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Tuesday was Coldest For Season in Texas

DALLAS, Jan. 14.—Several sections of Texas today and last night experienced their coldest weather of this winter.

The lowest thermometer reading at Dallas was 22 degrees; Ft. Worth, 26; Corsicana, 25; Amarillo, 24; Palestine, 24; Brownsville, 48; San Antonio, 33; El Paso, 32; Port Arthur, 36; Houston, 34.

The temperature at Ballinger dropped to 28 degrees Tuesday night and the ground was frozen until late in the morning Wednesday. Ice was plentiful and the cold Wednesday was felt more than at any other time this winter. A strong wind from the east with clouds increasing kept the mercury low throughout the day.

MR. AND MRS. MOHR ADOPT BABY TODAY

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mohr of San Angelo came to Ballinger late Wednesday evening bringing with them the baby boy from Miles that was left there Monday night on a doorstep. Early Thursday morning Mr. and Mrs. Mohr took out adoption papers and as soon as everything was signed and registered, returned to San Angelo with their new babe. They spent the night here with Mrs. Mohr's mother, Mrs. Mary B. Sharp.

FIRST GRADE ROOM WINS P.-T. A. CONTEST

The first grade room won the contest conducted by the Ballinger Parent-Teacher Association and received a prize of \$5 in cash Wednesday afternoon.

Several months ago the local P.-T. A. offered a prize of \$5 for the room with the most mothers attending the organization's meetings. The contest closed with the first meeting of the new year held Wednesday afternoon in the high school auditorium and a check-up showed the first grade room, taught by Mrs. W. A. Bridwell, as winner, leading by the slight margin of six over the second grade room, taught by Mrs. H. C. Lyon.

The children urged their mothers to attend and the contest is believed to have greatly increased both interest and attendance at P.-T. A. meetings.

Early Sees Crime Change in His 24 Years as a Prosecutor

(By Associated Press)
BROWNWOOD, Jan. 8.—Still slender and energetic, Walter U. Early of Brownwood is engaged in the private practice of law after 34 years as a prosecutor.

He returned to private practice January 1, after 24 years as district attorney in the 35th judicial district, one of the largest judicial districts in Texas. During his tenure he saw changes in every county in each of the five counties in the district.

He perhaps sent more men to prison than any other man in Texas and was feared far and wide by the criminal class for his hard and vigorous prosecution.

Early first entered public office in 1895, when he was elected city attorney at Brownwood. He spent four years in that office, then was county attorney for six years before being elected district attorney.

Only five death sentences were given in the district during the many years Early was district attorney.

He said that when he first came into office the crimes of cattle stealing and wire cutting were the most common. "Burglary, theft, bootlegging, and forgery are as common now as was cattle stealing about 20 years ago," he declared.

Early was born in Kentucky, at Leavenworth, in 1868. He came to Brownwood in 1893 because he believed there were better openings for young men in the new country. After coming here he

Bridge Work Order Is Expected Soon

A work order is expected here soon which will start the second contract on highway construction between Ballinger and Talpa. The order for construction to be done by White Brothers of San Angelo, has already been received and grading and building of drainage structures is under way. The expected work order will tell the Austin Bridge Company of Dallas when to begin construction of the larger structures for this sector of highway 23.

The Austin Bridge Company's contract includes six structures to span small streams in the 14 miles of highway. The largest of these will be a concrete bridge near Benoit across the north fork of Mustang Creek—175 feet and 9 inches in length. This bridge will eliminate a bad spot on the road where high waters have interfered with traffic for years.

Another three-girder bridge will be constructed over Long Branch and a two-girder bridge will span the creek just west of Benoit. Three other smaller structures to be built will take care of every crossing where sudden torrents are likely to interfere with motor travel.

The contract awarded the Austin Bridge Company is for slightly more than \$41,000, representing about the same amount of work and working time as for the grading and small structures. The contract for building a large bridge across Elm Creek at the outskirts of Ballinger will be let later. This bridge will span Elm just south of the A. & S. Ry. Co. bridge.

Marshall Moore, of Abilene, district manager for the Austin Bridge Company, has made a number of trips to Ballinger recently to look over the ground. He said his company would ship machinery here and begin operations as soon as the work order was received and planned to push construction of the six bridges as rapidly as possible.

Mrs. J. H. Kipp came in Monday from Mineral Wells and will visit with her sisters here, Mrs. Asa Cordill and Mrs. Jas. E. Brewer, for a few days, after which she will go to Pasadena, California, her home. She has been spending the winter in Mineral Wells with her daughter, Mrs. W. O. Gross.

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Bank Stockholders In Annual Meets

Stockholders of all three Ballinger banks met in their annual meetings Tuesday and practically elected all directors and officers without change. No changes at all were made by the First National Bank and the Farmers & Merchants State Bank. W. B. Halley was elected as a director of the Ballinger State Bank to fill a vacancy and that board of directors did not hold a meeting to elect officers. This was called for Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

The First National Bank
The stockholders' meeting was held at the bank at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and all directors were re-elected as follows: J. A. Walker, J. Y. Pearce, R. G. Erwin, C. L. Baker, D. M. Baker, J. G. Douglass, J. McGregor and F. M. Pearce.

As soon as the business to come before the stockholders was completed the directors elected the following: J. Y. Pearce, president and chairman of the board, D. M. Baker, vice president; F. M. Pearce, vice president; R. G. Erwin, cashier; Harry Lynn, assistant cashier; J. W. Patterson, assistant cashier and W. R. Pogue, assistant cashier.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank
The stockholders of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank met in their annual meeting Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. No changes were reported in the board or officers of the bank for the coming year. The board of directors elected Tuesday is composed of Mrs. J. F. Currie, H. Giesecke, J. L. Chastain, J. A. Zak and Fred Kiechle.

At the meeting of the directors following the stockholders' meeting, all officers were re-elected as follows: Mrs. J. F. Currie, president, Fred Kiechle, active vice president; J. L. Chastain, cashier; Edward Sommer, assistant cashier and Robert Bruce, assistant cashier.

The meeting was in session from 10 Tuesday morning until noon and all business was transacted and completed.

Ballinger State Bank
Stockholders of the Ballinger State Bank met in regular session Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock and elected the directors for the bank for the coming year. The only new director for the board is Dr. W. B. Halley who takes the place made vacant by Nath Allen, deceased. Dr. Halley has been a large stockholder in the bank since its organization practically and is well suited to take over the duties as a director. The entire board elected Tuesday morning is composed of the following: C. P. Shepherd, W. B. Halley, E. A. Saunders, E. F. Batts, J. E. Brewer, W. B. Dankworth and Wm. Halfman.

The meeting of directors to elect officers was postponed until Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. J. E. Brewer could not remain for the directors' meeting on account of the death of a relative in Brownwood but will return here in time to be present Wednesday morning.

Taylor Murder Trial February 2

The trial of Mrs. Cecil Taylor, charged with murder in connection with the fatal shooting of her husband, well known automobile dealer, at Mrs. Taylor's father's home near Eden, has been set for February 2. The case has been docketed in district court at Paint Rock.

This trial is of considerable interest to a number of Ballinger people as Cecil Taylor operated an automobile agency here for a number of years, selling Hudson and Essex machines. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor never lived in this city but Mr. Taylor was here a great deal of the time and had many friends in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor resided at San Angelo from soon after the close of the World War until a short time before the tragedy last summer. Mrs. Taylor had gone to the home of her parents in Concho county and on a visit there by Taylor the shooting occurred which resulted in his death, for which the woman will be tried.

Gem Paper Clips at Ballinger Printing Co.

Teachers' Meeting Adds 3 Sections

A large number of school heads from this section of West Texas met in Brownwood Wednesday for the purpose of arranging a program, setting a date and looking after other business of the Mid-West Texas Educational Association. Supts. H. C. Lyon and R. E. White attended from Ballinger and report a good meeting with much interest in the coming convention to be held at Brownwood March 6-7. The dates, named Wednesday, were agreeable to all attending the committee meeting.

A number of new directors were named to fill places of some who have moved from the district. A letter was read from the state secretary, saying that the Mid-West Texas was the best district organization in the state. It has been organized and holding annual meetings for more than 25 years.

The program this year will take one of the seven cardinal objects of education, "Worthy Use of Leisure," and from this plans the theme of the program based on the following subject: "Training Youth to Realize What it Means to Live in Society."

Three new sections were created this year and will be headed by able people. A home economics section was created with Miss Lillian Peek in charge; a parent-teacher section with the leader to be named later; and a trustee section which will be headed by G. W. McHan of Brownwood. The trustee section is considered very important as it will represent all rural, independent and county trustees. Each of the new divisions will hold sectional sessions on matters of importance.

A. H. Smith, of Winters, is at the head of the high school division; J. C. Scarborough, of Santa Anna, the intermediate section; and the leader of the primary section is not known here.

Programs will be printed at an early date and sent to all teachers P.-T. A. members and trustees in the district, urging them to attend. Schools where all teachers wish to attend will have a holiday on Friday, March 6.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES CHECK

Fire Chief M. C. Atkins reported Friday the receipt of a check for \$12.50 from Miss Maggie Underwood as a token of appreciation for the work done by the local firemen on December 13 when a blaze was extinguished at the Underwood home on Seventh Street. The company made a quick response to the alarm and with the use of very little water put out the fire with only minor damage resulting.

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Local Legionnaires Favor Payment of Certificates

A telegram was received Thursday by the Pat Williams Post of the American Legion from Thomas L. Blanton, congressman from the 17th Texas district, inquiring how the post stood on the question of paying off adjusted compensation certificates in cash.

A hurried meeting of the executive committee of the local organization was called and the answer sent Mr. Blanton urged the immediate passage of such a bill and set out reasons for its desirability. Other similar telegrams will be sent to Senator Tom Connelly, asking him to work for the passage of the measure. In addition a number of former service men and local citizens with no war service have written letters to Washington officials asking them to lend their aid to the passage of legislation to pay these certificates in cash.

For a number of weeks, ever since the matter was presented to congress, former service men have been making inquiries here regarding the possibility of the passage of the bill. Legion officials here believe that should the measure be passed at once that 75 per cent of the veterans of this section would accept the cash settlement and thereby place a large sum of money in the banks of the country and in circulation. Ex-service men who live in rural districts especially are in need of cash to operate on this year and passage of this legislation would

County Population Given by Division

Every few days The Ledger is called upon to settle some argument regarding the population of this county, some town or subdivision of it. All these facts have been published in some form or another since the federal census was taken in 1930 but as a record for comparison below is listed the complete data as made public by the U. S. bureau of census:

Runnels county, according to the last census had a total population of 21,821. Populations of the preceding decades were as follows: 1920, 17,074; 1910, 20,858; 1900, 5,379; and 1890, 3,193. The county contains 1,083 square miles of land area, and the largest growth in population in any ten-year period was 54.6 per cent.

The last census gave Ballinger a population of 4,187; Winters, 2,423; and Miles, 972. Populations of these three towns for 30 years were as follows: Ballinger—1910, 3,536; 1920, 2,767; 1930, 4,187; Winters—1910, 1,347; 1920, 1,509; 1930, 2,423; Miles—1910, 1,302; 1920, 853; 1930, 972.

By precincts the county's population in 1930 was divided as follows: No. 1, including Ballinger, 7,662; No. 3, 3,287; No. 4, 1,288; No. 5, including Winters, 6,117; No. 6, including Miles, 2,094; and No. 7, 1,373.

Precinct No. 2 was annexed to precinct No. 5 in 1928 and the population for this was included in the figures for precinct No. 5 in 1930.

WILKE BAKERY CHANGES NAME OF ITS BREAD

B. N. Wilke, manager of the Wilke Bakery, said Thursday that he was changing the name of his bread from "Tasty Loaf" to "Fluffy Loaf." This was done because "Tasty Loaf" is a copyrighted name and when he ordered wrappers the company informed him of the fact and another name was adopted.

FORMER BALLINGER MAN HEADS WEST TEXAS FAIR

John Ray, Abilene druggist and formerly of Ballinger, was elected Thursday to head the West Texas Fair for the ensuing year. Mr. Ray has served as vice-president of the association and is thoroughly familiar with the problems now facing that institution. In accepting the position he expressed confidence in the citizens of Abilene and in the fair itself, and pleaded for full cooperation in staging a successful exposition in 1931.

F. M. Williams of Norton was attending to business in Ballinger Wednesday and ordered The Ledger to his address for 1931.

Building Of Highway 23 is Now Underway

Grubbing Started On Highway No. 23

White Brothers, contractors for the grading and small drainage structures on highway 23 between Ballinger and Talpa, have started a crew of men grubbing on the new right-of-way. The grubbers will remove all trees and stumps and get the ground in shape for plows and graders.

County Judge Paul Trimmer returned Thursday from Austin and presided over the commissioners' court in a special called meeting in the afternoon to sign papers, thereby getting work orders a few days earlier.

Mr. Trimmer said there had been some little delay on the other contract for this project but that he had assurance that all details would be cleared in a few days and a work order issued to the Austin Bridge Company to begin its work on the large drainage structures.

White Brothers have 185 days in which to finish their work, and the contract with the Austin Bridge Company gives 175 working days, which should be ample for each.

A number of complaints have been filed both with the county judge and the resident engineer that White Brothers were employing a number of laborers from outside this county. This in no way affects their contract, it was said, as it is not compulsory that local labor be used.

A district representative of the Austin Bridge Company who was in Ballinger a few days ago told Judge Trimmer that his company would only bring a foreman and about three men for this project and the remainder of the force would be recruited here.

The new route is 14 miles long and will shorten the distance between Ballinger and Talpa considerably. It will connect with the pavement at Talpa leading through Coleman county and to the highway in Brown county which is now under construction. The Brown county sector of this highway has been graded for a 100-foot right-of-way, and all sharp curves straightened. Thus the distance from Ballinger to Brownwood will be made much shorter. The Runnels and Brown county roads will be ready for hard-surfacing about the same time, it was said here Friday. The road through Coleman county is already topped with asphalt, and completion of the two projects now under construction also will give an all-weather road between Brownwood and San Angelo.

Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Bowman and Mrs. Floyd Thrash and baby left Monday for Corsicana where Mrs. Thrash will join her husband. Rev. Bowman will attend to business in east Texas for several days, returning here before next Sunday to fill his place at that time at the Methodist church.

Mr. Wood became suddenly ill and an emergency operation was advised. With no complications he is expected to soon regain his health.

J. P. Brevard was in town Wednesday and called at the Ledger office to renew his subscription to the weekly paper. Mr. Brevard was exhibiting a check received for a cowhide he had sold and received 56 cents for.

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TEXAS

Old Quebec Makes Merry on Its Triple-Track Toboggan Slide



What more thrilling sport can outdoor enthusiasts have than tobogganing—slipping down a steep snow-covered slope with joyous carefree companions, the wind whistling about one's ears and the frosty air painting one's cheeks a glorious, healthy pink? Tobogganing is one of America's most popular winter diversions, and its devotees claim that, with the possible exception of skiing, there is nothing to approach it in thrills.

Quebec, Canada's Ancient Capital, situated high above the broad St. Lawrence, has provided for its winter visitors the triple-track toboggan slide shown above—one of the finest in North America. It starts from the Citadel (an interesting old fort, still occupied by troops) and extends down the steep slopes of Citadel Hill along Dufferin Terrace past the chateau Frontenac. This splendid slide is always thronged with merry-makers who stage impromptu races and revel in the pulse-quickening sport to their heart's content. At night the slide is illuminated by thousands of electric lights and makes a pretty picture when viewed from Dufferin Terrace below. There is no fear of possible mishap occurring on Quebec's slide, for the toboggans run in deep tracks and cannot turn turtle or collide with one another. They travel at a rate approximating that of an express train, and give the speed-demon an excellent opportunity to "step on it" without endangering others.

Besides the toboggan slide, Quebec's splendid outdoor and indoor skating rinks, ski-jumps and other facilities for winter sport attract an increasing number of visitors to this fine old city each year.

BEXAR COUNTY PERMITS TO WED ON DECLINE

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 14.—The departed year didn't do so well by the "bow-and-arrow boy," Bexar county records reveal.

Marriage license sales dropped 20 per cent in Bexar county in 1930. In 1929 the total reached 3,485 as compared to less than 2,700 in 1930.

Officials blamed the decrease on the business depression, the new law requiring the filing of intentions to wed and the fact that San Antonians can get licenses at nearby towns without the publicity plans would get here.

Divorce suits dropped from 2,011 in 1929 to 1,975 in 1930.

HAWAII DEVELOPS NEW TREATMENT FOR LEPROSY

HONOLULU, Jan. 14.—A new kind of chemical compound from chaulmoogra oil, which may revolutionize existing systems of leprosy treatment, has been produced at the University of Hawaii.

Previous chaulmoogra oil derivatives have not been soluble in water and they were oily in their characteristics.

Dr. Richard Wrenshall, professor of chemistry, has been in charge of the experiments and suits of the experiments on dogs has been transmitted to Gov. Lawrence M. Judd.

The nearest approach to a specific for leprosy thus far discovered has been chaulmoogra oil, the report says, and with it it is possible for the new derivative to enter the blood rapidly.

The report expresses the hope that a step thus has been accomplished in the age-old campaign to cure leprosy.

Before the new specific is applied to humans more experiments on animals will be conducted. No decision has been reached by Governor Judd to introduce the compound at the Kalaupapa leper settlement on the Island of Molokai.

The discovery has been presented fully to the physicians at the settlement, however, with a view to its use as a cure for leprosy, provided further investigation bears out the impressions that already have been gained.

HOGS FED CAFETERIA STYLE BRING PREMIUM

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 14.—A drove of "cafeteria fed" hogs raised near here offers proof that wheat may be turned into pork at a profit.

On a Beatrice farm, operated by C. J. Claasen, head of an Omaha company, 700 Hampshire hogs were fed a wheat ration which resulted in weight gains estimated to have made the wheat worth \$1.15 a bushel as compared with an average Nebraska farm price of 63 to 67 cents.

When the hogs were sold, the purchaser paid 2 cents above the Kansas City market price.

In feeding the hogs "cafeteria style," the largest of the self-feeders scattered over the lots a smaller one contained cracked a smaller one contained cracked barley and a still smaller one

contained shelled corn.

The end of the latter was partitioned for a protein tankage. As a result of the feeding method, Claasen says, the hogs ate principally wheat and only a very small proportion of barley, corn and tankage.

MAY RESTORE FAMOUS OYSTER REEF IN TEXAS

AUSTIN, Jan. 14.—Investigation of the possibilities of the restoration of Tiger Reef, once famous oyster source, will be started soon by the game, fish and oyster commission, J. G. Burr director of natural research, said. The investigation will be made by the department engineer.

The rise and fall of the Tiger Island oyster of Matagorda Bay is a sad story, according to Burr. Thirty years ago, its exquisite flavor carried it into the most discriminating markets of the east but in recent years, the reef has been formed by the sands and silt from the Colorado river.

Portions of the reef still are producing good oysters, but quality production cannot be resumed until the reef is restored. Burr said the most effective method would be use of artificial currents. The currents could be made, Burr said, by dredging through the reef at intervals and the intervening portions cleaned by dragging the silt toward the currents.

1930 SHOWS INCREASE IN BUSINESS FAILURES

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Light 26 per cent in the number of business failures in Texas in 1930 was noted in a report compiled by Irene B. Williamson of the bureau of business research of the University of Texas. The number of failures totaled 649.

Liabilities of failing concerns aggregated \$14,505,000, an increase of 66 per cent over 1929. Eight banks failed during 1930 as compared with two during 1929. The

report pointed out, however, that only one bank defaulted in the last quarter although there was an epidemic of bank failures in other states during that period.

Eighty-three firms failed during December, almost double the number failing in December, 1929. Indebtedness of failing companies was 54 per cent greater than in December, 1929.

ANOTHER COUNTY SHOWS SLUMP IN MARRIAGES

AMARILLO, Jan. 14.—Divorce courts almost caught up with Dan Cupid in Potter county during 1930, but W. E. Blackburn, county clerk, explains that it was done on a fluke, records here not showing all of the county's marriages. There were 168 divorces and only 219 marriage certificates dated in 1930.

The new Texas marriage law requiring the filing of "intention" three days before a license is obtained has caused the little fellow with the darts to shift the scene of his activities to Clovis, N. M., more than 100 miles away, but across the state line.

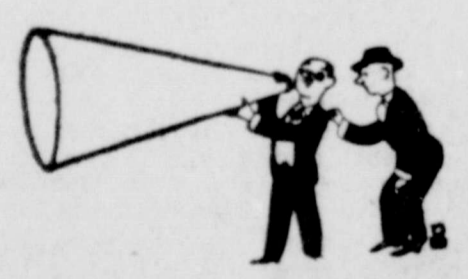
Marriages for the year were less than one-third of the number in 1928. A similar condition exists throughout the Panhandle, where all counties are near either New Mexico or Oklahoma.

EXPORTS OF AUTOMOBILES TO MEXICO ON DECLINE

LAREDO, Jan. 14.—A total of 9,474 American-made automobiles entered Mexico through Laredo in 1930, according to a report of Brennan & Corrigan, customs brokers. This was a decrease of 3,750 from the 1929 figure, which broke all previous records.

Automobiles were one of the many products that showed a big decrease in exportations. Several persons claimed that Mexico was buying less of American products as a result of the new American tariff regulations which put a number of Mexican products on the high tariff basis.

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| Children's Sateen Bloomers—
assorted colors | 15c | Water Mop—
16-oz. | 15c |
| Ladies' Rayon Bloomers
42 gauge, fancy trimmed | 59c | Ladies' Full Fashioned Hose—
service weight, reg \$1.00 val.... | 69c |
| Aluminum Dripolator—
6 cup | 79c | Children's Ribbed Hose—
reg. 25¢ value | 15c |
| Dripolator—
4 cup | 69c | Ladies' Ribbed Rayon Hose—
reg. 35¢ value | 15c |
| Cup and Saucer—
Fancy trimmed, complete | 10c | Ladies' Slips—
\$1.98 values for | \$1.29 |
| Tea Set—
15-piece, set | \$1.29 | Outing Gowns and Pajamas
each | 69c |
| Men's Boot Sox
pair | 19c | Part Wool Sweaters—
reg. \$1.00 value | 69c |
| P. & G. Soap—
2 bars for | 5c | Gray Enamel Boiler—
6 quart | 39c |
| Cedar—
4-oz. | 19c | Aluminum Boiler—
6 quart | 39c |
| Brooms—
4 strand | 15c | | |

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Rural

Miss Galine Sneed spent Sunday night and Monday with Miss Iva Lee Holder.

Misses Jewel Bishop and Marie Dean spent Tuesday night with Miss Eva Polk.

Miss Edith Prewitt spent Tuesday night with Miss Hattie Murie Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wood spent Friday night and Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wood.

Mrs. Hulan Rodgers spent Friday night with Mrs. Richard Rodgers.

Formal Opening of New City Hall Set for Jan. 23

An announcement was made Wednesday morning by Mayor W. C. McCarver and J. D. Motley, secretary of the chamber of commerce, that the official opening of the new city hall at Ballinger will be held here on Friday, Jan. 23. The formal opening has been delayed for some time because of a few changes on the inside of the building and the tile roof having to be replaced.

The opening will be held both afternoon and night. The building will be decorated and opened for inspection in the afternoon and everyone in this section of West Texas has an invitation to attend and look the new city home over.

At night a large number of out-of-town guests have been invited to come here. Mayors, city commissioners, secretaries of chambers of commerce, firemen and others are on the invited list and a special program of music and entertainment will be arranged for the evening meeting.

The fire department will be ready for inspection in their new quarters and employes of the city will be on the job to show visitors through the building from top to bottom. All work shops, offices, the firemen's dormitory, auditorium and all will be ready for the public to view and a program will be given in the auditorium and souvenirs distributed.

The city administration has occupied the building for some time as no changes were made downstairs. The floor of the auditorium was changed and other small matters attended to and these will all be completed and the building finished in every respect by the date set for the opening.

The new city hall is modern in every particular and is a source of pride to the people of Ballinger. The auditorium has not been furnished and the firemen's dormitory is still vacant, however, these two parts of the building will be completely furnished later.

Another announcement will be made within the next few days relative to the exact program for the opening.

Huntsucker and Armol Tounget.

We regret to lose the Blalock family from our community. They have moved to a location six miles south of Miles. This is the only family that has moved away but several have moved in. We are glad to have each one of them.

BEAN FROM INDIAN MOUND GROWS INTO HARDY STALK

OGDEN, Utah, Jan. 9.—A wrinkled white bean found in Indian mound dwellings of southern Utah and planted by Albert B. Foulger, sprouted this year a stalwart stalk.

The seed bean, believed to be more than 100 years old, grew so rapidly that Foulger has named it the "Jack-and-Bean stalk" variety.

A large number of pods, each carrying four large and rich tasting beans, were produced. The pods measure about 5 1-4 inches and are of a pinkish brown color.

Only food produced in the country was served when "future farmers" of Pratt, Kan., entertained their fathers at a banquet.

Five thousand new shade trees will be planted on New Orleans streets and avenues during 1931.

LOCAL FIREMEN'S BAND INTERESTS MUSICIANS

The committee working on the proposed firemen's band for this city is meeting with excellent response. Eleven firemen already have signified their desire to begin study of some instrument, and former musicians residing in Ballinger are anxious to line up with the band as soon as it is going good. Included in the list of old musicians are about twenty men who have had several years' band experience and who with a little practice will be ready to play concerts.

The plan is to have the entire band composed of adult musicians who are permanent citizens of Ballinger, and the band to be operated under the constitution and regulations of the fire department. The committee now at work will complete its canvass and report at the next regular meeting of the fire company on Thursday, January 15. At that time if there are enough men who desire to learn to play, together with a nucleus of experienced musicians, the band will be sponsored by the firemen and rehearsals commenced.

PLANTS NOW CALLED WEEDS USED AS FOOD BY INDIANS

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Jan. 9.—Plants now regarded as weeds were relished as food by early American Indians, it has been revealed by studies of Dr. Melvin R. Gilmore of the University of Michigan museum of anthropology.

Seeds, roots or greens of giant ragweed, "lamb's quarter," pig weeds and sunflowers were commonly used by Indians who lived in the Southwest and Mississippi

GYPSY SIMON SMITH

This great evangelist, says: "I was suffering from a bad cold... I tried Aspir-Mint... It relieved me quickly." When you have a Cold, a Headache, Neuralgia, Muscular Pains, Dr. Miles' Aspir-Mint gives prompt relief. 15c and 25c.

Notice Poultry Raisers

We Will Start Running Our Large Incubator

MONDAY, FEB. 2nd

Can take orders for trays and baby chicks any day now.

We will appreciate your early orders.

We Buy: Poultry and Eggs

We Sell: Hay and Grain

Mill and Commercial Feeds

CURRIE PRODUCE CO.

TRANS-PACIFIC PHONE TO CLOSE CIRCUIT GAP

(By Associated Press)

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Jan. 14.—Preliminary work has been started for the inauguration of trans-Pacific radio telephone service.

When completed, within a year, it is expected to close the gap in around-the-world voice communication.

Receiving and transmitting short wave stations near here will operate in conjunction with Hawaiian stations and will hook up American telephones with the Pacific islands, Australia and Asia.

The complete circuit of the world by telephone from San Francisco through Sydney, London and New York will be 21,475 miles. The investment of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in the Pacific Coast stations will be approximately \$1,000,000. The Hawaiian stations are to be constructed by RCA Communications, and will serve subscribers of the Mutual Telephone Co. in Hawaii.

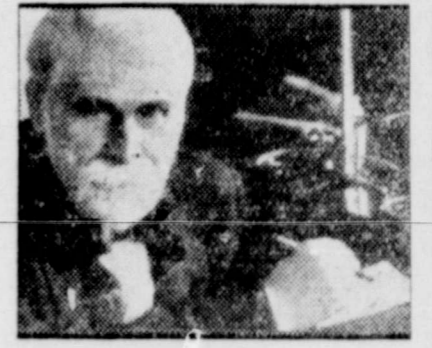
For the first time the international date line will be crossed in a regularly established service. The electric impulse carrying the voice of a talker in San Francisco to a friend in Australia will in the half second it takes to traverse the Pacific Ocean, pass from "today" to "yesterday" and back to "today" again.

St. James' Episcopal church, Charleston, S. C., has celebrated the 200th anniversary of its existence.

CBS Age Average Low

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—(AP)—The average age of employes in the New York headquarters of CBS places the figure at 27.5 years.

valley long before the white man came, it was discovered through microscopic examinations of plant remains found in ancient village sites.



TOM SAWYER

PRESCRIPTION in use over 47 Years Really Helps Bowels

Don't you want this way of making the bowels behave? A doctor's way to make the bowels move so well that you feel better all over! Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin doesn't turn everything to water, but cleans out all that hard waste clogging your system. It cleans you out without any shock, for it's only fresh laxative herbs a famous doctor found so good for the bowels, combined with pure pepsin and other harmless ingredients.

A doctor should know what is best for the bowels. Let Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin show you how soon you can train the bowels to move freely, every day, the way they should. It's wonderful the way this prescription works, but it's perfectly harmless; so you can use it whenever a coated tongue or sick headache tells you that you're bilious. Fine for children, too (it tastes so nice), and they ought to have a spoonful the minute they seem fretful, feverish, or sluggish, or have a sallow look.

You can get the original prescription Dr. Caldwell wrote so many years ago; your druggist keeps it all ready in big bottles. Just ask for Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, and use it always for constipation.

Dr. W. B. CALDWELL'S

SYRUP PEPSIN

A Doctor's Family Laxative

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with JACKIE COOGAN MITZI GREEN

Millions have laughed at Mark Twain's sly humor! Now alive! Real! In word and action on the screen!

Starting Sunday

THOSE THREE FRENCH GIRLS

with Fifi Dorsay, Rignald Denny, Cliff Edwards, Yola d'Avril, George Grossmith

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at the M SYSTEM

We've heard so much about low prices that we just want to quote you a few so that you may know the truth about who is really selling at low prices. We make the lowest possible prices every day and then offer you something extraordinary for the week-end. Make it a point to meet your friends here and settle the eating question by purchasing all the wholesome groceries you will need for some time to come.

ALL BUNCH VEGETABLES	5c
Including Carrots, Turnips and Tops, Green Onions, Beets and Collards	
LETTUCE Nice, large, 3 heads	10c
BANANAS dozen	18c
ORANGES Small but good, dozen	18c
APPLES Fine for cooking, dozen	18c
LEMONS Fine for your health, dozen	25c
JOWLS Dry salt, fine for seasoning	10c
SAUSAGE Pure country made, lb.	28c

BETTER COME EARLY and do your shopping while the selections are good. We want to see you at the

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NORTH NORTON HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The North Norton Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Bows on the afternoon of January 12. The subject for discussion was "flowers; the best kind for blossoms and the hardest plants."

Dut to bad weather and impassable roads only four members could get to the meeting, but our president, secretary and everyone on the program with the exception of one was present and she had no way to get there. We have a hustling group in our club; if you don't believe it, all you North Norton women just come up and visit us once; you won't be a visitor any more because you will be a member.

The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Lawrence Bryant on January 26 and we want everyone to be present as Mrs. Hollingsworth is due to visit us.

Club Reporter

WILMETH NEWS

Elmer Condra has pneumonia. It is reported that he is doing nicely.

H. K. Dickinson is much better.

J. A. Broadstreet went to Thorndale to the funeral of an old friend.

No church services were held here Sunday on account of the rain.

The Mazeland girls played the Maverick girls at Norton Wednesday. The score was 25 to 12 in favor of Mazeland. The boys played also and the score was 11 to 6 for Meverick.

CREWS NEWS

Sunday was as quiet a day as we ever remember seeing at Crews. Overhead was gloomy and underfoot muddy, so most of us remained quietly at home, consequently the writer has been unable to gather much news.

M. M. Smith and Geo. Bates have been right ill. Mr. Smith's recovery was considered doubtful, but he is said to be better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Grissom and family have moved to the Herring community.

Dr. Burrus and wife of Valera, were here Friday attending to business and called on a few friends while in the little city.

Mrs. J. M. Moss has returned from a visit to her brother, Dave Peterson, and family, near Paint Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Johnson have returned from East Texas where they have spent the past few months.

L. R. Wilkerson spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Irvin spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Carter of Tokeen.

Misses Vinita and Ouidaselle Rainwater spent Sunday with Nadine Wilkerson.

Mrs. White and Mrs. McBeth spent a pleasant day at Mrs. Edgar Jayroe's Wednesday.

OXIEN NEWS

It has been several weeks since our last report. Several changes have been made in our community but they are now all located and ready to begin the new year.

There was no Sunday school here last Sunday on account of rain and bad weather.

Among those who have chicken pox in our community are: Terry Whitley, Louise Whitley, Louise

HERRING TOPICS

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WINGATE NEWS

Ed. Dement of Lamesa, Texas, is visiting friends and relatives of this community.

RUNNELS 4-H CLUB

The Runnels 4-H Club held its first meeting of the year Friday, January 9.

It was held for the purpose of electing new officers for the year.

Those elected were: Cecil Nunn, president; Robert Fowler, vice president; J. E. Fowler, jr., secretary.

Those joining the club were Cecil Nunn, Henry, J. E. Jr., and Robert Fowler, Eugene, Allen and Ed Maddox, George Beard and Ralph Smith.

Our club is not so strong this year on account of several members moving out of this community.

Business for this year was attended to.

The members all showed a keen interest, and we are all going to work hard for prizes given away at the Winters Live-at-Home fair.

We were very sorry Mr. Lehmburg could not be with us at this meeting.

We will meet again the second Friday in February.

Club Reporter

BLANTON NEWS

Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. were well attended and all reported good lessons Sunday.

Mrs. W. F. James is visiting relatives at Wall and San Angelo this week.

We are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Avent to our community. They are living where Mr. and Mrs. Ed McMillan lived. Mr. and Mrs. McMillan have moved to the Oxien community.

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NORTON NOTES

(Delayed)

Mrs. L. B. Hambright returned home Sunday after spending several days with relatives at Big Spring.

Mrs. M. P. Renfro of Wingate is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. H. G. Ashby.

Mrs. J. W. Taylor is at Capps at the bedside of little May Dell Poe who is ill with pneumonia.

A. T. Chapman left Wednesday for Dallas on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Drummond have moved to Capps. We certainly are sorry to lose these fine people.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kelly and children of Drasco are visiting Rev. and Mrs. Swearington this week.

We are sorry to report F. M. Steele has been seriously ill. He is better at present. Mr. and Mrs. John Steele of Happy are here to see Mr. Steele.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Newsome of Happy are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jake Stubblefield.

Mrs. Priddy of Gouldbusk is spending this week with her son, J. F. Priddy.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Strom of Ballinger spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Strom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Hayley.

Mrs. E. Miller and children of Ballinger are spending this week with Mrs. T. J. McCaughan.

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Miss Ina Baxter was the guest of Miss Elizabeth Midgley Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Melton and baby, of Winters, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Melton and children, of town, were guests in the R. E. Brown home Sunday.

Mrs. W. E. Seipp had business in San Angelo Tuesday.

J. G. Tuckey and Uncle Jim Keen spent Sunday afternoon with J. G.'s parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Tuckey, of near Crews.

Mrs. C. H. Midgley was among those to visit Mrs. I. F. Watson Tuesday. Mrs. Watson has been confined to her bed for several days.

Miss Lucille Hooks spent Saturday night with Miss Corinne Brown.

W. E. Seipp is on a business trip to Comanche.

Quite a lot of moving has taken place in this community.

Mrs. Cynthia Murray and children have gone to Granger to make their home.

Mr. Washum and family have moved near the Midgley place.

Mr. Holland and family have moved in the place vacated by Mr. Eckerman.

W. H. Doherty and family have moved to the C. D. Harris rent place.

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The old prediction that fall and winter rains in this county mean a big crop is very encouraging.

Runnels county farmers have begun another big program of terracing and County Agent C. W. Lehmburg is kept on the go almost constantly in running lines and supervising the work in all parts of the county.

Every county in West Texas has done much terracing during the past year, as annual reports of the various county agents show.

Ducks are doing considerable damage in certain parts of Runnels county. Some farmers declare the birds by the tens of thousands swarm in soon after dark and destroy much feed during the night.

Examination of automobiles on the streets today shows about half of them wearing new number plates. Texas law allows tourists until the last day of January in which to register their cars, pay the tax and receive the 1931 plates.

The federal farm board is being shot at from every side at present, receiving condemnation from some and praise from others.

The time limit for payment of taxes and auto registrations will soon be over and during the next three weeks or eighteen days, many Runnels county car and property owners will have to visit the collector's offices if their taxes do not become delinquent.

If some weather prophets (?) know their business February will long be remembered as a month of bad weather.

cold nights and many heavy frosts have laid their white mantles over this section but so far no hard, blowing blizzard has swirled in.

Many crimes are committed over the country at present and the blame falls on negroes. Some of these are committed by the negroes and many others are done by white people wearing a negro make-up.

Three events have been announced for Ballinger in the near future. The first is the annual banquet of the local chamber of commerce, to be held Friday night of this week.

County and district fairs in Texas experienced a poor year in 1930 and practically all that were held lost money and will start 1931 plans in debt.

School authorities are condemning the promotion of football and letting other sports die just because they fail to make big money.

The problem of automobile accident prevention, with its many related factors, will come in for much legislative concern during 1931.

Bond issues are not extremely popular at this time, but Concho county citizens have one before them that sounds like it is worth far more than the cost.

EVERYONE JOINS IN CLEAN-UP WEEK. THIS WEEK IS KNOWN AS CLEAN-UP WEEK ON MAIN STREET—NOW FOR THE DIRTY WORK.

completion of Concho county highways would also benefit other West Texas counties. It would close important gaps in two great state and federal highways—a forward step towards all-weather roads traversing the full length of the state and through this immediate section.

It was only a few years ago that an ocean voyage on a steamer was considered dangerous. A report just issued for 1930 shows that two million persons were carried safely to their destination for every one who received an injury.

So much has been said about the retirement of Walter U. Early as district attorney that the fact may have been overlooked that a well qualified successor is now functioning in the criminal courts of the thirty-fifth judicial district.

The new district attorney is a native of Virginia, but was reared in Texas, and since 1914 has lived in Coleman. He has a record of having never suffered a defeat in a political campaign, and that is something.

Special entertainment will be arranged with service clubs and other organizations assisting. A night entertainment will be arranged for the night of April 16 when all visitors will be here and ready to attend.

In a few states compulsory insurance legislation will be considered, but in view of the unsatisfactory experience of Massachusetts, it is doubtful if it will be passed.

Laws for periodical inspections of cars, for controlling pedestrians walking on the highways, and for banishing ancient and dilapidated motor vehicles, have likewise been proposed and will receive due consideration.

In the aggregate, the vast volume of suggestions for improving highway safety gives good reason for optimism. Every step taken, no matter how small, means that at least a few lives are saved, a few pieces of property protected.

MRS. WALTER MANN TO BE BURIED THIS AFTERNOON

The body of Mrs. Walter Mann, of Sterling City, who died in a Temple hospital Monday night, was brought through here on the Tuesday midnight Santa Fe.

Clerks' Convention Here April 16-17

Dates were set Tuesday for the convention of the North Texas Auxiliary of the District and County Clerks' Association.

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Cotton Figures to Dec. 4 Announced

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The census bureau today reported cotton consumed to December 4 totaled 406,207 bales of lint and 43,989 bales of linters as compared to 452,685 bales of lint and 52,152 bales of linters consumed up to the same date last year.

Outlook Bright For Farmers Says McDonald

AUSTIN, Jan. 8.—Agriculture has a bright outlook for 1931 provided farmers and business men do not forget the lessons learned in the past few years.

"I am very hopeful for the agricultural outlook for 1931 because it is being realized that agriculture has launched out into new waters; that the machinery that has been propelling our agricultural boat is antiquated.

"It is generally realized that the one-crop system gives us very unstable condition and subjects us to frequent periods of depression, such as the one with which we are now confronted.

"I am thoroughly convinced the greatest problem confronting agriculture is the establishment of some means by which the production of our major crops can be regulated so as to have production conform more nearly with consumption.

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Births

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Low are the proud parents of a fine 9½ pound baby boy, born Saturday morning at 5 o'clock, January 3.

How One Woman Lost 20 Pounds of Fat

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Dakotans Move To Unite Voters On Farm Issues

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Rumblings of discontent with certain phases of the nation's farm relief program have become more distinct.

The plan reflects, says Lynn J. Fraizer, Non-Partisan League senator from North Dakota, a growing sentiment in the wheat belt against the present method of handling the wheat surplus.

Farmers, he says, believe the farm board should rescind its intention of selling stabilization corporation holdings when the price reaches that at which they were acquired, and declare against liquidation until the entire wheat surplus has been removed.

KILLS 190-POUND DEER

AUSTIN, Jan. 14.—George H. Sheppard, state comptroller, admittedly is a bear with figures, but he now is laying claim to more than ordinary ability with a rifle.

He believes this qualified him for the annual trophy offered by the Austin American for the biggest deer weighed in an Austin sporting goods store.

hot water every morning—cut out pastry and fatty meats—go light on potatoes, butter, cream and sugar—in 3 weeks get on the scales and note how many pounds of fat have vanished.

Get an 85c bottle of KRUSCHEN SALTS at L. C. Daugherty Drug Store, J. Y. Pearce Drug Co., Weeks Drug Store (lasts 4 weeks). If this first bottle doesn't convince you this is the easiest safest and surest way to lose fat, if you don't feel a superb improvement in health—so gloriously energetic—vigorously alive—your money gladly returned.

First Couples Ask Permits to Marry

Marriages in Runnels county for the new year are getting a late start. The first applications for wedding permits were made at the court house here Thursday, January 7, two couples filing for applications.

Jesse Aley and Miss Eramel Sowell were the first couple to make application. Their post-office address is Pumphrey. They were followed closely the same day by William Hoppe and Miss Josephine Spill.

K. V. Northington, city secretary, has been confined to his home with illness for several days. He was better Wednesday and expected to be at the office Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie O'Kelly, of Lubbock, are here on a short visit to Mrs. E. J. O'Kelly and family.

Paving laid on Ridge boulevard, an important thoroughfare in Chicago, in 1893 still is in use.

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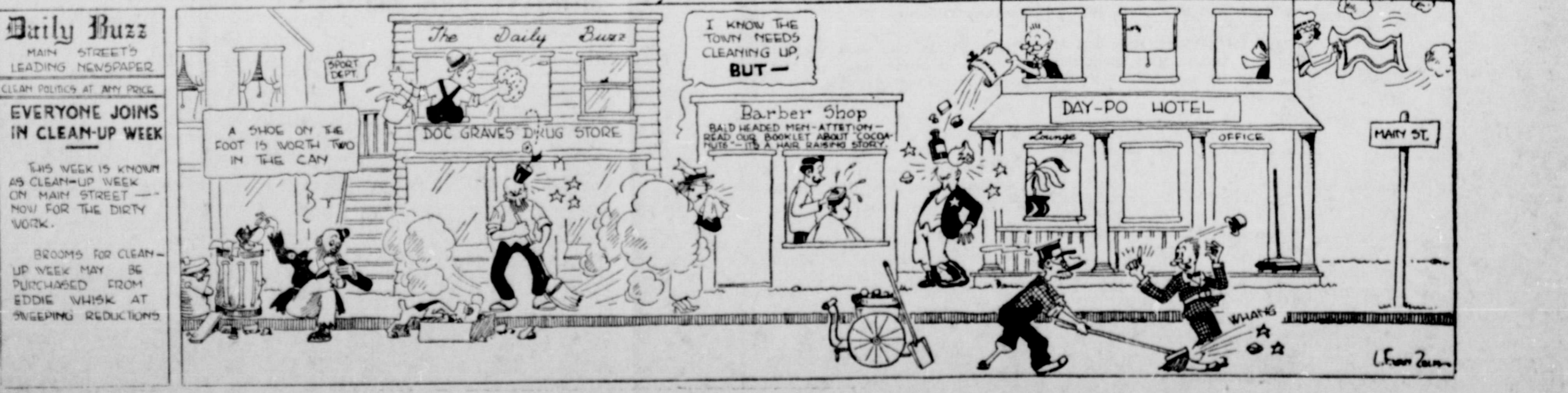
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SMELTER AT LAREDO IS READY TO OPERATE

LAREDO, Jan. 14.—The Texas Mining & Smelting Co., established near here at a cost of over \$100,000, the first antimony smelter in the United States and the second of its kind on the western hemisphere, is ready to begin operation. Numerous carloads of antimony ore from Mexico are already on hand. The finished antimony metal will be made from this ore and shipments begun to various parts of the world.

The capital was furnished by New York and London interests. A group of 14 expert antimony smelter mechanics and their families were brought here from the antimony smelter in the state of San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

H. P. Henderson of New York, an experienced antimony smelter operator, is president of the company. J. B. Harper, formerly of California and for two years in charge of the antimony smelter in San Luis Potosi, will be the general superintendent here.

MAY START WORK ON NEW FEDERAL BUILDING

LUBBOCK, Jan. 14.—Definite steps toward the construction of a federal building in Lubbock are expected in February. Senator Morris Sheppard has advised Lubbock officials.

Plans for the building, for which an appropriation already has been made, should be out of the hands of the architects early in February, the letter said, or perhaps earlier.

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WILL BUILD A "MODEL FARM HOUSE" ON CAMPUS

(By Associated Press) COLLEGE STATION, Texas, Jan. 6.—A "model farm house" is being built on a residential section of the Texas A. & M. College campus here.

The project, to cost around \$3,000, is sponsored jointly by the Texas Lumberman's Association and the home demonstration division of the extension service. Provision for more work with fewer steps, more heat from less fuel, more light and better ventilation is the goal of the two agencies.

SPECIAL SCHOOLING URGED FOR BACKWARD CHILDREN

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Modified programs for backward children should begin in the second grade, Miss Clara Bassett, psychiatric consultant for the National Education Association, says: "A large percentage of delinquent and truant children with whom the school has to deal definitely come from this group of intellectually dull, borderline and defective children who are unable to succeed in the regular classes," she says.

"Little effort has been made to arrange a greatly modified curriculum for these children to include trades and manual arts and other subjects more suited to their needs."

College Buys Old Press NORMAN, Okla., Jan. 14.—(AP)—An old Franklin printing press has been acquired by the University of Oklahoma for exhibition at the school of journalism. Built in 1817, it had been used in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Kansas.

U. S. Buys Palace, Count's Old Home, As Berlin Embassy

BERLIN, Jan. 14.—Old Count Bluecher III probably would chuckle in his grave with sheer delight if he knew the United States had purchased for \$2,000,000 his ancestral town-house on Unter den Linden, for housing its embassy and consulate.

The gruff old nobleman brought many a malediction upon himself in the days when Wilhelm reigned by his open admiration for the Anglo-Saxon race.

When he established himself permanently in England, he branded himself as a sinner beyond redemption in the eyes of his nationalistic compatriots, for he was a direct descendant of a line of aristocrats that called the Marches of Brandenburg their home since 1242.

Count Bluecher scandalized Germany further in 1888, when he sued Berlin for \$400 because the city erected reviewing stands which shut out the view from the windows of Palais Bluecher of the funeral procession of Emperor Wilhelm I. He lost that case.

Palais Bluecher, situated at the west end of Unter den Linden, has for neighbors such edifices as the Academy of Art, the presidential palace and the French embassy.

Oldest Cowboy Dies at Childress

CHILDRESS, Tex., Jan. 14.—Reese Barton, 100-year-old cowboy, who for years has enjoyed the distinction of being the oldest active cowboy riding the range daily, died on the Smith ranch, twenty miles from here, yesterday, of neuralgia of the heart.

Barton was an employee of the Smith ranch for forty years, and had lived in Texas eighty years.

Argentine Volcano Causes Many Deaths

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS COBRES, Argentina, Jan. 14.—Two persons are known to be dead and many more are feared to have been lost as the result of volcanic eruptions and earthquake shocks today in the La Poma region, western Argentina, scene of other earth disturbances recently.

Fragmentary reports indicated that three volcanoes are erupting.

Heavy rains made penetration of the affected districts almost impossible, but relief parties are being organized.

No Pro Action by Bar Association

HOUSTON, Jan. 14.—An official report of the executive committee of the American Bar Association, issued from the mid-winter meeting here today, said the organization would take no action on the prohibition question before its meeting next spring at Washington.

Humble Co. Posts Crude Reduction

HOUSTON, Jan. 14.—The Humble Oil & Refining Company today posted reductions in the prices of Texas crude oil from two to twenty-eight cents per barrel.

Prices on crude from Lea county, New Mexico, and Crane, Upton, Crockett, Ector, Howard and Glascock counties in Texas, remain unchanged, however.

A note which accompanied the new schedule said "The lower prices at which our competitors for some time have been purchasing, and producers are selling in certain areas, oblige the Humble

JUDGES REMEMBER NEGRO

AUSTIN, Jan. 14.—Judges of the Texas supreme court do not forget services well rendered.

Recently the entire membership made a visit to Alex Phillips, aged negro porter of the court, who was critically ill. Phillips has been porter in the supreme court for nearly two-score years and does not know his own age.

The delegation was led by Chief Justice C. M. Cureton.

The old negro was considerably encouraged by the visit of the court.

CAMPFIRE GIRLS WILL PRACTICE SONGS FRIDAY

All members of Ballinger Campfire Girls units are requested to meet in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church Friday afternoon as soon as school is out. Mrs. Q. V. Miller, leader, will direct the girls in practicing songs.

SCOUT COUNCILS MERGE

TYLER, Tex., Jan. 14.—Organization of the newly consolidated East Texas Boy Scout council, composed of the former Tejas Area council at Palestine and Pine Tree Area council at Marshall, will be perfected at a meeting here Jan. 16.

Ike Hockwall of Marshall, chairman of the newly consolidated council, will preside, and new officers and council members will be elected. A banquet will be held at night.

We give 48-hour service on Rubber Stamps and the prices are right. Ballinger Printing Co.

company to change its posted prices."

Pine Rust Moves South WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—(AP)—White pine blister rust, now vigorously fought in the New

England states, is creeping further southward each year. Farmers are being advised to destroy currant and gooseberry bushes, host plants of the rust.

Buy your printing at home.

Carolina Buying Cattle RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Farmers in 12 eastern counties of North Carolina have purchased 1,900 head of beef animals for breeding purposes.

Feed Specials SATURDAY AND MONDAY ONLY

Realizing the conditions throughout the country, we are making special prices on all feeds.

Everything Strictly Cash

All Gold Brand Jersey Feed *	\$1.80
A 16 1/2% protein balance ration	
All Gold Cowena	\$2.10
A 24% protein dairy ration	
All Gold Chicken Scratch Grain	\$2.10
Shorts	\$1.35
Sweet Feed, peanut Hay and Molasses	\$1.45
Sweet Feed, Peanut Hulls and Molasses	\$1.10
Crushed Ear Corn, 100 lbs.	\$1.50
Ground Barley, 100 lbs.	\$1.55
Hominy Feed	\$1.50
Corn Chops	\$1.90
Wheat	\$1.60
Maize	\$1.55
Johnson Grass Hay, Bale Special	38c
Horse and Mule Feed	\$1.80

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NO MORE HORSE-LAUGHS

Remember what our school books taught us about the lives of inventors who lived many years ago? How often we used to read, "He went on with his experiments in spite of the laughter of his friends, and the ridicule of his neighbors."

How different is the modern state of mind! This age is remarkable for its keen awareness of progress . . . the eager willingness of most of us to accept new things, and better ways. The skeptical person is the exception—expectancy is the rule. If we read about an invention that will wash the middle of our backs, we say, "Fair enough; tomorrow there will be an automatic way to keep our noses powdered."

New things and better ways are announced regularly in this paper . . . in the advertisements. Every day you may be expecting something that will make your life easier, pleasanter, more healthful. Possibly a new electric contrivance, or a car that's easier to drive, or a new idea in breakfast foods. Follow the advertising columns . . . and sooner or later you'll get the good news. People who make it a point to know what's going on read the advertisements every day.



Texas Mother Knew Best

WISE mothers find the things that keep children contented, happy, well. Most of them have learned they can depend on one thing to restore a youngster's good nature when he's cross, fretful, upset.

The experience of Mrs. F. C. Smith, Mesquite, Dallas County, Texas, is a typical one. She says: "I have used California Fig Syrup with my two girls since they were just tiny babies. Whenever they're the least bit constipated or restless I give them a little. It has them comfortable, happy, well in a jiffy. Their splendid condition proves I knew best when I decided to use this wonderful preparation with them."

Physicians endorse the use of pure vegetable California Fig Syrup which has a laxative effect, coated tongue, dullness, feverishness, listlessness, etc., show a child's bowels are in need of help. Weak stomach and bowels are toned by its gentle aid; appetite increased; digestion and assimilation are so assisted that weak, undernourished children quickly improve in weight, strength and energy.

The genuine always bears the word California. So look for that when buying. All drugstores have it.



300 Farmers Here Saturday for Report

Approximately 300 Runtels county farmers were here Saturday afternoon to attend a meeting called by the Texas Cooperative Marketing Association to hear the report of that organization and the plans for future operation. T. N. Carswell, of Abilene, was the principal speaker and delivered the annual report to the 250 members of the organization who were present and to about 50 other farmers.

Mr. Carswell devoted part of his time to answering attacks that had been made on the federal farm board recently and then went into a lengthy report of what had actually been accomplished by the organization since it has been in operation. At the close of his report all members present voted to adopt the report and also the plans and work done by the federal farm board.

He told of the work done particularly in the seventh district which embraces a large part of this section of Texas. He stated that many of the branch offices, including the Ballinger office, would likely be kept open the year around or as long as there was any cotton in the county to be sold.

Mr. Carswell urged that the present membership of the cotton co-op start a campaign to secure new members for the organization and have contracts signed for the beginning of the next cotton season. His report showed that Texas had gained 40,000 members during the year.

A general summary of the cotton situation was given by Mr. Carswell in which he showed that the carry-over of approximately 2,000,000 bales from last year would have another carry-over of about 1,000,000 added to it this year. He stated that the South was losing its prestige as a cotton producing section and showed how Russia and other foreign countries are cutting in with production and a better grade also. This production is cutting into the South's market and must be met in a number of ways, mostly, however, by producing a better staple. He stated that the Texas Cotton Seed Association had bought a large part of the pedigreed cotton seed and had stored it in large warehouses and would cooperate with members of the organization in furnishing good pedigreed seed at a fair price.

Those present at the meeting were delighted with the attendance and the interest shown both by members and other farmers attending and hearing the report.

Kidney Acids Break Sleep

If Getting Up Nights, Backaches, frequent day calls, Leg Pains, Nervousness, or Burning, due to functional Bladder Irritation, in acid condition, makes you feel tired, depressed and discouraged, try the Cystex Test. Works fast, starts circulating thru the system in 15 minutes. Treated by thousands for rapid and positive action. Don't give up. Try Cystex (pronounced cyst-ex) today, under the Iron-Clad Guarantee. Must quickly relieve these conditions, improve restful sleep and energy, or money back. Only 50¢ at

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San Angelo Man Leaps To Death from Building

SAN ANGELO, Jan. 10.—Mayor A. A. Glover, 52, of San Angelo, jumped to his death from the sixth floor of a local bank building this morning. Justice of the Peace D. E. Gray returned a verdict of suicide.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed. Friends said Glover had worried for several months over ill health and private financial reverses. He was vice-president and general manager of the Martin-Glover wholesale grocery company, a native of West Texas, a member of the Kiwanis Club, Royal Arch Mason and member of the Knights of Pythias.

Albert Arthur Glover has been prominently identified with the wholesale grocery business in San Angelo, Texas, for nearly thirty years. He is vice president and general manager of the Martin-Glover Company, conducting a large wholesale grocery business in the San Angelo trade territory. E. L. Martin is president of the company. Other officers are G. W. Glover, secretary, M. C. Cobb, treasurer. The firm was the first wholesale grocery company established in San Angelo with local capital. It is one of the oldest and largest firms in the city. The concern offers a complete line of staple and fancy groceries, fresh fruits and vegetables and sundries of all sorts. A part of the institution is a huge cold storage plant which has a capacity of twelve carloads. The firm employs thirty-five people. Three salesmen are kept on the road in the San Angelo trade territory of about twelve counties, and three other salesmen cover San Angelo. The store covers a floor space of approximately fifty thousand square feet. It was established in 1902.

Albert Arthur Glover was born August 17, 1878, in Denton county, Texas, a son of A. W. Glover, who came to Texas in 1868, and settled near Waco. He moved to Denton county several years later. He was first a farmer and later engaged in the retail grocery business. A. A. Glover attended private school at Tulare, California, for seven years and then completed his education in Brownwood. He worked on a farm until he was twenty years old when he was employed by the Temple Grocery Company of San Angelo. He began in the shipping department, in 1898, and worked his way through the ranks until he became a traveling salesman. Afterward he engaged in the retail grocery business at Ballinger, Texas. After one year he sold that business and in 1905 joined the Snyder Brokerage Company as a traveling salesman. After a time he was taken into the office. Soon after the firm of Martin-Glover Co. was incorporated in 1906 he was made secretary-treasurer of the firm. In 1910 he became vice president and general manager, a position which he has held since that time.

Mr. Glover married Miss Maude Bowman at San Angelo, August 21, 1901. She is a daughter of C. R. Bowman (deceased), who was a building contractor of San Angelo. They have three children: Clinton, who is attending John Tarlton College; Eldon, who is employed in the office of the Martin-Glover Company store and Marie, who is in high school in San Angelo. Mr. Glover is a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Knights of Pythias. He was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club and was president of the Charity Board of San Angelo for six years, and served on the general committee for the Community Chest. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Church of which he was a steward for four years.

Mr. Glover is well known in Ballinger and the news of the tragedy spread quickly here Saturday morning a short time after it occurred. At on time he was in business in Ballinger and after selling his store here started work with the company which he now heads. M. C. Cobb, son-in-law of M. D. Chastain of this city, is an official in the company and has worked with Mr. Glover for many years.

On several recent occasions when Ballinger clubs have visited in San Angelo, they were extended a welcome by Mayor Glover and his personality made many close friends for him. He associated himself with all kinds of civic work in San Angelo and his popularity and leadership recently won for him the majority of that town.

R. A. Hall, city commissioner of San Angelo, and well known in Ballinger becomes mayor pro

tem until an election can be called and the vacancy filled by election. An interim of thirty days must elapse from the time of the call. Action is expected to be taken by the commission at their next regular meeting on next Tuesday.

FATHER OF MRS. PAPE DIES IN MISSISSIPPI

After an illness that had extended over a period of four years, and a confinement of a year or more, Mose H. Allen died today at his home ten miles east of Corinth, aged 78 years. He died at the homestead where he was born and had made his home for a period of more than three quarters of a century. Though the building in which he was living at the time of his death had taken the place of another burned on the site it was built on the same location.

He was a sturdy citizen of former days, a member of the Baptist church, and esteemed for his fine faith and confidence in humanity. He was known throughout the county and section and was highly esteemed. His suffering had been prolonged and the sympathy of a wide section was given him during that period.

The burial will take place Saturday at Jacinto, following the funeral service which will be at the home, which service will be conducted by a lifelong friend of the family, Rev. J. W. Potts.

He is survived by his wife and seven children. The children are: Mrs. E. C. Pape, Ballinger, Texas; M. F. Allen, Haleyville, Ala.; S. W. Allen, New Site, Ala.; Mrs. E. C. Rider, Plantersville, Miss.; Mrs. T. H. Johns, Corinth, route 8; G. H. Allen at the home and Mrs. N. E. Neely at the home.

There is also one brother living, B. C. Allen, whose home is at Jacinto. He is 82 years of age.

The above story concerning the death of Mose H. Allen was taken from a Corinth, Miss., paper. Mrs. E. C. Pape, a daughter of Mr. Allen, lives near Ballinger and she and her family are well known here. Mrs. Pape and one of her children visited her father at Corinth, Miss., last July and spent several weeks with him. She did not return to the old home to attend the funeral on account of the long trip which would require some time to make.

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.

FARM WOMEN SAVE MUCH PRODUCE BY CANNING

TROUP, Tex., Jan. 12.—Farm women and their daughters in eight southeast Texas counties canned more than 1,000,000 containers of home-raised food during the fall and early winter, according to a survey by Miss Gertrude Blodgett, district home demonstration agent in the extension service of Texas and the United States department of agriculture.

Her report was based on inquiries by home demonstration agents in the counties of Rusk, Walder, Jasper, Shelby, Nacogdoches, Polk, San Augustine and Orange, as to the sale of such goods to merchants, and on records of home demonstration club members.

Every farm family in the area would have 30 cans of food, if the output were divided evenly.

Substitute Wives Not Acceptable

Substitutes are rare for best things in life. Imitations never equal original. For Carter's Little Liver Pills there is no substitute. Made of pure vegetable extract, they start thirty-two ounces of bile cleansing whole system. Take Carter's for constipated, torpid liver. Red bottles, all druggists. Resist substitutes. Take Carter's.

Rev. W. H. Doss left Monday for Austin where he will remain during the present session of the Texas legislature. Rev. Doss is chaplain of the senate and while he is away his wife will visit in Abilene with her son, A. K. Doss.

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Heart Ailment Fatal To Miles Pioneer

MILES, Jan. 12.—Investigation into the death here Friday night of Perry T. Holland, 63, who died following a brief illness, was begun yesterday by Sheriff W. A. Holt.

Mr. Holland, who had lived here for more than a quarter of a century, became suddenly ill Thursday following a heated controversy with his brother, Steve Holland, at a local bank. He was taken to his home and was attended by both a local and a Ballinger doctor. Heart trouble, aggravated by excitement, was said to have been the cause of death. Decedent suffered from heart disease and the altercation over business matters was said to have excited him.

The mother of the two men, Mrs. Frances Holland, 83, was buried here last Saturday. Funeral services were conducted here Sunday afternoon for Mr. Holland.

Mr. Holland is survived by his widow and six children. They are as follows: Mrs. Roy Lummus, Mrs. Herman Smith, Mrs. W. Y. Boatwright, Mrs. Harry Able, Mrs. Bill Keeling, and Herbert Holland, all of Miles. Two sisters, Mrs. W. A. Tucker and Mrs. Viola Warnock; and a brother, Steve Holland, also reside here.

Decedent moved here from Jarrell, Texas, 26 years ago.

Rev. W. L. Rogers, local minister, officiated at the funeral rites.

Baby's Colds
Best treated without dosing—Just rub on
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DEER INVADERS CITY TO SEE THE SIGHTS

SAN SABA, Texas, Jan. 13.—Perhaps she had the target for hunters' shots but anyway a rather large doe celebrated the recent close of the hunting season by running down the main street of this town.

She dashed up the street from the east side of town, crossed the plaza, starting laborers working on the paving, and then strolled up the sidewalk to the San Saba Hotel where she again took to the street and disappeared in the direction of the fair ground.

Pedestrians were so surprised that none made any effort to arrest the travel of the doe.

FARMER CANS 'POSSUM

NACOGDOCHES, Tex., Jan. 10.—Matthew Smith, farmer, who lives just across the Attoyac river in Shelby county, believes in canning everything good to eat.

Last autumn, after he went 'possum hunting and caught three large, fat 'possums up one persimmon tree, he captured them, dressed them like he would dress a shoat, and canned them.

One dozen large cans were put up. Sweet potatoes, cooked in the usual way, were canned with the possum meat. The combination formed a most appetizing dish, Smith said.

Be wise and advertise.

DUMPS \$10,000 WORTH OF LIQUOR IN SEWER

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 12.—The last official act of former Sheriff Alfonso Newton before turning over his office to his successor, Sheriff Albert Hauser, was to dump \$10,000 worth of liquors into the sewer.

Hundreds of gallons of whisky, claret, port, sherry, gin and alcohol went gushing into the drain in the courthouse basement under orders from Judge W. W. McCrory.

Fresh roasted coffee—8 pounds \$1.00. U. E. Hartman Grocery. 2-5tw

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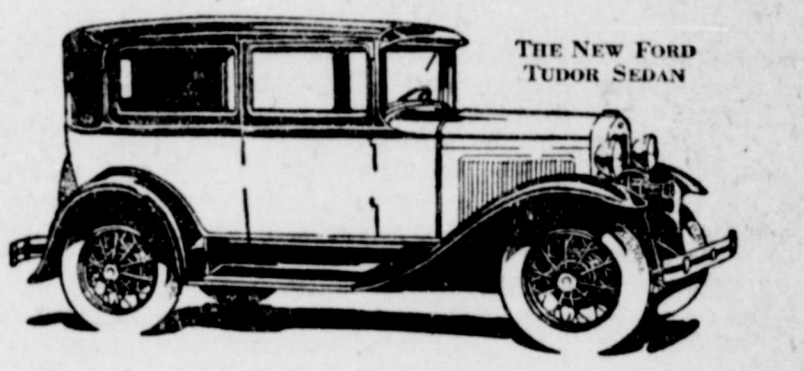
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THE more you see of the new Ford, the more you realize that it brings you everything you want or need in a motor car. . . . And at an unusually low price.

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The new Ford accelerates quickly and it will do 55 to 65 miles an hour. It is an easy-riding car because of its specially designed springs and four Houdaille double-acting hydraulic shock absorbers. It has fully enclosed four-wheel brakes and the added safety of a Triplex shatter-proof glass windshield. Operation and up-keep costs are low and it has the stamina and reliability that mean thousands of miles of uninterrupted service.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

of Ballinger, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 31, 1930.

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
1. Loans and discounts	\$334,986.00	15. Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
2. Overdrafts	61.96	16. Surplus	50,000.00
3. United States Government securities owned	26,000.00	17. Undivided profits—net	13,337.22
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	50,312.50	20. Circulation notes outstanding	25,000.00
5. Fixtures	\$10,000.00	21. Due to banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	16,514.71
6. Banking house, \$40,000.00 Furniture and		22. Demand deposits	493,408.30
7. Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	50,000.00	23. Time deposits	1,175.00
8. Cash and due from banks	35,466.90		
9. Outside checks and other cash items	192,569.73	Total	\$699,435.23
10. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	1,250.00		
11. Other assets Acceptances (cotton)	4,970.08		
Total	\$699,435.23		

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runtels, ss: I, R. G. Erwin, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. G. ERWIN, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of Jan. 1931. (Seal) JOE FORMAN, Notary Public.
CORRECT—Attest: J. Y. Pearce, D. M. Baker, J. M. McGregor. Directors.

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and discounts	\$334,986.90	Capital stock	\$100,000.00
Overdrafts	61.96	Surplus and undivided	
Banking house	40,000.00	profits	63,337.22
Fur. and Fix.	10,000.00	Circulation	25,000.00
U. S. bonds	26,000.00	Bank	4,500.00
Bonds and warrants	45,812.50	Dividend No. 84	5,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve		Acceptances (cotton)	4,970.08
		Deposits	506,098.01
		Cash and exchange	233,103.79
		Total	\$699,435.23



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give you new life and vitality! Your appetite will pick up—you will feel like yourself again! Keep the down road bright by keeping your red-blood-cells fighting for you. Get the large size. At all drug stores.



Builds Sturdy Health

Guion Writes of Caribbean Cruise

Editor's Note—The letter printed in full below is from John I. Guion, Jr., on the S. S. Republic. Mr. Guion, who is secretary to the captain of this great ocean steamer, is now on his second cruise since taking the position. He sailed from Philadelphia shortly before the holiday season on this Caribbean voyage and writes a stirring description of the places visited.

Accompanying the letter to his mother was a beautifully illustrated folder giving details of the cruise, the great steamer and its superb accommodations:

"At Sea, January 2, 1931."

"My dear Mother:
"I want to write you all that I can about this first cruise in the Caribbean, but it has all been so different that I find it just a bit difficult to describe; however, it has been of such a gay and infectious nature that it must be done."

"Just think! In three short days one finds oneself not only in a single foreign land, but in a strange group of intriguing and fascinating places. For instance, in Nassau, our first stop, is one of the most beautiful harbors I have yet seen, with water so clear that all manner of highly colored fish and sea life can very easily be seen on the very bottom of the ocean, while the water itself is of the palest green imaginable. Nassau is a coral island, and it is said that this particular formation gives the water its peculiar coloring.

"Jamaica, our next port, was entirely different. In the native Carib tongue it means, 'The Land of Springs,' and this is truly a most deserving appellation. There are woodlands, mountains, coffee plantations, and enormous fern growths, and all of this tropical luxuriance forms a picture of the most exquisite beauty, while Kingston, the main city, is so charming that everyone leaves there with a certain resolution to return again.

"Then came Panama and the canal. I confess that I was surprised here, for I expected nothing more than an unattractive, low country with only a giant waterway worth seeing. We not only passed through the great locks of the canal, but visited Balboa and Panama City on the Pacific side as well as Cristobal and Colon on the Atlantic side. I suppose you have read about the recent overthrow of the government in Balboa, which, by the way, occurred only a day or so after we left.

"Panama City is most interesting. In 1617 the original city was destroyed by Morgan and the present one was founded two years later. There is much here in the old world streets and plazas, the picturesque cathedrals and churches, and the quaint shops to interest the traveler; but best of all, the ancient sea wall still remains as it was in the days of the Spaniards, at which time it is said that it was often used by them in scanning the horizon for sight of their returning booty laden ocean caravans.

"Havana climaxes the whole tour. I have recently been reading a biography of Columbus in which he writes in a letter, 'Cuba is the loveliest land that human eyes have ever seen,' and surely it is difficult to imagine a more lovely scene than the one before you as your ship steams past old Morro Castle on one side, and the Fort of La Punta, the Malecon (the waterfront parkway), and the end of the Prado de Marti, Havana's Fifth Avenue, on the other. Even before arrival the thought of Havana gives one a thrill, and the first view can never be forgotten. It is a city of promenades, long vantage drives and entrancing public gardens. Even the private homes surpass expectations for they are massive stone structures with odd grating windows, each of a different color; and all this is still more interesting by night.

"I also visited Santiago, where barcardi, the Cuban national drink, has been manufactured since 1837 according to a secret process which is said to be known only to the president and vice-president, who are direct descendants of the founder. This light stimulant is described by its present maker, Faundo Barcardi, as 'the rum that cured a king,' and he displays a letter of appreciation from the king of Spain, Alfonso XIII, telling of its benefits during a siege of la gripe.

The bat, which forms the trade mark of the company, recalls the early days when bats which hung in a tree behind the plant came into the kitchen by night to feast on the molasses which was left over. The distillery today is very modern.

"There is much more that I should like to write but I shall save that until another time. Even so, there are to be four more of these cruises and I may know

much more of interest later on. "Remember me to everyone, "Abidingly," "JOHN I."

Sore Throats and Coughs

Quickly Relieved by this Safe Prescription

Here's a doctor's prescription called Thoxine that is really throat insurance. Its success is due to its quick double action. With the very first swallow it soothes the sore throat and stops the coughing. It goes direct to the internal cause.

The remarkable thing about Thoxine is that while it relieves almost instantly it contains nothing harmful, and is pleasant tasting and safe for the whole family. Singers and speakers find Thoxine very valuable. Put up ready for use in 35c, 60c and \$1.00 bottles. Your money back if not satisfied. Sold by Weeks Drug Store and all other good druggists.

YOUR ACRE OF DIAMONDS

From far off Asia the story comes to us of a Persian farmer of long ago. Someone showed him a diamond and told him that these valuable stones could be found by merely digging for them. Afire with ambition, the farmer rented out his vineyard and roamed the world in search of diamonds. Years later, coming back a sadder but wiser man, he found his vineyard neglected, his vines withered and dead.

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Mrs. J. F. Carter, of Mineola, Tex., sister of Mrs. Edwin Day, left Friday for her home after visiting here for more than a week. Mrs. Day accompanied her sister as far as Abilene.

Concho Bond Issue Of Local Interest

A proposed road bond issue that will be of vital interest to Ballinger people is now being discussed in Concho county which if passed would insure the paving of Highways 9 and 4 through that county. People of Concho county have been offered a wonderful opportunity by the state and federal highway departments whereby about three-fourths of the cost of paving will be paid by them and only about one-fourth, or a total cost of approximately \$285,000, to be paid by Concho county.

Of the expense which the county would have to stand, would be about \$35,000 for land needed to make the roadways 100 feet wide and the remaining \$250,000 for their share for class A paving.

The county also stands a chance to lose their designations should they fail to meet this proposition and in such case this would affect the route of No. 4 in a number of counties likely. It would also mean that the roads would have to be kept as public roads and maintained by the county which would create a large expense annually for that county whereby if they meet the proposition and keep the two roads as designated state and federal highways they will be paved and maintained. It is estimated that the proposed issuance of bonds for the required amount would raise the tax rate 62 cents on the \$100 for the first year and the rate would be less each year as the bonds were retired.

Highway No. 4 goes through the county from Ballinger to Menard, and No. 9 runs from San Angelo to Eden and on to Brady. Both roads are important traveled highways and highway officials are anxious to get them paved and made into all weather roads.

A delegation of Paint Rock citizens has just returned from Austin where they have been in conference with state highway officials and have returned and submitted the proposals to the people of Concho county. A committee is taking the message to the people of the county and it is expected that the commissioners court will be asked to call an election for the purpose of giving the people a chance to vote on the issuing of bonds early this year.

The county would benefit in many ways by the road construction. Local labor would be used on the work and approximately \$500,000 would be spent for labor in the county during construction which would be spent in most cases with business interests of that county.

Ballinger people will watch with keen interest the progress made in Concho county on the voting of bonds that will assure the paving of these roads and the retaining of all designations in the future.

CHILDREN AT BEDSIDE OF E. E. HOLT, SR.

E. E. Holt, Sr., has been very ill for several days at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. E. King, of this city. His condition Saturday was reported to show no improvement and the following children arrived Friday: Mrs. H. B. Sain, Amarillo; Mrs. J. Perry King, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Holt, Trent; and R. C. Holt, Altus, Oklahoma.

In a two-year period the Oklahoma state game and fish commission distributed 2,901,974 fish from its hatcheries to rivers and lakes.

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Sheriffs Convened At Brady Feb. 12

The West Texas Sheriffs' Association will meet in Brady on February 12 for their regular convention according to an announcement issued from Brady this week. More than 100 peace officers expect to be present at the gathering and among them will be a number of new faces who have taken office this year.

The last meeting of this organization was held in Brady and that city was selected for the first meeting of 1931 after a wonderful program of entertainment had been given them. The Brady Chamber of Commerce is attending to the program and expects to entertain in a more royal manner at this convention than at the last one, however, the program has not been completed and announced.

The association covers a wide area of territory in West Texas and has met in Ballinger on several occasions.

W. A. Holt, sheriff of this county, stated Saturday morning that it would be impossible for him to attend all the time as court would be in session here, however, he stated that he would be there a part of the time to meet the peace officers of this section of Texas and become better acquainted with them. Court opens here on February 9 and

with the grand jury and petty jury both in session the first week will keep all officers busy.

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OWNER OF LEOPARD TO BE TRIED FEBRUARY 2

OLTON, Texas, Jan. 13.—Trial of Charles "Captain" Howard, alleged owner of a pet leopard that on November 15 clawed to death James Ervin, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ervin of Littlefield has been set for Feb. 2 in district court here. Howard was charged with negligent homicide.

Howard was alleged to have been displaying the leopard from a leash when the animal pounced upon the boy and literally scalped him. Conviction on the negligent homicide charge carries a maximum penalty of a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

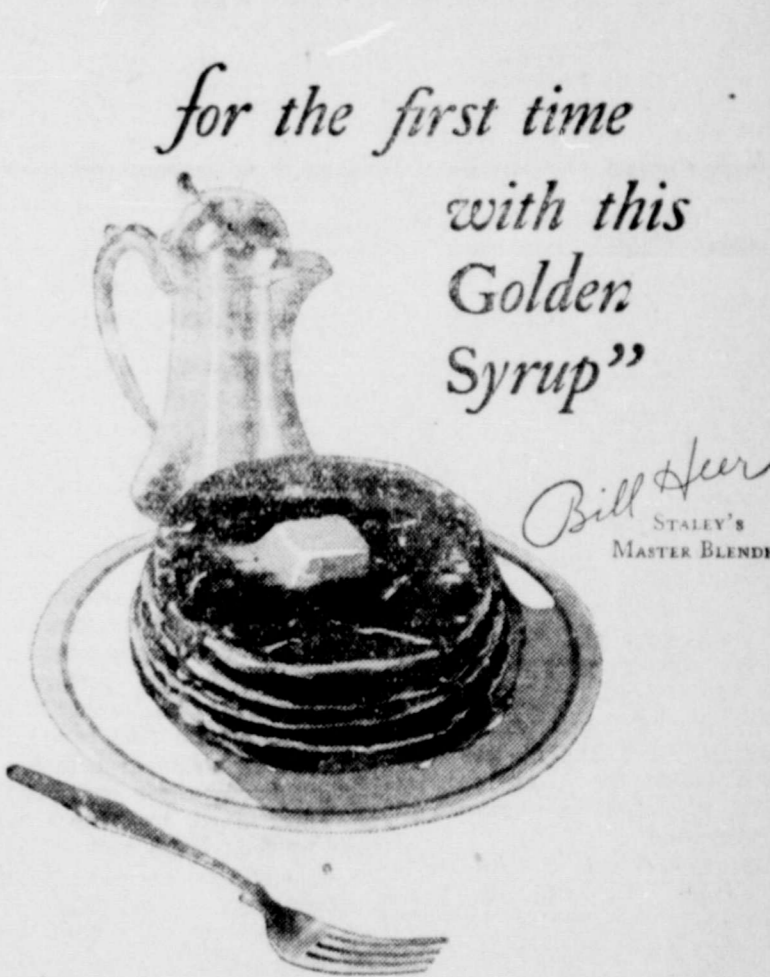
Howard is held in the county jail at Plainview.



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Mrs. Maddox Dies After Long Illness

Mrs. R. L. Maddox, age 56, died at the family home on Broadway Saturday morning at 1:45. Death relieved her of a long suffering, lasting for the past four years, and confinement to her bed for more than one year. For several weeks the family and friends have realized that it was just a matter of days until death would take her from this world and were expecting her to pass on at any minute.

Mrs. Maddox lived a large portion of her life in Runnels county. She, with her people, came here 47 years ago and with the exception of a few months, has lived in and near Ballinger all that time. She was before her marriage to R. L. Maddox in April, 1888, Miss Josie Routh, daughter of Joe Routh, who was killed here eight years ago in a railroad crossing accident. To Mr. and Mrs. Maddox were born two children. Joseph William died when he was about five years of age and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery. The other son, Robert Lee Maddox, was at his mother's bedside during a large part of her suffering and at the time of her death. He is a faculty member of the high school at Ranger and also director of the band there.

Until her health became bad, Mrs. Maddox was active in church and social work in Ballinger and had a host of friend here who sorrow today because she has been removed from this earth.

Besides her husband and son, she leaves one sister, Mrs. Emma Nash of San Antonio, who has been here for some time with her sick sister, Joe Nash and Mrs. F. E. Moore of San Antonio, children of Mrs. Nash, were expected to arrive here Saturday to attend the funeral. Price Maddox of Colorado City, and Frank Maddox of Lubbock, brothers to R. L. Maddox, were also enroute here for the funeral and expected Saturday afternoon or night.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Ballinger Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. McClain in charge. Interment will be made in the family lot at Evergreen Cemetery following the service at the church.

The body was taken soon after death to the King-Holt Undertaking company and after preparing it for burial, was returned to the home on Broadway at noon Saturday.

Pallbearers: active; B. C. Kirk, J. L. Chastain, Jim Flynt, Jr., Ralph Erwin, E. Shepperd and O. L. Parish; honorary: M. D. Chastain, W. A. Bridwell, Wix Currie, A. S. Love, W. B. Halley, J. W. Powell, D. M. Baker, T. J. Parrish, J. Whit Patterson, C. J. Lynn, F. M. Hale, J. W. Bladell, J. Y. Pearce, Tom Routh and Scott H. Mack.

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Deaths

Mrs. Florence Arleeny Dunkin
Mrs. Florence Arleeny Dunkin, age 65, died at 5 o'clock Friday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Compton. Mrs. Dunkin had been in bad health for several years and confined to her bed for the past several months. She was well known in her community and loved by many devoted friends.

She is survived by one son and two daughters who were at her bedside when she passed away. The children are Clinton Jones of Caddo, Mrs. C. A. Compton of Ballinger and Mrs. A. C. Tipton of Norton.

Funeral services were held from the Higginbotham Funeral Home chapel Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Rev. M. C. Golden in charge. Interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery.

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

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.

Few Changes are Made in West Texas Banks

Very few changes were made in officials of banks in this section of West Texas at regular annual stockholders' meetings held this week.

J. M. Patton was elected president of the First State Bank of Paint Rock, succeeding R. T. Trail, deceased, of Ballinger. Mr. Patton served this bank as cashier for a number of years. P. W. Williams, formerly assistant cashier, was made cashier at the meeting Tuesday.

H. G. MacLean retired as president of the Eden State Bank this week after serving in that office for the past 20 years. R. G. Armor, merchant, ranchman and civic leader, was elected to this position.

No changes were made in the bank at Melvin, the entire board of directors and all officers being reelected.

The only change noted in the three Ballinger banks was the election of Dr. W. B. Halley to a place on the board of directors of the Ballinger State Bank.

"Blue Boy" Bull Service

I am standing my bull, "Blue Boy," which is out of the famous Shelton herd of Brownwood; his sire has silver medal backing, his grand dame gave on an official test 14,971 pounds of milk, and 941 pounds of butterfat in 365 days. His dame, which was two years old, gave 9,600 pounds of milk, 433 pounds of butterfat in an official test of 365 days.

Place of standing, Westbrook place, South Ballinger. Terms of service, \$2 cash or its equivalent. W. B. Holland. d-8-10 4tw

1930 Rainfall is Best in Late Years

Runnels county experienced a drouth last year and in the same year had one of the largest annual rainfalls in the history of the county. The rain did not fall during the season, to help growing crops but came, for the most part, late in the year, giving an excellent season for the start of 1931.

The total rainfall for 1930 amounted to 32.11 inches and only been greater than this four times in the past 35 years. At the beginning of the year the season was none too good and early rains amounted to very little. May and June produced some rain, however, hot weather set in and lasted without any beneficial rains until October when floods were experienced all over this section of West Texas.

The report for the year by months is as follows:

- January 0.00
- February 0.00
- March 0.80
- April 1.25
- May 6.90
- June 3.70
- July, trace
- August 0.67
- September 0.80
- October 15.65
- November 0.40
- December 1.94
- Total for year 32.11

In 1914 this county received more than 30 inches of rain, mostly in the fall of the year, and the following year the cotton production amounted to 43,483 bales. Again in 1919 the rainfall was 35 inches and in 1920 the county ginnings of cotton were 57,878. The last time for a big annual rainfall was in 1923 when the gauge at Ballinger registered more than 36 inches and the following year cotton ginnings in the county were 53,276. The largest crop ever produced in this county, 71,291 bales, was in 1925 and came with 20 inches of rain in 1924 and the same amount in 1925 with the rainfall for each year being well distributed over the months, especially through June, August and September with a small amount in July.

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Cicero Smith Ranch. No fishing, hunting or wood hauling. Willeke Bros. d-24-27 4tw*

Legion Convention Abilene Feb. 21-22

Members of the American Legion of the 17th congressional district have been called to session at Abilene on February 21 and 22. The meeting is to be advertised throughout the district and a record breaking crowd is expected due to important issues before lawmakers concerning the welfare of Legionnaires. These questions concern veterans who are due compensation, hospital treatment and perhaps the cashing of adjusted service certificates.

With these important issues interesting the Legion men at this time and with speakers to explain each subject and perhaps resolutions to be adopted, many men will attend this session who have never attended before.

This is the first convention to be entertained by the Abilene post in four years and everything possible will be done to make the visitors' trip there entertaining. All committees have been named for the special meeting and a program that will be of the most interest to all is being arranged.

The convention will open on Saturday with a large number of entertainment features arranged and all day Sunday will be devoted to the convention proper, starting with a big union memorial service in the morning.

The women's organization will meet with the Legion but a separate business session will be held by them Sunday afternoon.

Ballinger Legionnaires plan to send one of the largest delegations that will attend the convention. For the past two years conventions have been far away and with this one a little more than an hour's drive practically all the membership is expected to attend in a body.

The maximum salary of a prohibition agent is \$2,900, while the minimum is \$2,300.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Norwood and little daughter, Mary Ethel, of San Angelo, were here Wednesday spending the day with Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Gates.

There are approximately 100,000 deer in Idaho and about 4,000 are killed annually by hunters.

One Chicago hotel can make money without registering a guest. Rents and dining rooms will pay the upkeep.

Firemen's Band Has 31 Members

The Ballinger Firemen's Club is now an assured organization. Thirty-one members have already signed up for membership and a number have already ordered instruments and expect to get under way within a few more days. The starting 31 do not include about 16 old musicians here who are expected to affiliate themselves with the organization before summer and after the present crew receives some instruction.

The band committee appointed at the last meeting of the fire department have canvassed the membership of the department and a few outsiders who have asked for membership and a well balanced band of 31 has been secured to begin. This is more than is included in a regulation army band and is sufficient to make a good concert organization.

The new band will be under the rules and regulations of the fire department and no one under 21 years of age will be entitled to membership.

Following is a list of those signing for membership and the instrument selected by them:

Piccolo—J. D. Motley
Clarinets—Red Campbell, L. C. Adair, M. Woodson, E. E. Avey, V. Holt, J. F. Davis.

Trumpets—George Cape, C. G. Jennings, W. R. Sullivan, K. V. Northington, Troy Stewart, Vernon Webb and J. A. Killough.

Melophones—C. L. Armstrong, Oscar Willman and Chester Cherry.

Trombones—R. L. Gripple, Ernest Stewart, O. D. Worthy, Leslie Holman and Floyd A. Wade.

Basses—J. L. Hinkle, J. A. Hash and Jack Carroll.
Drums—Marvin Taylor and A. R. Jones.
Baritone—M. C. Atkins and Walter Bigby.
Saxophones—Ernest Moody and Henry Moody.

Other musicians who have had years of experience on various instruments and who will likely join the band by summer include Billy Cordill, N. Meyer, R. W. Earnshaw, Carl Black, Fulton Lane, Harry Lynn, Troy Simpson, Alex McGregor, Fred Holliday, Roy L. Hill, Clarence Richards, Chas. T. Grant, Coy Drennan, W. Kieffer and a number of others.

The band will be under the direction of Chas. Grant, a band teacher of long experience, and who plans to devote much time for the next few months to individual members who are just starting on instruments.

The band with its present signed membership of 31 can be augmented with old experienced musicians to a 50-piece band by mid-summer if all take an interest in the work.

Relative of Ballinger Men is Buried at San Angelo

A. B. deMontmolin, Jr., 32, died at San Angelo Wednesday after an illness of about two years' duration. He was a brother-in-law of Tommie Hall, manager of Hicks Rubber Co. store here, and a relative of T. B. Saunders, cashier of the Ballinger State Bank.

Mr. deMontmolin was assistant cashier of the San Angelo National Bank for a number of years. All San Angelo banks were closed in his memory Thursday afternoon.

The Hicks Rubber Co. station in Ballinger was closed Thursday afternoon and Mr. and Mrs. Hall and Mr. Saunders went to San Angelo to attend the funeral.

Local Epworth Leaguers Attend Bronte Meeting

A meeting of the western division of the Brownwood district, Epworth League, was held at Bronte Tuesday night, eleven young people from the Ballinger Methodist organization attending.

A very successful meeting was reported, good attendance being had from all leagues included in the division.

Rev. B. B. Edmiaston, of Robert Lee, addressed the Leaguers on young people's activities, and a business session was held. Refreshments were served by women of the Bronte Methodist church and this was followed by a play period conducted by Miss Alene Cochran, of Ballinger, and Miss Wilson, of Bronte. Among those attending from Ballinger were Mrs. Oliver Cochran, Miss Alene Cochran, Miss Eloise Jones, Misses Hazel and Bernice Simmons, Miss Myrtle and Paul Killam, Miss Maudie Bird, Miss Imogene Clark, Miss Hallie Holwegler, and G. M. Garrett.

Roy Thompson of Abilene was here this past week-end as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lynn.

Nickel with a purity of 99.94 per cent has been produced at the bureau of standards.

Many Rural Guests are Invited To Annual C. of C. Banquet

Club boys and girls who have won first and second places in their work during the past year will be guests of the Chamber of Commerce and the Ballinger Cotton Oil Company here at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet on Friday night.

Included in the list will be two boys who were winners last year and who were not eligible for competition this year for county prizes but who have won in state or national contests. Ira Klutts of Crews and Buster Caudle of Hatchel are the two lads and will occupy seats of honor at the banquet. Klutts has recently returned from Chicago where he won a free trip. He also won the calf given by the T & P. railway company at the Texas State Fair last year. Caudle has won many honors in poultry raising.

Winners for this year are as follows:

C. W. Lehmburg's division: Sheep—first place, Marion Wood of Talpa; second, Walter Lange of Ballinger.

Field crops—first, Walter Crockett of Ballinger; second, Troy Reese of Ballinger.

Poultry—first, Miss Wilma Maddox of Ballinger; second, Gerald Lange of Ballinger.

Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth's division:

Poultry—first, Mattie Lee Tomlinson of Norton; second, Lois Dietz of Talpa.

Garden—first, Neoma Cox of Talpa; second, Flora Smith of Maverick.

South is Termed Successful Politician

COLEMAN, Jan. 14.—Coleman county's most successful politician, if a politician is one who seeks and is elected to offices, is C. L. South, who has succeeded the venerable Walter U. Early of Brownwood as district attorney of the 35th judicial district, which embraces Coleman, Brown, Concho, McCulloch and Runnels counties. He has never been defeated.

South was born in Washington county, Virginia, July 22, 1892, and in 1898 the family moved to Texas and settled in Callahan county. In 1914, South moved to Coleman county and for seven years was a rural school teacher. In 1920 he announced for coun-

ty school superintendent and in a three cornered race won the nomination in the first primary.

After serving two terms as superintendent he announced in 1924 for county judge and in the race defeated S. J. Pieratt, who had served but one term.

During the time he was serving as county school superintendent and county judge he studied and mastered law and in 1925 passed the required examination and was admitted to the bar. Few young lawyers have experienced a more lucrative career from the very beginning.

A Chicago vaudeville house which planned to serve patrons with food and drink abandoned the idea when nearby restaurants protested.

In addition to these guests at the banquet a large number of rural people are expected to attend as guests of Ballinger people.

Claim is Approved For Veteran Here

M. C. Atkins, service officer for the local American Legion post, received a telegram Wednesday from Reed Johnson, manager of the United States veterans bureau at Dallas, notifying that the claim of Robert Rhame, of Ballinger, had been allowed and that the veteran would receive a check within a few days covering back pay from August 1930, and \$46 a month hereafter.

Rhame was hurt at a cotton gin in 1920 and since that time has been confined to his bed with a form of paralysis. For seven years he received workmen's insurance compensation but since that time has been without assistance other than what the wife could earn.

Last July an amendment was passed to the veterans' compensation act allowing compensation to veterans who received injuries out of the service. Mr. Atkins filed papers in August, 1930, asking for benefits for Mr. Rhame under this new amendment and in January, 1931, a letter was received stating that the claim had been disapproved as Mr. Rhame's disability was placed at less than 50 per cent. Other letters passed as it was positively known here that Rhame's disability should have been rated as total. Adjustment was finally made Wednesday.

This is the first case of this kind to be granted here, but a number of other ex-service men have filed papers and will be given a hearing soon. Two have been notified to go to Dallas for examination. These Runnels

county men filed for partial disability compensation and expect their claims to be approved a little later.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhame live on Sharp Avenue, where they own a small home. He saw active service in the World War and was injured shortly after being discharged from the army. The injury was not at first considered serious but later developed into total paralysis, rendering him helpless for eleven years.

POTTER COUNTY OFFICIALS MUST TAKE WAGE CUT

AMARILLO, Jan. 14.—Several Potter county officials must take a drop in salary under the new law regulating fees and limiting salaries.

The highest salary allowed officials in counties with a population of more than 27,500 and less than 100,000 is \$5,500 under the new law. At least six offices in Potter county had been paying more than that amount. In one or two instances the cut will amount to \$3,000 or more.

Find Opossum In Still

BEAUMONT, Jan. 6.—A dog-o'-possum team is the latest for locating whisky stills. When a dog of A. Hutchens, Orange county constable, ran the 'possum to its lair, it had built a nest in a still.

Horace Gustavus, a student in Simmons University at Abilene, spent the week-end here visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lynn.

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