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SANTA WILL VISIT CITY BY PLANE MONDAY

Orange Mayor, Former Attorney Here, is Dead

ORANGE, Tex., Dec. 17.—Mayor Ed S. McCarver, 51, stricken with apoplexy last Friday, died here this morning.

McCarver was former commander of the Texas division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, former county attorney of Runnels county, a Mason and a member of other prominent organizations.

At death decedent was commander of Trans-Mississippi division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and president of the Municipal League of Texas.

Word was received here Wednesday morning of the death of E. S. McCarver at Orange, Texas, and immediately W. C. McCarver, Mrs. Lennie Harris, Miss Bess Corbett and Ernest Schott left in a car for that place. Mr. McCarver was in apparent fair health until late Tuesday when he suffered a stroke of paralysis which resulted in his death early Wednesday morning.

Mr. McCarver formerly lived in Ballinger and for a number of years held a county office here. He married Miss Bonnie Mae Corbett while living here. For a number of years he had been making his home at Orange where he was mayor of that town.

No information was received here regarding the funeral arrangements or any details of his death, further than stated above.

SURPRISE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY HELD

Judge and Mrs. J. W. Powell received a surprise Sunday when Mr. and Mrs. James A. Wear gave them a dinner celebrating their 44th wedding anniversary. A number of friends were invited by the hosts, including Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Chancey, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pearson, Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Crabtree, and Judge Powell's sister, Mrs. A. M. Miller, of San Antonio, arrived in time for the celebration.

Be wise and advertise.

Inspector Completes Work in Runnels County Rural Schools

State School Inspector Frank Van Winkle and County Superintendent R. E. White completed inspection of thirty-five schools in Runnels county Thursday afternoon. These are all the schools entitled to receive state aid. The inspection had been going on for the past ten days.

Supt. White stated Friday that districts in this county meeting requirements would receive a total of \$19,370 from the state, the largest allotment ever received here. The maximum appropriation to any one school is \$1,500 and the minimum \$100. Of the 35 schools receiving aid 33 are in common districts and 2 in independent districts. The only independent districts to be given aid are Norton and Wingate.

This was the first inspection Mr. Van Winkle had made in Runnels county and he was very complimentary not only of the schools but of the county in general. He told Mr. White he had not realized the possibilities of Runnels county until after covering it for the past ten days, visiting every section, and was frank to say it was one of the best

Turkeys Rushed to Christmas Market

Turkeys continued to pour into Ballinger Saturday and to date the county association has received about 72,000 pounds on the Christmas market. A large number of turkeys is being bought by local poultry companies and prepared for shipment. The Christmas market will soon close and raisers are bringing in all their turkeys that they will offer for sale this year.

The highest price paid so far this year, according to C. W. Lehmburg, county agent, was 22 cents. The usual price has stuck around 20 cents which is considerably better than the price of the Thanksgiving market.

Mr. Lehmburg stated that approximately 90 per cent of the turkeys shipped from here had graded as prime and choice and very few had run below medium.

Turkeys here are being shipped to eastern markets and for that reason all shipments will have to be made soon in order for them to reach their destination before the holidays are over.

ANOTHER GENERAL ALARM FOR BURNING AUTOMOBILE

Another general fire alarm was sounded Thursday morning for a burning automobile on Strong Avenue. All local equipment was rushed to the location of the fire through crowded streets only to find the chemical wagon.

The local department has made several requests recently that when reporting a burning automobile that a car be specified so only the chemical truck will be sent and no chances taken of injuring people with a general alarm when all firemen and equipment are rushed to the spot in a hurry.

Japanese exports to France in the first half of 1930 increased from 143,799 francs to 150,500,000.

Health Champion Likes to Dance; Wants to Teach Home Economics



Marian E. Snydergaard, 15-year-old Iowa girl, 4-H club health winner at the International livestock show, is just three-tenths of one percent off perfect health. Her percentage of 99.7 was the nearest perfect ever made in the event.

By Marian E. Snydergaard (Healthiest 4-H Club Farm Girl, As Told to the Associated Press)

Having health is a wonderful thing. I wish every boy and girl in the world was as healthy as the doctors say I am.

I don't suppose living as I have would give everybody health, but I'm sure it would improve health. I eat just about as I please, not too much candy or cake. I drink lots of milk and I like ice cream.

Living on a farm gives anybody an opportunity to get plenty of fresh air. On our place in Grundy county, Iowa, there is plenty to do, and that gives me lots of exercise.

At high school, where I am a senior, I like to play basketball and hockey.

I like dancing and the movies. I always enjoy a trip into Waterloo, which is near our farm, for there we see the movies. School parties are fun.

But watching the photographers and movie cameramen rushing around, running into each other and fussing at each other while

they took our pictures after the health contest was almost as good as a moving picture.

I usually sleep nine or ten hours. Many times I walk to school two miles away. It's wonderful walking down the road through the early morning, and it's just as nice coming home, particularly in the fall when it's hazy and there is a tinge of winter in the air.

I like cooked cereal, toast, fruit, poached or boiled eggs and milk for breakfast. I try not to be late for breakfast because I enjoy it probably the best of any meal. I eat meat once or twice a day and all vegetables—yes, including spinach.

When I finish high school next June, I hope to go to Iowa State College at Ames. My brother goes there. I want to study home economics and teach it.

I like boys; I've gotten pretty used to them as there are eight children in our family. I suppose some day I'll settle down to liking one boy.

COLLECTOR SEEKS BOOKS ON EARLY DAY LIFE HERE

Frank Caldwell, of Austin, was in Ballinger Thursday and called on friends at The Ledger office seeking booklets or other literature dealing with pioneer life of this section and of Texas. Mr. Caldwell's hobby is collecting data and pamphlets on the early days, giving actual experiences and adventures. He had been informed that The Ledger printed a booklet written by an old Indian fighter and plainsman by name of Parker, and the Austin man is

anxious to get a copy of this edition.

Any citizen who owns a copy of the Parker booklet is asked to bring it to The Ledger office to be forwarded to Mr. Caldwell. He also will be glad to buy at a moderate price any other volumes pertaining to personal stories of frontier life in this region.

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County Ginnings 29,305 to Dec. 1

Cotton ginnings announced for Runnels county on Dec. 1 were 29,305 bales. Since that time sufficient cotton has been ginned to pass the 30,000 bale mark and fulfill the estimate of most careful cotton men which was made early in the season.

The announcement was made Saturday by W. A. Esmond from the government report of ginnings and Mr. Esmond estimated the crop would reach far past the 30,000 bale mark before all the cotton in the county is finally gathered.

On Dec. 1 last year's ginnings in this county were 41,730 bales with a good amount of cotton yet in the field.

Most cotton this year is already gathered and farmers have sowed some cotton land in small grain and some has been plowed and turned under. A few fields still have remnants of cotton to pick and children work after school and on Saturday to gather the scattering crop.

The ginnings already announced for Runnels county will put it in the lead of all West Texas counties and in most cases with a crop two-thirds bigger than most counties.

BALLINGER HUNTERS BAG 3 BIG BUCKS ON HUNT

Dr. A. S. Love and W. A. Bridwell returned Monday night from South Texas where they had been for the past week on their annual deer hunt. The Ballinger men brought back with them three big bucks. Dr. Love getting one and Mr. Bridwell two. The deer were extra large and hunters stated they saw very few small bucks while they were away.

All Stores Join Show Window Fair

Ballinger firms that did not prepare Christmas windows last week were busy Monday morning getting them ready to enter the competition here from now until Christmas eve. The Hub, Higginbotham Bros. & Company, King-Holt Company, Woodroof & Son, Stone's, Cameron's Garage, Carrs' Man Shop, were all busy Saturday and Monday arranging beautiful windows which, with those already mentioned, will make practically every show window in Ballinger decorated in the Christmas motif.

All these windows will be ready Monday night and lighted for the inspection of the public. The civic committee of the chamber of commerce stated that when the judging is done every window in town will be carefully inspected and that no entrance is necessary. No cash prizes will be paid this year but ribbons will be stuck on the windows giving first, second and third prizes in each of the two classes. The classes are for firms with only one small window and for all firms with two or more windows.

Side walk Christmas trees are practically all lighted at present and the downtown section is very beautiful at night. The crowd here Saturday night was large and many were walking the side walks inspecting the gift suggestions on display.

Beetle Attacks Pecan Trees

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Heavy damage to pecan groves and to hickory, persimmon and related trees by the pecan twig girdler has been reported from all parts of North Carolina.

Santa Claus will drop in a parachute from an airplane here at 1:30 p. m. Monday. These arrangements were made Wednesday with the Clinesmith Flying Circus and all day Monday will be given to a great Christmas program for the people of Runnels county at Ballinger.

The program will start at the landing field north of town at 10 o'clock Monday morning and features will be run each 30 minutes until noon and after dinner the big stunt will be pulled when old Santa will ride into town and make a 5,000-foot parachute jump to the streets and spend the remainder of the afternoon here mingling with the thousands of kiddies who come here to see him.

The Clinesmith Flying Circus has appeared in a number of Texas cities this year and from each place comes nothing but praise of their great Christmas act. At Ballinger six big features will be shown during the day.

Monday morning at 10 o'clock "Upside Down Isaac" will start the show. He will go aloft keeping his plane safely above the crowd and execute loops, tail spins, whip stalls, barrel rolls, falling leaf, inverted flying and other thrilling stunts. He will wear a back chute in case anything should happen in the death defying stunts he is under contract to do.

At 10:30 will be presented wing-walkin' "Daredevil" Durant, widely known for the name he carries, will perform many hazardous stunts in his dangerous act.

At 11, balloon ascension and parachute drop. This will be the real feature of the morning and the big 60-40 balloon will be inflated and sent up to a great height where the rider will cut loose in a drop to the ground.

At 11:30, serpentine cutting, by

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CAPITOL News

AUSTIN, Dec. 11.—W. R. Ely of Abilene, chairman of the state highway commission, at one time practiced philanthropy. He practiced it until he came to the conclusion that he was being taken advantage of and then quit.

When Ely was district judge at Abilene, numerous couples came to him to be married. At the conclusion of the ceremony the swains ordinarily would ask "How much?" Ely said he charged them \$10 for the ceremony and then handed the \$10 to the new bride.

Business got so good and so many grooms selected him to tie the knot that it was wreaking havoc with the marriage business of ministers and justices of the peace, Ely said, so he was forced to discontinue the practice, referring all applicants to other officials or to ministers.

The proposal of Senator-elect George Purl of Dallas to place the highway patrol under the command of the adjutant general and convert the patrol into a general state law enforcement body has drawn the fire of L. G. Phares patrol chief.

Purl's proposal would, in effect, establish a state constabulary and the efforts of the personnel would be directed toward all lines of law enforcement instead of toward patrolling highways only. He would have them aid in prohibition enforcement and in the apprehension of felons.

Chief Phares said a move of this kind would destroy the purpose for which the patrol was organized, stating the limited personnel had plenty on its hands now without taking on any other duties. At the present time Phares said, the patrol has a high morale and is a clean-cut and efficient highway law enforcing unit. He ventured the opinion that placing the patrol under the command of another department and assigning it to general law enforcement would result in a depreciation of its value.

Efforts are to be made at the next session of the legislature to increase the strength of the patrol from its present personnel of 50 officers and men to 300 officers and men.

Senator W. A. Williamson, one of the leaders in the plan to organize the patrol, was expected to take the initiative in the movement. According to reports reaching Austin, the patrol has made great strides in reducing the number of fatal and near fatal automobile accidents. In one instance a county official reported the number of accidents on an important state highway had been reduced by 50 per cent.

Phares stated that the patrol was unable to give enough attention to several bad situations and was forced to concentrate its efforts in places where conditions were the worst. If the patrol is increased, it will result not only in cleaning up the bad situations but will cause a corresponding improvement in highway travel conditions throughout the state, Phares said.

SHEEP RAISERS TO BOOST "EAT MORE LAMB" CLUBS

KERRVILLE, Texas, Dec. 15.—Sheep raisers of Kerr, Kendall, Gillespie and Bandera counties will meet here about the middle of December to organize and plan for participation in a nation-wide campaign to increase consumption of lamb.

Edwin S. Mayer of San Angelo, manager of the "Eat More Lamb" club of Texas, has appealed to every sheep raiser in the four counties to attend the Kerrville meeting and become thoroughly acquainted with the plan for advertising lamb as a palatable dish. The Eat More Lamb club advocates payment of one cent per lamb by sheepmen into the general fund to be used for nation-wide advertising purposes.

Miss Helen Madison, Seattle's girl swimmer, set 12 world and 27 American records in 8 months.

Motley Lauded by Charity Show Goers Leakey Columnist

Frio Frank, who conducts a column in the Leakey Ledger, this week devoted the entire column to the discussion of one J. D. Motley of Ballinger who seems to have spent some time in that city in the interest of good roads. Frio was very complimentary of Ballinger in talking about Motley. Below is a reprint of the column as received from that city:

Well, well, Doug Motley, secretary of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce, was here last week helping us build a road.

Doug is a live wire and right smart of a road sentiment builder. He had to be a live wire to get where he is, and has to stay hi-voltage to stay where he is.

Ballinger is a live town, and as quick as folks die there they send them to the cemetery.

Doug will shore 'nuff be dead before Ballinger carves his monument.

Doug is the kind of a fellow that could walk in and say to Herbert Hoover, "I am Doug Motley, secretary of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce, and proud of it. Now, Mr Hoover, what we need in Ballinger is a home for homeless mice,"—and it would be dollars to doughnuts that, unless Hoover referred him to one of the commissions, Ballinger would get the home.

But after all, Doug is just home raised and hand spanked. Yours Truly knew him back in the single buggy days, when he parted his hair in the middle, whistled through his teeth and picked a guitar. But he finally committed matrimony, then settled up and settled down.

Yep, he's just liable to out-gyaf a lot of cigarette ads before Ballinger carves R I P on his monument.

Course, T. M. Carswell, Secy of the Abilene C. of C., came along with Motley. Don't know Mr. Carswell so well, but reckon he is O. K. or Ballinger wouldn't let Motley run around with him.

They do say that Carswell's friends call him "Sentimental Tommy," on account of his creating good road sentiment from Dakota to the Rio Grande.

They'll do, Barbecue a goat and ask 'em back.

Dangerous Business

Our stomach and digestive systems are lined with membrane which is delicate, sensitive and easily injured. It is dangerous business, then, to use medicines containing harsh drugs, salts or minerals, when we are constipated. In addition to the possibility of injuring the linings of our digestive system, these medicines give only temporary relief and may prove habit forming. The safe way to relieve constipation is with Herbine, the cathartic that is made from herbs, and acts in the way nature intended. You can get Herbine at Weeks Drug Store.

\$394 for Killing Hawks CAMBRIDGE, Md., Dec. 11.—(P)—For killing 1,809 hawks, Jesse W. Booze recently received a check for \$394.50 from the state conservation department. Fifty cents is paid for each hawk killed in the state.

Peasants Carve Wooden Toys BERLIN, Dec. 16.—(P)—For rural peasants in the mountains of Germany Christmas is a business. All year they carve wooden animals which go on the market with mechanical toys from Germany factories.

Mrs. Sarah E. Lewis, 80, widow of a Civil War veteran, cast her first vote at the last election in Utah.

W. D. Scales, manager of the Palace Theatre, announced Friday morning that he was all set for the big charity show here on the morning of December 24 from nine to twelve o'clock. This popular picture house will be thrown open free to everyone and a continuous performance staged for three hours.

Those attending are asked to bring some package for the poor if possible. This does not mean however that everyone has to bring something for the house is open to everyone as long as they can crowd in and Mr. Scales is very anxious for those who are unable to give and need help themselves to be his guests that morning.

He has 500 souvenir boxes of candy to be given to the children as long as they last and every child in Runnels county is invited to attend.

Those bringing packages are asked to leave them at the entrance to the theatre where they will be stacked until after everyone is in the house and then they will be hauled to headquarters and distributed in the evening to the poor of this city. Packages may contain anything that a needy person can use. Used clothing, shoes, stockings, food, apples, oranges, candy, toys and a thousand other items will be acceptable and will make some child happy on Christmas eve.

Last year a similar performance at this theatre brought in a full truck load of fine useful gifts and they were carefully sorted and distributed in the evening to many homes. Included the list last year was one bill of groceries amounting to \$40. A number of stores and wholesale houses sent their wagons with whole crates of fruit and the Goodfellows had to spend little money last year for such things as these.

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HIGH SCHOOL CLASS TO HELP GOODFELLOWS

The sophomore class of the Ballinger high school voted Wednesday morning to contribute \$15 to charity, \$7.50 to the Goodfellows Club and \$7.50 to the Charity Board. This money was won by the class last year for the best decorated float at the Runnels County Fair and realizing the pressing need for charity at this time the students voted to give all they had in their treasury to help the poor. Miss Maurine Harris is president of the class, John A. Nicholson is secretary, and Miss Marryatt Smith is sponsor. The class shows a wonderful spirit in making this contribution and stated in a letter to the chairman of the Goodfellows Club that realizing "if it is more blessed to give than receive," they would contribute to help others less fortunate than themselves.

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Reservoir Finished; City Accepts Job

A meeting of the city commission was held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock with representatives of Brown & Root, contractors on the new water reservoir here. The entire commission, city secretary and city engineer were present, and Brown & Root were represented by Supt. W. O. Woolsey and Claude Livingston, engineer on the project. After all measurements were checked the commission accepted the dam and paid the contractors.

Mr. Livingston left late Wednesday afternoon for Austin where he will check all equipment into the company's general office late Thursday. Equipment on the local job was moved from location Monday and Tuesday. Heavy cranes and other big machines were shipped to projects in other cities Monday, and trucks were loaded with lighter equipment and started to Austin Wednesday morning. Mr. Livingston planned to overtake the trucks on the road Wednesday and convey them to Austin Thursday morning. Following this he will spend a few days vacation in the lower Rio Grande valley before commencing a municipal paving contract in Mt. Pleasant January 1.

The new reservoir was reported by both the contracting engineer and the city engineer to be in good shape and full of water. The 14-inch drain pipe in the dam is drawing water from the lake as fast as possible so the upper dam can be drained and work begun on the causeway. Building of this causeway has been sublet by Brown & Root and will be constructed by local cement contractors.

Mayor W. C. McCarver said Thursday that he was not sure when this construction could be commenced. Elm Creek is flowing steadily and with all drains open on both reservoirs the water level has not been perceptibly lowered. Considerable water must be drained off before concrete work can begin.

This driveway across the top of the upper dam will serve travel on the road leading across the creek there. Traffic over this road formerly was routed to a crossing on the stream just south of the upper dam. This ford has been rendered useless by water being backed from the new dam to a depth of several feet at that point.

Completion of the new dam ends municipal construction in Ballinger temporarily, but will be followed shortly by grading of highway 23 from this city to

Young Folk Enjoy Tree and Party

The young people's department of the Methodist church met Tuesday night at the church for a Christmas tree and party. About 50 young people were present and after a visit from Santa Claus and many toys being received by each one there, an evening of games started that proved very interesting to everyone.

Before Santa Claus departed he asked that after those present finished playing with the toys that they be left in a box at the church and they would be turned over to the Goodfellows to be distributed to the poor children here on Christmas eve.

PHILLIP WALKER BEGINS TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Walker are in receipt of a letter from their son, Phillip Walker, who left Galveston on the S. S. Invincible Friday for a globe-circling tour. He will be away from the United States for about seven months, stopping at many important ports.

His itinerary is: Galveston to Panama Canal; San Pedro, California; Honolulu, Hawaii; Yokohama, Osaka, Kobe, Japan; Shanghai, Hongkong, China; Manila, P. I.; Bombay, Calcutta, India; Suez Canal, New York and New Orleans.

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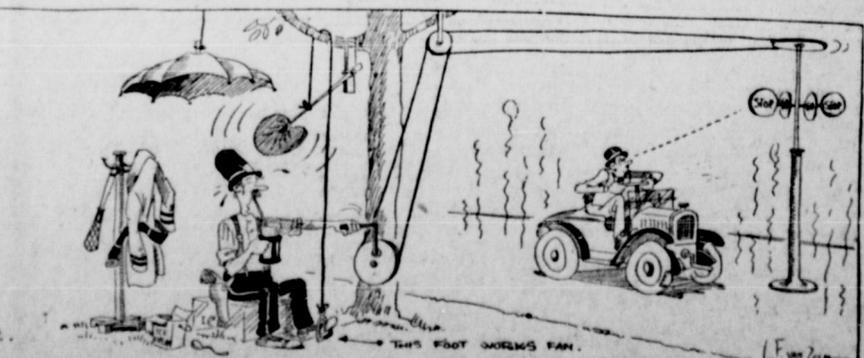
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Rural

CHOOCH NOTES FROM EAGLE BRANCH

Supper given by the A. last Friday evening was a success. We had the largest attendance that we have had meeting this year. Every one was happy and spent a most enjoyable evening.

State inspector of rural schools visited our school last Friday afternoon, accompanied by Supt. White. We are glad to see them. They entered into some jolly and interesting talks.

Trustees, Messrs. Cooper, Bell and Bradley were over last week and spent the day in getting our school in for inspection. We thank them for their interest and help. The P-T-A will sponsor a unity tree to be given at the meeting on December 23. Every one is invited to attend and take an active part.

Junior boys basketball was expecting the Blanton over for a return game last afternoon, but they failed to come. Try it again some time you will always be welcome. Next Wednesday afternoon at 8 o'clock is the date for our next organization meeting. Let all of us be sure to come.

We are working on our Christmas program. Mr. Daniels is drilling us for our songs. Our school would like to hear some of the other schools as their progress in outside reading. We are trying to earn one state reading certificate for each pupil above the fourth grade. What are you doing? We have been studying the scholastic League lists in reading and arithmetic. We hope to have music memory and picture appreciation soon after the Christmas holidays.

Hope to have an honor roll printed soon.

School Reporter

BLANTON NEWS

Monday school and B. Y. P. U. well attended the good lesson reported.

B. Y. P. U. zone meeting Friday afternoon was well attended and everyone enjoyed the put on by the Mud Creek club.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Malone and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam one, of Ballinger, Sunday.

Misses Mildred Elkins and Ruth Boothe were guests of Miss Juanita Huddleston Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Huddleston and family guests in the Jim Elkins Sunday.

Misses Gracie Moore, Carrie and Pauline Malone were guests of Miss Alice Foreman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Witter and Jimmie Witter motored to Blanton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Cope, of Blanton, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. eman Sunday and Monday.

Misses Wilma Malone, Laverne and Willie Bell Hale were guests of Miss Alma Gray Sunday.

The Senior B. Y. P. U. social Wednesday night was well attended and all reported a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Tounget were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Millan Sunday.

Mrs. H. F. Boothe and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. othe Sunday.

Mrs. Marchell Wood and children visited in the J. A. Foreman Sunday.

We are sorry to report Mrs. R. Boothe on the sick list this week.

Floyd Cope, of Miller, spent Saturday night with Frank Foreman.

OXIEN NEWS

The norther that blew up this week looks as if our warm weather was about to come to an end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stacy, of Blanton, motored to this community Thursday and butchered their hogs, returning Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Tounget visited her mother, Mrs. Dugger, of near Winters, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Tounget and family, of Miles, visited relatives here this week-end.

Those of this community who attended the ball game at Crews Saturday, were: Mr. and Mrs. Rube Whitley, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jeffery, Mr. and Mrs. Jarm Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morrison, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jeffery.

Mrs. Dietz, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Dietz, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Whitley visited Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Tounget Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. MacDaniel and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Morrison visited Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Tounget.

Mrs. E. B. Tounget and little son were among those who saw old Santy in San Angelo Friday.

WINGATE NEWS

Miss Emma Lee Burns gave a party for the senior class Tuesday night. A large crowd was present and a very enjoyable evening reported.

The boys basketball team on Tuesday played the boys team from Independence school, the game ending 23 to 9 for Wingate. Both the boys and the girls teams played the teams from Mazeland Friday. Mazeland teams won both contests.

Miss Jewel Bishop spent Tuesday night with Era Polk.

Miss Edith Prewitt spent Monday night with Miss Hattie Myrie Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Owens are building a new home on their farm where their residence was burned week before last.

Miss Frankie Grisham spent Tuesday night with Miss Oleta Vosburg.

Miss Illa Fisher and John Cathey were united in marriage recently. We hope for them much success and happiness in their married life.

We are sorry to part with so many of our neighbors of our little community for so many of them are moving away. Among those who are leaving are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Dade Seath, Mr. and Mrs. Wheat, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Barron and Mr. and Mrs. Fisher. We hope all of them will like their new homes.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wood and family had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McMillan and son, Troy, and Bobbie Lou Foreman of the Blanton community and Willie May Wood of this community.

CONTENT NEWS

The cold strong wind the past few days has been very disagreeable, but we should not complain, as we have had few cold northerns this fall. There was quite a bit of ice Monday night.

Those who have not butchered their hogs already are planning to do so this week.

Steam pressure cookers have been going the rounds the past few weeks. Quite a few have been canning beef, pork, chicken and turkey as well as mustard and turnip greens.

Mrs. Hollingsworth assisted in canning a beef for Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Simmons in November. A number of women and men were present to observe and take notes so that they could can their own.

Home Demonstration Club

The home demonstration club met on Friday of last week. The president being absent, Mrs. J. W. Bright called the meeting to order. There was no special business to be attended to except the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. R. B. Smith, vice president, Mrs. B. B. Lockett; secretary-treasurer, Eva Goats; reporter, Mrs. J. W. Bright.

Mesdames H. S. Bright and J. W. Bright are to act as hostesses

at the next meeting which will be the first Thursday in January. We hope to have Mrs. Hollingsworth with us at that meeting.

A good-sized congregation heard Bro. Cole at the preaching hours morning and night. Bro. Cole hopes to organize a B. Y. P. U. at his next trip out here.

Sunday school was well attended considering the weather. A contest for membership was begun. Miss Donnie Mae Smith is captain of the "Reds," and Miss Helen Simmons is captain of the "Blues." At the end of four weeks the losing side will entertain the victors.

Friends of Mrs. R. E. Lafon were pleased to see her out again after an absence of several weeks and account of a serious operation undergone some weeks ago.

A. J. Allen was brought home from a sanitarium at Abilene last week. He is gaining some strength but is still weak and thin. On account of his weakened condition while in the sanitarium, he was unable to undergo an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Hudson are the proud parents of a fine 8-pound boy. Burl says he is a fine boy, says he never cries, unless you pinch him.

Christmas Program at School

School will close Friday with a Christmas program. Saturday night the high school classes will give a play. The teachers will take only one week for the Christmas holidays.

There are several changes being made throughout the school. Some new pupils have already entered school.

Our girls played the "Winters" last Thursday and came home feeling fine because they won their game.

Those who went to Abilene last Saturday were delighted with the Christmas parade. It was a treat, not often to be enjoyed, to see the large number of reindeer.

HERRING TOPICS

Rev. Tierce delivered very fine sermons Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night with a large attendance at each service.

Miss Bernice Hale spent Saturday night with Miss Eula Fowler of Blanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brevard of Blanton and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hale visited Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Arent Saturday afternoon.

Durward Barmore was a guest of Noble Faubion Sunday.

The Hopewell Senior B. Y. P. U. presented a play, "In the Path of the Star," at the district zone meeting at Blanton Sunday afternoon.

Oliver Turner of Silver Valley is visiting in the Nolan Barmore home.

Miss Violet Edwards spent Sunday with Miss Viola Summers.

Garland Barmore spent Sunday with Charles Roesner.

Grandpa Overman and Miss Naomi Dawson, of Winters, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Kerby and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewallen and family and Jean Lewallen of Wall spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Moras Lewallen of this community.

Miss Emma and Loy Brevard and Arthur Kerby were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Farmer Sunday.

Miss Gwendolyn Barmore was a guest of Miss Maggie Ruth Brevard Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rosford attended the B. Y. P. U. play at the Baptist church at Crews Sunday afternoon.

Leslie Alcorn of San Angelo spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hale of Ballinger spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hale and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hale were Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Alcorn.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Odell spent Sunday in the J. J. Fuller home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Payne spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hale and family.

Miss Myrtle Ruth Hale spent Saturday with Miss Beatrice Bryn of Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Alcorn were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Alcorn.

Christmas Program at School

The school will have a Christmas tree Friday night and will have a Christmas program which will be very interesting, so come and join us and help to make Christmas cheery.

P-T-A. Holds Good Meet

The P-T-A. met Friday night with a large crowd. The school rendered a nice little program. Then the P-T-A. subject was "What a Parent Expects of a Teacher" and "What a Teacher Expects of a Parent" by a trustee, Mr. Barmore, and our principal, Mr. Farmer. Mr. Rosford gave us several numbers on the accordion. Mrs. Cox of Crews gave a report on the county P-T-A. meet. The program was very interesting and enjoyed by all. Just remember if you were not present, you missed some thing and try to be present at the next meeting which will be January 2.

Miss Bernice Hale spent Monday night with Mrs. Arthur Alcorn.

MAVERICK SCHOOL NEWS

(Delayed)

The boys basketball team motored to Norton last Wednesday and played a very interesting game. Our boys won by the score of 17 to 13. They were very proud as this is the first game they have won this season, but it is not going to be the last one.

The play staged by the Senior class was very successful and we have a large crowd present. The class wishes to thank the people who were present and helped to support the class in that way.

The program given by the S. S. A. W. Club was very interesting and the little students are going to be great speakers some day.

The county health nurse and Dr. Mitchell will be present Thursday to give the second injection of diphtheria serum. All pupils must be present to receive their serum.

All rooms are working on a program to be given before Christmas.

The state school inspector and Mr. White visited our school last Friday afternoon and brought along with them good news, that will be beneficial to the school. We received our state aid, which was \$1,000.

There was one student that made grades high enough to be on the honor roll in the fifth grade, which was Clyde Lee.

There were four honor students in the fourth grade: Chloe Borders, Anella Bruton, Joe Lee, and Connie Berry.

In the third grade the following ranked highest: Ernest McAuley, Irene Moore, Lavelle Fraizer, Irma Roberson, Lois Brooks, and Cloreta Bruton.

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Parr and little son were visitors in San Angelo Friday.

Edgar Leach returned to McCamey last week after a week's visit with his mother and family. Edgar is attending school at McCamey.

Mrs. C. D. Harris and Maurine accompanied Miss Bernice Fry to Blackwell last week after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Milton Harris, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Beard and family, of near Old Runnels, visited in the John Hooks home Sunday.

Miss Gertrude Van Nort spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Corine Brown.

Mrs. George Fry, of Blackwell, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Milton Harris, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Jones moved to town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Brown and son, of town, visited in the J. C. Reese home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Batts are the proud parents of a new girl.

This community regrets to give up the good neighbors, Onnie Eckerman and family, who are moving down the river to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Harris are rejoicing over the arrival of a new girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Matlock are the proud parents of a fine boy.

Mrs. Talmadge Morris, who is able to be up some, is slowly improving.

The Merry Wives Club will be regular meetings after Christmas.

MAVERICK MUSINGS

School Notes

Three students of the sixth and seventh grades made grades high enough to be on the honor roll last month. They were Wilma Seipp, Chester Borders and Doris McAuley.

The sixth and seventh grades' Christmas box will be a week from Wednesday morning.

The Norton boys came to Maverick last Wednesday afternoon and played a very interesting game. The score ended in Norton's favor.

Last Friday afternoon the senior class and the boys' basketball team drove to Bethel in order to stage their play. The boys played a game of basketball with the Bethel boys, and won by the score of 21 to 5.

There were about twenty-five to make the trip. We took our supper along and after the ball game spread our supper, which was enjoyed most of all. We wish to express our thanks for the splendid attendance at our play. We also wish to express our thanks to the Bethel people and teachers for their friendliness and kindness toward us.

Dr. Mitchell and Miss Addie Alexander visited our school last Thursday and gave the second dose of the diphtheria serum to about sixty-five pupils.

A Christmas program will be presented in the school auditorium December 23. Everyone is invited to attend.

School will dismiss next Tuesday afternoon for Christmas and will take up the following Monday.

The health program given by the first and second grades Friday afternoon was enjoyed by all.

This cold spell will be appreciated by those who have hogs to kill and fresh meat to be saved. The weather has been too warm for people to cure the meat.

Very little is being said about Christmas, and as one little boy put it, "Santa did not make a big crop this year so he could only give each little boy and girl about one present each and maybe next year he would make a big crop."

Misses Maud and Laura Mae

Brookshire visited at Winters Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Clyde Davis and Dabney Tomlinson returned home the past week from Kansas, where they had been working for the past three months.

Miss Baby Ruth Martin, of Ballinger, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Martin Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Bayliss Fletcher, of Ballinger, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. A. W. Hardy, the past several days.

Mrs. Anne McAuley and children, and Misses Moreland and Miller visited in Ballinger Saturday.

Mrs. C. L. Horne, of Norton, is spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Badgett and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bradbury are planning to move before the holidays, and the Baptists are giving them a farewell party Friday night at the Baptist church. We hate to lose these fine people.



Builds Sturdy Health

Quite a number of school children have been ill with colds, but no serious cases have been reported.

The boys' and girls' teams both played Wingate Friday. In each case Wilmeth was the victor by a small margin.

Friday night Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Miller gave a party to the young people. All reported a good time.

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Local Churches to Observe Christmas

Practically all of the Ballinger churches will observe Christmas in one way or another next Sunday. Christmas programs have been arranged for all this week at some of the churches, the first of which was held last Sunday night at the Baptist church when the Y. W. A. presented a Christmas pageant illustrating the life of Christ. A large number took part and Christmas songs and readings were mingled with the portrayal to make it very effective. Next Sunday morning Rev. J. H. McClain will deliver his Christmas sermon and special music will also be heard on the program.

The Methodist church will have their regular Christmas service Sunday morning starting at 10 o'clock. All departments of the Sunday school will assemble in their departments but as soon as the reports are made, will gather in the main auditorium of the church for a program in which each department will have a part. The choir will render special music and at the close of the Sunday school part of the program Rev. T. E. Bowman will bring his Christmas message. At the conclusion of the service an offering will be taken for the Methodist orphanage at Waco. The service will be concluded about 11:30 and no intermission will be given during the program.

Elaborate plans have been made at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church. The pastor, Rev. J. E. Kerr, will bring his Christmas sermon to the congregation Sunday morning and at the evening hour a pageant, "God With Us," will be presented. This pageant has about 40 characters including both children and adults and is filled with music and readings. On Tuesday evening at the church a Christmas party will be given and all members of the church will bring gifts for the orphanage to the church. Entertainment for both old and young will be presented during the evening and all members are urged to attend all these services.

The pageant at the First Presbyterian church has been called off this year and plans for that congregation are not complete. Due to the pastor, Rev. E. W. McClain, being out of town at the bedside of his sick father, and other interferences, it was believed best to cancel the pageant which would have been presented Sunday night and other plans will include Sunday school programs only.

A beautiful and impressive Christmas pageant was presented Sunday night of last week at the First Christian Church when the pageant "Telling The Story" was given. The setting for the presentation was made beautiful with antique furniture, tapestry and a large white cross on the stage, with the action of the story centering around the cross. The back of the stage was decorated with white and yellow chrysanthemums and pink roses making it beautiful with a soft light reflecting against the floral scene.

A quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Alex McGregor, Mrs. Alfred Crager and Mrs. Floyd Carr, robed in white costumes, furnished the vocal score for the pageant in delightful harmony. Mrs. E. D. Walker had charge of the devotional and Mrs. Clark was the soloist for the occasion. Other characters included Kathleen Connelly in the part of an old lady Jack Bandy, Alexander and Marjorie McGregor in the part of orphans, R. E. Dorsey and Mrs. F. M. Crabtree as an old couple and a large number of children of the church taking the other parts. Representatives of six nations of the world also took a part in native costumes.

At the close of the service an offering was taken for members of the church who are needy and a substantial sum was received.

On Christmas eve the church will have a real Christmas tree and the membership will gather around the tree and wait for the arrival of Santa Claus to come and distribute the lovely gifts. Prior to his coming a Christmas program will be staged and all members are urged to be present.

The Nazarene Church will stage their big program on Christmas eve when old St. Nick himself will visit the church and take charge of a beautifully decorated tree filled with gifts. This event will be preceded by a pageant and readings and music mingled with the presentation of the story of the birth of the Christ child. The entire membership of this church is expected to be present for the occasion which is for both old and young.

Sunday morning at the 11:00 o'clock hour Rev. W. Lawson Brown will deliver his Christmas sermon to the congregation.

West Texas Pioneer Claimed by Death

R. T. Trail, age 75, a pioneer resident of West Texas, died here Monday evening at 7:45 at his home on Eighth street. For several years he had been in failing health and for the past two and one-half months had been in a serious condition with little hope for his recovery.

His passing takes away another of the early settlers of this section of West Texas and thins their fading ranks. Mr. Trail moved to San Saba county in 1878 and lived there for a while and later moved to Concho county where he made his home until eight years ago when he moved here to the home on Eighth street.

He was associated with a large number of business enterprises here and at Paint Rock, and throughout this section has many warm friends who learned to love him from their association with him during the past 52 years which he has worked for the development of this great section of West Texas. Many of his friends will gather here Tuesday to pay their last tribute of respect and love to their departed friend.

Mr. Trail during the past two years did everything possible to regain his failing health without avail. Twice he went to Temple for treatments and was a patient in the Scott & White Sanitarium of that city. His family has remained close to his side there and here during his last days to comfort him in every possible way and this and the visits of his friends meant much to him during his illness.

He is survived by his wife and three children all of whom were with him when death came. The children are James Trail, Miss Frances Trail and Miss Verda Nell Trail. A sister from Washington, D. C., Mrs. E. T. Knott, is here at present and was present before Mr. Trail passed away, and a great-nephew, Ray Hearcock, also of Washington.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church, with Rev. John Knox Bowling, pastor of the Paint Rock Presbyterian church, officiating. Interment was to be made in the Paint Rock cemetery immediately following the rites in Ballinger.

Pallbearers selected are as follows: Active—H. H. Hatchford, T. A. Shultz, J. A. Wade, F. W. Williams, Riley Houston and J. M. Patton; honorary—A. H. VanFelt, D. M. Baker, E. D. Walker, Asa Correll, E. Sheppard, M. B. Wardlaw, R. G. Erwin, C. R. Stephens, D. C. Underwood, H. C. Lyon, R. A. Hall, S. Roach, W. S. Wade, J. C. Jones, Lee Morris, D. E. Sims, and V. B. Latham.

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All county health nurses have been called to Austin by the state health department for the annual conference, and Miss Addie Alexander, Rannels county nurse, will leave Wednesday for Austin. She will go from Austin to her home for a holiday visit.

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Concho to Provide 100 Foot Road Right-of-Way

An important step was taken by the commissioners court of Concho county Monday when it issued orders for script to buy the necessary 100-foot right-of-way in that county for highways No. 4 and No. 9. Counties along these routes recently have become more interested in meeting state and federal requirements on designated highways. Most of the counties have complied with the terms and recently secretaries of chambers of commerce in this section visited in Concho, Kimble, Menard and Real counties where little or nothing had been done, conferring with the various commissioners' courts.

The right-of-way was guaranteed immediately at Menard, a move was made for the same in Kimble and a campaign was begun in Real to widen the roads to meet requirements. Concho, adjoining Rannels on the south, of course is of more interest in Ballinger. Rannels and counties to the north have right-of-way and paving already built or guaranteed.

Little trouble is anticipated in securing the right-of-way in Concho county as will be observed in the following item published by the Concho (Paint Rock) Herald:

"Some months ago, the state highway commission proposed to provide drainage structures and grading on these highways provided the county furnished 100 foot right-of-way on lines surveyed by the commission's engineers. The most pressing need for right-of-way being that of No. 9 from Eden west to the county line, the court purchased that and fences have already been moved over most of it. This was bought with local funds which are not sufficient for procuring the balance of the right-of-way on No. 9 and that of No. 4.

"Both of these highways have federal as well as state designations, and the road committees of the county, realizing the importance of immediately securing permanent designation and the opportunity of providing employment to local people, presented petitions signed by several hundred citizens asking the court to provide funds for immediate purchase of the right-of-way. The court, after hearing the arguments presented, passed an order

authorizing the issuance of time warrants necessary for such right-of-way.

"Surveys have been made along three lines as required by the federal government and it is probable that the route will be selected within the next few weeks. In making selection of the route the commissioners' court and the highway commission will confer with the federal engineer.

"The final location of these two highways will mean much to the county as it will do away with uncertainties as to permanent designations and will relieve the county of the heavy cost of maintaining these highways. No. 4, reaching from the north Panhandle to Brownsville, is the longest state highway in America. It is now designated as a federal highway as far south as Junction. No. 9 already carries federal designation all the way through.

"The action of the commissioners provides right-of-way from the Rannels county line south to Junction as the commissioners' courts of Menard and Kimble counties have already taken similar action."

An Unpleasant Subject

All of the functions of life are not pleasant to consider. Perhaps this is why some mothers refuse to think that such symptoms as restless sleep, loss of flesh, lack of appetite or itching nose and fingers in their children, can be caused by round or pin worms. Many mothers have proven, however, that a few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge, that sure and harmless worm expellant, will make these symptoms disappear. You can get White's Cream Vermifuge for 35 cents per bottle from Weeks Drug Store.

Mrs. C. Richey of San Antonio is here visiting with her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Kelly, and Mr. Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin York, of Van Court, were in Ballinger Saturday, attending to business. Mr. York formerly resided in this county but now owns and operates a ranch in Tom Green county. He reports conditions fairly good in his section.

United Club Work Started in County

A movement to unite 4-H club work and the agricultural courses taught in the public schools in this county is to be inaugurated at Crews, C. H. Grounds, principal of the Crews schools, and C. W. Lehberg, county agent, are working out a plan whereby both the school course and club activities will be greatly furthered. Work done in each class will be credited on about a 50-50 basis.

Mr. Lehberg plans to interest other schools of the county in this plan and if arranged club work as well as school agricultural study will be stimulated.

The following plan dividing the four principal heads of club work into divisions has been submitted and agreed upon:

Field Crops

1.—Testing of Field Seeds: (a) corn, (b) grain sorghums, (c) cotton, (d) small grains. (To be carried out in class room.)

2.—Judging of Field Crops: (a) corn, (b) grain sorghums, (c) cotton, (d) small grains, (e) bagging of heads, etc., to keep varieties pure, (f) selecting seed in field where characteristics of plant, environment of plant, etc., can be observed. (To be carried out

partly in class room and partly in field.)

3.—Testing of Soils: (a) water-holding capacity, (b) acidity, (c) fertility, etc.

4.—Preparation of Seed Bed: (a) proper preparation of soil, (b) cultural methods, (c) improvement of physical condition of soil, (d) application of fertilizer, (e) rotation of crops, (f) running terrace lines.

Livestock Projects

(a) Studying dairy breeds and types, (b) studying beef breeds and types; ditto for hogs, sheep, (c) judging the different kinds of livestock, (d) testing milk and cream by the Babcock test, working out balanced rations.

Poultry Projects

(a) Studying the different breeds and types, (b) culling, (c) judging, (d) working out balanced rations, (e) keeping records, (f) classing and grading turkeys by U. S. Standard grades.

McCULLOCH TURKEY CROP READY FOR CHRISTMAS

BRADY, Dec. 12.—McCulloch county turkey raisers will furnish 400,000 to 500,000 pounds of dressed turkeys for the Christmas market, according to the managers of the four local turkey dressing plants.

The Christmas market opened here at 19 cents per pounds, two cents above the Thanksgiving market.

About 500 turkey pickers are employed here during the turkey dressing season with a daily payroll of about \$1,000.

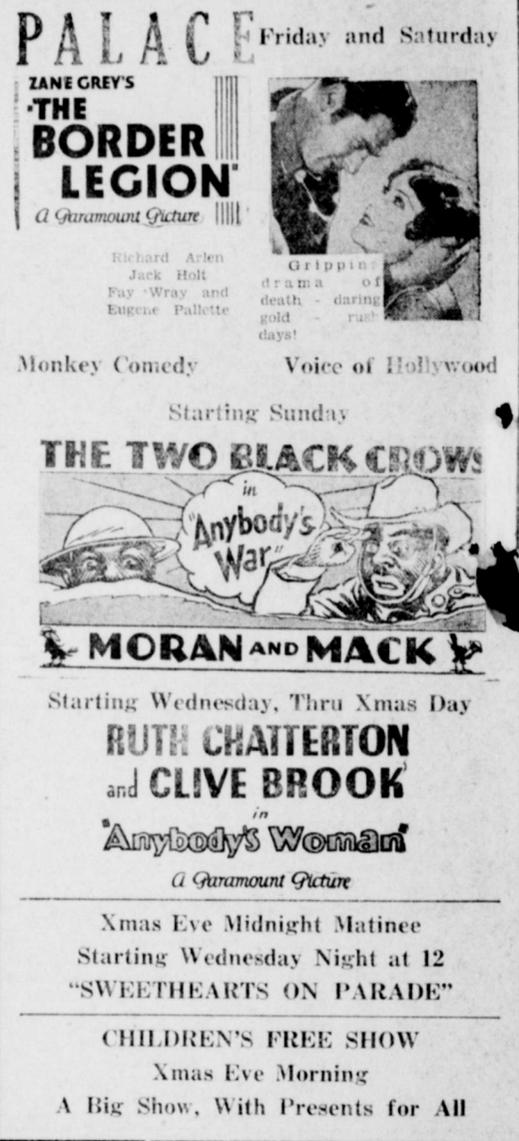
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CREWS NEWS

Bro. Opal McCaleb, of Edith, preached at the Baptist Church Sunday morning. In the afternoon a large crowd enjoyed a splendid program. Four churches were represented, Crews, Bronte, Talpa and Rogers. A number of visitors from each place were present.

The largest crowd that has ever attended the P-T. A. was present last Tuesday night. All were pleased with the instructive and interesting program. Plans were made for a box supper to be held tonight (Tuesday) for the purpose of raising money for school supplies.

Mrs. Henry Berry, Mrs. Walter Cox and Mrs. Pink King attended the county council of the P-T. A. as delegates from our local association.

Alma Phipps spent Thursday night with Nadine Wilkerson.

Mrs. H. V. Bradley, of Winters, spent Saturday night with her son, Chester Bradley, and family.

Rupert Rainwater, who had been away at work for several months, has returned home.

Mrs. Jim Grisson has been suffering severely with one of her eyes, caused from neuritis, physicians say. Her daughter, Opal, still continues in a serious condition.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Madison spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Carter, of Token, and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Young, of Winters, spent Tuesday with relatives.

Mrs. C. A. Watson, of Ballinger, also Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pape, of that city, were among the visitors in Crews Sunday.

Friends have received the announcement of a fine girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Traylor, Saturday, December 13. Mr. and Mrs. Traylor formerly resided here but now make their home at Winters.

We have learned that Joe Roe, of near Crews, and Miss Boncille Carter, of Eagle Branch, were married several days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pape spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wood.

A very large crowd attended the basketball game Saturday. An account of this we presume will be written in the school news.

Mrs. John Lewis and son have returned to their home at Dallas after an extended visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Davis.

Parents in the Crews and Her-ring district are being notified that plans are being perfected by the P-T. A. to launch a drive against the dread disease diphtheria, as soon as possible after the holidays. The two communities are planning to cooperate in this endeavor. The total cost of immunization will probably not exceed 35 cents.

Mr. Grounds requests those who desire to take advantage of this opportunity to give the children's names to E. F. Beck, or Mrs. Pink King.

We are notified by our council president, Mrs. Joe Simmons, that only one drive will ever be made in a community, by this organization.

We feel that no praise is great enough for the physicians who are so nobly donating their work in this great cause.

"REPORTER"

Crews School News

School seems to be progressing nicely. The rural aid inspector was here last week and commented very favorably upon our school. He also complimented the board and patrons for the work they had done on the out-buildings and the grounds. He gave us all of the aid that he could.

This week is examination week and the pupils have made better grades than they did last month, but there is still room for improvement. The teachers and parents expect better work next month.

Most of the equipment for science has arrived, but the microscopes have not come yet. The pupils and teachers expect to do some creditable work in science this year. The agriculture teachers are combining the work in agriculture and the club work this year. Mr. Lehmburg and Mrs. Hollingsworth have outlined the club work for the year and have placed most of the work during the school months. The teachers will require much of this work in class and will require a

written report on the remainder of the club work for each month; the teachers will then give the pupils a grade on their club work as well as on their agriculture work.

The high school boys and girls of Lawn came over last Saturday afternoon and played us two games of basketball. Our boys lost their game by a score of 28 to 8; our girls won their game by a score of 55 to 21. Both games were well played. Two of the best players on the boys' team were on the sidelines on account of injuries.

The freshman, sophomore, and senior classes have organized, but the names of the officers are not available at present. The junior class will organize soon.

BETHEL NEWS

Old Jack Frost has been making daily visits and today (Monday) the coldest norther of the season makes anyone feel that winter has come in full force. Hog killing will be under full headway now.

The B. Y. P. U. juniors enjoyed a social in the home of Mrs. Causey on Friday night of last week.

The Happy Home Makers Club met with Mrs. Hedrick Shelburn on Friday, December 5. A number were present. Several talks on Christmas gifts were given by members. A Christmas social was planned at the school house for Thursday night, Dec. 18, the club women inviting their husbands for a 42 and contest social. Delicious cake and hot chocolate were served by Mrs. Shelburn.

Good attendance was had at both Sunday schools Sunday. It was voted not to have a Christmas tree but there will be a program at the Methodist church Sunday night. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mrs. Mead McShan and daughters visited her mother at Ballinger on Sunday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Little made a business trip to Abilene last week.

The play put on by the Maverick seniors at the school house Friday night was enjoyed by all.

Maverick boys and Bethel boys played a very interesting basketball game Friday. Maverick won.

The boys and girls also went to Miles on Tuesday of last week to play ball. While both games were won by Miles the girls' game was close.

The young folks enjoyed a party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tullos last week.

The Junior and Senior Leagues of the Methodist church have been reorganized. The lights and stove having been repaired the meetings are now more comfortable at night. Everyone is invited to attend.

A number of neighbors met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Batts on Wednesday of last week and assisted in canning a beef. One hundred No. 3 cans were put up, besides soup stock which was canned the next day.

E. Krc has been very ill with pneumonia. Last reports were that he was resting well.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Johnson are moving from across the river to a farm on this side where they will be better located for school purposes.

The small baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. Drew Demford has been sick but is better at this writing.

Mrs. Bob Smith has been very sick for the past few weeks. She is now under treatment of the doctor for nose and head trouble.

C. C. Carter and son, Wade, Buster Crockett, of Norton, and Red Crockett, of Ballinger, were very successful bird hunters in this community Monday.

Miss Alma Koenig and friend, Miss Frasher spent the week-end with home folks.

Mrs. Hollingsworth, accompanied by Mrs. A. B. Legate and Mrs. E. H. Forgy of Ballinger, were pleasant dinner guests in the home of Mrs. Tom Crockett Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Campbell recently visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Little.

Mr. and Mrs. John Adams and family, of Paint Rock, visited home folks Sunday a week ago.

Mr. and Mrs. John Batts and family enjoyed a turkey dinner

in the Batts home at Dry Ridge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nath Crockett and family were visitors in this neighborhood Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mueller and family and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Womack and family visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mead McShan Sunday.

The lower grades in school are planning a Christmas tree Friday afternoon.

"REPORTER"

Deaths

William Stoker Edwards

William Stoker Edwards, age 81, died at the home of his son, G. R. Edwards, near Norton, Tuesday morning at 4:15 o'clock. He is survived by his widow, four sons and a daughter. Mr. Edwards was well known throughout this county and made many friends who mourn his passing.

Funeral services were held from the family residence at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon with Rev. M. C. Golden officiating. Interment was made in the Norton cemetery.

Undertakers from Higginbotham Funeral Home were in charge of arrangements.

Blaze Damages Underwood Home

Fire discovered at the home of D. C. Underwood, 309 Heventh Street, early Saturday night was soon put out by the efficient work of the local department.

The fire, which originated in a trash box on the back porch, burnt through the wall and into the kitchen where flames shot up the walls and into the ceiling. As soon as the firemen arrived they began using chemicals but also prepared to lay lines of hose and make connections if necessary. Men climbed to the roof and tore away shingles where the fire was located, soon controlling the blaze with no damage except in the kitchen and one other room.

The report of the department showed a total of 40 gallons of chemicals and 30 gallons of water from the booster tank on the large truck used.

Elery McWilliams was in town Thursday attending to business and reported that a broken arm received Thanksgiving Day is doing nicely. Mr. McWilliams was attempting to crank a tractor when his arm became jammed against the wheel and a break was sustained near the wrist.

Three Officers to Retire January 1

Three county officials are getting their affairs in shape to vacate on January 1. None of the retiring officers has announced what his future intentions are but each promises a statement soon after the first of the year.

W. L. Brown, tax collector, will retire in favor of W. A. Forgy on this date. Mr. Forgy has announced that Drury P. Hathaway will be his first assistant, and Mr. Hathaway will enter the office on January 1. Mr. Brown and his staff will remain in office and receive taxes up to and including December 31, transfer of the books to the incoming administration to be made that night.

Mr. Brown said Wednesday that he had several matters in mind but could make no positive statement at this time. He will investigate several positions after the first of the year and make a decision.

R. E. McWilliams, sheriff, will turn over his office on December 31 to W. A. Holt, sheriff-elect, but the former is not yet ready to make a statement on future plans. He has several matters under consideration but will not get opportunity to investigate and make up his mind until he can make a few trips to look over the propositions.

R. J. Deens will retire as commissioner of precinct No. 1 in favor of T. J. Parrish, at that time transferring all equipment and office records to the new commissioner. He, too, is not able to declare his future intentions at this time.

All three retiring officials have served the county long and efficiently, during their administrations having received wide praise for their excellent work. Durling Deens' tenure roads in this precinct have been put in excellent shape and maintenance has not been overlooked. Many of his projects will stand for all time as a monument to his untiring service to citizens of the Ballinger precinct. Both Brown and McWilliams have received statewide notice as officials and many honors have been heaped upon them. Sheriff McWilliams has held the highest office of honor in the Texas Sheriffs' Association. Auditors have declared Mr. Brown one of the most competent collectors in this big state.

The incoming officials are equally capable and are ready to give their very best efforts for the citizens of Runnels county. The success of their administrations depend largely on the co-operation of the citizens and each are asking for this support which is so vitally necessary in the conduct of their offices.

New Stop Signs Installed Here

The city of Ballinger is installing a number of new stop signs at the busiest street corners and hereafter traffic will have no excuse for not seeing these markers. There has been a complaint on the part of drivers for some time that the old markers were hard to see. Being loose on the pavement, often they were out of place or turned around backward so that they could not be seen.

The new markers are made of black rubber and bear the word "STOP" in yellow letters. They are cemented into the pavement so they will remain in place. Drivers are requested not to run over the signs just because they are rubber, however, in an emergency it will hurt nothing in case it becomes necessary in order to miss a vehicle.

The city is installing twelve or fourteen of these new traffic signs and an ordinance makes it a violation of the law to drive past one without coming to a stop. A close watch will be made of all corners where these signs are located and drivers who refuse to stop will have little excuse for violating the law with large black and yellow signs staring them in the face.

The first signs were installed Friday at the intersections of Eighth street and Hutchings avenue and are now in use. Others are being installed as fast as city employes can get the work completed.

TERRACING AIDS CROPS

BRADY, Dec. 12.—The profitability of soil conservation by terracing has been clearly demonstrated in this county during the past season, which was unusually dry.

Figures compiled on the crops of 3,800 acres of terraced land in McCulloch county by J. D. Prewitt, county agent, show that the cotton averaged between one-third and one-fourth bale per acre more or about twice as much as unterraced soil which averaged only one-eighth to one-tenth bale per acre.

The average yield of feed crops on terraced land was 1,500 pounds or three-fourths tons of threshed maize per acre and compared in yield to unterraced land in about the same ratio as did the cotton production.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lyon were among those going to Abilene Saturday to attend the Santa Claus celebration. Mr. Lyon was to be a special guest at the banquet Saturday noon.

Dallas Man Plans to Play Santa Claus to 5,000 Poor

(By Associated Press)

DALLAS, Dec. 15.—I. Rude, a Dallas merchant noted for his generosity and charities, has announced he plans again this year to play a real Santa Claus role for the poor who need clothes.

For the eighth consecutive year, Mr. Rude will supply clothes to the poor who crowd into his store Christmas morning. The stock of the store is placed at the disposal of the poor. Last year 3,780 men, women and children were furnished from these charity stocks. This year Mr. Rude has laid plans to clothe about 5,000.

"The only requirement I make," Mr. Rude explained, "is that those who want clothes have an honest face and show an obvious need for help. These are the only credentials they must have. I am rarely fooled or imposed upon."

On Christmas morning the crowds of men, women and children, white and black, native and alien, will gather in a line at the store, as is their custom. Mr. Rude's doors will open at 9 a. m.

His staff of twenty-six clerks have volunteered their services for the holiday and will work so long as there are people who have need for clothes and there are clothes to give them.

Behind Mr. Rude's nervous little body, his genial, ruddy face, there is a story of obstacles overcome and poverty vanquished. An immigrant boy, whose sweat shop work in New York brought him down with tuberculosis, Mr. Rude struggled to Denver. There he recovered his health, and started founding a fortune but he started giving his money away as soon as he made it.

Mr. Rude's philanthropies, especially among Jewish institutions, are numerous in Denver, where there is a park named for him, an institutional building and a chair in the university.

It was in Denver that Mr. Rude first began to open his store to the poor and the needy on Christmas Day. He practiced the philanthropy there for about twenty-five years, and then continued it when he came to Dallas.

Tree Cutters Caught

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, Dec. 16.—Some poor families who weren't going to have Christmas trees are looking forward now to receiving them from forest rangers. Three truckloads of trees

were confiscated after they had been cut down in national forests without federal permission.

Fresno, Cal. Japanese have presented the city with 50 to 100 Japanese cherry trees.

Christmas Programs in Rural Schools Start; To Close Friday

Christmas programs in rural schools started this week and a number will turn out for the Christmas holidays. The first one reported in the county was held last Monday at Gruenwald where Mrs. Earl Holliday teaches. A large crowd gathered there for a tree and a Christmas program and the event was reported to be a success in every particular.

The entire community gathered and participated in the affair and a large number of the children of the school appeared on the program.

Tuesday night at Crews a box supper was held with R. E. White and C. W. Lehmburg attending from here and acting as auctioneers at the sale. These men report an excellent spirit prevailing and all boxes selling for

good prices. The money derived from the sale of the boxes was to be used in carrying on various school activities.

Wednesday night at Hatchel a Christmas play will be presented by the school and a number of Ballinger people will attend this gathering. No tree will be held in connection with this and the entire evening will be strictly entertainment.

Mrs. A. F. Brock, teacher at Benoit, has announced a Christmas tree and program for that school Friday night and the entire community will join in making it a success. The children are being rehearsed in the amusement program which will be presented with the tree in the background before the visit of Santa Claus.

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Supply your table from your own farm. And by the same operation take advantage of the less fluctuating branches of farming to insure you an income if the cotton crop fails, and to insure you better prices regardless of the condition of the cotton crop.

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And we hope that you and yours are well and happy this Christmas.

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We have large assortments of all the goodies you need for Christmas.

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No. 1 No. 2 No. 2 1/2
3 for **35c** 2 for **45c** 27c

APPLES
bulk
Bushel **\$1.23**

Skinned Hams
Harmels and Star
Half or Whole
Lb. **23c**

Sunshine
FRUIT CAKES
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See us for your Christmas Turkey

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All sizes, Make Christmas brighter.

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FOR SALE—90 day seed oats, no Johnson grass, 50 cents bushel. F. O. B. Kopperl, James Ladwig, Kopperl, Texas. 12-1d-1w

FOR SALE—Young buff Leshorn Roosters for breeding purposes. Arthur Dooze at Western Produce Co. 15-2td-1tw

Santa Will

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Jimmie Woods, the "Gypsy of the Skies," in a Hisso Swallow.

At 1 p. m., the guinea catching contest. Guineas will be dropped from a plane. Each person catching a guinea will be given a free ride.

At 1:30, the big event of the day, when old Santa Claus will ride over town in an airplane 5,000 feet in the air and will make a drop to earth in a parachute. He will remain here during the afternoon and meet the kiddies, take their letters and listen to their wants.

The fleet of planes will arrive here Saturday morning and any one desiring to take a ride can do so any time during the morning. At 12 o'clock they will leave here for a trip over Runnels county to distribute circulars to all towns. Mr. Clinesmith stated here Wednesday that if possible, he would like to take all three planes in formation on this trip and would do so provided seven passengers would go at \$10 each. The trip will cover the entire county and will be a delightful ride and passengers will be able to return before the rush of the afternoon Saturday.

The fleet of planes will remain here over the week-end and persons desiring to ride will have an opportunity at any time before the big program starts Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The big attraction is being brought to Ballinger by the retail merchants' committee of the chamber of commerce, composed of Roy Reeder, J. C. Sturges and M. S. Karmany. Ten thousand people are expected here for the big program and all school pupils in the county will be free to be present and meet Santa Claus.

Over a Billion Deadly Germs in a Single Drop of Water

Germs are so small that there may be as many as one billion, seven hundred million of them in a drop of water. And just a few of these tiny germs, if they get into your blood through a cut in your skin, may make you so sick you will be in bed for weeks—may cause the loss of a limb through blood poisoning—may even infect you with that most dreadful and fatal of diseases, lockjaw.

Just because you can see no dirt in a cut does not mean that it is clean. You cannot see germs. The only safe and sane thing to do, is to thoroughly wash every cut, no matter how small, with Liquid Borozone, to kill the germs, and then dust it with Borozone Powder, to hasten the healing. Liquid Borozone costs 30 cents, 60 cents, \$1.20 and \$1.50. Borozone Powder, 30 cents and 60 cents, and can be had at Weeks Drug Store.

JIM NOT TO RUN

AUSTIN, Dec. 16.—James E. Ferguson, former governor of Texas, has set at rest, at least temporarily, rumors that he will be a candidate for congressman at large. Ferguson was prominently mentioned in capitol gossip as a probable candidate for one of the three seats Texas would gain in the proposed reapportionment of congress.

When queried as to his intentions, Ferguson replied:

"This is the first I have heard of the idea. It is two years from now before such a thing could happen and that is a long ways off. I have not given any thought to it and it is too far of to worry about. We may not have any government by that time. This is one of the things that is proving the biggest bother to statesmen today."

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hamilton are the proud parents of a fine nine-pound baby boy, born Sunday. Mother and baby are both doing nicely.

Farm Dwellers Decrease
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(P)—There are 4,000,000 fewer people on American farms than 10 years ago, the department of agriculture estimates.

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Street Work is Making Progress

The city street department is getting to some streets this week that have been in bad condition for some time, and with a tractor and blader are making them smooth. Intermittent rains continuing for about two months have made it impossible for this department to keep up with its work and some thoroughfares was gashed deep with ruts.

One big machine was operated on streets in Wilke Terrace Wednesday, rocks and dirt removed from pavement and piled into the gutters on Broadway where Hamilton Avenue will be opened leading to this new residential section. The opening of this street will furnish a straight route over better ground where practically all-weather streets will be in use.

Employees of Brown & Root have completed patching all places where maintenance was needed on Broadway and Eighth Street. A wagon loaded with asphalt has covered each block. Places where pipe lines have been laid to residences have been filled and packed. All cracks have been patched and spots where pavement was torn up for any purpose have been fixed.

Paved streets are clean and in good shape, all drain lines have been opened, and within a short time the street department will catch up with its work.

A number of places where holes were worn in streets have been filled with caliche and rolled smooth. Rocks are being hauled from streets and piled in washed-out places to stop cutting by running water.

Night Coughing Quickly Relieved

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Thoxine is pleasant tasting and safe for the whole family. It will give you better and quicker relief for coughs or sore throat than anything you have ever tried or your money will be refunded. Put up ready for use in 25c, 60c, and \$1.00 bottles. Sold by all druggists.

Land is Secured For Highway 23

County Judge Paul Trimmer announced Wednesday morning that all land necessary for the right-of-way on Highway 23 from Ballinger to Talpa had been secured and the last deeds had been signed. For more than one month Judge Trimmer had been working on this proposition and there is now nothing in the way of commencing grading.

Judge Trimmer said Wednesday he did not expect any construction work to start before the first of January on either grading or drainage structures. This contract was let at the last meeting of the highway commission in two separate contracts. One went to White Bros. of San Angelo for the grading and small drainage structures and the other to Austin Bridge Company of Dallas for the larger drainage structures, not including the bridge across Elm Creek. The contracts figured a little better than \$40,000 each and both contractors are ready to begin as soon as possible.

The distance of the new road to connect with hard-surfaced road in Coleman county is slightly over 14 miles and when it is finally completed will be one of the best stretches of roadway in this section.

COLEMAN COUPLE HOLDS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

COLEMAN, December 12.—At the old farm home in Brown county where they lived for 47 years and where their seven living children were born and reared, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shore of this city have just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. The old couple and the children and families all moved to Coleman after oil was discovered on the homestead place, but the palatial Shore home in Newsom addition in this city was not good enough for the celebration of an event so important.

"Nig" McCarver of Howard Payne at Brownwood was here Monday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCarver.

Store at Crews is Destroyed by Fire

The building and stock of merchandise belonging to E. F. Beck, at Crews, was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning. The blaze was discovered about 3 a. m., and many citizens of that community rushed to the scene but without fire fighting equipment nothing could be done.

The building and merchandise were entirely destroyed, the loss being partially covered by insurance. Mr. Beck could advance no

positive theory as to the cause of the fire unless a glowing cigarette stub carelessly tossed on the floor had later ignited the building.

The store had been operated at Crews for many years and for several years under the management of Mr. Beck.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Wardlaw left Sunday for Bowie where they were called to be at the bedside of Mrs. Wardlaw's brother who is seriously ill.

Jackson county, Oregon, collected \$39,000 in grazing fees from cattlemen in a year.

EXPERIMENT TO KILL CROWS WITH DYNAMITE FAILURE

ABILENE, Dec. 17.—An elaborate plan whereby representatives of the biological survey and county farm agents from the extension department of Texas A. & M. College hoped to destroy the great number of crows which infest parts of this section recently failed. The crows were particularly thick in the vicinity of the experiment, the mesquite brush country in Jones county, and have caused farmers considerable worry.

Choosing a spot favored by

the crows for roosting on the C. A. Sylvester farm ten miles northwest of Anson, the would-be exterminators planted six sticks of dyanmite in each of 29 holes dug with a posthole digger to a depth of two feet, then filled the holes with gravel. The theory was that the gravel propelled by force of the explosion, would kill the crows.

But the theory did not prove out. An electric switch was pulled and a terrific explosion shook the countryside.

Fifteen men and boys rushed across a field, eager to note the solution of their pest problem.

But not a crow was found, dead or alive.

The theory expressed as to their escape was that most of the birds, warned probably by their "sixth sense," had alighted east of the danger zone.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Dunlap returned Sunday from San Antonio where they had been for several weeks. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Arterburn met them in Eden and accompanied them to Ballinger. Mr. Dunlap returns home greatly improved following an operation several weeks ago.

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Old Time Balloon Ascension at 1:30 P. M.

Santa Claus will leap in a parachute from plane 5000 feet to streets of Ballinger and mingle with the children for the rest of the day. Balloon Arranged So Everyone Can See it Inflated.

2-PARACHUTE JUMPS-2

PROGRAM

10:00 a. m. "Upside-Down Isaac"

—will start the show. He will go aloft, keeping his plane a safe distance from the crowd, doing consecutive loops, tail spins, whip stalls, barrel rolls, falling leaf, inverted flying, and other thrilling stunts. "Isaac" will wear a pack chute for safety should he pull the wings off his ship while performing his many DEATH-DEFYING STUNTS he is under contract to do.

10:30 Wing Walking

"Daredevil Durant," widely known for the name he carries, will perform hazardous stunts in his dangerous act.

11:00 Balloon Ascension, Parachute Drop

11:30 Serpentine Cutting by Jimmie Woods, the Gypsy of the Sky

1:00 p.m. Guinea Catching Contest

Guineas will be dropped from a plane. Each person catching one will get a FREE RIDE.

1:30 5000 Foot Parachute Drop

Santa Claus will drop from a plane 5,000 feet above Ballinger and visit here the rest of the day with the throngs.

A Treat for Everyone Free---Don't Miss It!!