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## EMERGENCY BILL TO AID HIGHWAY WORK

### New Road District Created; \$160,000 Bond Issue Asked

The Runnels county commissioners' court Monday voted to create road district No. 4, which will include all of former road district No. 2 and the remainder of precinct No. 2. Application for creation of the new district was presented by Commissioner Joe Mapes. Citizens of that district soon will vote on a \$160,000 road bond issue for construction of lateral roads in the event that an election is called, and that appears very probable.

S. W. Cooper, secretary of the Winters Chamber of Commerce, came to Ballinger Tuesday morning to get the petition which will be circulated for the required number of signatures. The petition must have at least fifty names asking the court to call the election. When the petition is presented a hearing will be ordered within not less than fifteen days and if the court sees fit the election can be called not less than 30 days after the hearing.

The proposed issue will divide the \$160,000, using \$44,000 to pay off outstanding road indebtedness in the district, and the balance, or \$116,000, will be used in constructing gravel, macadam or paved roads in the district, known as lateral roads, which will lead to state highways.

This movement has been on foot in the Winters territory for some time and it is said that a large number of the rural residents favor the step which will improve roads they travel and at the same time give employment to many during the generally dull period, next spring.

Leaders of the movement will push the project as rapidly as possible and the required signers for the petition probably will be secured in a day. In fact it is believed that many more will sign the petition than the required fifty. It has not been indicated what types of roads will be built nor just where the improvements will be placed. The only specifications are that the roads to be built will be surfaced with gravel, macadam or pavement, and it is supposed that a number of drainage structures will be included in the project.

Ten of the 48 American artists whose works were shown in the Carnegie International Exhibition at Pittsburgh are from Chicago.

W. F. Mason is reported to be resting fairly well at the Halley & Love Sanitarium after an accident last Thursday when he received a badly crushed arm in his gin plant here.

Be wise and advertise.

### Rob-On-the-Run is Latest in Highway Thieving "Racket"

There is apparently a new "racket," or perhaps an old "racket" in new form that rivals in purpose and extent the action of pirates on the Spanish main. The new one, however, is flourishing on the highways rather than on the high seas. A truck driver who makes regular trips from one of the larger shipping centers to this section of West Texas, informed a Ledger reporter Monday night that stealing from moving trucks is becoming common, especially in the more thickly settled districts, and the new "racket" instead of being operated under the cover of darkness generally seeks broad open daylight.

The modern highway pirate driving a speedy automobile, approaches a loaded truck from the rear. The truck may be making 40 or 50 miles an hour, but that does not deter the robbers. One of the gang swings himself from the automobile to

### Runnels Women Win In National Contest

#### Decorations Here; Trees on Walks

Sam Behringer began early Monday morning distributing Christmas trees to the firms of Ballinger to be used in decorating the town this week and the trees were placed along the sidewalks to be used in the flag holes on the curbs. Merchants started decorating the trees Monday in colored lights and with glittering tinsel to have them arranged before night.

A number of firms here also started decorating Christmas windows and within a few days the entire town will catch the spirit and have the Christmas idea before the people in every way possible.

It is only seventeen days from now until Christmas and decorations must be done quickly to do the most good. Shoppers are beginning to realize that their time is short to purchase gifts and get them ready for their friends and relatives by December 24th. The decorations here will help to make people realize that the season of gift giving is here and will encourage them to buy and avoid the last minute rush.

#### MISS DEMMER AGAIN GIVEN PLACE ON C.I.A. ORCHESTRA

DENTON, Texas, Dec. 8.—Miss Carmen Demmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Demmer, a public school music and violin major, is now serving as assistant concert master of the college orchestra of Texas State College for Women for the second year. The orchestra, which will make its first appearance next Thursday, is composed only of these students of exceptional ability and talent. Miss Demmer is a pupil of David C. Hansard, director of the orchestra. Miss Demmer and her sister, Miss Joe Demmer, who also plays in the orchestra, are members of the music club. Both are members of the Presbyterian Club, of which Miss Carmen is president.

A total of \$27,271 will be spent in North Carolina in road construction in national forests in the year ending June 30, 1931.

### District 3 Road Bonds Sold; Work Starts Soon

#### Small Grain Now Growing Rapidly

C. W. Lehmborg, county agent, has recently been working in all sections of the county, doing terracing. He has just completed more than 400 acres near Miles and upon arrival in Ballinger Thursday received a request for the terracing of 500 acres in one farm. He declared he had now more than 50 calls ahead for this service and would do it as quickly as he could and at the same time handle his other business.

In his rounds over the county Mr. Lehmborg observed that small grain was doing fine and in many fields growing faster than it could be grazed down by stock. As a result of the small grain already planted and the prospects for spring small grain he predicts the cotton acreage of Runnels county will be decreased next year by at least 150,000 acres. Of small grain already planted the county agent said approximately 75 per cent of it was oats.

Many farmers are planning to commence planting spring small grain soon. Over 50,000 bushels of pureline and standardized seed have been shipped into this county for planting purposes and others still are making applications for seed of this kind which they intend to sow within a short time. The same request is being received by the county agent in regard to grain sorghum seed and indications are that a better grade of seed will be planted here next year, in maize especially, and that the acreage will be increased.

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Three boys and five men in this county are raising pureline maize seed and are devoting much of their time to specializing in this culture. They will be able to dispose of all their seed in the county this year, the county agent said, and much more will be shipped in.

#### Poultry Dressing Gives Employment

Over one hundred people are being employed at the present time by the various poultry dressing plants in Ballinger, the average daily wage of each being \$2. The dressing plants will operate for a period of about two weeks longer in preparing turkeys for the Christmas market, this affording employment for quite a number of needy persons.

As perhaps the major source of employment at the present the local packing plants are furnishing work for men, women, boys and girls.

While the Christmas turkey market has been open only a few days there is an abundant supply of the birds being sold and all plants are running on a full day-time scale and some until late at night.

#### MAY LEASE LAND TO DEVELOP POTASH DEPOSITS

TAHOKA, Texas, Dec. 5.—Negotiations for the leasing of 1,200 acres of the T-Bar ranch, west of this city, are under way for the purpose of mining potash. Uel Stephens, San Antonio engineer, is at work on the project.

One lake covering 560 acres and another 574 acres, both declared of high potash content, are in the acreage being leased.

Expenditure of several hundred thousand dollars may result from the enterprise if potash in minable quantity is discovered, it was declared.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. George returned Monday from Dallas where they have been for some time attending to business.

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#### Daugherty Drug Is Burglarized

Robbers entered the L. C. Daugherty Drug Store Tuesday night and a check-up by Mr. Daugherty revealed the loss of \$14.13 in cash, and merchandise missing ran the total loss to \$32.23.

The robbers entered the store from the rear after a window was broken open and raised a ladder the burglars access to the building. Mr. Daugherty believes the burglary was committed between midnight and daylight. When the store was closed Tuesday night everything was in place. As soon as R. D. Davis, an employee, opened the store Wednesday morning he realized that the merchandise was disarranged and upon investigation found the back window open.

Mr. Daugherty was notified and officers called. With the crime several hours old officers have little evidence to work on but a complete inventory gave a list of the missing articles and a search will be made in this section for the items.

#### SPINACH SHIPMENTS GAIN

SAN ANTONIO, December 6.—Texas spinach shipments so far ahead of those at the same time last year, according to a report of the federal-state news bureau here. Totals for the season to November 6 showed 177 cars of spinach shipped from the Winter Garden district compared with 20 cars shipped to November 20, 1929.

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### Turkeys to Start Moving Monday

The Christmas turkey market, opened in Ballinger this week with the birds selling for around 17 cents and expected to go higher when the movement is well underway.

The Runnels County Poultry Association will begin delivering turkeys here next Monday with the arrangement that members are to receive the highest price the market reaches at any time during the Christmas movement.

C. W. Lehmborg, county agent, estimates that 35 per cent of the turkeys owned by the association was sold on the Thanksgiving market, members receiving 17 1/2 cents for all birds delivered. This lot of turkeys totaled 65,720 pounds and were the finest fowls handled by the association. According to U. S. grades now in use 35 per cent of those were prime; 49 per cent choice; 16 1/2 per cent medium, and less than 1 per cent common. The Christmas market is expected to be even better than for Thanksgiving as raisers were given instructions at that time how to feed and handle their birds to make them grade No. 1 and receive the highest possible price.

Mr. Lehmborg stated Thursday that he believed the county association would deliver more than 100,000 pounds of dressed turkeys here for the Christmas trade. These birds will be dressed in Ballinger and shipped to eastern markets as fast as received and all members will receive the top market price.

Mr. Lehmborg, who has been appointed a federal inspector, will go to Abilene Friday to check out four or five carloads of turkeys ready to be shipped from that point.

In speaking of the situation in this county the county agent said he was well pleased with the movement being pushed here this year and while little has been done since the new turkey grading system was put into effect he feels much good will come from this in the future. Many of the crooked breast birds that must be classified as No. 2, have not been offered on the market at all but have been consumed at home and canned by members of women's home demonstration clubs for family use.

It is believed that nearly all of the remaining turkey crop will be placed on sale for Christmas consumption and with approximately 65 per cent of the crop still on the farms it is possible that as much as 125,000 pounds of dressed birds will be marketed by the local association during the next ten days.

#### PLANTING ONIONS

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 6.—The Bermuda onion crop of the season of 1929-31 in the Laredo district is now transplanted from the seedbeds to the open fields there to remain until it reaches maturity about the latter part of March or early April. It is estimated that from 3,000 to 3,250 acres have been transplanted in Bermuda onions this season in comparison with the 3,400 acres that comprised the 1929-30 crop. The young Bermuda onions are in excellent condition.

Canada is the greatest producer of raw and waste asbestos and the United States the largest consumer.

#### G. W. DUNLAP REPORTED TO BE MUCH IMPROVED

Word received here this week from Mrs. G. W. Dunlap, who is with her husband at San Antonio, states that Mr. Dunlap is much improved and is able to be up following a very serious operation. He is ready to be removed from the hospital but will remain in San Antonio for a week or ten days under observation of doctors before being permitted to return to Ballinger. Mrs. Dunlap stated however that Will expects to be at home in time to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Mrs. T. B. Pickett, of Temple, came in Sunday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Gressett, and other relatives. She returned to her home Monday afternoon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The Senate today passed the bill authorizing \$60,000,000 for farmers in the drought stricken regions, to be used in purchase of seed, feed and fertilizer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The House today received, from its appropriations committee, the unemployment emergency construction bill providing \$110,000,000 for highway aid, rivers and harbors improvements.

Of the total \$50,000,000 was stipulated for advance to the states so they might build roads at once despite their inability to meet federal aid obligations. The fund would be returnable over, a five-year period.

The appropriation was \$40,000,000 under the \$150,000,000 asked by the president.

In approving the bill, the appropriations committee amended it to permit using the funds up to September 1 instead of July 1, end of the fiscal year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—President Hoover today declared that efforts were being made to impose greater burdens on the government than its financial position permits. Noting that pending appropriations legislation would impose an additional burden of \$4,560,000,000 above that asked for in his budget message, the president said the budget contained the maximum expenditures the government could make without increasing taxes.

### No Christmas Trees For Local School

This year there will be no Christmas trees held in the Ballinger schools prior to turning out for the Christmas holidays and it is the desire that students do not give their teachers presents. This action was taken by the board as it is always embarrassing to the students who are not able to give gifts to be present when trees are held and other children give and receive gifts.

The same thing applies when teachers are given gifts by students. The child who can not give thinks just as much of the teacher as the one who brings a nice token of his love and yet can not join in the gift giving. For these reasons H. C. Lyon, superintendent of schools, announced Monday that no trees would be held in the rooms as has been the custom heretofore.

School will dismiss on December 19th at the close of the day's schedule and all students will be out of school until Wednesday, Dec. 31, when the first session will open after Christmas. School will take up on Wednesday instead of Monday in order that teachers may have institute on Dec. 29 and 30.

Most colleges will dismiss on the 19th and students will begin arriving home on the following day and Sunday.

The United States patent office granted nearly 50,000 patents during the last fiscal year while receipts totaled \$4,000,000, a new record.

Experiments to obtain high grade bond paper from wheat and oats straw are under way at Iowa State College.

Scratch Pads, 20c per pound, at Ledger office. tld.

### What Constitutes a Strong Bank?

Not assets and resources; not pillars and stones and safety deposit vaults, but a willingness to serve community interests, to foster worthy enterprises, and to help each deserving customer to succeed.

Banks more than any other institutions, grow in strength and usefulness in proportion to the service they render.

A realization of our obligation to this community, and a willingness to do our share in promoting its growth and up-building, is an indication of the real strength of this bank.

It ought to be worth while to have connection with an institution that is striving in all ways to live up to the highest ideals of bank service.

### The Winters State Bank

Winters, Texas  
"The Dependable Bank"

### Legion to Stage Big Box Supper

The entertainment committee of the Pat Williams Post, American Legion, held a meeting Friday night and made plans for staging an open house and old time box supper. All preliminary details of the program were arranged and members of the local Auxiliary will be asked to furnish boxes which will be sold to highest bidders at the conclusion of the entertainment.

As soon as boxes are sold the post will serve coffee and tables will be provided for everyone to open boxes and eat the lunches.

The local post is making a hard effort to get out of debt and falling a little short on this year's play will try to wipe the slate clean with the box supper.

This program is for the general public and entire hall will be thrown open Monday night, Dec. 15, and those who attend will be provided a full evening's entertainment. There will be no formality, merely a general get-together as a pre-Christmas social hour.

The committee is arranging a program of entertainment to last about forty minutes and will include readings, musical numbers and comical stunts. Part of the fun will be had when the boxes are auctioned. A number of the best auctioneers in the city will be asked to dispose of the boxes. Two auctioneers working in unison will sell boxes filled to the brim with home-cooked food, plenty for an entire family.

No one will be forced to buy a box and those who do not care to eat are invited to witness the program and join in the social gathering.

### Vegetables Aid Nature Best

There is no substitute in all nature for vegetables. That's why Carter's Little Liver Pills work so naturally when you are troubled with torpid liver, biliousness and constipation. Made only of most pure vegetable calomel, they move your thirty-two ounces of bile thoroughly cleansing system. All druggists. Red bottles. Take Carter's.

### Woodroofs Buy Ladwig Brothers'

G. O. Woodroof & Son, who some time ago purchased the stock of merchandise of Gates & Nunnally, have taken another step in the dry goods business in Ballinger by purchasing the stock and fixtures of Ladwig Brothers, at the corner of Seventh and Hutchings.

Expressing full faith in Ballinger and Runnels county, these business men state that they will operate both the Ladwig store and the other place of business and expect to restock both stores soon after the first of the year.

Charles Ladwig, who has been managing the store here for some time, will shortly go to his ranch in Bosque county, where he will devote his time to stock raising. Mr. Ladwig has made an admirable citizen and has many friends in this section who will regret to see him leave Ballinger, but doubtless no bridges will be burned behind him and he will always find a welcome upon returning to this city.

The Woodroofs have been located here for quite a while and are only voicing their faith in the city and county by acquiring more property here, with the expectation of making Ballinger their permanent residence.

### Bladder Weakness

If Getting Up Nights, Backache, frequent day calls, Leg Pains, Nervousness, or Irritation, due to function of Bladder Irritation, in cold conditions, means you feel tired, depressed and old. Work less, starts circulating thru the system in 15 minutes. Praised by thousands for rapid and positive action. Don't give up. Try Cystex (pronounced Siss-tex) today, under the Iron-Clad Guarantee. Must quickly allay these conditions, improve restful sleep and energy, or money back. Only 50c at

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### TOMATO GROWERS ORGANIZE

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 6.—Jim. Hogg County Tomato Growers Association has been organized and various committees appointed to organize the farmers for the growing of tomatoes on a large scale next year.

A Jacksonville, Texas, firm has agreed to enter into a contract to take all the tomatoes grown in Jim Hogg county at best market prices provided not less than 200 acres are planted, and the organization perfected at Bebbroville feels certain its members will plant more than 200 acres of best quality tomatoes next spring.

Be wine and advertise.

### Hundreds Visit New Lake Sunday; Work Nears Finish

Many Ballinger people visited the new water reservoir here Sunday to see it since the recent rains which filled it and started water over the spillway. The contractors worked a large crew of men all day Sunday placing rip-rap on the new earthen fills and Sunday night only about one full day's work remained to be done. A cement contractor started Monday morning pouring concrete on the newly placed rip-rap and a crew of men to placing rocks on two small places of the emergency spillway that is yet uncovered. Engineer Claude Livingston estimated that all the rip-rap would be completed by Monday afternoon and most of the grouted paving poured by night.

Mr. Livingston plans to move all machinery from the location Tuesday and Wednesday and clean up and be ready to move his force from here by Thursday. He will go to the Rio Grande valley for a short vacation before going to Mt. Pleasant where he will take charge of a paving contract there about the first of the year.

The large machinery was shipped to Houston last Saturday from the job here and only a small amount is left here which will be used Monday and then shipped to some other job.

Sunday the lake was standing full of water but not running over the spillway. The big exhaust pipe in the new dam was open and much water was flowing through this outlet and the lake will be partially drained so that the crossing near the upper dam can be used until the new causeway is built to accommodate travelers on that road. With the lake full of water the crossing near the upper dam is too deep for a vehicle to cross and at an early date a causeway will be built there, using part of the upper dam as the roadbed.

Superintendent W. O. Woolsey will join Engineer Livingston here Tuesday for final measurements of the dam and settlement with the city administration. City Engineer Roy Davis has been on the job all the way through construction and at present is making final inspections for the city prior to the last settlement.

Construction of the dam took more time than was at first expected but a large part of this has been due to heavy rains which started early in October and continued through the fall months. Many days and even weeks have been lost by floods on Elm Creek which made laying stone in the spillway impossible.

At the city hall additional heating equipment has been purchased and installed in the building and correspondence has passed between the architect and contractor with reference to final settlement and small changes that are to be made.

The pumping plant this week finished the installation of hand switches to operate the new machinery at that place.

The city health department reported a visit to one place in the city limits to visit a patient convalescing from small pox. The case moved here from Oklahoma

and no people have been exposed as far as a check shows.

The street department worked a little more than one day with tractors and graders on streets and were stopped by rains. All mud and dirt on the pavement has been raked into piles and hauled off during the week and caliche was hauled and placed in washes at pavement headers on Murrell and Eighth, Broadway and Bonsal and Ninth and Hutchings. Brown & Root worked on pavement on Eighth and Broadway patching all breaks and cracks.

The water department showed the following activity: Turn offs 19, turn ons 15, reread and checked meters 1, leaks repaired 6, cutoffs repaired 2, meters reset 12, dead ends drained 2, vacant houses checked with water off 59, valves in pavement repaired and repacked 1, 650 feet of 2 inch pipe laid in place of 1 inch line on Strong Avenue to Routh line on Elm Creek.

Other departments of the city reported for the week with general routine business. The dairy inspector has moved to the office at the new city hall and all laboratory work is being done there at present. The police department reported one arrest, one fine assessed and two fines collected.

### Just Like an Ostrich

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

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### SHOP EARLY



### Special Dresses

This very unusual group has been selected from our regular stock and grouped for quick clearance. Many high grade dresses that have been carried over are included. Silks, velvets, georgettes and wools. All sizes and styles. Values from \$10 to \$25

\$1.69, \$2.98, \$4.98 and \$6.98

### House Dresses

One special lot of Nelly Don and other well known house dresses. Made of prints that we guarantee to be fast colors. Expert styleline and smart styles. Values to \$1.95

98c

Another assortment of Nelly Don and other house dresses. Fast color prints in both long and short sleeves. Values to \$2.95

\$1.39

### Blankets

A part wool double blanket 66x80 in a heavy quality, all colors in plaid patterns, the pair

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66x80 heavy all cotton of the usual Monarch quality, double and comes in all colors

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Our best Monarch blankets, of wool and fine cotton, sateen bound and extra heavy warp, size 66x80 in colors of rose, green, blue, yellow and orchid.

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### Bed Spreads

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### Prints

500 yards of fast color prints, 36 inches wide in both light and dark patterns. The yard

15c

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#### GROUP 1

Dozens of high grade hats of felt, silk, velvet and combinations. Hats that originally sold up to \$10.00. Some are slightly soiled from try ons and others are hats that have been carried over from last season. Very special

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#### GROUP 2

This group is our very best hats and are genuine bargains. Hats that are up to the minute in style and coloring.

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This group represents the latest arrivals in our stock and are hats suitable for late fall and early spring. All head sizes and all brims. Values to \$12.50

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### Men's Hats

50 men's hats of the wanted patterns and styles, snap brims, roll brims and others. All felt and pastel shades. Values to \$6.

\$2.95

### Men's Shirts

150 Shirtraft Maryland, other shirts. Fast colors and collars attached styles, sizes 14 to 17.

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Men's heavy all wool O. D. shirts, triple stitched, large arm holes and full cut, sizes 14 1/2 to 17.

\$1.29

### Pajamas

Men's broadcloth pajamas in fast color prints with or without collar. Just the thing for the inexpensive Christmas present. Sixes A, B, C and D.

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### Sweaters

Men's grey cotton sweaters, coat styles, full cut, reinforced seams with 2 pockets, medium weight, new cotton, sizes 36 to 46

69c



### Men's Winter Suits

We offer just fifty high-grade Curlee and Hart Schaffner Marx suits, this season's patterns and styles, worsteds, serges, twists and other fabrics. Garments that are the final word in style and colors. These suits originally sold up to \$45.00 but have been reduced to make way for spring suits. Sizes 33 to 46 in colors of brown, grey, blue and oxford.

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30 pair boys' long pants and knickers. Just the thing for school wear, well made and durable. Originally sold up to \$3.50, sizes from 8 to 14.

\$1.89

### Men's Dress Pants

50 pairs of men's fine flannel dress pants. Well made, full cut and all wool materials. Both light and dark patterns. Originally sold up to \$7.50, sizes 28 to 38.

\$1.95

### Overalls

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- Bed Room Suites
- Living Room Suites
- Occasional Chairs
- Magazine Racks
- Tables
- Rugs
- Linoleum
- Radios
- Rocking Chairs
- Dining Room Furniture
- Cedar Chests
- Coxwell Chairs
- Dressers
- Chifforobes
- Wardrobes
- Blankets
- Gas Stoves
- Oil Stoves
- Heating Stoves
- Chinaware

## For Sister or Sweetheart

- Gloves
- Hosiery
- Cedar Chests
- Kimonas
- Bath Robes
- Coats
- Dresses
- Perfumes
- Toilet Article
- Suitcases
- Hat Boxes
- Handkerchiefs
- Silverware
- Shoes
- Beads
- Bags
- Many Other Items in the Gift Shop

## For Dad or Brother

- Overcoats
- Suits
- Shoes
- House Shoes
- Ties
- Shirts
- Handkerchiefs
- Hosiery
- Bath Robes
- Leather Coats
- Smoking Stands
- Coxwell Chairs
- Razors
- Knives
- Shoes

## For the Children

- Tricycles
- Airplanes
- Wagons
- Scoters
- Shirts
- Hosiery
- Neckwear
- Handkerchiefs
- Caps
- Shoes

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## Deaths

**C. N. Curry**  
C. N. Curry, pioneer of this county, died at his home one mile south of Winters Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mrs. C. T. Grant, of Ballinger, is a daughter of decedent, and many other relatives in this section survive.  
Mr. Curry was born February 3, 1850, in Illinois, and was married to Miss Sarah Frances Cannon in 1876. The widow survives and resides at the family home near Winters.  
Decedent moved to Runnels county in 1886 and settled near Winters. For the past two years he had been in failing health and his death was not a surprise to near relatives and friends.  
He was a charter member of the First Presbyterian Church of Winters, but several years ago withdrew and joined the Methodist church, of which he was a faithful member until death. He had been a member of the Winters Masonic Lodge for the past 27 years.  
Survivors include the widow, two brothers, George Curry, Fort-tales, New Mexico; and Frank Curry, Clovis, New Mexico; two sisters, Mrs. Billie McDaniel, Bryson, Texas; and Mrs. Paris, of Oklahoma; seven daughters, Mrs. W. J. Lollar, of Blair, Oklahoma; Mrs. B. M. Young, San Benito, Texas; Mrs. Ben Koehler, Win-

ters; Mrs. Grant, Ballinger; Miss Jennie Curry, Winters; Mrs. Ada Owens, Breckenridge; and Mrs. John Johnson, Winters; two sons, John T. Curry, Winters; and W. L. Curry, Cisco. In addition 21 grandchildren survive.  
Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Methodist Church of Winters, with Rev. T. E. Bowman, of Ballinger, officiating, assisted by Rev. T. H. Burton. The Winters Masonic Lodge were in charge of the interment at Fairview Cemetery.  
Spill Brothers undertakers of Winters were in charge of all funeral arrangements.  
**Elbert Fritze**  
Elbert Fritze, age 6 months, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Erich Fritze, died Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the family home near Rowena. The baby died from a severe case of croup within 48 hours.  
Funeral services were held from the family residence Thursday morning at 10 o'clock and interment was made in the protestant cemetery at Rowena.  
Undertakers from the Higginbotham Funeral Home were in charge of the arrangements.  
**Don't fail to attend Asa Cordill's Big Discount Sale—1-3 to 1-2 off. 11-11d-11w**  
South Africa holds first place as an export outlet for American hosiery, according to the department of commerce.

## Health Program Very Successful

During the past few weeks the health work in this county through the county health association has accomplished much actual work and a number of schools have received immunization against diphtheria and also a large number of schools have had their students inspected. The work in both branches has not been completed and will continue for some time with Miss Addie Alexander and the teachers of the schools making arrangements and doing the work.  
During the past two weeks Miss Alexander has inspected 706 children in the county and a card history has been made of each pupil. Thirty-nine pairs of scales have been bought and placed in schools and all children are being weighed each month and a record of their weights kept by the teachers.  
At the last regular meeting of the county health association held here two new members were elected to the advisory board and will serve for this year. They were Mrs. T. J. McCaughan, of Norton, and Mrs. Bates, of Miles.  
The first immunization work done by the health committee was conducted last Monday week at Miles. Thirty-two pre-school children were given the serum and 72 students. The work was spon-

sored at Miles by Mrs. J. H. Herndon a member of the county organization and all serum was administered by Dr. J. H. Herndon.  
Other places include Maverick where Dr. W. W. Mitchell gave serum to 65 students and 22 pre-school children. Mrs. Ann McAuley was responsible in a large way for the successful program at Maverick giving lots of time to the arrangements for the program.  
Members of the Norton P. T. A. staged a successful campaign in the schools there with Dr. Mitchell assisting them. Eighty-eight students and 45 pre-school children were given the serum.  
At Spring Hill the teachers working with Miss Alexander staged a successful campaign. Dr. J. W. Macune from Ballinger gave the serum there to 28 students.  
All students at Benoit were inspected Wednesday and a sample of the water recently piped into the building from a new well was sent to Austin for examination by the state health department.  
Miss Alexander stated in making the report that wonderful cooperation had been received from parents in each community visited and especially from P. T. A. organizations where they are organized. A number of places where there is no organization are now planning for the immunization program and will give the serum before Christmas. The county nurse will continue to visit schools that have not been in-

spected and finish with that work as soon as possible.  
**A Great Discovery**  
When Pasteur discovered, in 1852, that the infection of wounds was caused by malignant bacteria, he performed a service of inestimable value to mankind. Since then medical science has been producing better and better antiseptics, to kill these germs that man enter the smallest cut and give us diseases such as typhoid, tuberculosis and lockjaw. Now, all you have to do to be sure that these dreadful germs will not infect a wound, is to wash that wound, however small, thoroughly with Liquid Borozone, the modern antiseptic. You can get Liquid Borozone, in a size to fit your needs and purse, from Weeks Drug Store.  
**INCREASE TOMATO ACREAGE**  
YOAKUM, Tex., Dec. 9.—Having prospects for the largest acreage ever planted in tomatoes in this section, Yoakum farmers are preparing their land for the 1931 crop, well in advance of planting time. Hot bed planting and resetting will be replaced in most instances this year by outright field planting in an effort to speed up maturity and harvesting of the crops.  
Frank Coker, a member of the Daniel Baker College football squad, is here to spend a few days with his parents and friends.

## Dairy Inspection Starts This Week

R. F. Zedlitz, city dairy inspector, has begun the semi-annual period of grading of dairies and milk plants that come under the scope of the city milk ordinance and will continue the work until all dairies and milk plants have been inspected and graded. A laboratory examination will be made and all dairies and cows checked to see that every detail of the ordinance is complied with and a grade awarded each dealer in accordance with the true findings. These grades will be published later on.  
The purpose of the city milk ordinance is to safeguard the health of the community and for this reason the inspector must at all times be careful in keeping a perfect check on the milk plants and see that every item of the ordinance is carefully observed. Mr. Zedlitz watches all the time for impurities that might threaten the purity and wholesomeness of the milk sold in Ballinger.  
The semi-annual check is made in accordance with the city ordinance to see that those selling milk here are producing it under sanitary regulations and that all the cows are in perfect physical condition.  
The relation of the dairymen and inspector is of a friendly

nature and necessarily must be to obtain the best results of each helping the other. It is the earnest desire of the inspector to help the dairymen when an improvement in his methods will facilitate the production of a better quality product.  
Most of the dairies of Ballinger are selling nothing but grade A milk and many improvements have been made here since the ordinance was passed and became a law.  
**Substitute Father Not Wanted**  
You prefer your own. In like manner, don't accept substitute for old-time, reliable remedy for biliousness, torpid liver and constipation. Take Carter's Little Liver Pills. Starting free flow of nearly two pounds of bile, they thoroughly cleanse system. All druggists. Red bottles. Substitutes are insults. Take Carter's.  
J. D. Motley returned from Ft. Worth, Dallas and other places Friday where he has been for the past week attending to business.  
**Two Dollars' worth for One at Asa Cordill's. 11-11d-11w**  
Mrs. J. L. Bailey of Temple is here for an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Bailey.

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Cotton men who early in the season set estimates on the 1930 cotton crop at 30,000 bales are now within 5,000 bales of that prediction and have good opportunity to say "I told you so."

The Christmas movement has been started here now and it is up to each individual merchant as to just how far this work will go. The sidewalks and streets will be glittering in the spirit of Christmas from now until after the holidays and the interior of stores and show windows is a matter that will help greatly but each merchant is responsible for the beauty of his store.

The Christmas spirit is beginning to be shown here. Trees line the sidewalks, the lights are being turned on in a few places, and one by one Christmas show windows are opened to attract gift buyers. All these things help to create a feeling of that season of the year when friends remember friends and happy gatherings are planned.

Every day robberies come near home and such things usually happen during the joyful Christmas season. Many of these can be avoided if proper precautions are taken. Fire marshals have issued warnings and instructed people how to avoid holiday fires and if the same precautions are taken many robberies can be prevented.

Contractors Brown & Root checked the pavement here on Broadway and Eighth Street Friday and patched all cracked places on both streets. This was done by workmen here on the dam job on Elm Creek while it was too wet to work there and is a part of the maintenance guarantee of that company.

A robbery reported here Tuesday night should be a warning to citizens that this town is not exempt from such incidents and what we read of at other places in the state every day may occur here. This is the season for such things to occur and every precaution should be taken at all times to avoid them.

Eat-more-lamb clubs are being organized all over West Texas, the members agreeing to eat lamb and mutton on certain days of the week. No organization has been formed in Ballinger but those who believe it is a good idea can do it of their own accord and help increase consumption of this important West Texas product.

It will be a short time until new county officials will be sworn in for duty at the courthouse. Three offices will be vacated by men who have held the jobs for years and they are now finishing up their work and getting everything ready to turn over the offices.

It is now time to start paying taxes on cars and securing the new 1931 number plates. A few have already attended to the matter but most people are waiting until the last minute and will

join the long line of people at the tax collector's office and stand in line awaiting their turn. Number plates can be secured any time after the first day of December and from then until February 1 car drivers have to secure them. No plate is supposed to be placed on a car before January 1 or any old plate used after that date.

It is a hard job to enforce compulsory attendance at school during the 100 days prescribed by law for all students within a certain age to attend. Patrons in Ballinger are requested to phone the local school and notify Supt. H. C. Lyon of any child they know of in the age who is not in school. In many instances children have moved here since the school census was taken and in that case it is impossible to check and ascertain from the census list if everyone is attending.

Water shortage here is a thing of the past. The new Elm Creek reservoir was full Friday morning and water backed up the creek to the upper dam. That increases the city water supply three and a half times. The creek began rising Thursday morning following heavy rains the night before and late in the afternoon water commenced to flow over the spillway.

Work of the county agents is increasing so fast that it soon will be necessary for counties to employ assistants for these demonstrators. A few years service has thoroughly proved their worth and it is now observed that they are consulted on every phase of agricultural activity, especially in poultry raising, dairying, and kindred subjects.

There is perhaps more being done for charity this year than ever before at a Christmas season in the United States. Practically every city, town and village is making some kind of plans to care for unfortunates this Christmas and many dollars are being raised for this purpose.

Ballinger High School will graduate 66 seniors next May in case the students make their required grades and pass the final tests. These students at the beginning of the year, with the assistance of faculty members, selected courses. Some of these include the necessary work for college entrance and others do not.

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will not be sufficient for college entrance and in case these students attend schools of higher learning next year they will have to take entrance examinations. The class here this year will be about as large as last year or any other year for the Ballinger school.

Ballinger firemen are meeting with a competent instructor this week studying methods of fighting fires. A good department is a great asset to a town and each year saves much property threatened by fire hazards. Still more property can be saved if the hazards are removed and the fire never starts.

Many young people who are ambitious and earnest are being denied the opportunity to prepare for the business careers because of financial difficulties. They realize that now is the time to get ready because business is now running at a low ebb. When business returns to normal, thousands of young people will be needed to take care of the rush.

Through out Extension Department thousands of young people have prepared for successful careers entirely at home, but this plan contemplates the student attending college for a while, to get office practice, to become familiar with modern business machines, and so that he or she will be on hand to make personal applications for the many positions we are called on to fill every year.

Only a limited number of these special scholarships will be issued, and first come first served. Write Draughon's College, Box 11, Abilene, Texas, today for Special Offer No. 19.

Rev. and Mrs. Matthew Lynn, of Charleston, West Virginia, are here this week visiting C. J. H. W. and Estes Lynn and other relatives. Rev. Lynn has accepted the pastorate of the Coleman Presbyterian Church and will preach his first sermon there next Sunday.

Mrs. Paris Smith of Bay City is here visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Gates.

F. H. Christian, superintendent of the Santa Fe railway, spent several hours in Ballinger Friday afternoon visiting with friends and attending to business.

City Reservoir Is Filled with Water

The new municipal reservoir was filled late Thursday evening and Friday morning water was going over the dam from one end to the other. A crew of workmen with a crane was busy Friday morning piling rock around the western end of the cement abutment where dirt was washing away.

Engineer Claude Livingston stated that the masonry work around the spillway was completed Wednesday afternoon and the only remaining part of the dam to be finished was a dirt fill on the eastern shore of Elm Creek. This work is well underway and sufficient filling in has been done to hold back the water and force it over the spillway.

There is one small break in the emergency rip-rapped spillway to be closed but this is at a high point where water will seldom reach except in case of heavy floods and when the creek is backed up from the Colorado River. This gap has been left so that machinery could be moved from one side of the dam to the other and within the next few days it will be closed with concrete to make the dam complete.

Ballinger now has on hand about one year's supply of good water.

CATTLE TICK IS OUSTED AFTER MUCH TROUBLE

TEXARKANA, Texas, Dec. 10.—War on the cattle tick in northeast Texas and southwest Arkansas which resulted directly in the killing of one man, the march of 500 angry cattle owners on the Miller county courthouse, beating of federal officials, dynamiting of dozens of dipping vats, and indictment of two men on federal charges, has come to a peaceful conclusion.

The fever tick has been vanquished from counties in the two states, and with the official lifting of the federal quarantine December 1, interstate movement of livestock was resumed. The Texas counties in which the ban was lifted are Marion, Cass, Henderson and Gregg, while in Arkansas are Miller, Hot Springs, Clark, Pike and Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCarver went to Brownwood Friday to attend the football game between Daniel Baker and Howard Payne and watch their son in his last football game with that college.

Frank Partridge, Bob Straley and C. B. Laxson went to Brownwood Friday to view the grid tilt between Howard Payne and Daniel Baker.

Robert B. Bingham is here for a visit with his father and other relatives. Mr. Bingham is a traveling salesman with an important territory around New York and Chicago but spends most of his off time in Ballinger.

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West Texas Towns Feature Christmas

West Texas has started celebrating Christmas. Newspapers from all parts of this section are filled with glowing accounts of the Christmas activities and the crowds that are present for the opening of the season. Coleman began Tuesday of this week when thousands of colored Christmas lights were turned on along the downtown streets and all streets were lined with spruce trees.

Stores opened beautiful Christmas windows and stores were decorated from the front to the back in the spirit of the season. Brady is a blaze of light and color as "Progressive Block" opened for a real Christmas celebration this past week to big crowds and the entire town got the spirit until contests are being staged for the best decorated homes in the Christmas motif. Prizes are being paid to homes and business houses for the best decorated place and even yards are decorated with Christmas trees and colored lights.

Brownwood issued this week a special Christmas edition of the Brownwood Bulletin of some 40 pages in which they announce the opening of the Christmas season there. Special programs are featuring the remaining days before the 24th and decorations are evident on every hand. Show windows are featured at every store and the opening day crowds are the best in the town this year.

Abilene is lighted for Christmas and every business has cooperated in carrying out the plan of decorations. Next Saturday the programs will start with a visit from Santa Claus with a herd of trained performing reindeer and invitations have been sent to all parts of West Texas to attend the celebration. Various firms are staging banquets and many have been invited to attend from Ballinger.

San Angelo is staging a similar plan to that of Abilene, which includes Santa Claus and his reindeer and a series of banquets. Even the smaller towns are dazzling with Christmas decorations and making a strong appeal for Christmas shoppers to visit there.

Dr. W. H. Coleman of Brownwood was here Sunday and preached at the Methodist church at the evening hour.

Houston Harte of San Angelo and J. H. Hanks of Abilene were in Ballinger Sunday looking after business in this city.

County Council Has Good Session

A regular meeting of the Runnels county council of the Parent-Teacher Association was held at the court house in Ballinger Wednesday afternoon, thirteen associations answering roll call. Splendid reports were given by the following units: Eagle Branch, Barnett, Blanton, Ballinger, Ballinger pre-school, Hatchel, Maverick, Norton, Rowena, Wingate, Crews, Hagan and Winters.

Mrs. T. A. Crockett, secretary, being absent Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh acted in this capacity and took the minutes. She read a letter from Mrs. S. Gilmore, sixth district president, stating that Mrs. Joe Simmons of this city had been elected the seventh vice-presidency of the sixth district which makes her responsible for Runnels, Concho and a part of Tom Green county. As a vice-president she will receive the congress library and anyone is invited to inspect it.

The president explained the Cooper-Robinson bill pertaining to federal aid for state and county health work. A motion was made and carried that a resolution be sent to the congressman from this district endorsing the measure.

The president asked that a complete record be kept of all children who have been immunized and that a copy of each record be filed with other permanent records of every school. It was pointed out that after a community had held an immunization clinic it should not hold another the next year as this program was an educative measure and one was enough for the purpose, however it was said that each community was entitled to hold one clinic.

Fourteen questionnaires were returned and six associations have registered for summer round-ups. County Superintendent R. E. White and James Parrish were thanked for their help in staging immunization campaigns. The president also was instructed to write a letter to Mrs. McGlasson, of San Angelo, expressing appreciation for the splendid way that city entertained the state convention.

A motion was made and passed that the by laws of the council be amended and for the ensuing year council dues cut to one-half or 50 cents for an association of less than 40 members and \$1 for all over 40 members.

A round-table discussion followed on high points of the state

convention. This was led by Mrs. B. J. Smith of Wingate. The chair appointed Mrs. B. F. Kemp, of Runnels, and Mrs. B. J. Smith, of Wingate, as the program committee for the next meeting.

School Ruling to Come Up Dec. 29

AUSTIN, Dec. 10.—Attitude of the state board of education toward independent school districts helping support county superintendents of schools probably will be determined at its meeting here Dec. 29.

S. M. N. Marrs, state superintendent of public instruction, has been asked to rule on a question which will force an issue, and regardless of his ruling, the case was expected to be appealed to the board of education.

The Austin independent school district is leading the fight, and has asked other independent districts and school boards to join it. Sentiment appears divided, according to information reaching Supt. Marrs.

Assessment of independent school districts to pay their pro rata share of county administration expenses was authorized by the last legislature. The assessment, according to Prof. Marrs, probably in no county would be more than 50 cents of the per capita apportionment.

The Austin independent school declined to pay the assessment levied upon it, and as a consequence the county board of trustees by resolution requested Prof. Marrs to withhold the school's per capita apportionment. It is upon this question that Marrs has been asked to rule, and from which an appeal will likely be taken.

Prof. Marrs has held that the law should be supported, on the theory that the independent schools, mostly larger and richer than the rural schools, should be willing to do that much toward the upbuilding of rural education.

J. S. Reese, of Benoit, was in Ballinger Saturday and called at the Ledger office to keep his paper coming. Mr. Reese has been a steady subscriber since moving to this county in the pioneer days. While in town Saturday he delivered to a man here an old ox yoke which he has owned for many years and brought to this county with him. Mr. Reese stated that he also has a shovel which was made before the Civil War and a chair made by his grandfather that are still in use.

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# W. F. Mason Sustains Mangled Arm in Gin

W. F. Mason, local ginmer, was seriously injured at his plant at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon when his left arm was caught by a belt and carried under the pulley. Friday morning he was suffering considerably with the injury and physicians planned to have x-ray pictures made Friday afternoon to determine the exact extent of the injury.

Mr. Mason had his gin in operation and as the cotton was wet, was having some trouble with belts slipping. He was in the act of applying belt dressing to a large belt when in some manner the accident happened, so quickly that he hardly knows exactly what happened. A doctor was summoned as soon as he was carried to his home nearby and an examination made and medicine given him to keep him from suffering at the time.

Friday morning attending physicians thought that the arm could be saved but could not tell just how bad the injury was until after the pictures were taken.

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

## Christmas Plans Completed Tuesday

The board of directors of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce in regular meeting Tuesday morning discussed plans for Christmas and instructed the civic committee to begin at once on the program for decorated show windows.

Windows will be placed in two classes and ribbons denoting first, second and third class will be awarded. Stores with only one window will compete in one division and stores with two or more will contest for honors in other classes.

All firms will be urged to have their windows ready by December 15 when they will be inspected, and the awards will be made between that date and Christmas eve. No set rules will be followed in the scoring this year, judges inspecting the windows and voting on neatness and cleverness in carrying out the suggestion of Christmas. Lighting effects and other points will be considered also in reaching decisions.

Every window in the city will be viewed by the judges and no one will be required to enter a window for competition. The only requirement is to decorate a window.

Work began here in earnest Tuesday when a large crew of West Texas Utilities Company electricians commenced stringing vari-colored lights along streets and connecting drops to Christmas trees in the business district. This will be continued until Ballinger is ablaze with the colored lights, windows lighted and decorated to suggest the gift-giving season.

The Farmers & Merchants State Bank has erected a large five-pointed star on the roof of its three-story building. The star is outlined in incandescents and can be seen for several miles at night. Other firms Tuesday were making arrangements for extra lights and before the end of the week the city will be as pretty as any in West Texas.

A number of home owners also are planning to place lighted and decorated trees on their lawns, adding much to the festive appearance.

Asa Cordill's stock of Jewelry is being sold at 1-3 to 1-3 off. Now is your time to buy!  
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**SINGING AT EAGLE BRANCH**  
Eagle Branch P-T A. announces a community singing and a pie supper, at the school house on next Friday night, December 12. Everybody is invited.

Only four members of the University of Southern California first football team will be lost by graduation.

## Financial Condition Revealed in Letter

Much has been said recently about paying accounts promptly and keeping money in circulation. The following letter was sent to The Ledger this week and we believe the writer is excused from paying his accounts after reading his wonderful literary contribution. Perhaps the same excuse will fit others if they make a careful study of its import. Along how we herewith pass it along:

"My dear friend:  
"I beg leave to inform you that the present shattered condition of my bank account makes it impossible for me to send you a check in response to your request for remittance.

"The state of my present financial condition is due to the effect of federal laws, state laws, county laws, corporation laws, by-laws, brothers-in-law, mothers-in-law, and outlaws that have been foisted upon an unsuspecting public. Through these various laws I have been held up, walked on, sat on, sandbagged, battered and squeezed until I do not know where I am, or why I am.

"These laws compel me to pay a merchant tax, capital stock tax, excess profits tax, income tax, state auto tax, city auto tax, gas tax, light tax, road tax, amusement tax, cigar tax, cigarette tax, street tax, real tax, school tax, surtax, syntax, and carpet tax.

"In addition to paying these taxes I am requested and required to contribute to every society and organization that the inventive mind of man can organize. To the society of John the Baptist, the Woman's Relief, the Navy League, the Children's Home Fund, the Policemen's Benefit, the Dorcas Society, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the Boy Scouts, the Jewish Relief, the Belgian Relief, the Near East Relief, the Gold Diggers' Home. Also every dog, cat and human hospital and every charitable institution in town, the Red Cross, the Black Cross, the Purple Cross and the Double Cross.

"The government has so governed my business that I do not know who owns it. I am suspected, expected, inspected, disrespected, examined, reexamined, cross-examined, informed, required, commanded, expelled and compelled until all I know is that I am supposed to provide an inexhaustible supply of money for every known need, desire or hope of the human race, and because I refuse to donate all I have and go out and beg, borrow and steal more money to give away, I am cursed, discussed, boycotted, talked to, talked about, lied about, held up, held down, and knocked down and robbed until I am nearly ruined, so the only reason I am clinging onto life now is to see what in the Hell is coming next."

Swiss Watches at half price at Asa Cordill's. 11-11d-11w

**BARNETT P-T A. HOLDS BUSY SESSION FRIDAY**

The Barnett Parent-Teacher Association held a very interesting meeting Friday night with a good attendance. Arda Phipps made an interesting talk on immunization, and Mrs. Rufus Allen, president of the organization, discussed the seven cardinal objectives of education.

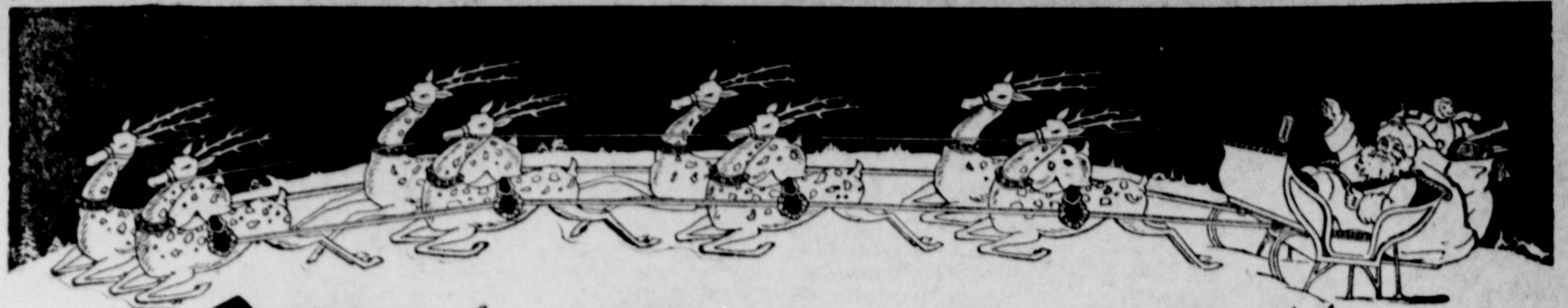
A business session followed the program and all standing committees for the year were named. A meeting has been called for tonight (December 9) at which time a check will be made to see how many children want to take the toxoid serum for immunization against diphtheria.

**BURNING AUTO CALLS OUT TWO FIRE TRUCKS**

A fire alarm was sounded Thursday noon and a run was made to a street south of the county jail where an automobile was on fire. The chemical wagon was used to extinguish the flames without much damage to the machine.

Chief Marvin Atkins stated following the fire that in reporting automobile fires that it should be specified that it is a car, and with this information no general alarm will be given. It would not be necessary to call out the large truck as the chemical wagon with two or three firemen could easily handle the situation. Use of the large truck is expensive and causes a hazard to life in making a run. In the future citizens are urged to report to state the kind of a fire when reporting.

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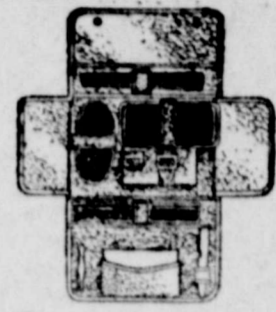
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**Traveling Set \$1.98**

Brown imitation leather case, with eight useful fittings.



**Fountain Pen and Pencil Set 98c**

Pen has 14 Kt. gold, iridium tipped point. Pencil propels, re-pels and expels the lead. Each set in fancy box.

**Men's Wool Socks 49c**



**49c**

Pure worsted face with a mercerized lisle backing yarn; the worsted face is for warmth, the lisle backing prevents shrinking and gives added strength.

Ask for No. 647



**Suspenders 49c**

High grade elastic suspenders, solid brass mountings, in individual gift box. Others at 98c



**Boys' Sets 98c**

Silk woven tie, leather belt and propelling pencil, in a gift box.



**Boys' Set 49c**

Bow tie and other boy novelties mounted on lithographed picture of boy aviator.



**Smart Shirts \$1.98**

Again we've scored big in presenting these fine broadcloth shirts... the kind you know at a glance are the best values to be had!

## Stationery



Attractively Boxed

**23c**

**49c 98c**

Some all white—others in tints, with lined envelopes. All in attractive gift boxes. Several styles from which to choose.



**Bill Folds 98c**

Hip fold style of genuine embossed steerhide or black English morocco. Others 49c to \$1.98



**Pretty Gift Handkerchiefs**

Fine sheer linens, some lac-trimmed, others embroidered... a delightful gift choice!

**Box of 3 - 98c**



**'Jim's Special' Mechanical Train 3.98**

Here's a steel wagon to be proud of... with a box 3 1/2 inches by 1 1/2 inches and 9 1/2 inch roller bearing wheels with oil-tread tires. Aluminum finish handle with rubber bumper Brake. Low priced at 3.98. Others Wagons, 98c up.



**Mechanical Train 98c for a**

A locomotive that looks just like a real one, a tender and two cars and 6 lengths of track to run them on. The train itself is 19 1/2 inches long. Other Mechanical Trains \$1.98 and up.



**Child's Table and 2 Chairs 4.98**

The table is 24x18 inches and 18 inches high. Bow-back chairs, 21 in. high. Decorated in three colors. Set of three pieces. Other furniture, 43c up.



**Baby Dimples 3.49**

A darling, dimpled-faced Horshorn doll that every little girl will love. Her dress and bonnet are of crisp organdie, lace trimmed, and she wears lace trimmed underwear. Composition arms and legs. Each 3.49. Others 98c and up.



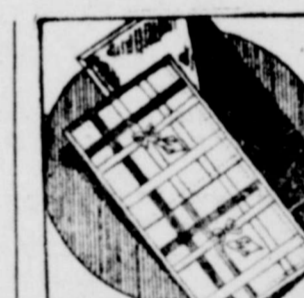
**Jr. Velocipedes 98c**

Another fine "Little Jim" toy... 7 1/2" front and 5" rear wheel with 1 1/2" tires and rubber pedals. Bicycle type handlebars and heavy steel saddle. Only 98c. Others 98c and up.



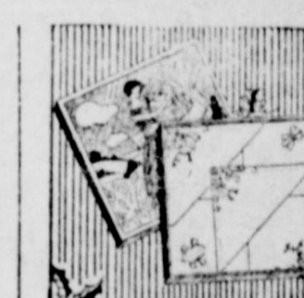
**Fancy Doll 98c**

Very smartly dressed in a flirty organdie dress and an organdie bonnet over her curls. This doll is stuffed and practically unbreakable. 15 inches high. 98c.



**Men's Initialed Handkerchiefs 2 in Box 69c**

Generous in size... fine in texture... with cord stripes and lace borders. All white.



**Boxed Gift Handkerchiefs**

Soft sheer kerchiefs with novelty embroidered corners, woven cord borders and other styles.

**Box of 3 - 49c**



**Blackboard and Bench 98c**

Easel style blackboard... 38 inches high... counting beads... alphabet panel... writing surface 12x14 in. 98c. Others \$1.89 and up.



**'Mary Lu' Pianos 98c and up**

Baby Grand and Upright styles on which a little girl can really learn to play. Accurate tones and fine construction. An assortment of sizes from 98c up.



**Pedal Auto 4.98**

An all-steel auto with Ford type radiator, 3 1/2 inches long and 1 1/2 inches wide. Adjustable pedals and 8-inch wheels with 1/2 inch tires. 4.98. Others, \$4.98 and up.



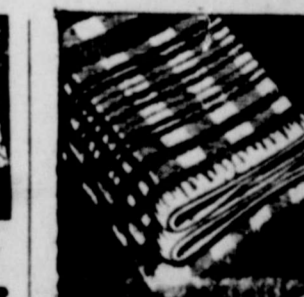
**Baby Dimples 13 inches High 1.98**

Such an adorable baby doll! Smiling, dimpled face, eyes that close, composition arms and legs in realistic position and dressed in organdie, trimmed with lace. A lovely 1.98 doll for only 1.98.



**Jacquard Terry Towel Sets Gift-Boxed 79c**

An attractive, useful gift! Towel and two wash cloths, solid color or colored borders in assorted patterns.



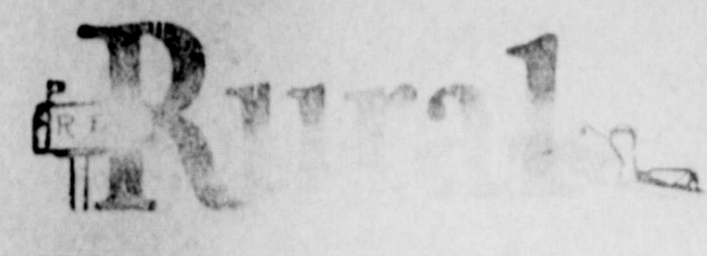
**65% Wool-Filled Blankets \$4.98 pair**

Exceptional value! Attractive block plaids in popular colors. Size 70x90, weight 4 lbs.

**J. C. PENNEY CO. INC. DEPARTMENT STORE**

803-805 Hutchings Ave.

Ballinger, Texas



HERRING TOPICS

Mrs. S. H. Miller spent Monday with Mrs. W. A. Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewallen visited relatives at Tokeen Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brevard and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Avent and family Sunday.

Miss Bernice Hale, of this community, and Miss Robbie Lue Foreman, of Blanton, were guests of Misses Mona and Ozella Avent Friday night.

A large crowd of young folks enjoyed the party given by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hale Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Allcorn were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rosford Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Allcorn were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hale Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tounget, of Oxien, visited Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Avent Sunday evening.

Sixteen members of our Sunday school attended the Sunday school meeting at Ballinger.

There will be singing at the Hopewell (Mud Creek) Church on the third Sunday. Everybody is invited to attend.

Mrs. T. C. Payne and children, of Crews, were guests of Mrs. W. A. Hale.

Miss Mona Avent was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Farmer Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bragg and Mr. Hill of this community, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McMillan and Mrs. T. L. Foreman and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Avent Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. T. L. Foreman and daughters, Misses Robbie Lue and Euda Mae, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Avent.

The Talpa boys' and girls' basketball teams played the Herring boys and girls Friday. The score of the boys' game was 22 to 13 in favor of Herring, and the girls' game ended in a 16-16 tie.

REPORTER

WINGATE NEWS

There was Sunday school at both churches Sunday morning and singing at the Baptist church Sunday night.

J. T. Burns left Tuesday for California where he will make his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Brock visited in the home of Mrs. Della Shook this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Rogers of Sweetwater visited in this community Saturday night and Sunday.

We are sorry to report that Morris Shook suffered a stroke of appendicitis Sunday. He reports he is feeling better at present.

Miss Willie May Wood spent Sunday with Miss Tiny Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Owens lost their home by fire Saturday night. They did not save anything. Mr. Owens was in Fort Worth on business at that time.

E. C. Mahurin and G. F. Barnett went to Brownwood Saturday. Mr. Mahurin preached Saturday night and Sunday.

G. F. Barnett is visiting friends and relatives in this community.

W. O. Wood returned from Midland where he has been with his son, Dillard, who had a nervous breakdown.

Miss Emma Lee Burns spent Thursday night with Miss Ruby Allen.

The outside boys and the school boys played a game of basketball Friday. The score was 11 to 18, favoring the school boys.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Goole gave Mr. and Mrs. Neil Holder a shower Saturday night.

Mrs. Floyd Carter is visiting her mother, Mrs. Bryan, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Polk spent

Saturday night with Mrs. E. C. Mahurin.

The rain which fell Thursday will help winter pastures and small grain.

Weldon Holder spent Saturday night with J. B. Denson.

Jasper Bryan of Winters is visiting Odwin Brannon of this community this week.

REPORTER

BLANTON NEWS

Church, Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. at the Baptist church Sunday all were well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Forgey of Ballinger visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Huddleston Sunday.

Miss Juanita Huddleston returned home Tuesday from Denton where she has been attending college.

Misses Juanita Huddleston and Minnie Bee Wade were guests of Miss Eula Fowler Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Foreman visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cope of Miller Thursday.

Rev. and Mrs. Tierce took dinner with J. A. Foreman and family Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Tierce and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brevard and Miss Alice Foreman attended the Sunday school zone meeting which was held at the Baptist church at Ballinger Sunday afternoon. The next meeting will be held at Norton the first Sunday in January. Our church will be represented by a reading presented by some one from this church. Everyone is urged to attend.

The B. Y. P. U. zone meeting will convene next Sunday at the church here at 3 o'clock. A good program is expected and everyone is invited and urged to attend.

Rev. and Mrs. Tierce took supper with Mr. and Mrs. Sid Hale Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Liverman are the proud parents of a fine baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Avent are the proud parents of a big baby boy who arrived last Monday. Mrs. Avent will be remembered by her friends here as Miss Elva Foreman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Foreman and family visited Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Wood of Bethel Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Toungett and family visited relatives at Miles Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Booths and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Ceebe Flannigan Sunday.

Bro. Cooper from Winters will be with us next Sunday morning for Sunday school.

Cotton picking will soon be a thing of the past in this community. There is only a little scrap cotton left.

The B. Y. P. U. business meeting which was held at the home of R. L. Booths Wednesday night was well attended.

Victory and Blanton junior and senior basketball teams played at Blanton Friday evening. Blanton seniors won by one point while the juniors lost by the same margin.

Quite a few from this vicinity attended the senior play at Ballinger Friday night in which Misses Carrie Witter and Pauline Malone had parts. All reported it a fine play.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brevard visited relatives at Herring Sunday.

REPORTER

BARNETT NEWS

Roy Tyree and Cless Howell have just returned from a hunting trip in Mason county. They failed to bring back a deer this time, but said they enjoyed the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Thompson had as their guests for Thanksgiving, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Harber, of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Claud Thompson, and Willie Joe and Milton Mapes, of Pony Creek community.

Mr. and Mrs. Obid McElroy and children, of Corpus Christi, spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. McElroy's brother, Doc Camp, and family.

Among Mrs. Roy Tyree's guests or Thanksgiving were her mother and sister, Mrs. Loudamy and Elizabeth Loudamy, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Loudamy, of San Angelo; Mrs. Otho Loudamy, of Miles; and Miss Clemmie Lee Laxton.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Forgey visited Grandmother Forgey at Ballinger Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Laxton spent Sunday with relatives at Rowena.

J. B. Dorsey left Sunday with Mr. Russell, of Hagan, for Denton county to look at a place which Mr. Dorsey is considering trading for.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tyree and little son, Wilbur, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Laxton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Tyree visited Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bryan, of Norton, Sunday.

Mrs. A. J. Tyree visited her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Laxton Monday afternoon.

Grandpa Dunn is getting along very well at present.

REPORTER

NORTON NOTES

D. Poe and daughter, May Dell, of Capps, were visitors in Norton Saturday.

Ross Setser, of Houston, spent part of last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Setser.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Davis spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Gibson at Barnett.

Mrs. Henry Drummond and Miss Winnie Ruth Drummond spent last week-end with relatives at Abilene.

Miss Mary Roach spent last week-end with relatives at Miles.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Strom, of Ballinger, spent Monday with Mrs. Strom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hayley.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Scoggins and children are at home after spending several weeks at Rankin.

The second dose of diphtheria serum was given to 141 children December 8. Dr. W. W. Mitchell, Miss Addie Alexander and Mrs. T. J. McCaughan gave the injections which complete the immunization. The Schick test will be given in May, the exact date not yet being announced.

REPORTER

CREWS NEWS

A splendid rain fell Thursday followed by a brisk norther that night.

Some of our neighbors are canning beef and butchering hogs, preparing for cold weather.

A number of our people attended a most enjoyable singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Burson, in the Lone Star community, Sunday afternoon.

T. O. Mathis and family left Friday for Carrizo Springs, where they expect to make their future home. We regret very much to give up these good people, but we wish them much success.

Mrs. Stella Mason, of Los Angeles, California, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hubbard.

Ira Klutts returned Monday from the trip he won to Chicago. We are very proud that one of our Crews boys was fortunate enough to win such an honor.

Truman Hall and Miss Essie Shields motored to Ballinger Tuesday afternoon, and were quietly married. Their many friends wish them a happy married life.

Opal Grissom, who was considered dangerously ill for a day or two last week, is reported to be considerably better.

Miss Zemma Young spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Young.

Byron Wilkerson is carrying his right arm in a sling as a result of an accident while playing ball with the Lawn boys Saturday. One bone is said to be broken.

We learn that R. N. Davis was able to be out driving Monday

afternoon. We are glad to see him out after such a lingering illness.

Mrs. Peters, who is visiting her daughter Mrs. Hubert Lewis, has been on the sick list the last few days.

Jarrell Madison, of Carrizo Springs, was visiting relatives here last week.

Some of the people of Winters, sponsored by the chamber of commerce, came out Monday afternoon and rendered a most entertaining program.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Ash returned Sunday night from a pleasure trip to Del Rio. They were accompanied by their sister, Mrs. Guy Holden, of San Angelo, and several friends.

The store building owned and formerly occupied by E. F. Beck was destroyed by fire between 3 and 4 a. m. Tuesday. Extent of the damage is unknown to the writer. Some merchandise was stored in the building, and all went up in the flames. Origin of the fire is unknown.

Mrs. Jim Phipps spent Monday night with her daughter, Mrs. Chester McBeth.

All are cordially invited to attend the B. Y. P. U. program at the Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

REPORTER

OXIEN NEWS

Bro. Quindlen filled his regular appointment here Sunday with a very good attendance and a good report for Sunday school.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jeffery returned home this week after a few days visit in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole and family have moved into our midst. We wish to welcome these folks to our community. They will live on the Wilson lease.

Misses Zeola Jeffery and Allie Little were guests of Miss Selma Morrison Sunday.

Miss Ora Blalock was a guest of Miss Telitha Morrison Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Henry, of Van Court, visited relatives in this community this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Toungett had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. S. L. McMillan and children, of Ballinger; Mr. and Mrs. D. D. McDaniels and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Odie Jones.

Miss Emma Blalock was a guest of Miss Addie McKissack Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Toungett were visitors in the Herring community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Morrison and family were among those who witnessed the ball game at Lawn

Saturday.

REPORTER

BENOIT NEWS

The ladies of this community enjoyed a quilting at the home of Mrs. C. W. Gibson Friday. They report a jolly time and a good dinner.

Mrs. Claud Brookshier gave her husband a birthday dinner Sunday. They had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. George Wood and family, of Lawn; Mr. and Mrs. Bettie Lockett, of Tokeen; and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Coats and children; Mrs. Willie Terrell, Mr. and Mrs. Palscal Frierson, of Tokeen; and Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Clayton.

Mrs. Walter Finley spent the day with Mrs. W. D. Lewis Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Odem visited their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Odem, Sunday night.

Mrs. Ed Fox and Mrs. Kelley spent Monday with Mrs. J. A. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Hoffman spent the night in the Joe Hoffman home Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lumpkin returned from the plains Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of Ballinger, and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gibson spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Odem and family Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Clayton, of Ballinger, spent Sunday afternoon in the W. T. Hill home.

Little Miss Addie Ruth Cox and Norma Jean Hoffman spent Tuesday night with Leota Odem.

Miss Opal Cox spent Saturday afternoon with Misses Leona and Vivian Hill.

O. C. Riser returned to Dallas Friday.

Mrs. W. T. Hill and Mrs. O. C. Cox were Ballinger callers Wednesday.

REPORTER

Buy your Christmas present at Asa Cordill's. You save from 1-3 to 1-2 the cost. 11-1td-1tw

TO PRESENT PLAY AT HATCHEL SCHOOL

On next Wednesday night, Dec. 17, at the Hatchel school auditorium there will be a play presented by the Hatchel Parent-Teacher Association. The title of the play is "A Wild Flower of the Hill," a comedy drama in three acts, by Lillian Mortimer. Presentation time is two and a half hours.

You are cordially invited to come and spend an enjoyable evening with us. On account of hard times there will be no charges for the performance but

we are going to sell a plate lunch containing good things to eat for the small sum of 15 cents. We are doing this only to try to make expenses for the P-T. A.; but we want everyone to come regardless of whether you buy or not. Don't stay away because you don't have the money, we welcome everyone. There will be plenty of good music and something doing every minute, so come, forget hard times and let's have a grand time.

COMMITTEE

A beautiful line of Ladies' Hand-Tooled Bags at Asa Cordill's at a discount of 1-2 off. 11-1td-1tw

NEWLY WED LOSES MONEY; BUSINESS MAN HELPS OUT

COLEMAN, Texas, Dec. 10.—Recently a man, probably 65 years of age, fairly well dressed, had some hard luck and appealed to one of the women of the Coleman Welfare League for a bed, as he had no place to stay all night.

She, thinking he was alone, sent him to the league home and telephoned the matron to put him away for the night. It was not long, however, until an officer of the league received a telephone call from the matron stating that the man was not satisfied with a bed at the home, and that he would appear in town to state his case fully. On appearing before the treasurer of the league he explained the very delicate situation.

The man had just been married that day and a few hours later



Builds Sturdy Health

had been the victim of thieves who had extracted from his trousers pockets a lone ten dollar bill. This left him in a very serious predicament—a new wife on his hands and no funds. He needed cash to the extent of fifty cents with which to purchase a night's lodging for himself and spouse. The league officer, being in doubt as to the availability of league funds for honeymoon purposes, was at a loss as to how to proceed. A business man came to the rescue with the necessary finances and the bride and groom spent their wedding night in a Coleman lodging house.



E. F. Krc has been ill for the past ten days with pneumonia and still is in a serious condition. He became ill a little more than a week ago.

Be wise and advertise.

Advertisement for Cannon Ball Baker, Smashes Coast-to-Coast Record Using Eveready Prestone. The Perfect Anti-Freeze. 3,220 miles without adding anything to his radiator. Top speed was 90 miles per hour. This run is conclusive proof of EVEREADY PRESTONE'S merit.

Advertisement for Cameron's Garage, Super Service, You Must Be Pleased. Personal Interest. The Officers and employees of our BANK feel a personal interest in every one of our accounts. To help you get the most good out of your Banking Connections... and out of your own business... is a fixed part of our relations with our patrons. 44 Years of Dependable Service. THE First National Bank, ESTAB. 1866 OF BALLINGER TEXAS, ESTAB. 1866. SINCE 1886.

Advertisement for Ballinger State Bank, SMALLER COTTON CROPS Mean BIGGER COTTON PRICES. Reduce your cotton planter's... Results—your table freshly supplied from your own farm; stable branches of farming on which to rely when the cotton crop fails, or low cotton prices—enrichment of the soil through livestock herds and crop rotation—a SURE year-round income instead of uncertain one season profits. Surely these are sufficient reasons for adding variety to your farming activities—it certainly is the most practical, in fact the only way, to raise the price of cotton. THE FARMERS AND MERCHANTS STATE BANK, Established 1909.

Advertisement for Ballinger State Bank, Toys and Games Aren't Enough. \$1 OPENS AN Account. No matter what else is given a child for Christmas, a bank book, with the record of an initial deposit, should be given in supplement. It is the one Christmas gift that multiplies in value as the years pass. It will encourage Saving, and go a long way towards insuring Success. Ballinger State Bank. Funeral Directors, New and Roomy Chapel, Private Family Rooms for Day or Night Use, AMBULANCE SERVICE, KING-HOLT, Day Phone 52, Night Phone 375.

# The STORE of a thousand and one GIFT HINTS

The first important special holiday selling event for the happy holidays is now ready for your participation at Ballinger's Exclusive Ladies' Store.

The opportunities for making most satisfactory selections is greatly added to by the advance showing of new Spring Dresses and other items now on display in our store. Because of the unusual purchases which we have made we are in position to give most drastic reduction on all items for fall and winter wear.

We cannot too strongly emphasize the high standard quality of our apparel. Every item is from our skillfully selected stocks which makes the clearance values all the more remarkable.

You will be able to find stylish coats, smart frocks, sportswear and millinery in all the modes that are most favored, have been reduced to new figures for this holiday clearance.



## Early Spring Modes are Reflected in Our Showing of Dresses Just Arrived

Graceful lines—smart styles and fabrics and the introduction of new weaves and colors strike the keynote of this apparel. With such attractive assortments from which to choose you will enjoy selecting one of these for her Christmas present.

### Women's Smart Coats at Lowest Prices for Quick Action

This clearance offering includes richly fur trimmed as well as the smart self-trimmed sports and utility coats—all representing the most desirable garment, yet they cannot remain longer on our racks and have been marked to move out as quickly as possible. This is an excellent chance to secure a smart serviceable coat for a Christmas gift.



### Charming New Dresses at Clearance Prices for Christmas

Christmas is clearance time at this store—opportunity time for you. Offering the season's smartest dresses. Pretty frocks possessing unusual charm—clever and original style touches that make them different and out of the ordinary. The importance of these offerings is increased when you consider that every dress is from our regular stock and intended to sell at much higher price. Buy her a dress for Christmas.

### Dainty Undies for Christmas

#### Replenish Your Wardrobes Now

These rich garments which are fashion's favorites include all the many novelties in silken wear in all of the season's daintiest fashions. The silks are of the best and the handwork of the finest. The prices are unbelievably low.



#### Newest Hosiery In the Winter Shades

Scores of smart women will want to see our complete new assortment of gift hosiery, while the selection is bountiful, for their Christmas gift-giving. Always a favored gift . . . the new hosiery includes all the latest shades accepted by winter . . . in full fashioned silk chiffon with smart heels and picot tops.

### New Hand Bags for Christmas

There are not many of a kind but every one is beautifully made and the variety covers every type of bag that women could wish for in choosing to match a smart ensemble. All the newest shapes and leathers. Buy your Christmas present now!

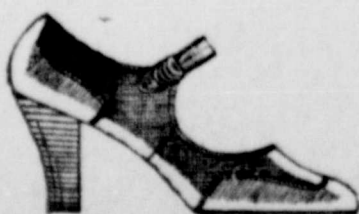


### Smart Styles In New Gloves

With such unbelievable low prices—so tremendous and colorful a variety—the smartly dressed woman can set at ease her glove worries. She can now most economically follow the "Glove for Every Costume" edict of the mode. We are showing all the newest colors. Buy your Christmas present now.

### Clearance Prices On All Our Footwear

True shoe economy is not in buying low priced footwear, but in buying good footwear at lowest possible prices. During our Shoe Clearance every family has this chance to save money on footwear of dependable quality and style—the kind of shoes that are meant to give good service. We urge every family to consider footwear purchase now at these prices for quick disposal.



# BETTIS & STURGES

Ballinger's Exclusive Ladies' Store