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Paying of Taxes Falls Short Of Same Date Last Year

A summary of the state and county taxes as shown by the books at the close of business on February 28, discloses the fact that the unpaid taxes in Runnels county to date amount to \$64,275.77, or 25 per cent of the tax rolls. In 1929 the delinquent taxes amounted to only \$9,361.86, or 3 1/2 per cent of the tax rolls for that year. The balance due on taxes now can be paid any time before October 15 before they are delinquent.

For 1930 there was a total of 6,441 poll taxes assessed in the county and a check shows that 3,359 are unpaid with the date closed on Feb. 1. The total number paid on that date, including 189 issued to those who were not assessed upon the 1930 tax rolls, was 3,271. These are divided into voting boxes as follows:

Box	No.	Polls
Ballinger	1	483
Hatchel	2	52
Benoit	3	55
Crews	4	123
Token	5	23
Harmony	6	53
W. Winters	7	309
Victory	8	28
Pumphrey	9	48
Wingate	10	117
Baldwin	11	60
Wilmet	12	58
Cochran	13	62
N. Norton	14	67
Marie	15	30
Maverick	16	52
S. Norton	17	65
Hagan	18	45
Brookshier	19	16
Miles	20	327
Rowena	21	336
Olsen	22	93
Bethel	23	62
Ballinger	24	419
Dale	25	75
E. Winters	26	191
O. Creek	27	20

The lightest year to this and back as far as 1920 occurred in 1926 when the total of polls issued in the county was 4,981. Other years were 1927, 5,741; 1928, 5,054 and 1929, 5,201.

Nineteen thirty-one automobile registrations up to and including Feb. 28 numbered as follows:

- 3,430 passenger autos
- 380 commercial
- 17 trailers
- 2 motorcycles
- 1 motor bus

On the same date last year the registrations were 4,476 passenger cars and 519 commercial, and for the entire year of 1930 the registrations were 5,213 passenger cars and 812 commercial.

SINGING AT ROWENA SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Every singer in Runnels county has an urgent invitation to attend a singing at Rowena Sunday afternoon at 2:30. The Stamps 30-31 song books will be used and all singers and players are asked to be present at the hour mentioned above. W. N. Stephens is in charge of the singing at Rowena and promises a good time to all who attend.

Be wise and advertise.

First Checks Received For Runnels Farmers

The first checks from the federal farm loan fund were received here Monday morning and as soon as rules are satisfied, will be sent to those to whom they are addressed. The checks came from the St. Louis office to C. W. Lehberg with the request that he examine mortgage records to see that no other mortgages affect the 1931 crops. The three checks received are made payable to Albert J. Spann, N. R. Wiley and Anton Michalka.

These first three checks are among that first applications sent to the general office at St. Louis and were issued from there. It is thought that all the first applications will be handled from that office but that all checks hereafter will come from the new Texas office at Fort Worth.

To date something like 135 applications for loans have been

Three are Convicted; 1 Given Suspended Term

Red Cross Auditor Praises Local Men

Edward D. Smithers, auditor for the American Red Cross, finished a complete audit of the local office Tuesday afternoon and stated Wednesday that this chapter was the best he had ever inspected so far as condition of disbursements and receipts was concerned. Mr. Smithers complimented C. R. Stephens, county chairman, and Lyle Deffebaugh, Winters representative, very highly. He stated that at Cisco he had found an office well operated, but that it or no other he had visited compared with the Runnels county office in Ballinger.

Mr. Smithers expected to spend from three days to a week here making his audit. The work covered the checking of disbursing orders for \$4,703.67 worth of food and medicine and there were a large number of these orders, each to be audited. The books were in such shape that the audit was completed here in twenty-four hours and the auditor was able to leave Wednesday noon.

The work has been handled in this county without any expense to anyone, the time being donated by the leaders in charge. Mr. Stephens has given his full time to this, the federal farm loans and other charity activities. Mr. Deffebaugh at Winters has devoted much of his time to serving the needy in that part of the county. Both men's business experience and thorough knowledge of the work made it possible for the county chapter to be one of the best, and both officials have the full support of the organization.

POLL TAX PAYMENTS IN COLEMAN SLUMP

COLEMAN, Mar. 2.—County tax payments in Coleman county are below normal this year and poll tax receipts will not compare with those issued in 1929. Tax rolls show \$398,330.93 taxes due and only \$242,725.21 paid. In 1929 there were 3,372 poll taxes paid, in 1930 there were 5,288 and this year only 2,200. Not a great many people took advantage of the law making taxes become delinquent October 15 instead of February 1. In the independent school district of Coleman and in the city payments of taxes were better than in the county.

Mrs. Odie Barington and mother, Mrs. Stephens, will leave tomorrow for DeKalb and New Boston, where they will visit for several weeks.

Loans to Farmers Explained at Meet

C. W. Lehberg, county agent, T. J. McCaughan and M. L. Toney attended the meeting of farm loan workers in Sweetwater this week, to secure information regarding loans for food to the destitute. When congress appropriated an additional \$20,000,000 to the farm loan fund it was understood that it would be loaned to farmers with which to buy food for their families. With this in mind many farmers have been waiting to apply for loans after instruction was given the Ballinger office on this phase of the act.

A meeting was called at Sweetwater Tuesday by the federal authorities to explain the provisions of the loan act and its amendment to those in charge of making out the applications. According to this instruction the additional appropriation can not be used for purchase of food directly but will be spent in producing food for family use. In other words it will be used for buying feed for cows, chickens, and hogs alone, and no one can receive more than \$75 from the new appropriation.

The local office is ready to receive applications now, including those on the original \$45,000,000 appropriation for seed and feed, and the amended action appropriating \$20,000,000 for production of food for human consumption. All applications taken now will be forwarded to the new state office at Fort Worth, and quick action is promised.

Following is the letter sent to county agents and relief workers in explanation of the "additional loan":

"To the County Agent or Committee Chairman addressed: "Feed for livestock used for production of food for farm family—By direction of the Secretary of Agriculture the following amendment is made to the regulations governing the administration of the Seed Loan Act—(\$45,000,000) approved December 20, 1930, and the amendment thereto approved February 14, 1931.

"Hereby amended to authorize loans to farmers for the purchase of feed for livestock used for the production of food for the farm family—dairy cows, hogs and poultry. Loans for feed for such livestock will not be made to any applicant in excess of \$75."

"The Farmers' Seed Loan Offices at St. Louis, Mo., and Ft. Worth, Texas, will consider applications for loans for livestock (production of food for the farm family) in addition for the purchase of seed of suitable crops, fertilizer, feed for workstock, and or fuel and oil for tractors, used for crop production, on the following basis:

"1 cow (feed for 2 months), \$15, 1 chicken (feed for 2 months) 10c, 1 hog (feed for 2 months) \$4. "The above ratio is computed on the basis that the maximum amount of livestock that can be fed 'for production of food for the farm family' is—3 cows, 100 chickens and 5 hogs. "On a maximum basis the rate would be as follows: "3 cows @ \$7.50 for 2 months, \$45; 100 chickens @ 5 cents for 2 months, \$10; 5 hogs or shoats @ \$2 for 2 months, \$20. Total \$75."

Will Brock, of Littlefield, is here this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Brock.

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Mr. and Mrs. Conda Wyle, of Fort Chadbourne, were Ballinger visitors Sunday, returning to the ranch Monday.

B. U. McQueen was tried in district court here Monday for transportation and possession of liquor and sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary. The trial consumed the entire day and the jury reported just before night with their verdict.

McQueen was arrested on the San Angelo highway by Deputy Sheriff Carl Henson some time ago after his car had run almost in the ditch and two ten-gallon kegs of liquor were taken from the machine according to the testimony in the case.

The court's charge was given Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock and attorneys spent nearly two hours arguing the case before the jury. McQueen was represented by Baker & Parish and the state was looked after by District Attorney C. L. South and County Attorney Roy Hill.

The court room was filled on both upper and lower floors all day during the trial and many lingered until the jury reported with their verdict.

The first case called Tuesday morning was the case of the state vs. Ben T. Togo, charged with possession and sale of intoxicants. Without counsel, the court appointed O. L. Parish to represent the defendant, and a plea of guilty was entered. Defendant swore on the stand that he had never before been indicted for a felony, was under 25 years of age, and asked for the mercy of the court and a suspended sentence.

Several witnesses were used in making the case against the youthful Japanese and his good conduct since being placed in the Runnels county jail was proven by officers.

The charge given the jury instructed it to find the defendant guilty and if it was desired to indicate the suspended sentence. The jury was out about five minutes and reported with a verdict of guilty and assessment of two years suspended.

Johnny Walker was given two years in the state penitentiary Tuesday morning for the robbery of the Bettis & Sturges store here last December, and the two-year suspended sentence assessed against him at the last term of district court here was revoked. This means he must serve a term in the state prison of four years.

Walker was arrested in December following the discovery that the local dry goods store had been entered. His arrest led to the recovery of the missing merchandise and Walker was lodged in the county jail to await trial at this session. He later escaped from the jail and was sought for several weeks, finally being arrested at Harlingen. He was returned to Ballinger by Sheriff W. A. Holt to face an indictment found by the grand jury.

Last October Walker was convicted of robbing a local blacksmith shop and at that time was given two years sentence, suspended. Arrest and conviction on the new charge makes it mandatory that he serve the suspended sentence.

Marshall Witt, of Leaday, was a business visitor in Ballinger Monday.

A JUST RECOMPENSE FOR LABOR

Every farmer is entitled to a recompense for his labor, which is a safe margin of profit from the land he cultivates. One crop never has and never will give him a just return for his labor, but a variety of crops, suited to his soil and needs, will give him a chance to make money and some measure of independence for himself and his family. It's time to think about home gardens. Let's have more and bigger ones this year. It's always time to think about cows, hogs, chickens and the feed to feed them. The earnest hope of this bank is that each and every farmer in this community will so plant for the coming months that the harvest will bring him a sure and just recompense for every hour of labor.

The Winters State Bank
WINTERS, "The Dependable Bank" TEXAS

Four West Texas Towns Allotted Federal Buildings

Hail Hits in Few Places; Fruit Not Hurt by Freeze

Considerable hail fell in the south portion of Runnels county and the adjoining border of Concho county Saturday afternoon between 6 o'clock and sundown. E. F. Krc, in a telephone interview with a Ledger reporter, said the hail on his place was sufficient to cover the top of the ground and there was also enough rain to fill small branches and draws, but due to the fact that crops have not advanced sufficiently except possibly early gardens, that no appreciable damage was done by the frozen pellets. Some snow fell in that section Sunday night and a hard freeze was experienced there as well as in other parts of the county.

Hail also was reported in about the same proportion in the vicinity of the Russell oil field and on Grape Creek.

Mrs. S. E. Ransbarger, who resides in the vicinity of the Concho postoffice, stated that the hail in that section was very light and was accompanied by about an inch of rain.

This is the season when sheep men are experiencing their heaviest lambing but it could not be ascertained whether any losses were sustained from this cause.

Farmers are greatly handicapped in their activities, reporting plowing impossible, and some state their teams bogged up to their knees Saturday afternoon after the deluge. Winter weeds are becoming rank and there is an unlimited amount of work to be done when the fields again become workable.

Snow and Freeze Not Expected to Hurt Fruit

The freeze and snow here Sunday (Continued on Page 6)

School at Crews Re-opens Monday

The school at Crews resumed work Monday after being closed for some time on account of scarlet fever in that community. Following the close of the school no other cases developed and it was thought safe to start work again last Monday.

Supt. C. H. Grounds was anxious to get back to the school work as the Crews school is planning to enter all events in the county meet at Winters on March 20 and 21. Already the students there have created quite a record and are expected to have a number of winners who will be allowed to represent the school in the district meet at San Angelo.

The Crews school is one of the largest of the rural schools in the county. Last year another district was consolidated with the Crews district and school buses each day carry a large number of students to their work in that school.

There was no serious epidemic of scarlet fever in the Crews community. The cases were light and amounted to little more than a sore throat for most of the time and it was thought best to dismiss until after the time for other cases to develop.

Oscar Routh was in town Monday and stated that his wife, who has been ill for some time, following a stroke of paralysis, was slowly improving, being able to sit up some now, after being lifted into a chair.

Be wise and advertise.

The allotment of Congress Friday for a post office building for Ballinger not to exceed a cost of \$80,000 was received here as good news and prospects are bright for this town to get a public building within the next two years. Individual appropriations for the buildings will not be made until the next session of Congress, however, the approval of the allotments is expected to be made before the adjournment of Congress on March 4.

As soon as the allocations were made Friday the news was sent here by the Associated Press, Senator Tom Connally and Congressman Tom Blanton.

Senator Connally's message is as follows: "Chamber of Commerce "Ballinger Texas

"Pleased to advise that Ballinger has been certified to Congress today for allocation for a federal building not to exceed eighty thousand dollars. This allocation will be approved prior to adjournment no March 4th. Glad to be of service.

"Tom Connally" Congressman Blanton wired: "Editor Daily Ledger "Ballinger Texas

"Have secured post office building for Ballinger. The departments have just approved and filed with Congress allocation of eighty thousand dollars for Ballinger. Have also secured post office buildings for Eastland, Ranger, Abilene and Brady, additional to ones heretofore secured for Cisco, Breckenridge, Coleman and Sweetwater.

"Blanton Congressman" Amounts allotted to other towns in West Texas were Abilene, \$345,000; Brady, \$85,000; Kerrville, \$95,000 and Pecos, \$160,000.

The site selected for such a building in Ballinger is on the corner of the courthouse square, facing Seventh street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lankford and family of Abilene spent Sunday in Ballinger visiting relatives.

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Grow cotton, manufacture cotton and wear cotton, is a slogan that is being made nation wide at present. The movement began in Carolina and is spreading to other cotton raising states in an effort to make a bigger demand for cotton and find more uses for it.

Usually the last week of district court is slow and very little to come up for trial but such is not the case here this term. Cases are being rushed before the court in quick order and as soon as one jury is sent to the jury room with a case another is sworn in and evidence started in another trial.

The annual chamber of commerce banquet held at Brownwood Thursday night showed a spirit of optimism in the program. More than 250 were present for the dinner and H. M. Jones, formerly of Ballinger, gave the address of welcome. Brownwood has accomplished many things during the past year and the program put over by the directors there has been one of encouragement to the entire town.

This year there are only 3,271 qualified voters in this county who hold poll tax receipts. The total number would slightly exceed this who are eligible to cast a ballot as there are overers and unders, but the number is far lower than during any recent years in this county. Aside from the fact that many did not want to pay their poll tax, it being an off year in politics is another reason for the light vote. Ballinger has a total of 903 which is more than three hundred below the total votes cast in the last primary election.

Runnels county people feel grateful that the freeze of Sunday night has done little damage to growing vegetation and fruit. Those owning fruit trees are anxious to produce a crop this year. Practically all fruit was killed last year and it has been a number of years since a general crop was raised in this county. Some fruit may have been killed Sunday night, but the damage is slight and without another harder freeze, a bountiful crop should be made this year.

Friday was a red letter day for Ballinger. The soldiers' loan bill was passed by the Senate over the presidential veto allowing veterans to borrow fifty per cent of the face of their certificates, the city receive allocation for a post-office building to cost \$80,000, and a contract was let for the surfacing of that portion of highway No. 4 not complete for more than \$90,000. These three items mean the circulation of money here and will benefit every citizen. All were hailed with joy by the citizenship.

Within the next 30 to 40 days there will be more road work begun in Texas than ever before in the history of the state at any one time. Lettings at the present session of the highway commission have been unusually high with almost \$7,000,000 in contracts awarded in every section of the state. A large number of jobs will start in West Texas and for the next few months detours will be common along any designated highway in the state. Most of this work is for small stretches not more than 20 miles and will be completed by early fall.

Roads leading south of Ballinger have been in bad condition part of the time during the past 20 weeks. A new dirt grade on highway No. 4 caught rains for each week during the last 20 and getting to Ballinger following rains was almost impossible at times. This will be eliminated before another fall and a hard surfaced road good for travel in all kinds of weather will be ready before crops are started to market next September, unless some hitch comes up to prevent work. The contract is let and with all money available and plans okehd work should get under way within a very short time.

The ground hog story has not been true this year and Sunday another old saying regarding the weather was plainly seen. Some people believe that if March comes in like a lion it will go out like a lamb, and if such is the case there was no doubt to it representing a lion here Sunday. Monday started a day of pretty sunshine and a general thaw-up of the small amount of snow and according to the sign

the latter part of the month should be pretty weather. This, however, is the month of the beginning of those dreaded west winds, commonly known as sandstorms and it is hoped that the long continued wet weather will have the effect of not allowing much sand to blow this spring.

Farmers of Runnels county are being advised by County Agent C. W. Lehmburg and practically every farm in the county will have a few acres planted with registered seed. The seed from those few acres will be enough to plant the entire crop next year and within a short time nothing will be planted in this county but the best standardized seed. This is the only way, according to experts on the matter, to bring about a higher price. All buyers are offering premiums for the proper quality produce and especially is this true in cotton. Mebane seed are practically adopted in this county with a few using other standard breeds.

School teachers of Runnels county will close schools Thursday evening and leave for Brownwood to attend the Mid-Texas Teachers' Association meeting on Friday and Saturday. Trustees are also urged to attend and anyone else interested in school matters. The program arranged brings before the convention some of the leading college and university men and women of the state to discuss subjects that are of vital interest to the profession. At least 750 teachers are expected to register at the convention and attend the sessions. Two general sessions will be held and at other times the group meetings for high school junior school and primary will be held, adopting the better seed program.

Many are asking the question, is the veterans' loan a good thing for the policy holder? It will give him immediate help and if the interest is paid on the loan and the principal itself eventually paid up it will be fine. But the man who borrows the full allowance and then permits the loan and interest to run for the next thirteen years will lose on the deal and have little protection for his family as a result. For example: A policy for \$1,000 was issued January 1, 1925. The veteran can now borrow \$500 on it. This sum will bear 4 1/2 per cent interest compounded and if allowed to lapse the interest in 1945 will be \$428.06 and the veteran will receive in full settlement his cancelled note and \$72.94. The ex-service man who needs money, however, and expects to take care of it like any other valuable possession will be greatly benefited and the country will be revived by the money received from this source.

All Runnels county schools at present are working hard to get their students to in shape for the county meet to be held in Winters on March 20 and 21. Rural school teachers are placing the training work for various events in their physical training course and practically all schools of the county will send entries to the county meet. Basketball will be settled, however, prior to the date of the meet and be out of the way. The champion boys' team has already been named and the girls of the county will decide the championship this week-end in the Winters gymnasium. Class A, class B and rural schools, both juniors and seniors, will take part in the meet at Winters.

J. T. Brannon, of Talpa, was in Ballinger Saturday attending to business. Mr. Brannon has just returned from Weslaco where he had been for several months and will make his home at Talpa again.

VOLLEY BALL TEAM DEFEATS PAINT ROCK

The girls' volley ball team of Ballinger high school defeated the Paint Rock team four out of five games this week. All players out for that sport were used in the games and showed excellent form. The team is captained by Miss Jean Gressett and sponsored by Miss Elizabeth Parker. The girls' doubles in tennis, composed of Katherine Barnett and Marcel Stokes, also defeated the Paint Rock players two games, 6-2, 6-2. Each of these teams have won other games this year and expect to win again in the county meet at Winters on March 21. The girl in tennis singles has not been selected.

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The American Farmer and His Prospects for the Year



By W. J. Davis

ATLANTA, Feb. 24.—(AP)—A fight has been started this year to oust "King Cotton" as the absolute monarch of Dixie farms. Agricultural experts who have given much time and thought to farm problems in the South are agreed that the farmer who continues to depend on cotton for a living is playing a losing game.

Vigorous campaigns are being waged in practically all southern states to make 1931 a banner year for diversified crops, cooperative marketing and generally "living at home."

During the past five years the value of cotton produced in the United States has decreased approximately \$250,000,000, United States department of commerce figures show.

In Georgia alone cotton was responsible for less than one-third of the total value of farm products grown last year, the total of which was \$397,288,000.

The value of dairy products was \$20,000,000; livestock \$78,278,000; corn \$44,000,000; tobacco \$16,000,000; poultry and eggs, \$40,000,000.

Dairying has been considered the "best bet" for farm relief in the South. In 1909 no butter was manufactured commercially in Mississippi and census reports indicate sales of home-produced butter at 3,334 pounds.

In 1928 the state's 24 creameries turned out 7,850,465 pounds of high grade butter, and agricultural authorities said the production was greater in 1929 and 1930.

J. C. McClain, extension dairyman of the United States department of agriculture, said one small co-operative creamery in Mississippi had distributed an average of \$20,000 a month to farmers for dairy products for the past several years.

Evidence that farmers are interested in scientific ideas that can be applied to their work



comes from the fact that in 1930 the 153 farm agents and home demonstration agents in Tennessee reached more than 1,000,000 people in their improvement program. One railroad, serving a large agricultural area in the heart of the South, reported through its farm representative that in the past five years legume seed

shipped into its territory for planting increased from 92,000 pounds to 1,800,000 pounds in 1930.

Coming of the dairy industry has brought the necessity for larger production of hay. Invention of an artificial hay drier at the University of Louisiana has made possible the growing of larger and better hay crops in several instances and removed the danger of having the hay spoiled by rain before it can be cured.

Establishment in many sections, especially south Georgia and Alabama, of a year-round market for hogs and beef cattle has made corn an abundant crop in the South.

The "hogging-off" method frequently is used to advantage by turning hogs into a field and letting them eat the corn off the stalks without the expense of gathering it.

Cooperative marketing of poultry is common in North and South Carolina and Florida, and a South-wide cooperative association for the marketing of vegetables has been proposed.

Credit associations in which bankers co-operate in extending credit to farmers who agree to follow certain rules of diversification have been formed in several states, including Georgia and North Carolina.

RUNNELS GIRLS' 4-H CLUB

The girls' 4-H Club met February 27 at the Runnels school house. The president called the meeting to order at 9 o'clock and the roll was called. Business was attended to and they began sewing on our pillow cases. All the girls are progressing nicely and are going to try to have their pillow cases ready to hand to Mrs. Hollingsworth at our next meeting, which is the second Friday in March.

Members present were Imogene Oliver, Louise Nunn, Wilma Maddox, Gladys Louise Kemp, Willie B. Maddox, Angie Smith and Virginia Fowler.

Most of the girls have started with their projects and all of them have improved their wards a great deal. We want a better attendance at the rest of the meetings as the

attendance at this meeting was rather low, being only 58 1-3 per cent.

All the girls are enjoying the work fine.

The girls' 4-H Club met February 13, at the Runnels school house. The club was called to order at 9 o'clock by the president and the secretary called the roll. The secretary also read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved. As there wasn't any business to come before the club the meeting was under Mrs. Hollingsworth's instruction during the rest of the time. Mrs. Hollingsworth examined our sewing boxes and then we began sewing on our pillow cases. As we didn't have time to do much sewing at the meeting Mrs. Hollingsworth demonstrated how to complete the pillow cases. We will continue to sew at the next meeting and the sewing that we don't get

done at the next meeting will have to be done at home as we must hand in at least one pillow case in March.

All the girls have improved their yards by setting out plants and most of them have started on their projects.

The percentage of attendance at this meeting was 66 2-3.

HAGAN NEWS

A very good crowd attended Sunday school Sunday and good lessons were reported.

Everyone is glad to see this sunshine after so much rain, as the farmers are behind with their work.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wood and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patton, of Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Turner visited Mrs. Cantrel, of South Ballinger, who is very sick, Sunday evening.

Joe Sparks, Fort Warren, Wyo., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sparks.

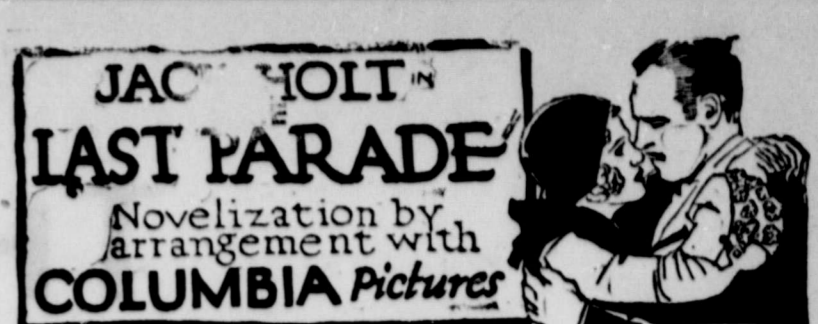
The club will meet with Mrs. Gene Crawford, of Ballinger, Friday.

"REPORTER"

Fresh ground coffee, 8 lbs. \$1; 5 lbs. best Peaberry coffee \$1; 25 lbs. rice for \$1; No. 1 tomatoes 4 cans 25c. U. E. Hartman, 6-4w

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Moore, of Abilene, were attending to business in Ballinger Wednesday. Mr. Moore is an employee of the Austin Bridge Company, which will construct the drainage structures on highway No. 23 between Ballinger and Talpa.

A tattered American flag was found still floating over the log shack in which Stock Richter, Civil war veteran, lived alone at Centerville, Wis., after his death recently at 91.



Chapter One Mike O'Dowd, suave and dapper as a cop who has spent years pounding the pavement and swinging a night stick on a beat can be, elbowed his way past the doorman of Cookie's Cafe and into the brightly lighted interior. "Where's Cookie?" he demanded briefly of a waiter. The man led him to the rear of the ultra-modern dining room, past the orchestra, to an alcove. Cookie Leonard, elegantly dressed in dinner clothes, straightened up from a small table to which he had been putting the finishing touches of an elaborate dinner service for four and greeted his visitor. With a broad grin and a bantering look in his eye, he shouted, "Well, if it isn't Detective Lieutenant O'Dowd! How are you, sweet heart?" Mike's air of officialdom, which had accompanied him as far as the booth, dropped like a cloak at the

pulled up the canvas and what do you think I found inside?" Mike smiled sarcastically. "I can't imagine. What?" "Meat," said Cookie, "and there I was with a truck-load of meat on my hands—so what was I to do but start a restaurant?" The policeman grew suddenly serious. Leaning toward Cookie he said: "Kidding aside, Cookie, you're all wrong. You can't get away with it." "Are you speaking personally—or professionally?" asked the other. "Both," Mike answered. "We've been through a lot together, and I'm not forgetting what you did for me once—but if you stay in this game it's only a question of time until—"



"What do you mean, a little kiss," growled Mike, not looking any too happy as Cookie took Molly in his arms.

sight of his old enemy. "Hello, Cookie, how's everything going?" was his salutation.

He looked around, admiringly. "It's a swell joint you've got here, old timer. A year's done a lot for you, Cookie."

"Well, it hasn't done so worse by you, either, Lieutenant," said Cookie, with a heavy accent on the title. "Being a lieutenant a plain clothes squad beats flat footin' it, doesn't it?"

Mike merely nodded, continuing to look about. "Say, where's all your customers?" he queried.

"This is a night club, smart guy, and nothing ever starts to happen until after midnight. You can't find any excitement here at dinner time."

The policeman glanced significantly at his friend. "And to think you started all this with just one truck-load."

Cookie grinned broadly. "What do you mean?" he asked.

"You ain't kidding anybody," Mike assured him. "I know how you got this place."

Cookie chuckled. "I'll tell you how it really happened. I was walking down the street one night, broke and minding my own business. That was about a year ago—I was about on my uppers because I couldn't get my old job back on the Herald, and a one-eyed reporter that wasn't getting any younger didn't seem to have much chance in this big village of opportunity. As I said, I was just ambling down Sixth Avenue, and one of Marino's trucks fell right into my lap. So I

seriously. "I hope that time never comes, but if it does—"

"Friendship ceases, is that it?"

"You said it," answered Mike with quiet emphasis. Cookie gave Mike a friendly slap, and Mike retaliated in kind. Just as they started a jovial scuffle they were interrupted by the bright entrance of Molly Pearson, a quiet, attractive girl of twenty-five. Close on her heels was Larry, her brother, an impulsive, good-looking youngster four or five years her junior.

"Well, well," said Molly. "Mike and I—"

The friendly combatants rushed toward her eagerly. "Happy birthday, Molly," exclaimed Cookie.

"Same here, Molly," said Mike. Both greeted Larry. "How's the cub reporter?" asked Cookie.

Cookie seized Molly's arm and piloted her to a chair. Chancing with mock sternness at Mike, he said to the girl, "Maybe the big flatfoot'll go away if we don't pay any attention to him. How about a little birthday kiss?"

Molly unhesitatingly raised her face and Cookie kissed her long and enthusiastically.

"What do you mean, little?" growled Mike, pulling her away. The girl laughed breathlessly and happily and all four seated themselves at the table.

In the midst of the hilarity of the birthday party the headwaiter sidled quickly in.

"Marino's here, and looking ugly," he whispered to Cookie.

"Send him in," said Cookie.

Continued Next Week

March Weather Indicates Spring

March came in like a lion and if the patent medicine calendar is not "lion" is due to go out like Mary's little pet. The astronomical spring begins on the 21st of this month and, again quoting the herb sellers' calendar, predictions for the last nine days of the month are for fair and warmer. "Believe it or not," as Ripley says. The third week, or from the 15th to the 21st, is prognosticated as a storm period (what exactly does this mean in West Texas?) with accompaniment by J. Pluvius.

Changes of the moon are: full, on the 4th; last quarter, 10th; new, 19th; and first quarter, 26th. Special days for the remainder of the month include arbor days for various states on the 7th and 13th, St. Patrick's Day, 17; vernal equinox, 21; Annunciation, 25; and Palm Sunday, 29.

March, named for the Roman god of war, opened on Sunday and for the second straight month contains a Friday the 13th. While this horrible coincidence brought ill fortune to anyone locally in February, the superstitious look forward with fear and apprehension, dread and terror, to the Friday of next week. Those inclined may blame their misfortunes (and who has none?) on

this date. The only cold wave (to refer to the patent medicine vendor's prediction) will hit March 5-6. Cover up your toes and fruit trees, "strange as it seems."

PSORIASIS

This is a serious skin disease usually of a stubborn nature and causes no end of trouble to folks who are unfortunate enough to contract it. The antiseptic Emerald Oil treatment takes right hold with the first application and good results continue daily 'till the disease is entirely eradicated. If powerful antiseptic Emerald Oil doesn't conquer Psoriasis any live druggist anywhere will return the purchase price.

A Philadelphia man spent thousands of dollars trying to get rid of Psoriasis—nothing helped until he got Emerald Oil—soon he has well—again free from this stubborn disease. Moore's Emerald Oil costs but 85 cents a bottle and it's so wonderfully helpful for other ailments such as Eczema, Acne, Itching Skin, Old Sores, broken Varicose Veins, Itching Toes and Athletes Foot—it's a great home remedy.

Funds embezzled by a wife without knowledge of her husband cannot be classed as income for taxing purposes, the Wisconsin tax commission ruled.

How One Woman Lost 20 Pounds of Fat

Lost her double chin Lost her prominent hips Lost her sluggishness

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If you're fat—remove the cause! KRUSCHEN SALTS contain the 6 mineral salts your body organs glands and nerves should have to function properly.

When your vital organs fail to perform their work correctly—your bowels and kidneys can't throw off that waste material—before you realize it—you're growing hideously fat!

Take half a teaspoonful of KRUSCHEN SALTS in a glass of

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.

Notice also that you have gained in energy—your skin is clearer—your eyes sparkle with glorious health—you feel younger in body—keener in mind. KRUSCHEN will give any fat person a joyous surprise.

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.

Veterans Rush Office of Bureau Granting Loans

DALLAS, Feb. 28.—The mobilization rush of 1918 had a peacetime counterpart today in the rush all over the land of veterans to borrow fifty per cent of their adjusted compensation certificates authorized yesterday by congress.

More than 20,000 ex-service men stormed the fifty-four regional offices of the United States veterans' bureau in the first hour. About 800 men awaited the opening of the bureau office here.

American Legion post offices in Ft. Worth and Houston receiving applications for loans were swamped.

The first applications for veterans' loans were filled out here Friday afternoon a short time after word was flashed here to The Daily Ledger that the Senate had passed the bill over the president's veto. All Ballinger banks and Service Officer M. C. Atkins of the local American Legion post are assisting veterans in filing for loans. The banks have a good supply of blanks on hand and can give full details to applicants how to proceed.

Local Legionnaires estimated Saturday that 75 per cent of the World War veterans in Runnels county would secure the full amount of the loan. Many who are not in dire need will borrow on their certificates at the cheap rate of interest and retire debts bearing a higher rate. Loans here will run from \$100 to slightly above \$750 and is expected to place approximately \$250,000 in circulation in this county. There are about 800 former service men in the county holding policies that will average about \$1,000 each. Some of these already have received loans up to about 22 1/2 per cent and will not be able to get more than an additional 27 1/2 per cent of the face of their certificates.

The United States veterans bureau paid the first application Friday, one minute after the bill became a law, and more than 100 loans were approved and paid the first hour after passage of the measure. Veterans were lined up at banks and veterans' offices in many cities, seeking to file. From Ballinger the applications will be sent to different places. Banks handling loans will send them to banks in the East while those taken by officers of the Pat Williams Post here will be sent to the U. S. veterans bureau at Dallas. As soon as approved checks will be mailed to the veterans for the amount called for in the applications.

A certificate must have been held by the veteran at least two years before he is eligible to file for a loan. It is estimated that this will affect about 5 per cent of the policy holders in this section of the state. Most of the adjusted compensation certificates are dated January 1, 1925, but a small number have been issued every year since and some are still making application for certificates. These must wait two years before they can borrow on the loan act just passed.

A Great Discovery

When Pasteur discovered, in 1852, that the infection of wounds was caused by malignant bacteria, he performed a service of inestimable value to mankind. Since then medical science has been producing better and better antiseptics, to kill these germs that man enter the smallest cut and give us diseases such as typhoid, tuberculosis and lockjaw. Now, all you have to do to be sure that these dreadful germs will not infect a wound, is to wash that wound, however small, thoroughly with Liquid Borozone, the modern antiseptic. You can get Liquid Borozone, in a size to fit your needs and purse, from Weeks Drug Store.

NORTHWEST WHEAT AREA INVADED BY PEA GROWERS

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 27.—Pea growers, adhering to the formula of supply and demand, have invaded the Palouse wheat region to merchandise their product.

The probable demand is estimated before decisions on planting and contracts are made.

In the 1930 season 75 per cent of 70,000 acres planted in the Palouse region was on a contract basis. An average crop of 20 bushels to the acre was produced at a return of \$24 an acre.

This was comparable to a yield of \$15.60 per acre for 30 bushels of wheat in midyear. Wheat men have begun to rotate with peas as a fertilizing crop after the land has been planted to wheat for two or three years. Most of the peas, however, come from farms strictly devoted to the vegetable.

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Brown & Root Get Contract on Road

The state highway commission awarded a contract to Brown & Root Friday afternoon for the construction of the 10.9 miles of road from Ballinger to the Concho county line for the sum of \$90,414. The contract calls for a bituminous surface to the grade that is already constructed and in good shape for the work to be done.

Brown & Root are not new contractors to Ballinger, having already completed a number of projects here. The firm paved Eighth street and Broadway and also completed the new dam and water reservoir in Ballinger. Their work has always been satisfactory and local people are glad to have them back for another job here.

The work order will be rushed as fast as possible so that actual work can get started within a short time. Workmen to have charge of the job will be sent here at once and crews of local labor will be used as far as possible in doing the job. County Judge Paul Trimmer and Resident Engineer G. M. Garrett attended the meeting in Austin Friday and are expected to return to Ballinger late Saturday afternoon.

Contracts let by the department Friday were many and totaled about \$2,552,128 for the day. The commission will remain in session Saturday, Monday and Tuesday to let additional contracts for early construction.

There is nothing the way of the work proceeding here within a short time. The county bonds have already been sold and the county's part of the money is ready at any time. The grade was completed last summer and has had the benefit of all the heavy rains since last October and is well settled. The road is in good shape at the present time and is ready for the surface treatment.

A large number of people from West Texas attended the meeting Friday and Brown, Kerr and Comanche counties received contracts for road work.

Car Sales Light During February

Five new cars and one new truck were registered in this county during February at the office of W. A. Forgey, county tax collector.

This is one of the lightest months on record here but dealers are looking forward to better times with money coming into circulation from the veterans loans and other sources.

Those reported on the county registration record include the following makes sold by dealers.

- Fords**
- Harwell Motor Co., 1
 - Nance-Brown Motor Co., 1
 - Miles Motor Co., 2
- Chevrolts**
- Healer Chevrolet Co., 1
- Total for cars, 5
- One new White truck was registered in the county but the dealer was not learend from the report obtained.

Verdict Set Aside In County Court

County Judge Paul Trimmer has granted a new trial in the cases of A. S. Wilke and J. W. Wilke vs. the City of Ballinger seeking damages on two tracts of land on Elm Creek near the new water reservoir. The cases will be called for re-trial at the May term of county court.

These cases were recently tried in county court here and the Wilke interests were granted damages of \$3,000 to the two tracts. Their attorneys sought a reversal of the verdict on the grounds that the jury hearing the evidence in the cases answered the court's instructions incorrectly. The case was submitted to the jury on special issues and it was proven in asking for the new trial that the jury fixed the damages before answering the special issues, which was wrong and grounds for a rehearing.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilke are represented in the suit against the city by the law firm of Cragger & Dickey and the city is represented by City Attorney C. P. Shepherd and A. K. Doss of Abilene. Preparations are being made for the trial of the case at the May session of county court.

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

Farmers Attend Seed Meet Here

A large number of farmers gathered here Saturday afternoon to attend the pure seed meeting called by County Agent C. W. Lehmburg at the courthouse. This was the fourth meeting held in the county and all four have been well attended by farmers residing in the community where the meetings were held. The first meeting was held at Miles, another at Rowena, Winters Saturday morning and Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

Between 50 and 60 interested farmers were at the Ballinger meeting and heard Robt. M. Harper of the Harper seed farms of San Marcos give an address on pure planting seed. Mr. Harper is working in the interest of the Texas Seed Breeders Association and was not speaking in the interest of any particular seed, but for farmers to plant a better grade of seed and improve their crops.

Mr. Lehmburg stated Monday morning that the Mebane cotton seed was the favorite in this county and farmers were planning to buy and plant blocks of this strain on their farms this year. In some sections of the county the block system will be used and each farmer asked to plant a block of so many acres of the better seed and from this to save the seed for next year's planting. Around Ballinger Mr. Lehmburg stated that the community system would be used and farmers are anxious to get into the movement to promote a better staple of cotton.

The Ballinger Cotton Seed Association has at present about 20 cars of Mebane seed or 600 tons. A sample of these seed was sent to the state department of agriculture several weeks ago for analysis and a return on the sample shows them to grade out 94.4 pure and containing 84 per cent of live seed. These seed are about as good as can be found and they are selling fast at present.

Several other meetings will be held in the county on this project until every community will have a chance to meet and discuss the pure planting seed program. The county agent also said that other seed was being shipped to the county and bought for planting by farmers. A large number will improve their feed crop by planting good seed for maize, kaffir and other grain sorghums.

Those sponsoring the meetings are delighted with the amount of interest being shown by the farmers and their desire to take advantage of improving their crops for the coming year.

Fresh ground coffee, 8 lbs. \$1; 5 lbs. best Peaberry coffee \$1; 25 lbs. rice for \$1; No. 1 tomatoes 4 cans 25c. U. E. Hartman. 6-4w

George R. Cole, Hastings, Mich., collects old motor car license plates. He has them from 35 countries as well as every state.

Frank Coker, student in Daniel Baker College, at Brownwood, was a week-end visitor with his parents Saturday and Sunday.

J. K. Baker of Coleman is here attending district court this week.

Miss Annie Meers, of Menard, is here this week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Middleton.

Miss Evelyn Blakeway, of San Angelo, visited friends here Thursday night.

A Muskegon, Michigan, man has bought a harness shop believing the "horse is coming back" as transportation power.

Run-Down, Weak, Nervous?

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Grand Jury Makes Report; Nine Indictments are Filed

District Judge E. J. Miller returned here Friday long enough to receive the report of the Runnels county grand jury and discharge that body. The jury reconvened Tuesday for the second time to investigate a few cases and file a written report. Prior to that time seven indictments had been reported and Friday afternoon two more were added making a total of nine felony bills filed at this court session.

These cases may be called next week when district court holds its last session here. A summons has been issued for thirty-six men to report for petit jury service Monday morning at 10 o'clock. No jurors were called for this week but when court adjourned last Monday the same jurors were ordered to report March 2.

A large number of witnesses have been summoned for both criminal and civil suits remaining on the docket.

Following is the grand jury's report:

"February 27, 1931
To the Honorable E. J. Miller, Judge of the District Court of Runnels County:

"We, your grand jury, impaneled on the 9th day of February, 1931, for the February term of 1931, herein submit the following as a report of our work:

"We have been in session for five days and have examined a number of witnesses and have faithfully inquired into all of the violations of the law brought to our attention.

"We have found nine (9) indictments and are returning into this court these indictments, they all being of a felony nature.

"It is our pleasure to report that the sheriff of Runnels county and his deputies are rendering the public a very faithful and efficient service and are bringing law violators to justice in practically all cases that come to their attention. We realize the fact that absolute enforcement is impossible but we find that all

of our peace officers are keeping faith with the public in a very commendable manner.

"We find that the last grand jury recommended to County Attorney Roy L. Hill that the monthly reports of the various county officers be filed regularly and we are glad to report that this recommendation is being complied with in a very efficient manner.

"We find that the court house and grounds surrounding are being kept in a very good manner. We wish to commend as well as thank the janitor for his very efficient service.

"We have examined the county jail and find that it is being kept in good order. The prisoners' quarters are sanitary, the prisoners are in good condition and are being cared for in a proper way. We commend the jailer for his faithful service and the noted improvements about the jail building and surroundings.

"We wish to thank your Honor for his many courtesies during our stay and thank him for his willingness to help us in the faithful discharge of our duties. We also wish to thank the District Attorney C. L. South, County Attorney Roy L. Hill as well as all other officials and individuals for their efficient service in aiding us as well as making our stay most pleasant.

"Respectfully submitted,
"Jas. E. Brewer, Foreman."

Cotton Pool Grows
MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 28.—

(AP)—Alabama farmers have doubled the number of bales of cotton pooled with the state Farm Bureau cotton association during the past year. Figures show poolings to date total 178,999 bales compared with 89,608 bales at the same time last year. Delivery is expected to surpass 200,000 bales before the end of the season.

Bob Walton Dies In Dallas Monday

Henry Jones received a message late Monday afternoon from Jno. Hopkinson of Dallas announcing the death of Bob Walton, former resident of this city. Mr. Walton died there Monday and funeral services were held from the family home Tuesday afternoon with interment in a Dallas cemetery.

For many years Mr. Walton was a business man in this city. He was engaged in the hardware business here, opening a partnership with E. J. O'Kelly in 1907. He continued in this until about 1912 when the store was sold and he opened an automobile agency selling Overland and Willys-Knight cars for several years.

Mr. Walton left here about the time of the World war and worked in Waco and later moved to Dallas where he resided until his death. For the past several months he had been in ill health and visited in a number of other cities seeking relief from

his physical trouble.

He is survived by Mrs. Walton and two children. Hammond O'Kelly left here early Tuesday morning to attend the funeral of his friend and his father's former business partner, Mr. Walton.

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E. M. Lynn returned from Temple Sunday where he had been to accompany Mrs. Lynn.

Drew Dickson, student in Texas Tech at Lubbock, spent the week-end here visiting with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lynn spent Monday in San Angelo on business and seeing the screen offering, "Cimarron."

Mrs. Lula Noyes returned home Thursday night from Orlando, Florida, where she had been for a winter visit for some time.

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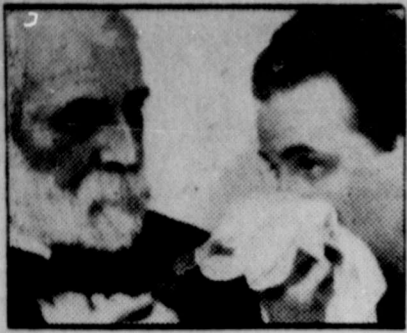
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That's why Syrup Pepsin is such a marvelous help during colds. It is the prescription of a family doctor who specialized in bowel troubles.

Take a spoonful of this family doctor's laxative as soon as a cold starts, or the next time coated tongue, bad breath, or a bilious, headachy, gassy condition warns of constipation.

DR. W. B. CALDWELL'S SYRUP PEPSIN A Doctor's Family Laxative

Twelve Couples Wed in February

Mrs. Clarence West, county clerk of Runnels county, issued permits to twelve couples to wed during the month of February.

Alphonse Schiners and Miss Amelia Book.

Francisco Moniz and Miss Juanita Lira.

Orlin Joiner and Miss Freda Mae Hobbs.

B. F. Kirk and Miss Adeline Psenick.

W. E. Seldon and Miss Lola Jones.

James G. Tuckey and Miss Mary Lou Patterson.

O. B. Crenshaw and Miss Cora Mabel Johnson.

Tommie Denton and Miss Nina Gray.

Paul Pieper and Miss Alene Curry.

J. L. Morgan and Miss Gladys Myers.

B. F. Rogers and Miss Hattie B. Miller.

Herbert Adami and Miss Oriene Arthur.

Doctors Disagree

When children are irritable and peevish, grind their teeth and sleep restlessly, have digestive pains and disturbances, lack of appetite, and have itching eyes, nose and fingers, doctors will not always agree that they are suffering from worms.

BROWNWOOD EXPECTS 1,000 TEACHERS AT ANNUAL MEET

BROWNWOOD, Feb. 27.—More than 1,000 teachers representing 20 counties are expected here for the annual meeting of the Mid-Texas Teachers' Association on March 6 and 7.

The sessions will be held at the auditoriums of Howard Payne and Daniel Baker colleges.

SHEARING PRICE CUT

BRADY, Feb. 28.—It will cost Brady sheep and goat men just two cents less per animal for shearing this year.

Be wise and advertise.

Legion Convention Program is Ready

The program for the 17th district American Legion convention to be held at Abilene Saturday and Sunday has been announced by the Abilene post.

Many besides regularly appointed delegates are anxious to hear Mr. Johnson on the new loan law. Several questions pertaining to the act are perplexing and by Sunday he will be able to present complete details.

The Pat Williams Post of Ballinger will send a large delegation to the convention. Frank C. Dickey, local commander, will spend all of Saturday and Sunday at Abilene in conference with various committees.

The program calls for registration of both men and women to start at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Wooten and Hilton hotels.

The program Sunday will open at 10:30 a. m. with a parade to the Episcopal church where the delegates hold their morning service and hear an address.

Dan Moody, former governor, the state commander and other officials of the state department will be present for the sessions Sunday.

BRONCHITIS

At bedtime rub the throat and chest thoroughly with VICKS VAPORUB

BALLINGER GIRL IS T. C. U. REPRESENTATIVE

FORT WORTH, Feb. 27.—Miss May Jane Kiechle of Ballinger will attend the North Texas Student Conference in Dallas today, Saturday and Sunday as representative from Texas Christian University.

Lewis Copeland of Houston, T. C. U. senior, is chairman of the conference. Miss Kiechle will be one of approximately 25 students from this school to participate in the conference.

VOTE FOR FREE FAIR

SHERMAN, Tex., Feb. 27.—(P)—Recommendations that the 1931 Red River Valley Fair, embracing ten Texas counties and eight in Oklahoma, be free to the public, was voted by eleven directors of the association headed by B. B. Wilbanks, president.

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Walter Woodward Explains Proposed State Bond Issue

To the Citizenship of the 25th Senatorial District:

"It is apparent that during this session of the legislature I will be called upon to express the views of my district in casting a vote in respect to the submission to the people of a proposed constitutional amendment as relates to the method of financing the construction and maintenance of state highways.

"The state highway bond plan heretofore discussed in the public press and on the stump was a plan to bond the State of Texas for several hundred million dollars without what appeared to me the proper safeguards.

"I am advised that thirty-five states have already adopted plans similar to the one now pending before the legislature, except the other states do not have all of the safeguards provided for in the present plan.

"As above stated, the proposed amendment to the constitution is somewhat different from the original idea and appears to me to be to the best interest of the people. If the proposed amendment is adopted by the people and carried out as intended, it will mean that in every county of my district where bonds have been issued to construct state highways, the counties will receive back every dollar they have spent in building and maintaining the highways and for the reason that the poorer and weaker counties are paying an enormous tax—in some instances more than \$2 on the hundred—and they would be relieved by the present proposal entirely of such tax.

"The present plan before the legislature exempts forever all farms, homes, ranches, real estate and personal property from any taxation in the future for the purpose of paying off and retiring the bonds issued, and provides that same shall be paid for solely from the traffic on the roads by tax on gasoline or other substitutes for gasoline, reserving to the school fund, however, its one-fourth of said revenue.

"In addition, the present bond plan provides that the money repaid to the counties and defined road districts shall be used to retire the bonds for lateral roads now outstanding, and if no lateral bonds are outstanding, then for the use and benefit of the road and bridge fund of the counties to be expended by the counties. Also, the present bond plan provides that the bonds shall never bear over four and one-half per cent interest and shall never be sold at less than par, and not more than \$25,000,000 per year shall be issued for road construction.

"The present plan further provides that only \$200,000,000 may

be issued by the state, whereas the old plan was a revolving plan that enabled the legislature to issue bonds continually; this feature having been particularly objectionable to me.

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this plan would be of material benefit, to-wit: that county has recently voted bonds and is carrying out the highway building program. Whatever money has already been spent in building the highways will be refunded; the state would assume all bonds yet unpaid and Runnels county, as all other counties, would be permitted to use the money refunded by the state to retire any bonds outstanding which had been issued for the construction of lateral roads or if no lateral road bonds are outstanding, then the money would go to the road and bridge fund of the counties to be expended in the development of the lateral roads.

"If I understand the proposed amendment, it is properly safeguarded so that there cannot be and never will be any tax imposed upon any property of any citizen of Texas as a means of obtaining money to pay the bonds and that the only method of obtaining the money to pay the bonds will be the tax on gasoline or other substitutes for gasoline and at the same time the school fund will receive its one-fourth of the revenue obtained from the tax on gasoline. In other words, no tax or lien whatever can be placed on any farm, home, ranch, real estate or any personal property whatsoever.

"Therefore, I invite the people of my district to write me in respect to their views in order that I may judge to some extent the sentiment of my district for I expect to be governed by what appears to me to be the conservative views of my district in respect to this important matter.

Respectfully, Walter C. Woodward, State Senator, 25th District.

KING RETURNS FROM UNDERTAKERS' MEET

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. King and Miss Hortense Holt have returned from San Antonio, where they attended the two-day session of the Joint Conference on Business Procedure.

The conference is a cooperative movement within the funeral profession to improve still further the standards of service to the public and to install better business methods.

In accordance with the most advanced methods of instruction the conference dramatized the problems of the funeral director and presented a variety of solutions through fourteen playlets performed in the Plaza Hotel by a troupe of Broadway actors.

"The sessions were highly educational in nature," said Mr. King upon return from San Antonio. "I hope that we will be able to pass the benefits on to the public."

The Joint Conference on Better Business Procedure is fostered by the casket manufacturers, casket hardware manufacturers, embalming fluid manufacturers, grave vault manufacturers, funeral directors of the United States, and traveling salesmen of the profession.

Rev. T. E. Bowman is reported to be ill and confined to his bed. He was unable to fill the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday and also unable to go to Waco to the meeting of workers of this conference Monday.

DALE HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

Mrs. Lon Carwile was hostess to the home demonstration club of Dale community Thursday afternoon, Feb. 26, with ten members present, and one visitor, Mrs. W. A. Daniels.

The program was on "The Type of Picture I Like Best." "The Song of the Lark" was discussed by Mrs. Lon Carwile, "Age of Innocence," by Mrs. V. E. Fisher, and "Sistine Madonna" by Miss Katie Parr.

We are glad to correct an error which was made in last meeting's report of new members; one new member whose name was not stated being Mrs. P. H. Pfeiffer.

At the close of the meeting,

candy was passed to all. The next meeting will be with Mrs. V. E. Fisher on March 12. Club Reporter.

NEARLY ALL WISCONSIN FARMERS RAISE CHICKENS

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 28.—Twenty-two hens and pullets to every rooster is the average for Wisconsin farms, it is revealed in a chicken census by Walter Ebling, statistician of the United States and Wisconsin departments of agriculture.

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NORTON NOTES

(Delayed)
Miss Myrtle Setser of California is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Setser.

Mrs. Tom Mitchell of Rankin is spending this week with her mother, Mrs. Laura Harding. Elbert Harding of Rankin is visiting his mother also.

M. G. Roper of Syracuse, Neb., is visiting his mother, Mrs. F. Roper.

Bill Smith is spending the week with home folks.

G. W. Cope and W. L. Brown returned from Fort Worth Tuesday.

Mrs. J. W. Drummond, John Drummond and Mrs. T. J. Chapman and daughter, Sola, went to Sanatorium Wednesday, returning the same day.

Grandmother Steele of San Saba is here with her son, Rev. J. F. Steele, for a short visit.

Miss Cordie West is at home again after spending several months with relatives at Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Underwood are making Norton their home. They formerly lived at Brownwood.

REPORTER

WILMETH NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Harkins went to Roscoe Sunday on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Towler went to Abilene Monday on a business trip.

Misses Veldon Harter and Tobitha Broadstreet spent the week-end in Winters with Mrs. Guy Whigam.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Northcutt and son, of Corpus Christi, are visiting parents in Wilmeth.

Miss Beulah Mae Condra spent the week-end with Miss Naomi Robertson.

Mrs. T. S. Beene, of Sweetwater, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Rampsy.

The Wilmeth girls' basketball team defeated the girls' basketball team of Bradshaw. The score was 15 to 8.

REPORTER

CREWS NEWS

Teachers and pupils were glad to resume school work Monday morning, after a week's suspension on account of a case of scarlet fever in the village.

A heavy downpour of rain and hail fell late Saturday afternoon, soon followed by a howling north wind that continued throughout Sunday and a portion of Sunday night. No church services were held Sunday.

Miss Johnnie B. Fortson is reported recovering nicely from a case of scarlet fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Traylor are rejoicing over the arrival of an 8-pound girl, Jimmie Ruth, born March 2.

Mrs. W. H. Pape and Harvey Mae visited Mrs. Bradley at Winters Friday.

Mrs. L. C. Davis returned to her home in Abilene Sunday, accompanied by her brother, Vyrion Wilkerson, who spent a few hours in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Phipps and Mr. and Mrs. Thad Traylor were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Berry Sunday.

Mrs. W. J. Young has returned from the Sealy sanitarium. Mrs. W. E. Jones and daughter, Mrs. Clara Fisher, of Winters, were there to welcome them home, and a host of Crews women continue to call. In addition to toxic poisoning, Mrs. Young was suffering with, she underwent a minor head operation. All are glad to see her so much improved.

Rev. Chester Wilkerson, of Winchell, accompanied by his wife and mother spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilkerson.

Hazel and Woodrow Dietz spent a few days last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs.

James, of Blanton.

Walter Pape, Jr., who is attending school at Winters, was accidentally struck on the head by a swing at recess Friday and painfully hurt, but not seriously as was at first feared.

Mrs. Sallie Loller is able to be up from her recent illness.

Mrs. A. B. Madison has been quite ill with influenza, but is better at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Ash have moved back to Crews, and we are told will resume their former mercantile business.

Mr. and Mrs. Norban White, Mrs. C. F. White and Mrs. W. P. Kirby spent the week-end visiting relatives in Drasco.

REPORTER

BETHEL NEWS

The cool spell Sunday and snow Monday was quite a surprise as Saturday was a real spring day. Farmers are wishing for clearer weather as planting time is almost here.

Rev. Cole of Abilene was here Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night to fill his regular appointments. Very good crowds attended in spite of the rainy, cool weather.

The P.-T. A. meeting Thursday night was well attended. The date for the Shick test in the diphtheria immunization was set for April 3, if the weather is favorable. An Easter social was planned for next meeting night which will be March 26. C. A. Womack gave a very interesting talk on thrift which was enjoyed by all. Part of the program on thrift was omitted on account of some not being present. Each patron is asked to be present at our next meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. John Batts attended the funeral of Mr. Wardlaw at Ballinger Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Duke of Old Runnels, Mr. and Mrs. Cone Robertson of Norton were pleasant visitors in the David Duke home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Richardson spent Sunday in the home of Bob Richardson.

Mrs. Henniger, who has been in a San Angelo hospital for the past two weeks is now able to be at home, and doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Crockett of Ballinger, were pleasant callers in the home of Tom Crockett Sunday afternoon.

R. F. Smith has been very ill the past week with influenza.

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SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Miss Bessie Brown returned home Friday from Abilene, after a visit with her uncle, W. O. Brown, and family.

Mrs. C. H. Midgley and James spent Wednesday in San Angelo with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Midgley.

Mrs. Dillingham and Mrs. McCamey, of Dallas, attended the funeral of their father, N. J. Wardlaw, last week. Mrs. McCamey and Mrs. Dillingham are well known in this community.

Miss Naomi Brown, of Abilene, returned home after spending Friday and Saturday with her cousin, Miss Corrine Brown.

James Midgley and Ina Baxter spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Midgley, of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Jones are making their home with Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reese.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Milam, of Brownwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Melton and children, of town, visited in the R. E. Brown home Tuesday night.

Mrs. W. E. Branch and Miss Edna Mae Lowery visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowery, of Abilene, Monday.

Eddie Parr had business at Dallas Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Seipp spent Tuesday in Winters.

H. H. Leach and Edgar Leach, of McCamey, came in Tuesday

move Mrs. Leach and children to McCamey. We regret to lose this good family.

The Merry Wives Club met Tuesday noon with eleven members present. Plans for the following year's work and parliamentary program will be followed. Those present were: Mmes. C. H. Midgley, B. M. Batts, McShan, J. C. Reese, Proffitt, Barron, Barron Jr.; Miss Demma Barron; and Mrs. W. H. Greer and Mrs. T. P. Brown, of town.

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BETHEL SCHOOL NOTES

The senior spelling contestants for the Interscholastic League had their tryout and were eliminated to three who will continue to study until the meet.

The junior spellers have also been eliminated to three who will continue to spell until the meet.

Those from here who will participate in the declamation contest are working hard and will offer some hard competition at the meet.

All athletic events are making nice progress. All participants are enthusiastically working under their respective coaches and will make a good showing at the meet.

The basketball team was very disappointed when they learned that the tournament was postponed on account of the scarlet fever epidemic in the Crews community but the Crews team has the sympathy of our team. Everyone on the team is looking forward to the time when the tournament will be held.

The Ballinger boys' indoor team came out to Bethel Tuesday afternoon and played a very interesting game with the Bethel boys. The score was 13 to 5 in favor of Ballinger.

The senior class has received class pins which are to serve as an emblem of ten years' work completed by them at the end of this semester.

The pupils who had their pictures made by some traveling photographer of Trinidad, Colo., have now received them.

The home economics club will conduct a pie sale at Piggly Wiggly Saturday morning March 6. The returns will be used to buy a pole vault for the athletic participants in that event.

The pupils will all enjoy a holiday Friday of this week because the teachers are planning on attending the teachers' meet at Brownwood this week-end.

On Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 25 the pupils and teachers enjoyed interesting talks by each of the following men from Ballinger: Mr. Williams, Troy Simpson and Supt. R. E. White. These men highly complimented us on our physical education period which they witnessed.

Tuesday morning, March 3, the senior class had their regular meeting.

The house was called to order

by the president and the minutes read and approved by the secretary. No corrections were made. We received our class pins at this meeting and are very much pleased with them. We hope, in later years, each student will regard his pin as an emblem of ten happy years of work, play and friendship. As there was no further business the meeting adjourned.

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BENOIT NEWS

This month came in very blustery and colder than any weather in the past month, but not cold enough, we hope, to injure the fruit crop.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Cox had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Arch Brookshire and family and Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Hoffman and family.

Mrs. F. Gresset and son, Gordon, visited Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Vogelsang Monday.

L. B. Rampsy and L. B. Jr., visited relatives at Sanatorium Sunday while Mrs. Rampsy stopped over at Miles with her daughter, Mrs. Jim Donaldson, and children.

Albert Spreen went to Fort Worth Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moody of Ballinger, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gibson.

Miss Alexander, county health nurse, met with the Benoit Health Club Monday afternoon.

The ladies' club met at the home of Mrs. W. D. Lewis last Tuesday afternoon. Some of the members were absent, but the majority was present to enjoy the social meeting.

It has been reported the children of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoffman have the whooping cough. That's the first case in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. John Conner of Ballinger called to see Mr. and Mrs. Joe Green Saturday morning.

W. T. Hill attended court Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Edna Brookshire entertained her friends at the home of her parents Saturday night with a pound supper. Fruit salad with cake and hot chocolate were served to the guests. All reported nice time and hope for another

social soon.
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Werner and family of Wall, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Werner and children of Miles visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Werner Sunday.

REPORTER

HERRING TOPICS

The farmers of this community got in a few days plowing. Some planted garden stuff and corn. On the following Saturday, night we received rain, some wind and lots of small hail stones. Everybody thought after all the warm days that real spring had come, but after this cloud a cold norther blew up which we fear may have injured the fruit and gardens.

Grady Miller of Ardmore, Okla., is visiting relatives in this community.

Noel Hale and Marion Kerby spent a few days last week with Clyde Brevard of Blanton. They spent much of the time fishing and report a good catch.

Misses Evelyn and Earledeen Payne of Crews spent a few days last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hale.

Miss Evelyn Payne of Crews spent Thursday night with Mona Avert.

Mrs. Marvin Hale spent Saturday afternoon with her grandmother, Mrs. S. H. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Brandon returned Thursday from a long visit to the Valley. They reported a very enjoyable time and their many friends are very glad to have them home again.

Word was received here last week of the death of Mrs. A. B. Cousin, the wife of a former Runnels county resident. A. B. spent his boyhood days in Oxien, Mud Creek and Crews communities. His last school days were in the old Lone Star school. Mr. Cousin has many friends who sincerely sympathize with him during his lonely and trying hours.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brevard gave a singing Sunday night in honor of Mrs. Brevard's brother, Grady Miller, of Ardmore, Oklahoma.

We are sorry to report Miss Zenobia Hill still seriously ill. We hope she will soon be better.

Misses Eula Bragg, Maggie Ruth

Brevard and Marie Fuller were Saturday night and Sunday guests of Miss Mona Avert.

Mrs. W. A. Hale, Noel and Bernice Hale were guests of Mrs. Arthur Allcorn Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCartney are the proud parents of a new baby girl. The name has not been learned.

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HATCHEL NEWS

There was a splendid attendance at the Church of Christ Sunday.

As had been previously announced, we were expecting the meeting to begin Saturday night, and a number from a distance were in attendance Sunday to participate in the services, but owing to a mistake in correspondence with Elder Cowan, stating some time ago that he would be here Friday, March 6 to begin the meeting and will continue over two Sundays and as the custom is, there will be a dinner on the ground and three services each Sunday. Everyone is cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tierce of Abilene visited his brother, H. Tierce, last Sunday.

Mrs. T. O. Barney and daughter of Brownwood visited her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Caudle, several days last week.

Misses Edna and Ruby Guin and Mrs. S. H. Schleyer visited Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Gunin Thursday afternoon.

Willie Belle, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Graves, has been sick the past few days.

Misses Inez Parker and Elma Ryan spent the week-end with Mrs. John Potter at Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Gasset and children spent the week-end with their parents at Coleman.

Buster Caudle visited with Mr. Barney and Miss Robbie Estes Sunday.

W. M. Selby was real sick Friday night, but is some better at present.

We are sorry that Mrs. R. R.

Reams has been real sick for some time and hope that she will be well again.

A. J. Long was in Winters Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Andrews and Earl Caudle spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Ferguson.

Misses Elma Ryan, Inez Parker and Ida Ferguson were in Ballinger shopping Monday.

Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. D. E. Forgy visited Mrs. Key Williams Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Hedwig Michaelis visited Miss Ruby Guin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. DeMouille spent Sunday in San Angelo visiting relatives.

Chas. Meeks, of Winters, was in Ballinger Monday attending to business and serving in district court.

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6 O'CLOCK COFFEE	1 lb.	25c
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FOR SALE—Milch Cow with young calf. Phone 8403. E. C. Pape. 24-2td-2tw

SALESMAN WANTED—To run Heberling business in Runnels county. Many make \$50 to \$75 weekly—year around work—no lay off. Write today for free booklet. G. C. Heberling Co., Dept 2277, Blooming, Ill. 27-2w

FOR SALE—Good bundle Cane 3 1/2 per bundle at field, 4 1/2 delivered. Dietz Brothers. 27-3tw-

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred White Leghorn Eggs, from pedigreed males at 2 1/2 cents each. J. C. Reese, Ballinger, Texas. 20-3tw

Scholarships valued at \$50,000 will be available to 4-H club boys and girls in South Carolina this year.

Hail Hits---

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day night is not expected to injure fruit or other vegetation according to C. W. Lehmburg, county agent, and other experts who Monday morning had examined growing shrubs and fruit trees. The light snow which fell early Sunday night filled the blossoms and furnished moisture enough to help greatly in withstanding the freeze which came later in the night.

A norther blew all day Sunday, sending citizens about in overcoats and closed cars. Few ventured out in the frigid atmosphere more than was necessary and little activity marked the day.

Rain Saturday left the ground wet and helped tender plants to withstand the cold. Most of the fruit trees in this vicinity are in full bloom and soon may be partially damaged, but most observers are of the opinion that none are hurt. It will take some time, however, before this determined definitely.

Several sections of this county received good rains Saturday afternoon and night. A heavy rain fell at Winters late Saturday afternoon, continuing into the night. A heavy shower fell just south of Ballinger, making roads bad and leaving water standing in many fields. While the precipitation was not general most communities in the county report a sprinkle or more.

Speaker Secured For Baccalaureate

Supt. H. C. Lyon announced Monday that a speaker for the baccalaureate service had been secured and the date set for Sunday, May 10. Rev. J. William Stephens, pastor of the Christian Church at San Angelo, has agreed to deliver the sermon this year to the senior class and has accepted the job on the above named date.

No definite arrangements have been made according to Mr. Lyon but it is probable that the service will be held at the Ballinger Baptist Church at the 11 o'clock hour. This auditorium has been used in past years due to the large seating capacity and if that congregation consents, it will be held there again this year.

Other details of the program will be arranged later and announced to the public. Other programs in connection with commencement week will be held at the high school auditorium following the baccalaureate service on May 10. Dr. Paul W. Horn, president of Texas Technological College, at Lubbock, will deliver the commencement address to the class.

An appeal for the return of unsold Christmas seals in Missouri brought stickers dating back to 1925.

Fresh ground coffee, 8 lbs. \$1; 5 lbs. best Peaberry coffee \$1; 25 lbs. rice for \$1. No. 1 tomatoes; 4 cans 25c. U. S. Hartman. 6-4w

Wardlaw Funeral is Held Thursday

Many friends gathered here Thursday afternoon for the funeral of N. J. Wardlaw, who died in Dallas Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. For the past two weeks friends had known that he was in a serious condition and death was expected momentarily. A few days ago he rallied slightly, however, and was apparently better for a few days but elapsing into a condition which only death could relieve.

Mr. Wardlaw and his family are real pioneers of this county coming here 41 years ago and living here until a few years ago when he moved to Glen Rose to make his home. For many years Mr. Wardlaw made Ballinger his home and later moved to Miles where he resided for a number of years. He was a native of Arkansas. He had been engaged most of his life here in farming and stock raising and was considered one of the outstanding men of his vocation being successful in every way.

Decedent was always active in affairs of his county and state and rendered good service in this county. He and his wife reared a family of nine children and his death is the first break in that circle. The family is widely scattered and all are outstanding in the communities in which they reside. A son, M. B. Wardlaw, has made Ballinger his home and is a prominent farmer and stock raiser of this and Concho county.

Besides the widow the following children survive: C. B. Newt, and L. B. Wardlaw, of Del Rio; M. B. Wardlaw, of Ballinger; Jack Wardlaw, of Sonora; L. J. Wardlaw, of Ft. Worth; Mrs. Eddie Dillingham and Mrs. Maggie McCamey, of Dallas; and Mrs. Ione Osborne, of Carrizo Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Wardlaw recently celebrated their fifty-third wedding anniversary. He was born on December 19, 1854. Twenty-two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive. Most of these and other relatives were here for the funeral.

One brother surviving, Lon Wardlaw, of Quanah, was unable to come to Ballinger on account of illness. Other relatives here were Dr. Herbert Wardlaw, San Angelo; Mrs. Sam Holland, Eldorado; Mrs. Bettie Wood, Paint Rock; and Will Holland, San Angelo.

The funeral service was held at the First Presbyterian Church Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Rev. E. W. McLaurin officiating, interment to follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Active—W. C. McCarver, Joe Beck, Wix Currie, Charlie Whitehead, Lou Rusk and W. R. Bogle; honorary—D. M. Baker, Hugh Campbell, Chester Cherry, W. R. Clark, Lee Evans, B. F. Guin, W. H. Greer, W. B. Halley, Jess Jones, C. J. Lynn, Lon Mapes, Dan Moser, A. L. Spann, C. R. Stephens, W. R. White, E. J. Keen, J. Y. Pearce, R. G. Erwin, E. M. Eubank, Jack McGregor, E. M. Lynn, R. W. Bruce, White Turner, S. D. Childress, J. F. McMillan, T. T. Crosson, E. F. Krebs, B. C. Kirk, Scott H. Mack, Elmer Batts and O. Yarnell.

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

Just Like an Ostrich

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

Flavor Gum With Garlic SHANGHAI, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Chewing gum flavored with garlic as a concession to the taste of the Chinese working classes is the plan of a local American candy factory.

SAN ANGELO DRUG STORE IS CLOSED

The McWilliams Drug Store, Inc., filed volunteer bankruptcy papers in federal court at San Angelo Wednesday and the store is closed. In the petition for bankruptcy the assets of the store were listed at \$26,475.94 and the liabilities at \$14,711.35.

August McWilliams, formerly of Ballinger, is secretary and general manager of the store.

The aggregate value of all Canadian field crops in 1930 was estimated at \$631,592,900, a 33 per cent decline from the 1929 estimate.

Many Veterans are Applying For Loans on Their Policies

Veterans of the World War filed applications for loans on their adjusted compensation certificates at Ballinger Saturday which will bring between \$4,000 and \$5,000 in cash here. Monday morning a large number of others were making applications. M. C. Atkins, service officer of Pat Williams post, receiving several hundred notes for veterans to sign. The local banks also have notes on hand and are ready to handle all applications.

The following information is necessary from those who have already secured loans on their certificates and desire to borrow more at this time: If the first loan was made through the veterans' business and the additional sum is desired by the same route it is necessary for the policyholder to bring with him the pink slip received after the first loan was made, identifying the policy now held at Washington. The pink slip will be pinned to the new note and sent to the nearest veterans' bureau. It will require from three weeks to 30 days to secure the cash on the new loan. If the first loan was made through a bank, the veteran must go to that bank and make arrangements for the additional loan or write the bank from which the loan was obtained and have the institution send him a new note. It is estimated that loans can be secured much faster through the banks than through the veterans' bureau.

Lions' Convention To be in Ballinger

Ballinger was awarded the next convention of the Lions clubs of this district, Thursday afternoon at San Angelo at the close of the meeting there. The session will be held here some time in May, the exact date to be named later by the district president and the local club.

The convention at San Angelo was the largest ever held in this district from an attendance point. All clubs in the district were represented by large delegations. Sonora had the largest crowd and brought to San Angelo more than half their club in a bus chartered for the occasion.

The main event Thursday was held at noon at the San Angelus hotel when a banquet was served to all Lions and visitors on the roof. An entertainment program was presented at the conclusion of the meal with Lion Earnshaw of Ballinger singing and the Lions club pianist, Miss Able Kenison, playing for him.

Following the banquet a business session was held at which time reports were heard from all clubs in this district. President C. R. Stone was the speaker for the Ballinger club and gave an interesting report on the work of this club with special emphasis being placed on the city park movement now under way. He also told of the good work being done here in Boy Scout activities and other projects of the club.

Each club gave an interesting report showing that these clubs are busy in all parts of West Texas and are working hand in hand with other organizations for better towns and a closer cooperation for progressive work.

The local club will start making their plans early for the entertainment of the district organization and will give the occasion plenty of publicity in an effort to have the largest crowd on record.

VALLEY FARMERS TO CUT 1931 COTTON CROP HALF

SAN BENITO, Tex., Feb. 28.—The lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas, which plants cotton first in the nation and produces the world's first bale of cotton every year, usually in June, is showing the way this season in reduction of acreage, as present indications point to a 50 per cent reduction from the acreage of last year.

The Valley is in the midst of its planting season now, and will have most of its cotton in by the latter part of March, the planting being later than usual this year because of weather conditions.

Last year the Valley had 250,000 acres of land in cotton.

This year the acreage will be 125,000, according to present indications.

The low price and the probable small demand during the year are big factors in the acreage cut here, although rainy weather has caused a cut to some extent in the acreage.

Many growers throughout the four Valley counties are cultivating early crops in the race for the world's first bale.

This bale is rushed to some large cotton market, New Orleans, Houston, Dallas or New York, every year and auctioned off, usually for a price of around \$1,000.

Reed Johnson, manager of the United States veterans' bureau, Dallas, urges that all veterans not in actual need delay applying for loans until urgent cases are put through. Paper work in the veterans' bureau offices is going to be so great that it will be a difficult matter to take care of the many thousand applications. He further urges all ex-service men who can get along without the loan not to take advantage of the offer but leave their policies as they are. In substantiating this argument he points to the fact that a veteran borrowing the money now will be unable to make another loan before 1932. At that time the loan value of the policy will exceed 50 per cent and an additional sum will be available to the policy holder.

American Legion officials receiving applications in this county expect applications to total \$100,000 or more this week. This money will be paid to veterans in Runnels county about April 1 and will be spent quickly by those needing cash to carrying on their business or operate their farms.

Stroble to Move In New Quarters

L. L. Stroble, owner of the City Cafe, has announced that he has procured a lease on the Jones Grocery Company building from John A. Weeks and will at some time in the near future renovate the building in preparation for moving his cafe into the same.

The restaurant will be made one of the most up-to-date in West Texas, plans calling for a lunch counter on one side and tables on the other with the kitchens about the center of the building, behind which will be a private dining room which will be used for banquets, parties, and overflow crowds during busy seasons.

Mr. Stroble is the oldest cafe operator in Ballinger and promises the public the best cafe they have ever had here, one which all the citizens will be glad to point out to visitors.

J. L. Stroble, a brother, who now resides in Austin, will come to Ballinger and help plan and install the new cafe.

Besides what he now has on hand it will be necessary for Mr. Stroble to purchase several thousand dollars worth of new and up-to-date fixtures. The kitchens will be located at the center where the diner, if he chooses, may watch the preparation of his food from the time it leaves the refrigerators until it is served. Seating capacity will probably be more than double that of the present stand.

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HATCHEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The club met at the club room in regular session Thursday, Feb. 26, at 2:30 p. m. The meeting was opened with the song, "America," directed by the president, Mrs. Ralph Vanell. The secretary, Mrs. Irwin Mathis called the roll and each member answered with a joke.

Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth gave a demonstration on making a braided hemp rug and also made an interesting talk on 4-H pantry work.

There were eleven members present and two visitors, Mrs. W. H. Schleyer of San Angelo and Mrs. M. D. Rosell of Hatchel.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Vanell and Mrs. Mathis. The club surprised Mrs. Hollingsworth by presenting her a well filled basket containing butter and eggs and other things suitable for the table.

The club adjourned to meet at the club room Mar. 12 at 2:30 p. m.

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Lyon to Address Teachers Session

While no action has been taken by the school board here, it is expected that the local schools will be closed Friday, March 6, in order that all teachers may attend the meeting of the Mid-Texas Teachers Association at Brownwood. This has been the practice here for years and practically all the teachers attend the gathering.

Registration of members will begin Friday morning, from 8:30 to 10 o'clock, March 6, in the Howard Payne College auditorium and will continue until the first session is opened and on through the day when the teachers have recesses. The opening session will be held at Howard Payne College when addresses of welcome will be extended by Mayor O. W. McDonald, Dr. S. E. Chandler, president of Daniel Baker College, and Dr. Thomas H. Taylor, president of Howard Payne College. To these addresses Supt. H. C. Lyon, of Ballinger, will offer the response in behalf of the teachers and the association. After the addresses the fine arts department of Howard Payne College will present a concert to the visiting educators.

Appearing on the program will be many college heads and most of the subjects will be under their supervision. Miss Virginia Super, of this city, will speak at one of the sectional meetings on primary work.

The theme of the program will be "Training Youth to Live in Society." This general subject will be taken up in general and sectional meetings throughout the sessions of the convention.

Prominent speakers who will take part in the first general session are J. Thomas Davis, dean of John Tarleton College; W. S. Allen, dean of Baylor University; and Dr. David K. Bruce of the University of Texas.

The second general session will be held at the fine arts department of Daniel Baker College on Friday night with that department furnishing the opening numbers. Speakers for that evening will be Dr. L. W. Payne of the university; Mrs. O. E. Sieche, vice president of Texas Congress of Mothers and P.-T. A.; Dr. L. H. Hubbard of the College of Industrial Arts; Dr. Paul W. Horn of Texas Technological College; and Mrs. Louis De Eskridge, assistant director of the American Red Cross, from St. Louis.

The last general session Saturday morning will hear S. M. N. Marrs of Austin and two other university leading educators. Sectional meetings will be equally as interesting and the program is causing many teachers from all parts of the district to attend.

Green Foods Gain Favor

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Green foods are twice as popular as they were seven years ago in this country, says the bureau of agricultural economics. Spinach consumption has been almost tripled.

District Court Starts 4th Week

District court convened here for the last week of this session Monday morning at 10 o'clock and a jury was sworn in for the week. The case of the state vs. B. U. McQueen, charged with prohibition law violation, was called and attorneys began selection of the jurors to hear evidence in the case.

Effort will be made to hear all criminal and civil cases on the docket this week, and clear the schedule for the fall term of the court. In addition to civil cases awaiting trial several criminal cases are set for the week. The nine indictments returned by the grand jury at this term may be heard before the term is closed.

PECAN COURSE MARCH 31

COLLEGE STATION, Tex., Feb. 27.—The first annual pecan short course at the A. & M. College of Texas, to be conducted under the supervision of the departments of horticulture and entomology, has been announced by Dean E. J. Kyle, of the school of agriculture, for March 31 to April 3.

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