavy rains.

Rains on May 16 and immediately following have been exceedingly destructive to crop lands in many parts of the state. Soil washing was extraordinarily violent on shallow sandy land having clay sub-soil and on all of the heavy soil of a large part of the black land belt visited by these washing rains. In addition to the heavy washings away of soil from the upper slopes of the black land belt, even lands that appear level to the eye washed severely in many instances.

This stripping of the soil brings the less productive yellow clay and white chalk nearer the surface or exposes them. The area of exposed yellow and white sub-soil was enlarged on thousands of sloping fields by this one rainy period. One farm that was observed in the spring of last year, when similar destructive rains fell, had its area of poor yellow clay and chalk gravel increased by several acres. A strip of accumulated black soil washed from the slopes above and deposited near the highway was increased from eight acres to ten acres, and the cotton that was already up on it was buried to a depth of nearly a foot. When this

soil is washed out of the fields it cannot be restored. Much of it floats away in the direction of the sea. Another field of approximately forty acres was so badly affected that half of the cotton was washed out, laid flat or covered. Of over several million acres in that section not one acre of cultivated land was unaffected, although where well terraced the damage was lessened. In effect the entire region was converted into a river and rich soil was floated on a scale so prodigious that one is incapable of conceiving the enormity of the wastage. When stream bottoms were washed in places, though generally they were covered with slimy sediments. This process of taking off a thin layer of soil every time it rains is cumulative. Twenty-three years ago when I was doing soil survey work in Central Texas, the black land belt was a true black belt; now it is a mixed black, yellow, and white belt. The next stage will be a vast yellow and white country with black strips along the streams, and this will come much sooner than it has been agreeable to contemplate. This is not a prediction; it is an obvious eventuality based on the depth of the black soil and the rate of erosion, unless vastly more is done and done quickly to protect these splendid lands. No business can withstand such losses. The state cannot afford them, nor the nation. Certainly the farmers cannot afford to have their rich black soil thus converted into relatively unproductive clay, chalk and rock. The indifference that many of us have displayed toward this unceasing process of land destruction and impoverishment is inexcusable, although we have not, of course been conscious of any such transgression. We have looked upon the process as an unavoidable act of nature, forgetting that it is largely a violation of nature's laws. We have destroyed the protective vegetative cover of the prairies, thus laying the soil bare to the wrath of the heavens. Under nature soil forms from the underlying strata about as fast as it is washed away from the surface. When we break down this equilibrium, giving no protection to the tilled slopes, we are violating every stabilizing agency that nature knows how to employ. Continuing these unwise and needless methods, already up on it was buried to a depth of nearly a foot. When this

other parts of the nation which in a comparatively short time have passed from the state of good agricultural land to an eroded, impoverished condition unavailable for any possibility of profitable cultivation.

This situation is by no means restricted to the black belt of Texas. This area happens to be one of highly erosive soils. The same situation exists in many other parts of this youthful nation, and the same sinister process of soil impoverishment and absolute soil destruction is going on while we complacently ascribe the devastation to the vagaries of a beneficent nature.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors To Those Indebted to, or Holding Claims Against the Estate of M. A. Bass and Georgia Bass, Deceased.

The undersigned having been duly appointed administrator of the estate of M. A. Bass and Georgia Bass, deceased, late of Runnels County, Texas, by Paul Trimmer, judge of the county court of said county on the 25th day of March, A. D. 1930, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement and those having claims against said estate to present them to him within the time prescribed by law at his office in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, where he receives his mail, this the 12th day of May, A. D. 1930.

O. L. PARISH, Administrator of the Estate of M. A. Bass and Georgia Bass, Deceased. 16-41w

COUGARS KILL MORE DEER IN WEBB THAN HUNTERS

AUSTIN, May 24.—Cougars are more deadly to the wild deer of South Texas than the combined bullets of the great army of hunters, according to William J. Tucker, executive secretary of the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission.

A report received from C. R. Landon, leader of predatory animal control in Texas for the Federal government, showed more deer were killed by cougars on a certain ranch in Webb and La Salle counties, during the past five months than were slain by hunters there the past season.

Landon said the carcasses of 100 deer had been found, the evidence unmistakably indicated they were killed by cougars. The cougars cross into Texas from Mexico, but the department is taking special steps to war on them in addition to furnishing game wardens and hounds, the

department is paying a substantial part of the salaries of several experienced trappers.

BALLINGER WOMAN IN HOSPITAL AT JUNCTION

Mrs. R. M. Hammock is in a hospital at Junction suffering from a stroke of paralysis. Rev. and Mrs. Hammock were on their way to Junction for visit Tuesday when Mrs. Hammock became unconscious. She was hurriedly taken to the hospital and an examination revealed paralysis caused by a blood clot on the brain, according to information received here.

Largest Bull Sale

CALGARY, Alberta, May 22.—(AP)—Five hundred and thirty-one bulls selling singly for a total of \$115,475, or about \$217 each, at

Calgary constituted the largest bull sale in North America.

SLIGHT SCHEDULE CHANGE MADE IN SANTA FE TRAINS

A slight change in schedule, to become effective on June 1st, has been announced for Santa Fe trains passing through Ballinger. The change will be only a few minutes on three trains, which will operate on the following schedule: No. 75, west-bound, will arrive here at 11:41 p. m.; No. 76, early morning east-bound train, will arrive at 5:18; and No. 77, west-bound train, will arrive at 11:31 a. m. The afternoon east-bound train will continue on its same schedule.

J. D. Forman, of Throckmorton, is here visiting his brother, Joe Forman.

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West Texas has experienced all vicissitudes of weather this year. The old saying that everything is possible in West Texas has proven itself true.

It is about time for severe storms to stop in this section of the country. Crops are rising up above the ground now and blowing sand will cut them down like a knife.

The population of Runnels county will not in any way affect the fees of county officials. All offices will go on the fee system this year anyway.

Brady probably will entertain more tourists this summer than ever before in the history of that city. The opening of caverns near there and a paved road leading from Brady to the caves will bring many visitors for a day or more.

San Antonio, for many years the largest city in Texas, has dropped to third place. Houston now assumes the lead in Texas with more than 30,000.

The final report is made this week in the Literary Digest post card "straw vote" on the prohibition question in the United States. A total of 4,806,464 votes were counted in the campaign.

The planting season will soon be over and many crops will be in first class shape. The picnic season will be here in a short while and candidates should have their speeches ready.

San Angelo stores will close during the summer at 5:00 o'clock. Leading firms in that city started the move which has met with the popular consent of all approached on the matter.

It is easy to see that summer vacations and tourist travel have begun in Texas by looking at the week-end accident list. Most vacations now are taken in the family car and with traffic becoming heavier annually, cars faster, and roads better, the total number of lives lost is increased.

Gold star mothers now on a pilgrimage to the graves of their sons in France are receiving every possible courtesy at the hands of the nations through which they pass.

Candidates are anxiously looking forward to June 14th, not because it is a holiday, but that will be the last date for candidates to announce for office.

Second Case is Called by Court

County Judge Paul Trimmer called the second case of the week in county court Wednesday morning. The case was that of the state vs. Gene White, charged with the theft of seed cotton from J. D. Holloway, a farmer living a few miles west of Winters.

Ernest Nance returned Friday night from Howard Payne College, Brownwood, where he has been attending school for the past year. He has accepted a position with the Weeks Drug Store for the summer.

Accidents increase daily along highways and in some cases the driver of the wrecked automobile is not to blame. Parties carelessly and thoughtlessly create hazards for other motorists, causing crashes and at times taking a toll of human life.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Elder Charles W. Watkins will begin a meeting at the Ninth Street Church of Christ at Ballinger, Sunday morning at 11:00 a. m. Come and hear the gospel preached, pure and simple.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Killina, of Comanche, plan to spend the summer in Ballinger. Mrs. Killina, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Hale, is instructor of expression in the Comanche high school.

North Carolina lost its first dual track and field meet since 1921 when Princeton walloped the Tar Heels.

In the White case a jury was used. Jurors selected and sworn in were: M. B. Wardlaw, W. R. Bogie, A. L. Spann, E. T. Branham, A. Giesecke and H. B. O'Kelly.

Fort Worth Census Given at 160,892

FT WORTH, May 28.—Fort Worth's population, according to this year's census is 160,892, an increase of approximately 54,000 over the 1920 census which gave the population at 106,426.

George Chalmers, Maryland sophomore who won football and basketball letters, is going great at shortstop with the baseball team.

Herman J. H. Pake has been organist in the Bethany Lutheran church at St. Louis for 39 consecutive years.

Mrs. R. M. Hammock was brought home Friday afternoon from Junction, where she had been in a hospital. Mrs. Hammock suffered a light stroke of paralysis near Junction a few days ago but is reported much improved at this time.

Word received here from Joe Spill, who is in San Antonio under the treatment of physicians, states that he is some improved and has been removed from the Santa Rosa Hospital to the home of his son, Edward Spill.

Mrs. Sam Baker is resting very well in the Halley & Love Sanitarium following an operation performed Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw returned home Sunday from St. Louis and other places where they have been on a short vacation. Ernie reported seeing some fine baseball games while away and having an enjoyable trip.

Increasing industrialization of Australia is creating new opportunities for sale of American products.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Black and baby, of Cisco, are here for a week's visit before going on to Big Spring, where Mr. Black has been appointed as manager of the Western Hardware Co.

Seventy-one new cooperative organizations were established in Manitoba during the year ending March 31, 1929. The fish pool is one of the largest.

Oscar Nelson, general passenger agent for the Santa Fe, and L. V. Polk, travelling passenger agent for the same road, were in Ballinger Wednesday attending to business. Mr. Nelson, who has been over this territory for the Santa Fe for many years, is being transferred to Fort Worth, and Mr. Polk will succeed him.

Neal Douglas, of the San Angelo Board of City Development, was a visitor in Ballinger for a short time Wednesday. He left here for Abilene to arrange a San Angelo exhibit at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention and will remain with the booth until the convention ends.

Jack Hampton, of Harlingen, arrived Wednesday to visit friends here a few days. He will return Sunday to the valley, where he is buying cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lynn spent Sunday in Abilene visiting Horace Gustavus, who is attending Simmons University.

Amusements

"Taming of the Shrew" is Fast-Moving Comedy

When a beautiful girl counters a legitimate proposal of marriage tendered by a handsome young man with such a statement as "I'll see thee hanged," things are bound to happen.

And happen they do in "Taming of the Shrew," which comes to the Palace Theatre for three-day engagement Sunday afternoon and likewise brings Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks to the screen together for the first time.

From the opening shot to the final fade-out, "Taming of the Shrew" is just one long, glorious laugh. From the first moment gay but stubborn Petruchio (Douglas Fairbanks) lays eyes upon his bride-to-be, the stormy, tempestuous Katherine (Mary Pickford) there ensues a battle of wits and wills.

In this screen story of the Bard's immortal comedy, brought to the screen for the first time in the history of motion pictures by Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks, every bit of essential dialogue, comedy and striking situation has been left intact throughout production.

Critics who have seen the "Taming of the Shrew" hail it as an achievement in sound-recording, thanks to the innovations supplied by David Forrester.

Among the featured players who support the two stars in the comedy are Joseph Cawthorn, Clyde Cook, Dorothy Jordan, Edwin Maxwell, and Geoffrey Wardwell.

WHITE FOUND NOT GUILTY IN COUNTY COURT TRIAL

Lee White, who had been on trial for the theft of seed cotton from J. D. Holloway in county court Monday and Tuesday of this week, was acquitted Tuesday afternoon by Judge Paul Trimmer.

Mrs. Will Dunlap and Mrs. May Lloyd went to Abilene Monday night where they attended a 20-piano recital, in which Miss Hattie May Dunlap was featured as one of the pianists.

WORLD'S LARGEST TIRE BROUGHT TO BALLINGER

The world's largest tire was seen here for a short time Tuesday at the Ballinger Auto Company, Goodyear dealers in this city, a large crowd gathering to inspect the monster. The tire is drawn by a large car with special equipment attached to the rear.

The casing was brought here from Brownwood and after a short stay in Ballinger was taken to San Angelo. The tire is used for advertising purposes only but the demonstrators declare that airplanes of the future will use tires of similar size to land with.

Coliseum Ruins are Searched for Dead

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 28.—The search of the ruins of the municipal coliseum to determine whether the fire yesterday took more than five lives, and an investigation to determine the cause of the conflagration, were resumed today by city and state authorities.

State fire commission officials are investigating a rumored drinking party in the building shortly before the fire began. The identity of the persons who are reported to have shouted "Get a car out and you can have it," is being sought. That cry is believed to have lured on others into the flames.

Interest Increasing At Baptist Revival

The revival at the Ballinger Baptist Church is growing with each service. A marked growth in attendance and interest was evidenced Tuesday. At the night service there were many visitors from out of town.

Dr. Wallace Bassett, the evangelist, brought two great messages Tuesday, the first from the fifth chapter of Judges. Here we have the account of one who did not enter into the battle against the enemy of Israel.

Quite a few of the people of our community attended preaching at Barnett Sunday night. Mrs. Elmer Patton spent Monday with Mrs. Otto Wood.

Bro. Corder will preach for us again Sunday and we want everyone to attend.

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Dr. Wallace Bassett, the evangelist, brought two great messages Tuesday, the first from the fifth chapter of Judges. Here we have the account of one who did not enter into the battle against the enemy of Israel.

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HAGAN NEWS

The farmers are all very busy during this pretty weather. Some are planting over as part of the community was in the hail streak which did lots of damage.

Mr. and Mrs. Tubbs spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Turner.

Mrs. J. C. Taylor and children visited relatives at Brownwood Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Nunn, of old Runnels, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ches Crimm.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Patton visited Mr. and Mrs. Moore, of San Angelo, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Velma Turner spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patton.

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Bro. Corder will preach for us again Sunday and we want everyone to attend.

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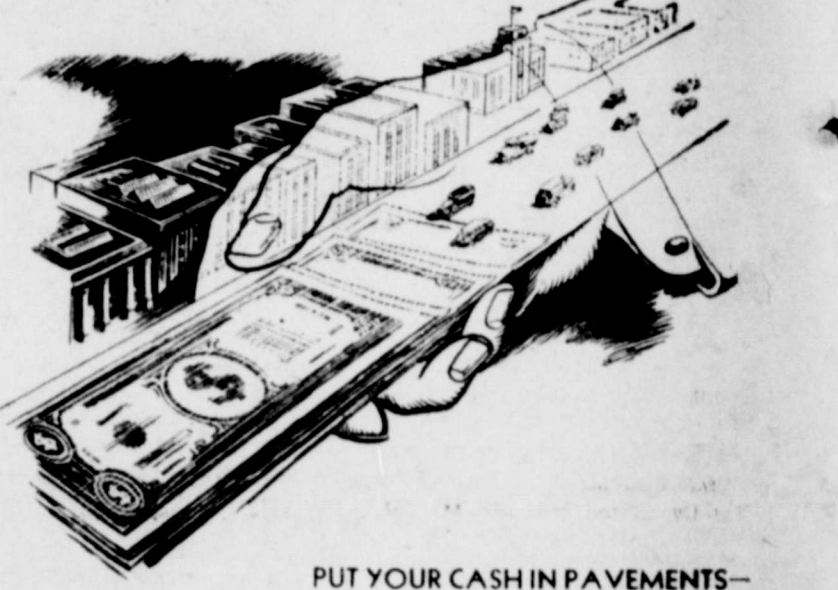
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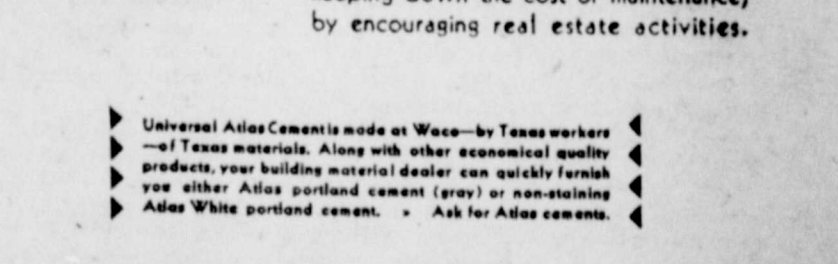
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# Rural

### BLANTON NEWS

Rev. Brown filled his regular appointment with the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning and night with a large congregation present for each service.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Malone visited Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hill Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wood and family visited Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Wood Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton McMillan visited Mrs. T. L. Foreman last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Woods and family of Wingate, and Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Woods visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed McMillan Monday.

Miss Alice Foreman was a guest of Miss Gracie Moore Saturday night and Sunday.

Quite a few attended the dance at the Frank Miles home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cope and family and Mr. and Mrs. Drew Dunkford and little daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Foreman Sunday.

Miss Juanita Huddleston visited Mr. and Mrs. Forgy of Ballinger, Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Lillian Witter spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wade, of Ballinger.

Miss Mamie Ruth Boothe had as her guests Saturday night Misses Selma Morrison and Zeola Jeffries, of Oxien.

Miss Mamie Ruth Boothe spent Wednesday and Thursday with her grandmother, Mrs. P. P. Holton, of South Ballinger.

A few from this community attended the P-T. A. program at Eagle Branch Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Boothe and family visited Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Boothe Sunday.

### "REPORTER"

### HATCHEL NEWS

Our community is at present a band of workers trying to win the battle over the weeds and grass and believe me some are succeeding while others are about to lose the victory. But if we will be allowed a few more pretty days we will succeed.

On last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Davis gave a birthday dinner honoring Mrs. Davis' birthday. All the children were summoned to the Davis home on Saturday night before and spent the night. Then on Sunday the other relatives and a few friends were called in to spend a most delightful day. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Chester Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Davis, Misses Ovella, Gladys and Medpearl Davis, Mr. Poy Davis, Jr., Mrs. J. A. Davis of Ballinger; the grandmother and Miss Agness Davis, of Ballinger; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Harrel and Mrs. Mord Tucker, Mr. Everit Gray and son of the Blanton community.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Bales and family spent Sunday in the home of his father, L. M. Bales.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathis spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luin McWilliams of below Ballinger.

Quite a surprise was given Mrs. Mord S. Tucker and Mrs. Bob Bailey on Monday night which was both their birthdays, when Mrs. Haywood Tierce gave them a surprise ice cream supper. Neither of the ladies realized anything about the supper until the cream was passed. Those present were: Mrs. Bob Bailey, Misses Ruby George and Ruth Bailey, Mr. Chuck Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Oral Beddo, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Voelker, Mr. L. M. Bales, Mrs. Ethel Ratliff, Mr. Ralph Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Mord S. Tucker.

On next Thursday night there will be an ice cream supper at the school auditorium given by the ladies of the Up and Doing Club. Everyone is invited to come and bring plenty of cash.

### "REPORTER"

### BETHEL NEWS

Miss Alma Koenig, who has been teaching in Coleman coun-

ty, returned home Wednesday.

Miss Jeffie Lee Brooks spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. John Greenhill.

Quite a few attended the commencement exercises at Ballinger Friday night.

Mrs. Z. Koenig entertained the seventh and eighth grades Monday night.

Mrs. W. F. McShan is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shelburne.

J. H. Nail and Miss Jeffie Lee Brooks entertained the Seniors Tuesday night. They motored to Ballinger to see "O Kaye" put on by the Ballinger senior class.

Miss Zaza Chenoweth spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Grady Cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Scales and family and J. H. Nail spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Zuelchke.

Mrs. John Adams visited in this community Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McShan spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shelburne.

Rev. Ezell will preach at the Methodist Church Sunday. Last Sunday was his regular day, but he attended conference at Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Greenhill and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Nunley and family spent Sunday with J. S. Greenhill, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Scales have moved over on Clarence Wilson's place.

The Happy Home Makers Club met with Mrs. Causey. We had eighteen members and three visitors present. Mrs. Barnes of A. & M. gave an interesting discussion on "Our Wardrobe." Plans were discussed for our picnic to be held June 6 for all the clubs. A committee was appointed to see about the location of the grounds, etc. Refreshments were served. The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Nath Crockett. Mrs. Hollingsworth will be present at this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Davenport visited Mrs. W. M. Davenport Thursday night.

Mrs. Rodgers Jones and Mrs. Luther Duke of Ballinger, attended the recital Thursday night.

Rev. and Mrs. McLain attended the recital given last Thursday night.

This community was very much surprised by the marriage of Miss Jeffie Lee Brooks and Floyd Gressett, Friday afternoon. The young couple were married by Rev. J. H. McLain, pastor of the Baptist Church at Ballinger. They left Saturday morning for Dallas, where they will spend a few days, after which they will make their home at Wink, Texas. We wish for them much happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lampe entertained with a party Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Crockett and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Richardson visited in Richland Springs, this week-end. While there they visited the Richland Springs Cavern.

Mrs. H. G. Hayes who has been visiting her son on the plains returned home last week.

D. Hornburg left for his home at Winters Saturday.

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

J. H. Nail and Thelma Jean Nail left for their home at Eden Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shelburne, Mrs. W. F. McShan, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Richardson and Miss Zaza Chenoweth, visited Mrs. H. G. Hays Sunday afternoon.

The play given last Wednesday night was enjoyed by a large crowd. Everyone thought this one the best ever put on at Bethel.

The commencement exercises held Friday night were declared a success by all. There were five graduates, namely: Myrtle Crockett, L. B. Davenport, Sammie Richardson, Norma Wilde and Isabelle Richardson. Mr. Crager of Ballinger, was the main speaker

of the evening. He gave a splendid talk on "courage."

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Mrs. Sid Dunn is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lem Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Killiam visited Mrs. H. G. Hays Sunday.

### BENOIT NEWS

A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all who attended the club social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Green Saturday night. 18 gallons of ice cream and thirteen cakes of different varieties were served to the guests, 42 was indulged in by the older ones, and outdoor games were played by the younger set. The next social will be a pay supper. We trust as large an attendance will be present, as was for the free eataries.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Riser of San Angelo were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hoffman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Donelson and children of Miles, visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Rampsy Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sims and five sons of Roscoe spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arch Brookshire. They will visit other relatives here before returning to their home this week.

Mrs. J. A. Odom and daughter Edith and Leota were callers in the C. M. Gibson home Monday afternoon.

John Odom of Rails, left for his home Saturday, after an extended stay with relatives.

Mrs. Mae Shipp of Ballinger spent Saturday night and Sunday in the W. T. Hill home with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lewis were Benoit visitors Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. White of Ballinger were Sunday visitors in the J. G. Hoffman home.

Mrs. L. B. Rampsy left for Belton Tuesday morning to spend a few days with her sister and other relatives.

Misses Lurline Brookshire, Evelyn Tullos and Earline Cox spent Saturday night with Miss Clara Lange.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Odom visited in the Charlie Ashton home Sunday in the Valley Creek community.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lange's misfortune of hail damage was the loss of 78 chickens, small and fryers. This is the largest loss so far we have heard reported since the hail.

Mrs. Lola Roberts of McGreggor, was a Santa Fe noon passenger Monday to visit her sister, Mrs. Goe Green for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Cox visited relatives and attended old folks services at Crews Sunday.

Mrs. Lela Clayton and Mrs. Milton Clayton spent Monday with Mrs. Arch Brookshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Martin who have been making their home in San Angelo were here Thursday on their way to Denison, where they will make their new home. Mrs. Martin will spend a few days here with relatives before joining her husband in Denison.

The ladies and girls club met at the home of Mrs. A. N. Hoffman Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Hollingsworth was present to do some demonstrating with new ways of using gas and a new cooker. Most of the club ladies were present.

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Although our community is small we have done the work that communities much larger than ours was unable to do. First we were able to attend the P-T. A. convention with efficient representation, thereby receiving many suggestions and much more inspiration from the great work done there. As a P-T. A., we have worked to normalize the weight of the underweight children and bring the standard of health in our community up to a certain point by vaccination and careful attention to the welfare of the school as a whole. As a result of this effort we have had very little sickness among the students and the weights of the greater per cent are normal.

Since anything to exist must have money, the Eagle Branch P-T. A. threw itself whole souled into starting a play which was indeed successful. The money being used to buy two Coleman Quicklights, and yet leaving a nice little sum to begin their term next year. Besides the business work of the P-T. A., we have promoted a social spirit by several socials and entertainments. A community cannot make such strides as this without the school, which is the center or backbone of the community, also making corresponding steps. The new equipment bought are: new basket ball and goals, baseball and bat, sandtables and a new stove. The school term was lengthened from a seven to a seven and one half months term. This was indeed a great help to the teacher and also a large improvement.

Miss Mildred Boone has accepted the position as primary teacher here for the next term but Miss Frankie Pierce is going to Simmons University and will not teach.

A very pretty and impressive

shower was given Miss Pierce by the children and ladies sponsored by Mrs. H. G. Bradley and Mrs. B. Campbell in honor of her University term the following year.

Mrs. Hill of Blanton will be principal next year.

As a community we sincerely hope Mrs. Hill and Miss Boone will work as good in their team-work for the betterment of the community and for its best interest as did Miss Pierce and Miss Boone. May the good work and cooperative spirit not slacken even a tiny notch.

P-T. A. met Friday 23rd with a very large crowd. Mrs. Simmons of Ballinger, made a very inspirational talk on literature and its influence in the home. Miss Boone and Miss Pierce came out from Winters to meet with them. Mrs. Hill of Blanton was here also. This was the last meeting until the second Friday in October. The business was followed by a social when refreshments were served. A very nice time was reported by all.

It is the hope of Miss Pierce that either the school board or the P-T. A. will see fit to procure a suitable set of reference books for the coming term, since she used her personal set the greater part of this year and many teachers, if fortunate enough to possess a reference set, do not care to use them in the school room.

This is an object for the P-T. A. of next year to attain.

Monday morning the following Ballingerites left for the Camp Fire Girls camp on the other side of San Angelo: Mrs. O. R. Laster, Rosemary and James Laster, Lols Carol, Elsie and Elizabeth Motley, Dorothy Dooze, Clara A. Giesecke and Laura Edith Miller.

Miss Bernice Stubbs has accepted a position with the

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# 101 Year Old Citizen Succumbs Near Crews

Tom Pritchard, age 101 years 8 months and 21 days, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rowe near Crews Wednesday morning. His death was due to old age and until the last he suffered no pain, explaining that he felt all right except he was tired and weak.

The county's oldest citizen has been removed in this veteran's passing.

Funeral services were held at the Crews cemetery, Rev. Moody, pastor of the Winters Christian Church, officiating.

"Uncle Tom," as he was called by those who knew him, came to Runnels county eight years ago. For the past six years, he had been making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Rowe as he had no relatives near. Mrs. Rowe was slightly related to him by marriage and a distant cousin lived near Maverick.

Before coming to this county decedent lived at Bluffton, Burnet county, where he had freighted for 50 years, driving freight wagons to all sections of West Texas. His wife succeeded him in death 22 years ago and his only child died when he was seven months old. If the child had lived he would have been 73 years old at the time of his father's death.

Mr. Pritchard volunteered for service during the Civil War and served in the Confederate army for four years. At the time of his death he was drawing a Confederate pension.

Decedent was a member of the Methodist Church and had belonged to that faith for more than 30 years. His life had been useful and until a few years before his death he was always busy at something. In the last two years his eyesight failed and he was not able to get about much on that account. He was always pleasant in disposition and was never childish. It is so common with very old persons until he was unable to see his way about, he was accustomed to taking long daily walks for exercise.

Those who knew Mr. Pritchard said he lived a simple life. He used tobacco practically all his life and always chewed as far as friends could remember him. His diet was simple. He never ate sweets but lived on bread, meat, milk and vegetables. His appetite was always good and until his last days when a steadily growing weakness ensued, he was always ready for his meals at regular times. Mr. Pritchard did not believe in doctors and had only been treated by a physician twice since being discharged from the service at the close of the Civil War.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe for several months realized that their patient was nearing the end of his long journey and often asked him what was the matter and if he suffered any pain. He always answered that he was all right and hurt no place, but always added that he was just weak.

Decedent a number of years ago made one strange request which was complied with at his death. One day he called his benefactors to his bedside when he was not feeling so well, and asked that when he died he be buried in a home-made wooden box. He stated at the time that if they refused to grant this request that he would buy the lumber and build the coffin himself and put it away. Seeing that it was a sincere desire of the old gentleman, the promise was made, and last Wednesday word was sent here to Higginbotham Brothers & Co., to prepare the home-made coffin. Several months before Mr. and Mrs. Rowe had talked with R. T. Williams, manager of that store in regard to the strange request and arrangements had been made to construct the casket when it was needed.

The box was made at the Higginbotham Lumber Company yard by C. D. Mills, local contractor. It was built in the shape of a casket, padded with cotton to make it soft and lined inside with lustrous material. Handles were placed on the outside for the pallbearers and another rough wooden box made in which to place the "casket."

No hearse was used at the funeral also at request of the decedent. The casket was placed on a truck at the Rowe home and carried to the cemetery for interment.

The last morning he was alive Mr. Pritchard asked to be placed in a chair. He was tenderly lifted into a rocker at a favorite spot in the room where he liked to rock, and was tucked in with blankets to keep him warm. He did not complain of anything except his increasing weakness, and evidently realizing that death was at hand, he reached for the end of the blanket and after

## N. Y. Woman Lost 14 Pounds of Fat

One 85 Cent Bottle of Kruschen Salts Did It

"I am starting on my second bottle of Kruschen Salts and am real pleased with results. I take it for reducing and so far have lost 14 pounds and I think it is doing wonders for me. I do not feel so tired evenings when I get home from work."

A generous bottle of Kruschen Salts that lasts 4 weeks costs but 85 cents at L. C. Daugherty Drug Co., or J. Y. Pearce Drug Co., or any drug store in America—take one half teaspoon in a glass of hot water every morning before breakfast—cut down on starches and walk a little each day.

Before the bottle is empty surplus fat is leaving you—indolence changes to activity—you'll feel younger—eyes will brighten—step grows spry. Millions know this—your optician knows it. Kruschen Salts is the ideal treatment for constipation, indigestion, headaches, nervousness and acidity.

## PREDATORY ANIMALS SHOW DECLINE IN McCULLOCH

BRADY, May 26.—That the state-wide predatory animal eradication campaign, conducted under the auspices of the Bureau of Biological Survey of United States Department of Agriculture, is bearing results is evidenced by the fact that trappers and ranchmen in this section report a steady decrease in the number of these animals. The belief among many ranchmen that wolves do not catch calves is wrong, according to W. L. Taylor of La Ward, in Jackson county, who in a letter to C. R. Landon, manager of the Bureau that he dissected the stomach of a zig wolf caught on his ranch and found that it had feasted heartily on calf liver a short time before it got its paws in a trap. The attorney for the Texas Anti-Predatory Animal Association to appropriate \$70,000 a year of federal money to match the state appropriation for the eradication of these animals destroyed. The bill providing for this appropriation would extend to federal aid for a period of ten years, which James Brook, Brady rancher believes would practically assure riddance of the predatory animal menace in Texas.

## FIRE COMPANY NAMES A NEW MASCOT

When the Ballinger fire department goes to San Angelo to attend the State Firemen's Association convention, it will take Master K. V. Northington, Jr., the newly elected mascot. K. V., Jr., is proud of the distinction he now holds and is one of the most enthusiastic members of the company. The young man knows more about the new fire truck than some of the adult members and is extremely proud of the big machine, carefully looking after it when he is around the station.

A marked upward trend in the Vember, left Saturday afternoon for a short visit with relatives and friends at Brownwood.

## OLD DOCTOR'S IDEA IS BIG HELP TO ELDERLY PEOPLE



In 1885, old Dr. Caldwell made a discovery for which elderly people the world over praise him today! Years of practice convinced him that many people were endangering their health by a careless choice of laxatives. So he began a search for a harmless prescription which would be thoroughly effective, yet would neither gripe nor form any habit. At last he found it. Over and over he wrote it, when he found people bilious, headachy, out of sorts, weak or feverish; with coated tongue, bad breath, no appetite or energy. It relieved the most obstinate cases, and yet was gentle with women, children and elderly people.

Today, this same famous, effective prescription, known as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, is the most popular of all laxatives. It may be obtained from any druggist.

# Robinson Gives Reason for Quitting Governor's Race

WACO, May 24.—Fred B. Robinson, veteran Waco newspaper-publisher and good roads-lower taxes advocate, has withdrawn from the race for governor on the Democratic ticket. He issued the following statement today:

To My Friends and the Voters of Texas:

When my name was brought forward by friends, without solicitation on my part, as a candidate for the high office of governor, I thought there would be the chance to make a campaign on issues calculated to prove of benefit to the people, and so decided to enter the contest.

Since then, however, the issue of Fergusonism and anti-Fergusonism, Smith and Hoover, typified in Tom Love's candidacy, and the "anti-third term" brought about by the probable entry (though I do not believe he will) of Gov. Dan Moody.

All these issues will take the minds of the voters off the major question of better roads and lower taxes, and unless a candidate was financially able to take the message direct to all the people, which I am not, there would be small chance to win, hence I have decided to withdraw from the contest, with thanks to the many friends who proffered their support.

The proposed bond issue is virtually settled, adversely, and three of the main issues I have contended for, have practically come about already.

1.—Gov. Moody has come out squarely against killing off the little town by taking the highway away from them, which means a "backing up" of present highway policy, or early passage of a law by the next legislature stopping same.

2.—Closing of short gaps with present funds in hand, in one year, without increase of taxes.

3.—Finishing some of present highways, especially the 33 original ones, before taking up so many new ones.

If my short candidacy has good

in any way toward the above, I hope I have done some good, and shall continue to do everything in my power "for better roads and lower taxes."

I still think the auto tax should be reduced to not exceeding \$5 for the fine cars, and the gas tax from 4 cents to 2 cents as same would afford some tax relief for the people, and leave as much money as can be judiciously expended.

The loss to school funds could be made up by taxing other natural resources in larger and fairer measures, yet that is a matter up to the next legislature, along with a bill to prevent the killing of little towns by taking the highway from them.

I believe also in an elective highway commission, to give full time to work, at adequate salary.

To sum up, will say, we are now paying highway taxes by the millions instead of thousands, of dollars, which is bound to produce waste, yet I acknowledge inability to stop same to any appreciable extent, for reasons outlined above; hence will take my place in line, and promise to be a good little boy in the future.

**RICE STUDENTS TELL WHAT GIRLS CAN DO**

HOUSTON, May 26.—"What does Rice Institute do for her co-eds?" a questionnaire at the college asked.

"I haven't been able to find out," one girl answered.

Many of the replies were flippant, some earnest.

A number follow:

"Rice makes girls overcome any bashfulness that they may happen to have, and teaches them things they shouldn't know; they also form bad habits which otherwise they would not have developed."

"Rice gives the co-eds good eds."

"Rice offers us beautiful buildings and beautiful grounds in which to grow beautiful thoughts."

"A girl can get a good general education at Rice, but at the end of four years she cannot do anything."

"Rice gives girls a chance to develop their individuality and urges them to put their whole soul into every undertaking."

# Roy Hill Heads Attorneys' Assn.

District and county attorneys met in Ballinger Thursday for the purpose of organizing what will be known as the West Texas District and County Attorneys' Association. The attorneys were invited here by County Attorney Roy L. Hill, and while the attendance was not as large as had been expected those present were enthusiastic for forming an organization which they believe will be of great help to them in their official capacities.

Attorneys from a great distance attended the meeting, and all were very much elated over the new organization. Due to the several county courts being in session throughout the territory, which embraces the membership, several officials who had written in stating they would attend failed to reach Ballinger. The meeting was held at the court house, and after attorneys had expressed their ideas, and offered suggestions for the further plans of the organization, the members present went into executive session at 3:00 p. m. A constitution and articles of the association were adopted and approved, and the following officers were unanimously elected: Roy L. Hill, president; Alex Jung, county attorney of Gillespie county, vice-president; and Emory Swain, county attorney of Concho county, secretary-treasurer. An advisory committee was created, composed of the following members: Alex Jung, chairman; Walter U. Early, veteran prosecutor of the 35th judicial district; D. I. Durham, district attorney at San Angelo; Robert P. Brown, county attorney of Tom Green county; Fielding Hammond, district attorney at Burnet; and Carl Runge, county attorney of Mason county.

All matters of interest to the association will be referred to the advisory committee for consideration before being submitted to the organization proper for approval. San Angelo was chosen as the next meeting place, and the meeting will be held there the

first week in October of this year. Due to the fact that San Angelo is a central point for this district, a great assembling of the prosecutors is planned on this occasion, and a fine program will be prepared for the organization by Robert P. Brown and D. I. Durham, county and district attorneys, respectively, on this date.

President Hill pointed out that there are many problems that prompted the organization of the state's representatives, but most of all the work to be accomplished just now is a closer cooperation among the attorneys and their courts, and a drive for a simplified court procedure that will enable violators of the law to be brought to a more speedy trial and less delay in execution of sentence.

# Liquor Buyer Not Guilty of Crime

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The buyer of bootleg liquor cannot, under ordinary circumstances, be prosecuted, the United States supreme court ruled today.

The court declined to decide whether the liquor buyer who knows the shipment involved in the delivery can be prosecuted for conspiracy.

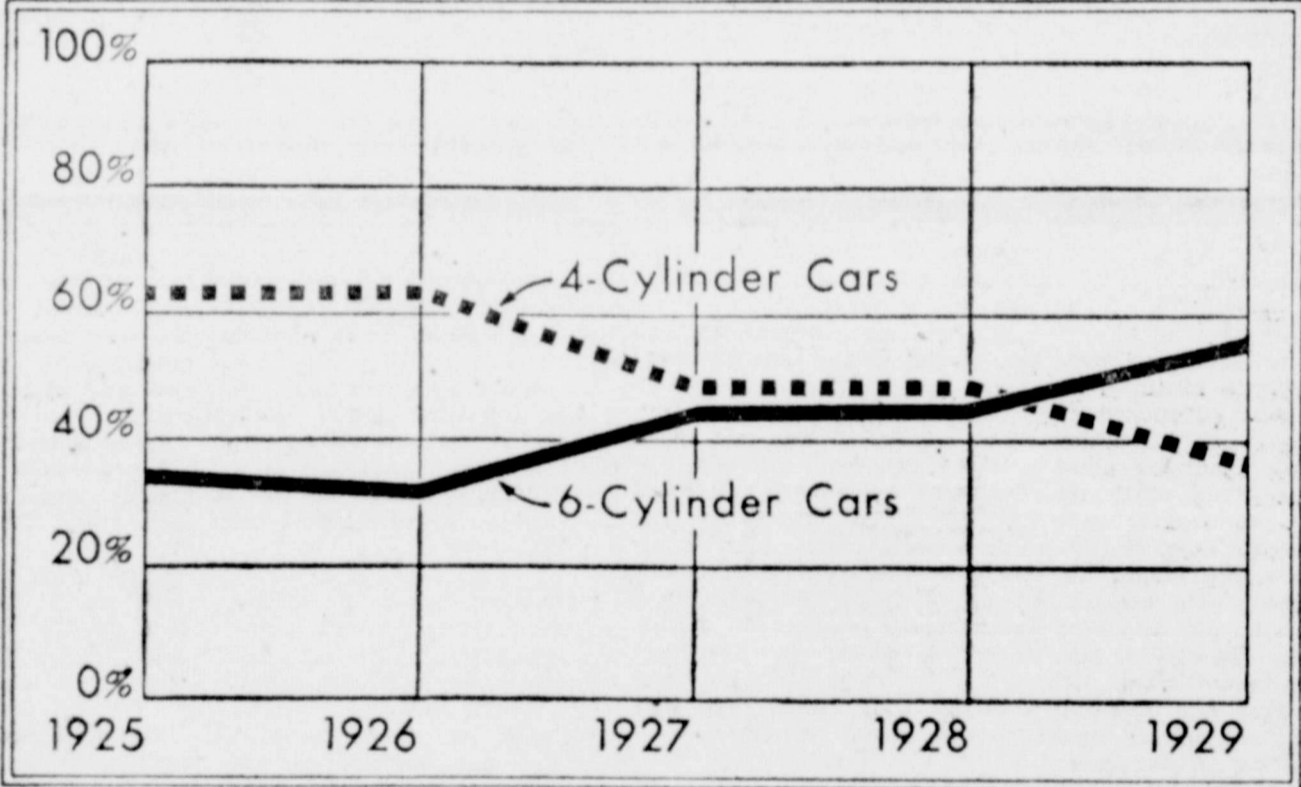
Mrs. J. C. Taylor and son, exports of American made wood-furniture has been notified since 1926.

## Kill this pest - it spreads disease

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# The Preference for Sixes is Growing Every Day



Back in 1925, less than 40% of all cars produced were sixes. Then year by year this proportion increased until today the public is buying more six-cylinder cars than any other type. And this preference for sixes is growing every day!

Why? The answer is perfectly clear. The six operates with a smoothness that it is impossible to obtain with fewer cylinders—and smoothness is one of the big things that buyers have learned to demand in motor car performance.

Six-cylinder smoothness means enjoyable motoring. It means no vibration in the steering wheel—no rattling in the floor boards—no disturbing body rattle or "drumming." Six-cylinder smoothness means longer car life and higher resale value—because it saves the entire car—motor, chassis and body—from the harmful effect of continuous vibration.

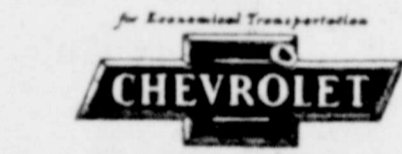
When you buy a low-priced car—be sure to buy a new Chevrolet Six and get the modern performance you have a right to expect.

The Chevrolet Six costs little to buy—just a few

dollars more than the cheapest car. The down payment is low—the terms are easy. And it costs no more to operate for gas, oil and upkeep!

And think of the other quality features you get! A big, roomy body by Fisher with low, smart, graceful lines, genuine Duco finish, adjustable driver's seat, non-glare windshield and hardwood-and-steel construction. A deep, rugged frame that supports the body throughout its entire length. Four semi-elliptic springs mounted in the direction of car travel and controlled by four Lovejoy Hydraulic Shock Absorbers. A safety gasoline tank located in the rear outside the body. A baggy-type rear axle that need not be taken apart in order to clean or inspect it. Big, non-locking, internal four-wheel brakes—and many other features that indicate up-to-date design and quality construction.

When you buy a low-priced car, follow the public trend and you can't go wrong. Buy a modern car with modern features—buy a Chevrolet Six. Come in—get a demonstration—and bring in your present car for our appraisal!



## Roadster or Phaeton

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The Sport Roadster	\$555	The Sedan Delivery	\$595
The Coach	\$565	Eight Delivery Coach	\$365
The Coupe	\$565	1 1/2 Ton Chassis	\$520
The Sport Coupe	\$655	1 1/2 Ton Chassis with Cab	\$625
The Club Sedan	\$625		
The Sedan	\$675		
The Special Sedan	\$725	Roadster Delivery	\$440

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# Healer Chevrolet Co. IT'S WISE TO CHOOSE A SIX

### Drum and Bugle Corps is Planned

A number of Ballinger young men have become interested in the organization of a drum and bugle corps and estimates are being secured on the necessary equipment for forming such a musical organization here. Plans which have been discussed call for a membership of about 30 and a drum major.

Those interested are adults and men who would expect to finance the organization individually. The instrumentation would call for about 12 snare drums, two bass drums and 12 bugles. As soon as the corps is rehearsed and ready for street work the musicians intend to purchase stunning new uniforms.

H. H. Carsey, director of the local band, has offered his assistance in forming the new organization and would direct rehearsals. A number of men who have formerly been bandmen would take membership and with them for a nucleus, it would only be a short time until the outfit could be furnishing music. In selecting the members, size would be considered so that the best possible street appearance would be made.

West Texas has very few drum and bugle corps and for street work there is nothing that can take their place. A band playing in a hotel lobby or on the street can be completely routed by a drum and bugle squad and for parade work they furnish more volume and better tempo than any musical organization.

If an organization is formed here the bugles will be bought in a key suitable to play with bands. Many marches have parts written for drum and bugles and the two instrumentations together can do very effective work. As soon as plans are completed and estimates arrive on the material needed, a canvass will be made of musicians who would make desirable members in an effort to enlist about 30 men.

### Bladder Irritation

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

### Contractor Starts On Drainage Work

J. G. Upchurch, engineer for Brown & Root, in charge of the work on the Ballinger water reservoir, commenced work Tuesday morning running a drain ditch from the settling basin to a point on Elm Creek several hundred yards below the damsite. This ditch will carry a 15-inch tile pipe which will be used to flush the basin and carry off the settlements to a point where they will not contaminate the reservoir water.

Herebefore this drainage from the basins has been washed back into the city water and tons and tons have been dumped back which not only makes the water bad, but fills up the reservoir a number of feet yearly.

This job will only require a short time to complete and as soon as it is finished construction will start on the new dam and distribution system. A large amount of material has been purchased for this contract and much of it shipped. Some material and machinery has been placed on the ground ready to be used when needed. As soon as other shipments arrive they will be carried to the location.

The drainage system for flushing and cleaning out the settling basin is expected to improve the water here as all dirt, and chemicals which are flushed out will run into the creek at a point where the sediment will wash on into the Colorado River. Fresh water from the reservoir will be pumped into the clean basin for treatment.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Huffman have returned from Abilene where they went to meet Mr. Huffman's brother from Ventura, Calif. They visited relatives in Wichita Falls and other places while away.

### HOLIDAYS ANNOUNCED BY BALLINGER BANKS

Ballinger banks will not be open on Friday, May 30, Decoration Day; and June 3, Jefferson Davis' Birthday. Customers are given this notice in order that they may make their banking arrangements accordingly.

The First National Bank  
Ballinger State Bank  
Farmers & Merchants State Bank  
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Read today's news in The Ledger today.

### Winters Fair Board Elects New Officers

Directors and community chairmen met in Winters Wednesday afternoon to elect officers and make plans for the coming Live-at-Home Fair to be held at that place in July this year.

Roy Mack was named by the board of directors as president of the organization for 1930 and accepted the office with enthusiasm. C. L. Cook was made first vice-president; M. E. Leeman, secretary; W. S. Cooper, treasurer; and Lyle Deffenbaugh, secretary. These men with G. E. Nicholson, Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, C. B. Marshall and C. W. Lehmburg will make up the executive committee.

The Winters high school is building a new gymnasium which will be completed by the time the fair is held this year and this building will be used as an exhibit hall. Agricultural exhibitors will be allowed to show all fruits, garden and field crops in open class and special displays also have been arranged for in field crops, vegetables, fruits and syrups and honey. This will be open to everyone. 4-H clubs and vocational students will be allowed to compete in any class at the fair and many are making preparations to place entries.

Community chairmen will hold meetings over the county between now and the date of the fair to get all communities interested and to assist them in planning their entries.

Queens elected from the various communities were given a reception Wednesday afternoon at Hotel Winters. Twenty young ladies have been selected to represent their communities at the Live-at-Home fair and all were present at the reception Wednesday afternoon. These young ladies will participate in a pageant which will be a high light in the entertainment program.

Hostesses for the reception were Mmes. J. D. Dickson, M. E. Leeman, R. K. Russell, F. J. Brophy and J. H. Payne.

On August 2 the county executive committee will meet to canvass the returns. County conventions will be held on the same day, on August 11 the state executive committee will meet to canvass the returns and the second, or run-off primary, will be held August 23.

Democratic and Republican primaries will be held on the same day under the law which requires all parties whose candidate for governor received at least 100,000 votes in the last preceding general election to nominate their candidate through primaries. It will be the second time the Republicans have nominated in this manner, the other time being four years ago. Prior to the last general election, the Republican candidates for state offices did receive as many as 100,000 votes.

On August 27 trips to the International Livestock exposition at Chicago next fall, two trips to Washington next summer, a trip to the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth next spring and a radio set: Most of the 16,000 4-H Club boys in Texas are eligible to compete for these awards, made annually in the late fall on the basis of yield, profit, history of demonstration and effect in the county where conducted.

Officials of the church state that quite a large amount of caliche remains on the location and anyone desiring it can have it for the hauling. It will be necessary for those desiring this dirt to rush their orders as the church lot must be cleaned off within a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lankford, 1201 Palm Street, Abilene, are rejoicing over the arrival of a boy baby in their home Thursday. Mrs. Lankford before her marriage was Miss Virgil Dean Patterson of this city. Mr. Lankford also formerly lived here.

Be wise and advertise.

### MANY PRIZES OFFERED IN 4-H CLUB CONTEST

COLLEGE STATION, May 22.—Texas 4-H club boys who prove most successful in crop production and livestock raising activities this season will find a comprehensive list of prizes in store for their efforts. M. T. Payne, state boys club agent of the Extension Service of A & M. college has pointed out.

The prize list shows 27 trips to the International Livestock exposition at Chicago next fall, two trips to Washington next summer, a trip to the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth next spring and a radio set: Most of the 16,000 4-H Club boys in Texas are eligible to compete for these awards, made annually in the late fall on the basis of yield, profit, history of demonstration and effect in the county where conducted.

### NEW CHURCH BUILDING IS NEARING COMPLETION

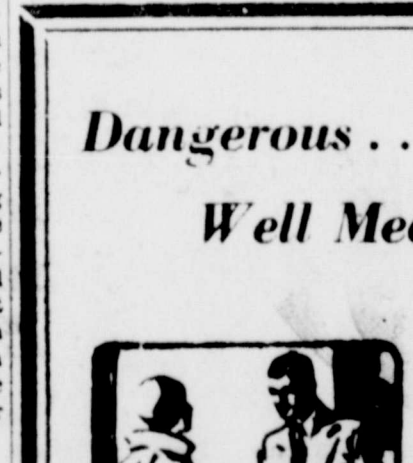
The first unit of the Church of Christ building at the corner of Eighth Street and Bonsall Avenue is nearing completion. Most of the exterior is now finished and carpenters and decorators are working on the interior. Brick work is all completed, windows have been installed, the roof finished, and plastering and interior decorations will conclude the contract.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Huffman have returned from Abilene where they went to meet Mr. Huffman's brother from Ventura, Calif. They visited relatives in Wichita Falls and other places while away.

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### Dead Line is Near To Get On Ticket

AUSTIN, May 23.—The dead line for state candidates to file their applications with the state Democratic Executive Committee is less than ten days away, meaning doubtless that with the exception of some probable aspirants for Governor seekers of most of the offices are all in.

The state executive committee will meet June 9 in compliance with the election laws and certify to the county chairman the names of the candidates in July 26 primary. Also at this meeting will be chosen the site of the state convention on September 2.

June 14 is the last day for county, precinct and district candidates to file request to have names placed on the ballots. This rule applies to candidates for district offices in districts composed of only one county. June 16 the county executive committee will meet to determine the order of the names on the ballots and estimate expense of the primary. Assessments to meet expenses must be remitted by candidates not later than June 23.

The first campaign expense report must be filed during the period between June 26 and July 1. Also during the same period—June 26 to July 1—voters who are absent from their counties may appear before a notary public and request a ballot. Voters who intend to be absent from their home county on primary election day must appear before a county clerk and vote an absentee ballot between July 16 and 23.

On August 2 the county executive committee will meet to canvass the returns. County conventions will be held on the same day, on August 11 the state executive committee will meet to canvass the returns and the second, or run-off primary, will be held August 23.

Democratic and Republican primaries will be held on the same day under the law which requires all parties whose candidate for governor received at least 100,000 votes in the last preceding general election to nominate their candidate through primaries. It will be the second time the Republicans have nominated in this manner, the other time being four years ago. Prior to the last general election, the Republican candidates for state offices did receive as many as 100,000 votes.

### MARTHA BEAUTY PARLOR NOW IN NEW LOCATION

Miss Valera Duncan, with the Fit-U-Well Style Shoppe since the first of the year, has purchased the Martha Beauty Shop and moved it to the Fit-U-Well store where it will be operated in the future. An experienced operator, Miss Marie Droll, has been employed and will be in charge of the parlor in its new location.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bridges and Miss Vivian Compton are visiting in Austin this week.

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### Ballinger Golfers Win from Coleman

The first tournaments of the Coleman-Runnels County Golf Association began Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. with Coleman contesting local players on the Ballinger Country Club course, while a contingent of Santa Anna golfers engaged Winters club members at Winters. In the meet here, Ballinger mashie welders were winners by 19 points, the contest being decided by matched play.

Scores made by all players Wednesday were high, due to the condition of the course following the recent hail and rains. No one came close to making the round in par, which is 35 strokes for the Ballinger course.

Tournaments will be held at stated intervals on a schedule similar to that of professional baseball. It is expected that the next meets of this organization will be on May 30, but no definite arrangements have been concluded. The purpose of the Coleman-Runnels County Golf Association is not only for the pleasure derived from the contests but also to promote cordial relations and further friendships among the citizens of the various towns.

Members of the Ballinger Baptist church and Sunday school gathered Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at "Slicky" on Elm Creek for a basket picnic. More than 200 were present at the beginning of the entertainment features and many children spent the afternoon in frolic and games. The entertainment committee had provided swings for all the kiddies and every tree limb that offered a good location was used to suspend a swing.

Large containers filled with red lemonade were kept cool during the afternoon and everyone was urged to drink all he could. Games of many kinds were played, young and old entering into the fun and participating in the diversions.

A feature stunt of the day was the "mother Hubbard" race staged late in the afternoon by a number of male adults of the Sunday school. Frank Cameron was winner in this contest. Rev. J. H. McClain took second place, and the race between this pair was worth witnessing as described by those present. The dresses must not have been in their way much according to the time made by the runners. Cameron completed the fifty yards in less than one minute, with the pastor coming in a few split-seconds later.

At 7:00 o'clock the women announced the basket lunch was ready. A long table was filled with every known good thing to eat and men, women and children lingered long trying to make way with the delicacies. After all had finished the women packed several large boxes of food which were turned over to the charity board for needy families in town.

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### New Plan Assures Fertilizer Supply At Muscle Shoals

By Frank I. Weller  
WASHINGTON, May 27.—The Reese plan for private operation of Muscle Shoals, adopted by the House military affairs committee in preference to the Senate-adopted Norris resolution for government operation, provides for a constant supply of 2,500 tons of fertilizer.

It still is a point of debate whether fertilizer would be produced as cheaply as under government operation, but the profit to the manufacturer is limited to 8 per cent.

A prescribed amount of nitrogenous plant food to be produced annually is to be set by the board of three members the president would appoint for consummation of the lease.

However, the proposed plan makes mandatory the manufacture of 10,000 tons of fixed nitrogen within three years and six months of the date of the lease and requires periodic increases as market demands justify.

In fixing a maximum production capacity, the leasing board

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**CONTENT NEWS**

Mrs. Bud Baker of Canyon, Texas, is here this week the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Walden.

Mrs. Duke Snyder called on Mrs. Buck Clifton Saturday afternoon.

Clarence Derrick was in town business Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Butler and daughter, Miss Bernice Myres and Mrs. C. Baker of San Angelo, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. John Walden and daughter Mrs. Bud Baker called on Mrs. Erbie Willis Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Dutch Buford of Bronte were Sunday guests of his sister, Mrs. Johnnie Myres and family.

Blackwell and Tennyson ball teams played on the local diamond here Sunday. The score was in favor of the visiting team.

Mrs. J. A. Snyder was a Sunday guest of her daughter, Mrs. Bryant Glenn.

Miss Wilma Stuart who has been visiting in San Angelo the past week returned home Sunday.

Herbert Baker of San Angelo, was here Monday on his weekly business trip for Martin Glover Co.

Miss Alene Stuart is visiting relatives at Sweetwater this week.

Rev. Smith of Fort Chadbourne filled his monthly appointment here this week and delivered some fine sermons.

Miss Meta Clifton visited friends at Maverick this weekend.

Duke Snyder was a San Angelo visitor Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jones and family have moved to San Angelo for the summer where Mr. Jones will look after his dairy interests.

Mrs. G. I. Gill and children visited relatives in Blackwell Saturday.

Mrs. Jim Hale was a Bronte visitor Monday afternoon.

Buck Clifton and daughter, Miss Mittie were business visitors in San Angelo Tuesday morning. "REPORTER."

**Card of Thanks**  
We wish to thank our friends and neighbors who so kindly and lovingly helped us and administered to our dear father and grandfather during his illness and last hours on earth. Especially do we thank John Odum of Falls, Texas, who spent seven weeks at his uncle's bedside. May God's richest blessings rest upon you all.  
J. A. Odum and Family. 1w

**Card of Thanks**  
We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness and thoughtful deeds shown us during the illness and death of our loved one. The expressions of sympathy have done much to relieve our sorrow at this time and we will never forget those who were so kind to us. We deeply appreciate the flowers sent by friends to make pretty his last resting place.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Minor  
Miss Callie Towler  
Mrs. J. O. Shaffer  
Mrs. A. A. Martin  
J. F. Towler. 1tw

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**RUNNELS HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB**

The Runnels Home Demonstration Club met in regular session at the home of Mrs. L. F. Smith Friday afternoon, May 23, 1930.

The discussions were really interesting and instructive, and everyone was benefited.

Refreshments were served to all. Members present were Mmes. L. F. Smith, Ed Pape, Frank Kemp, J. E. Fowler, John Borders and George Maddox.

Visitors were Misses Hailey Duke and Wilma Maddox.

We are to meet next at the home of Mrs. Brown, Friday afternoon, June 13, 1930.

Bill and Jack Murray left Sunday to spend a summer vacation with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Woods of Grainger.

Corine Brown returned home Monday after a visit with her cousin, Neomia Brown of Abilene.

Edgar Leach returned home Sunday from Carlsbad and T. C. McMillan returned home with Edgar for a few days visit.

Mrs. Charles Midgley and little son have returned to McCamey with Mr. Midgley where he is working.

Mr. and Mrs. Peppers and little son, left for McCamey after a stay with Mrs. Peppers parents, H. M. Leach and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Mapes and Leo of Dallas have returned from Benson, Arizona, to visit their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Reese of Lubbock, are here to spend a summer vacation with J. C. Reese and family.

Miss Bessie Brown has returned from Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. McLain and son of Sweetwater, are visiting Mrs. McLain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Voelkel. Mr. McLain returned home Monday and Mrs.

McLain and son will stay a few days longer.

Leo Mapes has returned to Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Leach have moved home after close of their school at Pumphrey.

Mrs. Thomas is visiting Mrs. Murray this week.

The club meets Tuesday June 3rd.

Miss Demma Barron spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Robert Wheelis near Rowena.

**NOTICE**

One of the main attractions of the season will be staged on next Thursday night at Hatchel school auditorium, when the Up and Do-ing Club of this community will give an ice cream supper. There will be lots of good old country-made cream and cake, sold at a very reasonable price, a price fixed to fit every pocketbook at this season of the year.

The money derived from the ice cream sale will be used in a way that will better our community and home, so come and bring your pocketbook and help out as much as possible. If every one will help just a little it will amount to a great deal.

**HORTENSE HOLT RECEIVES DEGREE AT BAYLOR COLLEGE**

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. King returned Tuesday afternoon from Belton where they had been to attend the Baylor College commencement program. Miss Hortense Holt was a member of the graduating class this year, receiving her B. D. degree in the art department. She completed her bachelor of design degree in three years but plans to return to Belton this summer for post-graduate work and to complete her B. A. degree before beginning her duties in the Ballinger schools next fall. She was recently elected to teach art by the local school board.

Miss Holt accompanied Mr. and Mrs. King home and will be here for some time.

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**Many Signing for Visit to Abilene**

A committee Wednesday morning began enlisting cars and people to go to Abilene Friday morning for the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention. At noon members of the committee stated that they were meeting with fine cooperation from the citizens and that a large delegation would make the trip.

The committeemen wish it understood that not only those who have been seen and signed to take a car Friday are wanted, but that everyone will be welcome and stressed bigger the party the better. All trippers will meet at the court house lawn at 8:00 o'clock where hat-bands, car stickers and other identification markers will be handed out and full particulars of the parade and stunts explained to those composing the delegation.

All cars will be parked together when they arrive at Abilene and a Ballinger guard will look after them and see that nothing is taken from the machines. Trippers will be able to get their cars at any time after they arrive.

Uniforms are about ready for the Ballinger Band and the musicians will be dressed up in them for the first time Friday morning. A red and black cap and cape will be worn with white trousers and shirts and black bow tie.

Downtown streets of Abilene will contain more than twenty temporary bandstands, built and decorated for the convenience of the visiting bands. These stands are seated and will be filled most of the time with bands offering concerts.

Secretary J. D. Motley returned from Abilene Tuesday night and stated that all the leading hotels have already been filled and that committees are listing homes which will be thrown open to the public in an effort to take care of all who come. Mr. Motley stated that the vanguard was already large and thousands were arriving daily in advance of opening day.

T. J. McCaughy, of Norton, was attending to business in Ballinger Wednesday.

**RURAL EARS HEAR BETTER THAN CITY ONES, BELIEF**

BOSTON, May 28.—Hearing of rural and small town children seems to be better than that of city youngsters.

The examinations which give the country youth this lead were made in three small Maine communities with an audiometer, a comparatively new scientific instrument.

It was purchased by the Speech

**Reading Club of Portland, and loaned to places outside the city on request.**

The results are reported to Mrs. James F. Norris, chairman of the committee on children of the American Federation of Organizations for the Hard of Hearing.

Mrs. Abe Lankford and little daughter, of Abilene, have returned home after a visit here with Mrs. Lankford's parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Raby.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Truly and family left Tuesday morning for Dallas to spend their vacation visiting their daughter, Miss Marguerite, who is training in a hospital in that city. They also will visit Mrs. Truly's sister, Mrs. Chas. Tibbs.

Judge C. L. McCartner, of Brownwood, was here Thursday and spent the night with his brother-in-law, Judge T. T. Crosson.

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