

Highway Engineer Here; Work Starts Next Week

C. T. Steed, engineer for Brown & Root, contractors for hard-surfacing of highway No. 4 south of Ballinger, arrived here Thursday and began at once to arrange preliminaries for starting work here next week. Machinery that will be used in the job was unloaded here Thursday morning and sent to a point near the Concho county line where construction will begin.

Mr. Steed stated he would open temporary headquarters here in the blue-front warehouse on Railroad Avenue between Seventh Street and Broadway, and that material would be concentrated there and business transacted there until an office was located on the highway near the city. He further announced that he expected to employ between 25 and 30 local laborers on this contract but that all truck drivers and machinists would be supplied by the company as these departments required skilled, experienced men. The drivers came in from Austin with the trucks and are ready to begin.

A camp will be set up about seven or eight miles from Ballinger, the exact location of which has not been determined. No material dumps have been spotted, but the state highway department has already selected the material to be used on the road and arrangements have been made with land owners for same.

Operations will commence at the Concho county line and move toward Ballinger. The total distance is about 11 miles. Grading and drainage structures are already completed.

Citizens desiring employment may interview Mr. Steed at the temporary office here. Many have been visiting the offices of the resident state highway engineer and the county judge. These two officials have nothing whatever to do with employment of labor for the contractors.

All machinery that will be needed for the present is here and will be moved to location within a day or so. The work gangs will be organized and work begun as quickly as possible.

The firm of Brown & Root is not unknown here. Broadway and Eighth Street were paved by this company, and the dam across Elm Creek creating the new municipal reservoir was built by the same company.

Mrs. Joe Simmons, of Ballinger, and Mrs. B. J. Smith, of Wingate, both district officers of the Parent-Teacher Association, left here Wednesday for Rankin to attend the district convention of the organization.

A. A. Fischer, deputy sheriff at Rowena, had business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Alabama farmers are using hotbeds for the production of sweet potato plants this year.

Rockne Funeral Not Announced

WASHINGTON, April 1.—As the nation mourned the death of Knute Rockne, of Notre Dame University, famed football coach, who was killed with seven others in a Transcontinental & Western Air passenger airplane wreck at Bazaar, Kansas, yesterday, President Hoover today telegraphed to Mrs. Rockne, describing Rockne's death as "a national loss."

Indications at South Bend pointed to burial a week from today, but university officials there postponed the announcement of the funeral until the arrival of Mrs. Rockne, who is en route northward from Florida.

A coroner's jury at Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, near the scene of the wreck today heard testimony in attempting to fathom the mystery shrouding the cause of the accident.

Rockne's body was placed aboard a train at Strong City, Kansas, today en route to South Bend.

Witnesses declared at the inquest at Cottonwood Falls that they heard the airplane's motor back-firing and missing just previous to the crash. The ship, it was said, apparently was in distress several minutes before the tragedy.

Another witness testified there was no rain in the vicinity of the crash yesterday.

Mad Dog is Killed By Sheriff Holt

Ballinger was thrown into a state of alarm Thursday by the meanderings and actions of a large brindle bull-dog.

The beast was first observed early in the morning in Wilke Terrace, foaming at the mouth and going through a series of running fits. He later was reported to be at large on Broadway, and was at last definitely located in front of the city hall. This last fact alone seems to be ample proof of his madness. The police and sheriff's department took up the chase and followed the canine down through the business district. People turned out on all sides to take part in capture—and turned aside to give him leeway as he sought a new path. He managed to evade all designs at his life, however, until he entered the C. A. Doose building at Hutchings and Seventh. There Sheriff W. A. Holt stopped his careening career by a well-aimed pistol shot.

Although the dog had not become vicious, he nevertheless had all the primary symptoms of being afflicted with hydrophobia.

Truck Halted by Highway Patrol

J. B. Draper, state highway patrolman, stopped an American Oil Company truck here Monday afternoon and filed charges against the driver for lack of a chauffeur's license. The defendant pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$14.50 in justice court.

It was then discovered that the trailer attached to the truck was one ton overweight, and that an additional tax of \$250 must be paid before the truck could be moved. The entire machine weighs 44,000 pounds, for which the annual tax is \$200.

The owner of the truck has made no statement as to whether he prefers to pay the tax or to leave his equipment to decorate the corner of Hutchings Avenue and Broadway.

G. T. Sproul paid a fine of \$75 plus court charges, for overloading his mammoth gasoline tank truck, which was detained here Tuesday while passing through Ballinger by State Highway Patrolman J. B. Draper. The case was tried before County Judge Paul Trimmer.

Sproul pleaded guilty, but said it was an unintentional offense and due to a mistake in construction of his transport. The payment of this fine entitles him to operate the machine for twenty-four hours under its present load. If by Thursday morning he has not reduced the weight to legal capacity, he will again be subject to fine in whatever county he may be at that time. This procedure continues until the load is reduced.

The operator promised Judge Trimmer to unload in San Angelo Wednesday, and not to again drive an overloaded truck. By doing this he saved himself, from an additional \$125 fine for intentionally overloading.

T. J. Peyson, truck driver, was fined \$1 and costs in Justice of the Peace Carl Wilson's court Tuesday for operating a truck without a chauffeur's license.

BEGIN STREET WORK AROUND CITY HALL

The city street department Saturday began improving the street around the city hall, the work to include both Railroad Avenue and Ninth Street. Holes in the hard-surfaced street have been filled with caliche and gravel and machinery is being used to blade the thoroughfare which will then be rolled and oiled, making it nearly as good as paving.

This will conclude improvement by the city in this section of the city. The building inside and out is in excellent condition and all work of landscaping of the grounds has been completed. The streets were in bad shape, large holes having been worn in what had been a gravel topping. The material being used will make the surface smooth and good for traffic in all kinds of weather.

Pre-School Health Report is Given

The Ballinger pre-school Parent-Teacher Association met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Joe Simmons, with Mrs. J. C. Richards giving the lesson for the day's program. The subject was "Relation of the Pre-School Training to the Adolescent Period." Only eight mothers were present and an effort will be made to get more interested in the work and to attend the regular meetings.

One of the outstanding features of the meeting was a health report given by Mrs. Simmons, chairman of the work for the local P.-T. A. This report showed that two clinics had been held here with 253 children given serum for immunization against diphtheria. Of this number 47 did not return for the Shick test and eleven moved from the city, making a total of 58 who did not receive this test. Ten who took the test did not return for inspection and to get their record cards, making it impossible to secure a complete record on all except 185. Of the 185 only 12 show positive reactions, making 173 on the record immune from the disease.

There also were a number who took the recent test who had been given the serum by the family physician. Twenty-eight such cases were reported and all were immune, making 201 of the pre-school age immune.

The health committee of the pre-school P.-T. A. urge that all children who were not brought to the last inspection be taken to a physician, and bring notices to the P.-T. A. showing whether the test was positive or negative. This will furnish parents with absolute information regarding their children and also complete the records of the local organization.

The Rannels P.-T. A. gave 15 the Shick test here at the last clinic and all proved to be immune.

SUMMER ROUND-UPS STARTED IN COUNTY

The Parent-Teacher Association is conducting a summer round-up for all children who are to enter school next year. The schools which have already received this inspection are Benoit, Franklin, Wingate and Crews. Independence pre-school children will be examined Thursday, and Miles Friday.

For the first time Rannels county is 100 per cent signed up in this movement. At this time Shick tests are being given to all who have received the serum for diphtheria.

Word received here states Mrs. R. A. Dickinson will leave the San Antonio soon hospital and go to Carrizo Springs where she will recuperate for some time. She recently had an operation at San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cox, of the Cushing oil field, were here recently on a visit to Mrs. Cox's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. E. Meaders.

Campaigns Feature Week of April 5-11

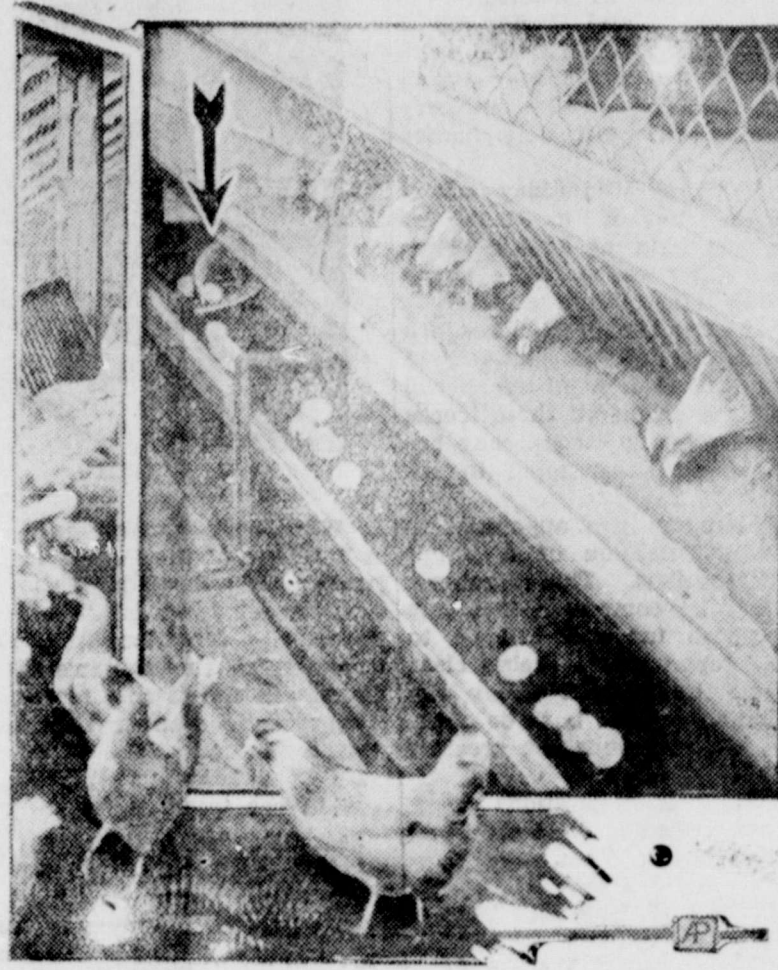
Easter Sunday will start a number of campaigns in Ballinger that will be of interest to every citizen. Proclamations have been issued by the mayor ordering Clean-Up, Paint-Up and Brighten-Up Week, and Health Milk Week and committees are striving to complete details and open the beautiful yards contest for local people. In addition to these contests it will be Easter Sunday and churches will strive to break all attendance records at their services.

If arrangements can be made and sufficient patronage secured The Ledger will publish a Sunday morning edition on that date giving complete details of all these features.

With Clean-Up Week goes fire prevention and more sanitation, the two purposes working hand in hand. The city administration will do its part by cleaning and conditioning all streets and other municipal property, having all in shape for the opening of the campaign and plans to offer every encouragement to those who will cooperate in any way.

Sunday also will be the day to dress up personally. It officially marks the beginning of spring when straw hats, spring suits, etc., will be in vogue.

Conveyor Device for Eggs Collects 'Em Automatically



A large German poultry farm utilizes automatic egg conveyors like the one shown here. Arrow indicates where roll onto conveyor band that carries them to packing room.

(By Associated Press) BERLIN, Apr. 1.—First it was incubators, and now it's running belts for chicken farms.

Automatic conveyors, which remove eggs from the roosts, just as soon as the proud hens cackle, have been installed by a large poultry farm near Berlin.

As soon as the egg is laid, it drops through the bottom of the

nest onto the conveyor band which carries it to the packing room. Besides eliminating the work of egg-collecting, the device removes the hen's temptation to stay in her nest and "meditate."

The conveyor band was exhibited at Berlin's annual agricultural exhibition this year, and attracted wide attention.

Concho County Bonds Are Approved by State

Many Legionnaires At Winters Session

M. C. Atkins, Frank Diekey and R. R. Williams of Ballinger attended the American Legion charter night at Winters Monday night. The crowd from here was cut short by the cold north wind late in the afternoon and a large number who had planned to attend stayed home by their fires.

About 75 ex-service men of this county attended the Winters organization meeting and those from this city said they were royally entertained. Earl Earp, of Sweetwater, was the first speaker presented on the program and after presenting the charter to the new post, gave a brief address on work now facing the American Legion, especially in the 17th district.

Frank Diekey, commander of Pat Williams Post of this city, addressed the gathering and presented compliments of the Ballinger post to the new organization. Mr. Diekey scored a tremendous hit with the former soldiers when he gave his views on conducting a post and in what it should take a part.

Several speakers from Abilene were heard and a number of men with claims for the veterans' bureau were taken care of and such papers as necessary were made out by M. C. Atkins, service officer of the Ballinger post.

Commander Diekey announced an open meeting in Ballinger on the third Monday in April, at which time he will serve a barbecue to the Legionnaires at the Ballinger Country Club. He extended an invitation to the Legion members and ex-service men of this county, and to other posts in this section of West Texas.

The Winters post received many new members Monday night and now has one of the largest memberships of any post in the 17th district.

Miss Georgia Singletary accompanied Miss Belle Wellborn, of Abilene, to Waco Wednesday. Miss Singletary was said to be combining a business and pleasure trip.

Sheriff W. A. Holt was out of town all day Tuesday. He made visits to several nearby towns where law infractions were reported but made no arrests.

Rowena Man is Dead From Gun-Shot Wound

Clerks' Convention Program Complete

The North Texas Auxiliary of the County and District Clerks' Association will hold its third annual meeting in Ballinger on April 16 and 17.

The Central Hotel will be the headquarters, while the meeting place will be the new city hall. Mrs. Clarence West and Miss Georgia Singletary will act as hostesses to the convention.

The announced schedule is as follows:

Thursday, April 16, 10 a. m.—Opening joint meeting of both county and district clerks.

Thursday, April 16, 2 p. m.—Separate meetings of both groups during which instructive measures will be discussed.

Friday, April 17, 10 a. m.—Continuation of Thursday evening's meetings. At the end of this period miscellaneous questions will be brought up for discussion.

Friday, April 17, 2 p. m.—Joint meeting of both divisions to elect new officers, receive the reports of committees, and select the next meeting place.

A number of entertainment features will take up unoccupied time between sessions. The Ballinger Country Club will be open to visitors at all hours.

Two Schools Given Diphtheria Serum

Two immunization programs were completed in the county Wednesday and Thursday of this week which brings the total of children given serum, making them immune from diphtheria, to about 3,000. Dr. J. L. Barron, of Wingate, assisted by Miss Addie Alexander, county health nurse, administered the first dose to 58 children at Independence Thursday and prior to that 85 children at the Pumphrey school were given the serum.

The second dose in these schools will be given next week and when completed will make this county one of the most perfect in the state in immunization work.

Ballinger school children in the primary and elementary buildings were examined Friday following the Shick test which was given earlier in the week. A large per cent were found to be immune while some few who had the serum last year will have to take it over to establish immunity. The percentage of cases was satisfactory but not as good as the pre-school tests which showed about 97 per cent of the cases immune.

In addition to the immunization campaigns being started in this county now the county nurse is holding school examinations of children and checking record cards against those of former examinations to see how many defects have been corrected. This work will require a large part of the time of the county nurse until the schools close in May.

General health of most of the communities in the county is good at this time and school attendance is running close to the 100 per cent mark.

China Gets Sanatorium

PEIPING, April 1.—(AP)—One of the first sanatoria for tuberculosis patients in China has been opened in the western hills section of this city by a group of Chinese physicians.

Buy your printing at home.

Ed Pospichal, 44 died at the Halley & Love Sanitarium here Sunday at 1:30 p. m. from a gunshot wound in the head, self-inflicted Sunday morning about 8:30 at his home 4 miles south of Rowena. An ambulance from the Higginbotham Funeral Home was summoned shortly after the shot was fired and brought the wounded man here for treatment. The verdict rendered at the inquest held at the home soon after the tragedy was to the effect that the wound was self-inflicted.

According to information furnished the coroner Mr. Pospichal had been considerably worried over financial affairs for several weeks. Sunday morning he is said to have taken a gun, a .22 calibre rifle, to the barn with him and returned a few minutes later. After decedent entered a room a shot was heard. The family hurried to his side and found a bullet had entered his head and penetrated the brain. His condition was such that little could be done for him.

The body was removed to the Higginbotham Funeral Home where it will be held until 8 o'clock Tuesday morning. At that hour the remains will be taken to Komensky Hall at Rowena.

An intimate will be selected to make a short talk before friends follow the remains to a Rowena cemetery for the interment.

The widow and three children survive. One of the boys is attending the Ballinger high school and has many friends here among his schoolmates.

B. A. Whiting Makes Bond

B. A. Whiting who was arrested Thursday and charged with theft of lubricating oil made bond for \$1,000 Friday. Until the time that he made bond, Whiting was confined in the county jail.

Ernest Nance went to Fort Worth Tuesday on a business trip. He expected to return Wednesday or Thursday.

Murchison Visits Coleman Guard

Capt. Ross Murchison, commander of the Ballinger national guard company, went to Coleman Tuesday night to visit Company B and to borrow targets for the rifle range here. Capt. Murchison plans to continue target practice for all men who have not qualified to date and was without targets here.

The four companies in the first battalion at present are engaged in a contest for a silver cup offered by Major Karl E. Wallace, battalion at present are engaged pany making the best rating at Federal inspection this month.

Each company commander is working his men hard now preparing them for the inspection and will make competition close in the four companies.

The battalion is composed of Co. "A" at Brownwood, Co. "B" at Coleman, Co. "C" at Ballinger and Co. "D" at Stephenville. Each unit is recruited to full strength and has an excellent personnel.

The Coleman company is one of the outstanding units in the national guard in this section of the state. Capt. Elgean Shields is in command and has a good staff of officers and non-coms assisting him in the instruction work prior to Federal inspection. Ballinger expects their hardest competition from the Coleman unit but has an excellent chance of winning the cup.

Best Wishes for a Happy Eastertide

May Easter, emblematic of new hope and new life, inspire each of us with a zeal that will be reflected in both our spiritual and in our material betterment.

And because a bank account is the surest source of future happiness and contentment, may this inspiration spur all of us to greater effort in building up substantial, sustaining bank accounts.

The Winters State Bank

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Coleman will formally open its new park April 12. The place was taken over some time ago by the Lions and Kiwanis clubs and has been beautified with flower beds, several hundred pecan trees and playground equipment.

The first big fish story comes from Winters and tells of a small negro boy who last week caught a catfish weighing 102 pounds. The fish did not get away but was landed and served to many lovers of the flesh from a hot skillet.

The first flu epidemic of the year here is keeping many local citizens from their work. Cases reported are not severe but bring on several days of fever and keep the patients in bed.

Saturday resembled a prosperous fall day in Ballinger. The throngs of shoppers began crowding the streets and stores shortly after noon and special sales events received good patronage until closing time at night.

A large number of crows were found sick Sunday around the roosts where poison was placed about a week ago. The effect of the campaign here against the pests was voided somewhat by rain which fell soon after the poisoned grain was put out.

Many kiddies will be entertained Saturday and Sunday with Easter egg hunts. Sundays schools and other organizations are conducting such events and the Easter rabbit will have to work overtime to prepare for the coming events.

Ballinger's first spring revival will commence at the First Christian Church Sunday morning, continuing until Easter Sunday. Special services will be held at the Church of the Nazarene tomorrow, while other denominations announce regular services.

Old Man Winter visited Texas at the wrong time again. The hard freezes of Thursday and Friday nights did much damage, killing the fruit crop and blasting other vegetation, and local citizens will buy fruit shipped in from abroad or do without.

Contractors' representatives are in Ballinger and are preparing to begin work on highway No. 4 south from Ballinger to the Concho county line. Mostly home labor will be used and within a short time a number of jobs will be available to the unemployed.

Road contractors are becoming interested in this section and are arriving in Ballinger almost every day to look over projects in Runnels, Concho and Coleman counties.

see the land through which the new highways will run. Dates for letting any of these contracts have not been announced except that for two bridges in Concho county.

Winters has finally arrived and blizzards raged from the north, accompanied by snow, sleet and freezing temperatures to end the first so-called spring month. One weather "proverb" proving true this year is that thunder in February brings frost later.

Many thousand dollars have poured into this county within the past few weeks on veterans' loans. One local bank has handled \$25,000 in checks and two other banks report much business in this line, with the local American Legion post probably transacting the major portion of this business through the U. S. veterans' bureau.

April brings the planting season to Runnels county and already a number of farmers have contracted for standardized seed of better breeds for this year's crops. The better seed campaign conducted in this county was a wonderful success and as a result many acres will be planted in fine cotton this year.

Is there something wrong with the young people of this county? When a full month passes and only three couples decide to marry there is fault somewhere and the cause should be found. Some may think that two cannot live as cheaply as one.

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Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 7th day of April, A. D. 1931, an election will be held at the City Hall in the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two Commissioners, for said City.

Word from W. F. Mason at Temple stated that he is slowly improving at the Scott & White Sanitarium.

Mitchell county club women say they believe they have solved the problem of supplying reading material for booklovers of this city and county, where a public library has not yet been established.

Five years ago, the women established the Mitchell county library here with a few donated volumes of fiction and several sets of reference books. Today, the library, depending solely for its upkeep and growth on membership fees of \$1 per year, contains 725 works of fiction alone and many reference books.

Local Firemen in Business Meeting

The Ballinger fire department held its monthly meeting Wednesday night at the city hall, good attendance being reported. Business proceedings started at 8 o'clock.

Plans were worked out to send a racing team of six men to Menard on May 10, during the Hill Country Firemen's Association convention. Try-outs to select members of the team will be held next week.

D. G. Posey and Vernon Webb are the delegates to the state convention at Bryan the second Tuesday in May. Chester Cherry and L. J. Campbell were named as alternates.

At 6 o'clock Wednesday afternoon the first of a series of drills was held at 1000 Seventh Street. Water was started through the hose one minute and thirty seconds after the firemen reached the location.

A committee was appointed to plan the formation of a junior fire department. This organization will be composed of young boys, whose function will be to locate, report, and help clear away all fire hazards within the city limits.

Several minor questions were discussed although no action was taken on any of them.

CARPENTER MAKES GUITARS AS A PROFITABLE SIDE-LINE

CANADIAN, Tex., April 1—A hobby is paying dividends to W. Sipes, Canadian carpenter and cabinet maker.

During dull periods in his work, Sipes several years ago began making hand-made violins and guitars—just for pastime. He was not successful with the violins, so he began devoting his odd moments to guitars alone.

In recent years he has made dozens of them, and there is a ready market for each instrument at \$30.

To extend his handicraft, Sipes cuts tiny blocks of wood to inner-line his instruments. Each product contains 700 or 750 different pieces of wood, closely fitted together. He obtains his material from old bedsteads and other old pieces of furniture containing seasoned woods.

TENNESSEE FARMER EARNS \$11 A DAY FROM POULTRY

FORT COLLINS, Tenn., Mar. 27.—It isn't every farmer who can make \$11 a day from all his activities.

But Mel R. Scott had a net profit of \$11.23 a day from his flock of 800 hens during November, 1930, he has reported. Scott averaged 807 eggs a day, which he marketed wholesale at 35 cents a dozen.

Scott devotes only one-tenth of his time to the care of his poultry. Last year during the same winter months, with 1,000 hens in his yard, Scott had a net profit of \$591 for November, or a clear cash income of \$19.75 daily including Sundays.

HOGS GET SURPLUS CORN SO FARMERS WON'T LOSE

CLEMSON COLLEGE, S. C., Mar. 27.—South Carolina farmers are utilizing a surplus corn production in hog raising.

Authorities at the state college of agriculture here point out that the state has a corn and feed surplus of 18 per cent above normal which is selling at a relatively low price.

They are urging farmers to use the surplus as hog feed, declaring hog prices will continue high, since the cornbelt crop last year was reduced by dry weather.

The extension service assures farmers that they can be sure of receiving more than \$1a bushel for their corn if it is fed to hogs.

Word from W. F. Mason at Temple stated that he is slowly improving at the Scott & White Sanitarium. Mr. Mason is there for treatment of an arm injured here last fall in a gin accident.

For the first time in nearly two decades, Kansas women failed to show a gain in the number of offices they won in the last election.

Goof, a 15-year-old English sheep dog, has ridden nearly 300,000 miles in autos owned by his master, James Lanyon, of Helena, Montana.

American Legion Sponsors "War Nurse," a Tale of Heroines



MARIE PREVOST and ZASU PITTS in "WAR NURSE"

"War Nurse," which will open in Ballinger at the Palace Theatre Sunday for three-day showing, was made by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer with the thought in mind of presenting the woman's side of the war in the same direct, accurate, realistic manner that made such a success for "The Big Parade," outstanding epic of the boys in the trenches.

Searching for a story to carry out this idea M-G-M picked the frank novel, "War Nurse," which caused so much discussion when it appeared serially in a national magazine. Adaptation of this tale was placed in the hands of Becky Gardiner, adaptor of "The Trial of Mary Dugan," with additional dialogue by Joe Farnham.

The players of the piece included members of an American nursing unit, in France during 1915, aviators of the Lafayette Escadrille, French and English soldiers. The principal protagonists, two aviators and two nurses, are played by Robert Montgomery, Robert Ames, June Walker and Anita Page.

Other comedy and dramatic scenes are in the hands of such well-known players as Zasu Pitts, Marie Prevost, Helen Jerome Eddy, Hedda Hopper, Edward Nugent, Martha Sleeper and Michael Vavitch.

Outstanding scenes include: Introduction of a group of society girls to the job of turning a French stable into a hospital.

An emergency operation during a "big drive." The shelling of a hospital at the front.

The discovery by "Joy" that her lover, "Robin," is the seriously wounded man brought in just as the big guns begin to smash the ambulance walls.

The dash of an ambulance full of nurses through a barrage.

From the romantic side the most climactic scene is that staged by "Babs," Miss Walker, and "Wally," Robert Montgomery, in Babs' billet.

The scene is one of great strength, and indicative of the emotional crises which came to men and women under the stress and strain of the war.

The settings include hospitals at the front, the middle section, and the base ports, battlefields through which ambulances threaded their way to the rear, provincial cafes where soldiers and nurses took their fun, and the night clubs of Paris.

The director, Edgar Selwyn, is the noted stage producer. "War Nurse" will be shown at the Palace under the auspices of Pat Williams Post, American Legion. The post will share in box-office receipts, and members urge citizens of this county not to miss this attraction, probably the greatest picture of its kind ever produced.

The offering ends its run here Tuesday night, April 7.

PROGRAM FOR PRESS MEET IS ANNOUNCED

COLEMAN, April 1.—The program for the spring meeting of the Heart of Texas Press Association to be held at Junction April 18 has been announced by Irl Larimore of Mason, Harry Schwenker of Brady, Will Collins of Llano and Edgar McLendon of Junction.

A pre-convention dinner will be held Friday night, April 17. Business sessions will be held in the pavilion of Kimble Courts, where the luncheon will be spread.

Entertainment will include fishing, bathing, boating, swimming, golfing and other outdoor recreation.

W. B. McCaughan, of Winters, visited in Ballinger. He was formerly on employe of the City Drug Company.

Gem Paper Clips at Ballinger Printing Co.

Sterling Signs First Pardon

AUSTIN, April 1.—Governor Sterling today signed the first pardon since he was inaugurated, restoring citizenship to Bert Creed, alias T. J. Murphy, sentenced to six years' imprisonment in 1903 for horse theft.

Creed entered the penitentiary in October, 1903, escaping in November, was recaptured, and escaped again in June 1904. He dodged the law thereafter for 23 years, and became a model citizen, and contractor at Wichita Falls. In 1927 Creed voluntarily surrendered to the authorities.

The governor pointed out that Creed had served four and a half years of his six-year term.

MRS. CHERY ATTENDS CIRCLE CONVENTION

Mrs. Chester Cherry left Tuesday afternoon for Mineral Wells to attend the state convention of the Woodmen Circle. She is the official delegate from the local grove and will be there from Wednesday morning until April 4, when the convention adjourns. Accompanying Mrs. Cherry were Mrs. Grace Farmer, of Miles, and

Mrs. Meyers, of San Angelo, both representing groves.

The Woodman Circle has more than 33,000 adult and more than 1,000 junior members in Texas. The society's assets recently passed the 25 million dollar mark and the organization is one of the most prosperous operating in the state.

One of the important items before the circle now is the home for the aged and orphans at Sherman. The first unit of the 33-room brick structure, Georgian architecture, was formally dedicated last spring. Plans have been accepted for the second unit and a children's cottage which will be built to harmonize with the first building. The home has a 250-acre farm at the site which provides inmates with fruits, vegetables and dairy products.

Texas members have contributed more than \$24,000 to the home in which the Ballinger lodge has been active and contributed liberally.

County Attorney Roy Hill left Friday morning for Junction to attend the County and District Attorneys' Association convention.

A tree 66 feet in circumference and with an 18 by 16 foot hollow large enough to house two cars is growing near Dresden, Tenn.



WHAT HAS HAPPENED BEFORE? Cookie, Leonard, racketeer; Mike O'Dowd, detective, and Molly Pearson, nurse, are buddies of long standing. Mike and Molly try to persuade Cookie to give up his racket and string along with them again, but the lucrative business he has built up makes him obstinate. Finally they put it up to him Betty. They are to march in the Armistice Day parade next day. If Cookie marches with them, all is forgiven. If not, friendship ceases. "I've seen my last parade," is Cookie's answer. NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY Chapter Five. "Say, what the Sam Hill is this—a jail?" asked Larry. "When you going to put me on that train?" "Shut up," growled Cookie. "From now on I'm doing your thinking for you."

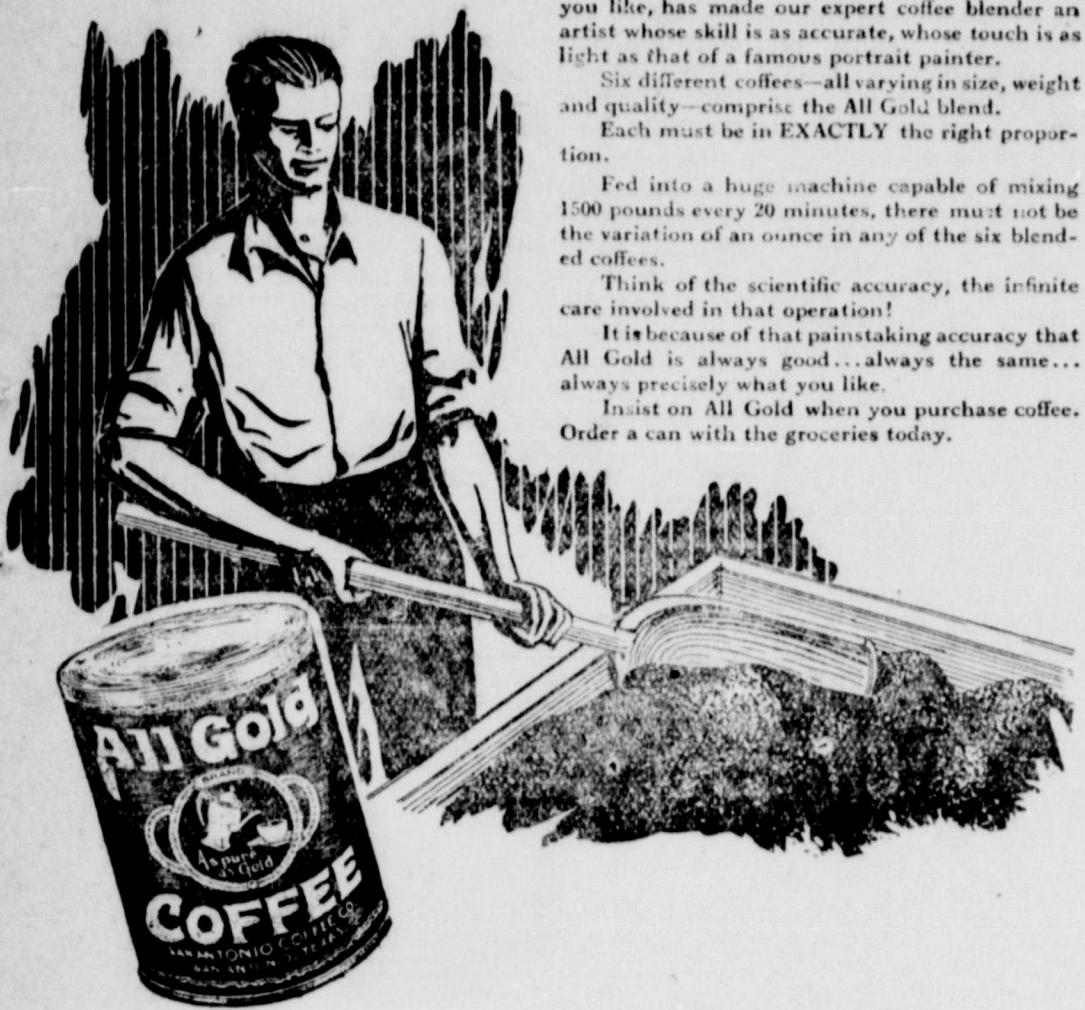


"Look, Cookie, it's the Armistice parade, and there's your old outfit right up in front." to the windows and looked out. Evidently he had been doing some serious thinking. "The noise of music and shouting penetrated the room. The Armistice Day parade was turning into the street. Larry ran eagerly to the window. "Hey, Cookie, look!" he shouted. "Your old outfit is right up in front. There's Mike, and Molly—marching together." Cookie strode to the window and looked down, transfixed. Suddenly he started and barked to Lefty. "Make that three tickets for California, and meet me here after the parade. Get ready to unload the joint and everything else we've got on hand." Lefty's jaw dropped. "Have you gone goofy?" he asked. "Maybe," answered Cookie. "But I like it. You don't think I'm going to stay cooped up here when there's something going on, do you? I'm joining the parade!" He dashed out the door, and running into the street, quickly caught up with the procession. "How'd you like living in an orange grove?" he demanded of an excited Molly. "I'd love it, Cookie," she told him sincerely, happiness written large on her face. Mike marched stolidly on, his eyes straight ahead. Cookie, exuberant, said to Molly that he might hear, "And every Christmas we'll send Mike a box of lemons," he chided. With a forced grin Mike replied, "That'll be better than handing out pineapples." That night, in the office of Cookie's cafe, a happy Molly sat with Cookie. He was straightening

Advertisement for the movie 'War Nurse' at the Palace Theatre. It includes the title 'PALACE 3 Days Starting Sunday', the text 'Auspices American Legion with Robert Montgomery and Robert Ames', and a list of cast members: June Walker, Anita Page, Zasu Pitts, and Marie Prevost. The ad also features the slogan 'The Woman's Side of It' and 'The anonymous book of heroines who lived, loved and suffered on the Western Front is vividly alive on the talking screen!' along with the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer logo and 'TALKING PICTURES'.

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It is because of that painstaking accuracy that All Gold is always good...always the same...always precisely what you like.

Insist on All Gold when you purchase coffee. Order a can with the groceries today.

Eleventh District Shows Improvement

DALLAS, Mar. 30.—Further improvement in the agricultural and livestock industries, which placed them in an excellent physical condition at the opening of spring, has strengthened sentiment underlying business and industry throughout the Eleventh Federal Reserve district, according to a monthly business review by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

Ample moisture, favorable weather and the good condition of the soil are factors enabling farmers to proceed with confidence in planting operations, the report said.

Regarding livestock, the review read: "Livestock and their ranges again showed a material improvement during February and the first half of March. According to the Department of Agriculture, ranges are now in excellent condition and livestock will be fat somewhat earlier than usual. Large calf, lamb and kid crops are in prospect. Trading on the ranges, however, is at a standstill and prices of most classes of livestock at central markets have tended downward."

The most significant development in the financial field were the rise in member bank deposits and the heavy subscriptions to the government securities issued March 16, according to the summary. The daily average of the combined net demand and time deposits of member banks, it said, was \$14,699,000 higher than in January and while \$74,824,000 less than during the corresponding month of 1930, the decline was smaller than in January. Subscriptions to the government issues totaled \$102,417,750, of which \$41,555,000 represented subscriptions to the 1 1/2 and 2 per cent Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, and \$60,862,750 represented subscriptions to the 3 3/8 per cent bonds.

The actual distribution of merchandise at wholesale and retail has not shown any noticeable improvement, the report said, adding that the undercurrent of good feeling has been sustained and in many quarters is gaining ground due to the good agricultural conditions, improvement in some lines of industry, and the strengthening of the cotton market. Department store sales in larger cities were slightly larger than in January, but were 12 per cent less than in February a year ago. Wholesale distribution was smaller than in either January of this year or February last year.

Southwestern car loadings, the review related, were slightly larger in February than in the previous month, but were considerably smaller than in February, 1930.

Discussing building, the summary said that while permits at principal centers were 15 per cent larger than the low January volume, they were 28 per cent smaller than in the corresponding month a year ago. The production of lumber, it said, was maintained at practically the same level as in the previous month,

yet new orders and shipments again showed a considerable expansion.

Statement of the Ownership, Management, Circulation, etc., Required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1917, of the Ballinger Ledger, published weekly at Ballinger, Texas, for April, 1931.

Before me, a notary public in and for the state and county aforesaid personally appeared Troy Simpson who, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the editor of the Ballinger Ledger and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1917, embodied in Section 4762, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form to-wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor and business manager are:

Publisher, Ballinger Printing Company, Inc., Ballinger, Texas.

Editor, Troy Simpson, Ballinger, Texas.

Business Manager, C. P. Shepherd, Ballinger, Texas.

2. That the owner is: (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and also immediately thereunder the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding one per cent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a firm, company, or other unincorporated concern, its name and address, as well as those of each individual member, must be given.)

The Ballinger Printing Company, Inc., L. M. Skinner, C. P. Shepherd, Troy Simpson, James Skinner, Mrs. D. C. Simpson, Mrs. C. P. Shepherd, and J. Y. Pearce, all of Ballinger, Texas.

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4. That the two paragraphs next above, giving the names of the owners, stockholders and security holders, if any, contain not only the list of stockholders and security holders as they appear upon the books of the company as trustee or in any other fiduciary relation, the name of the person or corporation for whom such trustee is acting, is given; also that the said two paragraphs contain statements embracing full knowledge and belief as to the circumstances and conditions under which stockholders and security holders who do not appear upon the books of the company as trustees, hold stock and securities in a capacity other than that of a bona fide owner; and this affiant has no reason to believe that any other person, association, or corporation has any interest, direct or indirect, in the said stock, bonds, or other securities than as so stated by him.

TROY SIMPSON, Editor.

(Seal)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of March, 1931.

GERTRUDE WOODS, Notary Public, Runnels County, Texas. (My commission expires June 1st, 1931.)

COOPERATION SUBJECT OF CHAPEL MESSAGE

The theme of Rev. T. E. Bowman's talk at the Tuesday morning high school chapel service was cooperation.

Rev. Bowman said "Cooperation should exist between all civilized people in every walk of life. We should have cooperation in business, in the family, in our political and personal relations to our fellow man, and in our service to and with God." He clearly explained how it was essential that people cooperate, and gave as his principal reasons the facts that one aided both himself and other people when he did so.

The conclusion of the preacher's talk was a fervent appeal to the high school students that they work together in citizenship and in their duty to God.

T. A. VanDeen, of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, was in Ballinger Friday looking after business in connection with the regional organization and discussing plans for the annual convention to be held at Lubbock this summer.

Rev. W. H. Doss, chaplain of the Texas Senate, came in on the midnight train Sunday. He will spend a few days here with his family and friends.

Call and look over our Easter Flowers. Ballinger Floral Co. 1-3d-1w

McClain to Coleman For District Meet

Rev. J. H. McClain pastor, and a number of members of the Ballinger Baptist Church, left Tuesday morning for Coleman to attend the district Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. convention in session there Tuesday and Wednesday. The convention opened at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning and three sessions were scheduled for the day, and one on the following day, closing at noon Wednesday.

Rev. Hal C. Wingo, of Santa Anna, and Miss Beulah Doerr, of Brownwood, will preside, and a number of outstanding speakers and workers of the church in this section are to appear.

Miss Grace Conn, of Dallas, in charge of young peoples' work, will speak on each program. She will later come to Ballinger to take part in the county-wide revival to be staged here with the general conference at the Ballinger church.

Rev. McClain will be in charge of the devotional and song service, opening the session Wednesday.

A number of workers of the Baptist church registered Tuesday, prior to the opening session and the convention promises to have good attendance.

HARVEY ELECTED COACH AT RANKIN

J. D. Harvey, teacher of science in the Ballinger high school, has been elected as teacher of commercial subjects and athletic coach at Rankin, Texas. The position carries a salary of \$1800 per annum. Mr. Harvey said he intends to accept the offer.

This is Mr. Harvey's first year of teaching. Last year he was president of the senior class and a football star at Simmons University, Abilene. It is with sincere regrets that the faculty and students of the Ballinger school see Mr. Harvey leave the local staff.

Miss Malcorine Wardlaw, teacher in the primary school, is reported ill this week and confined to her home on Eighth street.

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STEAKS and CHOPS a specialty.

See It Cooked and Served.

We Cordially Invite Your Inspection.

Wrigley to Buy Large Lot of Cotton at 12c

City Improvement Of Streets Goes On

The city weekly report showed that all current bills for water and sanitary work had been collected for the month of March and that no delinquents were on the books Saturday when the report was closed. This is an excellent record and shows intense effort on the part of city employees in this department. Meters were read and billings are being prepared for the first of April. The water department repaired a number of small leaks in the system, flushed all dead ends of pipe lines and received and stored 100 new steel meter boxes in the city warehouse.

At the city hall members of the fire department repaired the furniture in the auditorium, completely re-upholstering it. The police department reported one arrest, one fine assessed and one fine collected.

Dr. E. R. Walker, city health officer, reported one case of scarlet fever placed under quarantine and a number of visits to cases of chicken pox for investigation but no quarantine established. The dairy department reported two dairy inspections, seven laboratory tests of milk samples and one cow inspected.

Work continued on the streets surrounding the city hall and this will be completed some time this week. The street has been graded, all holes filled with caliche and gravel and these have been rolled hard and when completed the street will be in excellent condition. The proper grade has been given the street for drainage in heavy rains and the improvement work will better conditions in that part of town for travel. Graveling of blocks on Tenth street has been completed and made into good roads at moderate cost. The cost for the city's one-third of the last block was \$55.80.

A large amount of material has been hauled to Railroad avenue to be used in repair of that street. Twenty-one loads of rock and dirt has been hauled to Hamilton avenue where improvement is being made at this time.

The sanitary department during the past week hauled many loads of dirt and trash from the residential section of the town to the dump ground. This trash came from homes where clean-up work is being done and trash piled at the rear of the houses.

R. E. White, county school superintendent, stated Saturday that the department had been working for the last two days preparing material to be used in the coming election of trustees. He plans to finish the job before the week-end.

Mrs. R. L. Stephenson and daughter, Mary Ann, came in Friday afternoon from Lubbock to visit with Mrs. Z. A. Snell and other relatives for a few days.

Miss Louise Morgan, teacher in the Ballinger high school, is spending the week-end with relatives at Dublin.

Charter No. 3533 Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE **FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

of Ballinger, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on March 25, 1931.

RESOURCES	
1. Loans and discounts	\$338,085.49
2. Overdrafts	109.89
3. United States Government securities owned	26,000.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	39,062.50
5. Banking house, \$40,000.00 Furniture and fixtures \$10,000.00	50,000.00
6. Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	31,221.37
7. Cash and due from banks	155,704.69
8. Outside checks and other cash items	4,512.97
9. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	1,250.00
10. Other assets, Acceptances (cotton)	1,643.78
Total	\$647,590.69
LIABILITIES	
11. Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
12. Surplus	50,000.00
13. Undivided profits—net	23,078.67
14. Circulation notes outstanding	25,000.00
15. Due to banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	7,780.15
16. Demand deposits	434,956.87
17. Time deposits	6,175.00
Total	\$647,590.69
RECAPITULATION	
Resources	Liabilities
Loans and discounts \$338,085.49	Capital stock \$100,000.00
Overdrafts 109.89	Surplus and undivided profits 73,678.67
Banking House 40,000.00	Circulation 25,000.00
Furniture and fixtures 10,000.00	DEPOSITS 448,912.02
U. S. Bonds 25,000.00	
Bonds and warrants 34,362.50	
Stock Fed. Res. Bank 4,500.00	
Acceptances (cotton) 1,643.78	
CASH AND EXCHANGE 192,689.03	
	\$647,590.69

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

R. G. ERWIN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of March, 1931. (Seal) JOE FORMAN, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest: J. Y. Pearce, D. M. Baker, J. McGregor, Directors.

Coleman Resigns As Presiding Elder

Dr. W. H. Coleman, for more than three years presiding elder of this district of the central Methodist conference, has tendered his resignation and will go to the Polytechnic church at Ft. Worth as pastor. Dr. R. O. Sory, former pastor at Taylor, has been named the new presiding elder of this district and will take over the work as soon as Dr. Coleman leaves for Fort Worth. All those affected by the change will remain in their places until after Easter and then go to their new work.

The change at this time came about by the death of the presiding elder of the San Antonio district. The pastor of the church at Austin will go to that place, the present pastor at Polytechnic, Fort Worth, will go to the Austin church and Dr. Coleman will take the pastor's job at Fort Worth, with Dr. Sory, coming to this district to take the place made vacant by Dr. Coleman.

Dr. Coleman will succeed Dr. Virgil Fisher at Fort Worth in the Polytechnic church which has a membership of 2,000. He is serving his fourth year as presiding elder of this district and during

that time has made many close friends who will regret to hear of his move from this territory but rejoice to know that he is going to one of the biggest churches in the state.

Quarterly conference and one special conference have already been held here this year and it is not likely that Dr. Coleman will visit the Ballinger church again before leaving. His territory is composed of Brown, Coke, Coleman and Runnels counties.

WRONG BOTH TIMES

SAN ANTONIO, Mar. 28.—How is San Antonio pronounced?

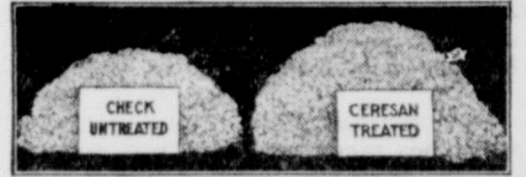
K. S. Wendler, editor of the chamber of commerce publication, The San Antonian, has been called upon to decide the correct pronunciation of the name "San Antonio."

"Do you," writes F. A. Henry of Fort Wayne, Ind., "pronounce it to rhyme with tone or tony?" Wendler is explaining that it does not in either case.

R. T. Williams and Mrs. M. S. Karmany left Saturday afternoon for Dallas to attend the funeral Sunday afternoon of R. W. Higginbotham. They expected to return to Ballinger late Monday afternoon.

Buy your printing at home.

Ceresan Seed Treatment Increases Cotton Yields



Easy, economical dust treatment Prevents seed rotting and disease losses

THE use of the new Ceresan dust seed treatment increased the yield of cotton 190 pounds on one South Carolina farm, as illustrated above. In two tests conducted by the Mississippi Experiment Station Ceresan (K-1-B) seed treatment increased the cotton yield by 51 pounds and by 64.4 pounds per acre, a profitable increase.



and produce a good stand of healthy plants. In two South Carolina tests, Ceresan seed treatment increased the stand by 14.4% and by 10.3%. Dust disinfectants, such as Ceresan, in many cases give sufficient protection to enable the grower to plant seed from a week to ten days earlier than would otherwise be safe without treatment.

Yield increases are not the only benefits of Ceresan seed treatment. Ceresan destroys disease organisms of anthracnose, angular leaf-spot and certain boll rots when they exist on the seed; prevents seed rotting and controls seedling losses caused by damping-off.

Ceresan is easily and quickly applied as a dust. Harmless to seed and safe to user. Seed may be treated now or right before planting. Seed grains may also be treated with Ceresan to control smuts and increase yields. Use three ounces per bushel of seed cotton, oats and barley; two ounces per bushel of seed wheat, rye, millet and sorghums. One pound, 75c; five pounds, \$3.00. Ask us for prices on larger quantities.

Increases Stands
You can thus plant cotton seed early to escape heavy boll weevil damage.

Use Semesan Jr. for seed corn; Semesan Bel for seed potatoes; Semesan for vegetable and flower seeds and bulbs.

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NOTICE TO FARMERS:

We are selling imported pedigreed

Kasch Cotton Seed

direct from Ed. Cash at San Marcos, Texas,

\$1.25

per bushel delivered.

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Notice Poultry Raisers

We are now charging \$2.50 per tray of 116 eggs.

We are selling baby chicks at \$6.00 per 100 for Leghorns.

\$8.00 per 100 for larger breeds.

We sell all feeds for starting baby chicks.

We also carry a full line of fresh garden and field seeds.

CURRIE PRODUCE CO.

Ballinger Winner In Play Contest

Ballinger high school's players were declared winners in the one-act play contest for this district which was concluded at San Angelo Saturday evening. The victory gives the locals the privilege of representing this district in the regional competition at Abilene.

Ten schools were represented in the district contest: Ballinger, San Angelo, Midland, Rankin, Mason, Big Lake, Junction, Winters, Sterling City and Mertzon. The locals proffered Eugene O'Neill's "The Playlet" was directed by A. F. Ligon, principal of the high school, with the following in the dramatis personae: Alfred Zedlitz, John Nicholson, Leland McWilliams, Milton Greenwood, Margaret Gilton, Harrell Flynt, Price Middleton, Davis Sims, Clovis Brown and Terence Straley.

The playlet had been produced in Ballinger a number of times. Recently a large local audience witnessed the offering, presented in competition with the Abilene high school's one-act play, and critics who attended declared the Ballinger play superior. Abilene high school thespians won the state championship last year and are expected to be in the finals this year.

The Ballinger players will be rehearsed thoroughly between now and the date of the next interscholastic meet in an effort to better the presentation.

No Ballinger player was deemed best in individual performance at the district meet, but Alfred Zedlitz and Leland McWilliams were given honorable mention for their depictions.

This is the first year that Ballinger high school has taken part in this event, but officials are greatly pleased with the showing made and plan to continue the department.

Other events in connection with the district meet will be held at San Angelo April 17-18. All literary and athletic contests are included in the two-day gathering, and a number of locals who won in the county meet will contest at San Angelo.

Mr. Ligon said Monday that he wished especially to thank Troy Simpson and the American Legion post for use of make-up boxes and Ernest Moody for use of an organ.

The Ballinger guild will go to Abilene about two weeks from date to compete in the regional tournament to be held there. The locals' most outstanding opponent probably will be the Crowell high school.

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.

MILLER SELLS WOOL FOR 20.5 CENTS LB.

Q. V. Miller of this city received notice Thursday of the sale of his wool by the Wool Growers Central Storage Company of San Angelo this week for 20.5 cents a pound. The wool sold by Mr. Miller represented a 12-month lamb clip which was removed in February and stored in the San Angelo warehouse.

The general feeling prevailed here that wool would bring only about 14 to 16 cents, and the first reported sale is encouraging to sheep raisers. Mr. Miller was delighted with the price received and believes now that the wool market will be better than first anticipated. A number of other sheepmen of this section have wool in storage at San Angelo and expect to hear of it being sold today or Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stallings returned home from Brownwood Sunday. Mr. Stallings had been attending the reserve officers training camp in San Antonio for the past two weeks, while his wife had been visiting her parents in Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Herring returned to Ballinger Sunday from Brownwood after a short visit there. They are moving this week to their home on Eleventh Street.

Charlie Snell and Mrs. R. L. Stephenson and daughter returned to Lubbock Sunday after visiting Mrs. Z. A. Snell and other relatives here.

The total population always is above the 5,000 mark.

Guard Inspection is Set for April 20th

Company C, 142nd Infantry, Texas National Guard, will receive federal inspection here April 20, according to an announcement made Thursday by Captain Ross Murchison. A regular army officer will come here on this date to look over the armory, equipment and give personal inspection of the troopers.

Prior to the inspection Major Peter P. Salgado, senior instructor, will be here for a night session with the local company on April 6. All members will be assembled at the armory on this occasion to receive special instructions from Major Salgado, and his instruction will be helpful in passing a good inspection on April 20.

The local unit has made one of the best records this year since its organization. The roster is being kept to full quota with a personnel of high type in the ranks, commanded by officers who have a deep interest in their work and constantly study to improve themselves.

For the past six weeks men have been working on the rifle range and to date about fifty per cent have qualified. This will be continued until all have had opportunity to qualify, and some are striving for the expert rifleman badge. The company is well quartered in its armory on Seventh Street, the equipment is kept in first class shape, and inspections are always welcomed by the officers. Capt. Murchison is company commander, and his aide is First Lieutenant K. V. Northington. There is no second lieutenant in the company at present but two of the non-commissioned officers are studying for this rank and will be given an examination for promotion soon. When this additional officer is made company will be up to full strength in both officers and enlisted men.

A large number of the men are making plans early to attend the annual encampment which combines recreation with training as part of the division.

BRONCHITIS
At bedtime rub the throat and chest thoroughly with—
VICKS VAPORUB
OVER 12 MILLION JARS USED YEARLY

FORMER CITIZEN HERE CAUGHT IN BLIZZARD

The paragraph below, taken from morning papers Tuesday, tells of an experience suffered by V. Weinberg, former merchant of Ballinger, Mr. Weinberg was here for a number of years in the haberdashery and tailoring business.

"The blizzard around Borger marooned Dr. C. A. Williams of Gruver and V. Weinberg in an automobile at Morse, 30 miles from Borger, and when they were rescued Dr. Williams was near death from a paralytic stroke brought on by exposure and Weinberg also was in a serious condition. The automobile had gone into a snow-filled ditch. They said they were able to avoid freezing to death by keeping the engine of the automobile running. When rescued their gasoline supply was almost exhausted. Dr. Williams still was unconscious and in a critical condition."

Floyd W. Dawson is here this week looking after business. Mr. Dawson, a U. S. department of agriculture field man, is here to combat crows and ravens in this county.

Harry Lynn was ill Monday with a light case of flu and unable to be at his desk in the First National Bank. His daughter, Dorothy Ruth, also is ill with the same malady.

Judges T. T. Crosson and C. P. Shepherd spent Monday in Paint Rock. They were engaged in a criminal case in Concho county court.

Mrs. W. L. Williams, who is at a Temple hospital for treatment, is reported to be slightly improved.

Backache, Headache



Henderson, Texas—'I suffered continually with severe backache and binding nervous headaches. I was forced to take to my bed each month and, in short, was a nervous wreck. Recalling to mind the marvelous results my mother had obtained from Dr. Pierce's medicines, I decided to quit the doctor and give this treatment a trial. After taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription I gained eleven pounds, lost my headaches and backaches and have not been obliged to take to my bed since.'—Mrs. J. Y. Welch, All dealers.

Fill out the coupon blank wrapped with the medicine and mail it to Dr. Pierce's Clinic, Buffalo, N. Y., for free advice.

To Demonstrate Gopher Trapping

Floyd W. Dawson and County Agent C. W. Lehmburg will stage a gopher trapping and poisoning demonstration Thursday at 2:30 p. m. at Evergreen Cemetery. Anyone interested in this work is invited to be present and witness the demonstration. Following the demonstration the expert will explain ways of poisoning rodents, rabbits and ravens and make an effort for a county-wide campaign against these pests.

Mr. Dawson, representative of the U. S. department of agriculture in the rodent extermination service, will spend some time in Runnels county, working on various projects and will be glad to assist any community in conducting a campaign. Recently a raven feeding station was built on the John Lee Simmons place south of Ballinger, putting out poisoned grain at that place, and as a result hundreds of sick and dead birds are on the ground.

As well as placing more poison at this station the farms of R. W. Bruce, J. W. Bisby and Jack Beard will be used in the campaign. Ravens are numerous on these farms and many others are being attracted there by the meat baits.

Others parts of the county will be searched for roosts and where found, poison will be put out. Farmers are asked to cooperate in putting out poisoned grain in their fields when they start planting to kill the birds that follow the planters, and scratch up the seed.

These projects will be discussed Thursday afternoon following the gopher demonstration. Everyone interested in any kind of rodent extermination is invited to be present and ask questions regarding the best methods to rid their places of these pests.

REAL COUNTY ISSUE LOSES BY SMALL VOTE

Voters of Real county Saturday voted on the issuing of \$125,000 of road bonds, the issue being defeated by 17 votes. A two-thirds majority was needed to carry the bonds and while much more than a majority of the ballots favored the issue, the two-thirds majority fell just a few votes short.

The \$125,000 would have been spent for the construction and hard-surfacing of Highway 4 running north and south through the entire county. The work will be delayed for some time but it is understood that another attempt will be made within a short time when another election will be petitioned by citizens.

J. D. Motley, of Ballinger, and T. M. Carswell, of Abilene, spent some time in Real county recently on highway matters and it was shortly after their visit that a bond election was ordered.

The major portion of the issue was for the completion of the Great Plains route, this being a unit of the transcontinental highway from Canada to Mexico.

Mrs. John Guion, Miss Margaret Guion, A. F. Ligon, Leland McWilliams and John A. Nicholson motored to Abilene Monday evening where they attended the Little Theatre production, "Outward Bound."

Be wise and advertise.



After 40 Bowel trouble is Most Dangerous

Constipation may easily become chronic after forty. Continued constipation at that time of life may bring attacks of piles—and a host of other disorders.

Watch your bowels at any age. Guard them with particular care after forty. When they need help, remember a doctor should know what is best for them.

"Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin" is a doctor's prescription for the bowels. Tested by 47 years' practice, it has been found thoroughly effective in relieving constipation and its ills for men, women and children of all ages. It has proven perfectly safe even for babies. Made from fresh laxative herbs, pure pepsin and other harmless ingredients, it cannot gripe; will not sicken you or weaken you; can be used without harm as often as your breath is bad, your tongue is coated; whenever a headache, bilious, gassy condition warns of constipation.

Next time just take a spoonful of this family doctor's laxative. See how good it tastes; how gently and thoroughly it acts. Then you will know why it has become the world's most popular laxative. Big bottles—all drugstores.

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

Norton Farmer Beats Hard Times

W. T. Forbus, who lives three miles north of Norton, was in Ballinger Wednesday attending to business and to get his county paper coming to his address. Mr. Forbus is a prosperous farmer and has the right idea of how to combat times of depression. He believes in diversified crops, raising enough feed to take care of his own wants and some to sell, raising his own meat, lard, eggs, chickens, milk and butter, and letting his cows and chickens take care of the flour, sugar and coffee necessary for his family table. Mr. Forbus declares living at home will defeat hard times and if practiced by all would restore prosperity to the country.

This plan as practiced by the Nortontite has been advocated by extension service workers and others for the past five years but so few actually put the scheme in practice that the campaign has availed little. Mr. Forbus said he had a number of home-cured hams in his smoke-house, plenty of good chickens, and had planted and some to spare, a large flock of good chickens, and had planted a large garden to supply fresh vegetables in season.

Mr. Forbus' visit to The Ledger office was in decided contrast to the pessimistic attitude taken by many.

More than half of the 668 students at Wake Forest college do outside work to defray expenses.

Club Council in Session Saturday

The Home Demonstration Council met in the court house in Ballinger Saturday afternoon to attend to pressing business of interest to all clubs of the county. All officers of the council and Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, county home demonstration agent, were present and a majority of the clubs were represented.

Seventy-eight women attended the meeting from the following clubs: Bethel, Benoit, Content, Cochran, Dale, Hagan, Hatchel, Miles, Maverick, Norton, North Norton, Oak Creek, Runnels, South Ballinger, Victory and Wingate.

A number of the club representatives gave their views on important matters being considered by the clubs, and the session was considered very beneficial. Many successful campaigns have been staged recently by the organizations.

During the spring much attention is being given to gardens and to preserving of the products from same. Regular campaigns staged annually will be taken up later.

Reports made to the council were filled with enthusiasm and show in small measure the great work being accomplished by the women's clubs of the county.

A. K. Doss, of Abilene, was here Saturday attending to business and visiting his mother and sister.

CENSUS REPORTS MUST BE IN BY APRIL FIRST

R. E. White, county school superintendent, has received thirty-two of the thirty-nine common school census reports. All reports must be in by April 1. Though no accurate check has been made, Mr. White estimates that the aggregate attendance will be slightly lower this year than last. Economic conditions are probably responsible for this decline.

One school at Williams Springs has just completed its regular seven month term. The total enrollment there this year was five but only three finished the entire term. Each pupil should have been present one hundred and forty days. Due to the withdrawals, only 77 per cent attendance was had. Yet this was more than made up for by the 100 per cent promotion record of those who finished their courses.

BALLINGER GIRL MAKES GOOD RECORD ON GRADES

DENTON, Mar. 30.—Miss Carmen Demmer of Ballinger was among the 133 students at C. I. A., the Texas State College for Women, who made all A's and B's during the first semester this year. This group represents the upper eight per cent of the student body and letters of commendation were sent to them by E. V. White, dean of the college.

Miss Demmer is a public school music major and a sophomore. She has been active in campus clubs and is serving as president of the Presbyterian club. She is also a member of the college orchestra. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Demmer, 400 Tenth street.

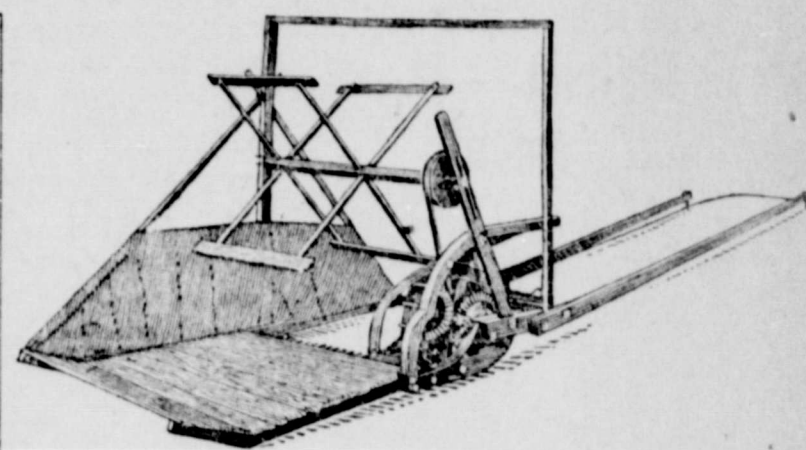
Ballinger Floral Co. has Easter Lilies, Hydrangeas, and other plants. 1-3d-1w

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Every spring countless thousands take S.S.S.—the purely vegetable tonic—to build back their red-blood-cells so that they may have that new strength which makes for a keen appetite, firm flesh, a clear skin and greater resistance against infection and disease. You, too, will want to take S.S.S. for this very reason. Select the larger size as it holds double the quantity and represents a price saving. © S.S.S. Co.

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The above is a rear view of the world's first reaper invented by Cyrus Hall McCormick in 1831. While this new machine required only two people for operation, a man or boy to ride the horse and a man to rake the cut grain off the platform, it cut as much grain in a day as 4 or 5 men with cradles. McCormick's first reaper combined the following seven basic principles which have ever since been found essential in virtually all grain-cutting machines: 1, the reciprocal knife; 2, fingers or guards; 3, the revolving reel; 4, platform; 5, the master wheel; 6, forward draft; and 7, divider.

McCormick Reaper Centennial and Power Farming Day

This is the year that marks the centennial of the reaper, that famous machine invented by Cyrus Hall McCormick in 1831 as a fitting means of commemorating this unusual event, Kirk & Mack, local McCormick-Deering dealers, have arranged a full day's program for

Friday, April 10th

at our salesroom, on Ninth Street. This entertainment is for the enjoyment of every farmer and his family in this community.

A full-size working reproduction of the original 1831 reaper will be on display. Seeing this machine would in itself be worth a great deal for its educational and historical value. But there will be much more of interest to you. There will be thousands of feet of mighty interesting motion picture, short talks on subjects of interest to every farmer, and a free lunch at noon for every one.

As a special feature of the centennial program, a five-reel motion picture, "Romance of the Reaper," will be shown. This picture was especially filmed to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the invention of the McCormick reaper.

"ROMANCE OF THE REAPER" is not a "staged" picture taken on an imaginary lot with built-up scenery. It was actually filmed on Walnut Grove Farm, the old McCormick homestead, near Steele's Tavern, Virginia. Scenes showing the building and assembling of the world's first reaper were taken inside and outside of the log forge shop; the bellows and forge, and the old equipment used 100 years ago are shown. The homestead pictured was actually the home of the McCormick family, built by Cyrus' father in 1822. The building is still in excellent condition. Many of the characters are Virginians—direct descendants of the family who were neighbors of the McCormicks, witnesses of the development and testing of young Cyrus' reaper. Carriages used in the picture are old carriages that were really in use in 1831. As near as it was possible to determine, the scenes showing the first public test of the reaper were taken in the identical location where the original machine proved its worth to a doubting crowd of onlookers.

Following the testing of the first reaper is an epilogue picturing the evolution of modern grain harvesting machines, from McCormick's reaper to the harvester-thresher of today. You will see the old self-rake reaper, the Marsh harvester, the wire binder, the twine binder, the modern tractor binder, and a fleet of harvester-threshers harvesting 640 acres a day. Never before has so much real history been packed into a single film of this kind.

FREE PROGRAM

Starting at 9:30 a. m. at our showroom on Ninth Street.

Visitor register.

Short talks on power farming.

Free lunch at noon.

Talk on reaper at Queen Theatre at 1:00 p. m.

"Romance of the Reaper" at 1:30 p. m. a five-reel motion picture at Queen Theatre for farmers and their families.

Five-reel motion picture for school children at 3:00 p. m. at Queen Theatre.

IT'S ALL FREE—COME

From the first scene to the last, "Romance of the Reaper" is authentic. It is interesting; it is romantic; it is thrilling.

Kirk & Mack invites all farmers and their families to spend the entire day, Friday, April 10th, as their guests. A full day's entertainment has been planned—a morning meeting, noon lunch, and afternoon program.

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BALLINGER, TEXAS

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HARMONY HAPPENINGS

(Received Too Late for Publication Last Week)

School Honor Roll

The following pupils have made an average of 90 and above for the past month:
Primer—Johnnie England
First Grade—G. D. Sudberry
Second Grade—Deward Giles, Pauline Worthington, Verda Mae Smith, Nola Foster, Sybil Bruce
Third Grade—Ellen Gearheart, Loreno Gearheart, Wade White, Madeline Bruce, Travis Oliver, Maxie Seals
Fourth Grade—Raymond Hunt, Ruth England, Verba McAdams, Edna Murl Worthington
Fifth Grade—Ruth White, Myrtle Gallant, Violet Tunnell, Johnnie Bob Branham
Sixth Grade—Katy Bell Robinson, Oneta Rhodes, Laura Gallant, Dorothy Dean
Seventh Grade—Cleo Branham
Eighth Grade—Vivian White, Lillie Gearheart, Vina Mae Smith
Ninth Grade—Beulah B. Seals, Joy Gallant

The 100% spellers for the month are:
Fourth Grade—Edna Murl Worthington, Verba McAdams, Raymond Hunt
Fifth Grade—Ruth White, Violet Tunnell
Sixth Grade—Dorothy Dean, Oneta Rhodes and Katy Bell Robinson

Harmony was represented at the county meet this year, for the first time in several years. There were only four pupils who entered the contests but they showed that with a little more effort harmony can turn out winners. Katie Bell Robinson and Beulah B. Seals entered the junior spelling; Myrtle Gallant and Ruth White entered the picture memory contest and finished with a grade of 94 1/2.

Rev. J. A. Branaman and family, of Crews, were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Branham.

W. T. Derden is seriously ill with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Stienes, of Childress, were called to the bedside of the latter's brother here, Mr. Derden, last week.

Mrs. Bryan Williams had the misfortune to get one of her arms broken while trying to crank a car.

Mrs. Ida Ireckson is quite ill.

Clarence Englehart and Miss Velma Morgan, of Abilene, were guests in the Jim Tunnell home Sunday afternoon.

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CREWS NEWS

(Received Too Late for Publication Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lawson spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Madison.

Miss Davie Queen, of Wingate, spent last week with her brother, Edwin Queen, and family.

Mrs. Jeff Jackson and son visited the former's mother at Talpa Saturday.

L. R. Wilkerson and family have moved to Bangs. We are very sorry to give these good people up. Their numerous friends here will miss them, but wish for them a happy and prosperous home in their new location.

Relatives and friends here are sorry to learn that Mrs. H. G. Carter, of Token, has been quite ill, but is reported better at present.

We are glad to learn that Bradley Pape is doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Phipps and Miss Alma spent Sunday at Drasco with Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Phipps.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jayroe spent Sunday afternoon at Talpa with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hale. Mr. Hale is said to be seriously ill.

Mrs. W. C. Mathis has returned from Sterling, where she assisted in caring for her father, J. W. Wood, in his last illness. Mr. Wood passed away Wednesday, March 18. We sympathize with Mrs. Mathis in her sorrow. Mr. Wood was a former Runnels county resident and had many friends in this county who will regret to hear of his death.

Mrs. A. W. Madison visited Mrs. W. W. King Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Morton, of Glen Cove, visited Mr. and Mrs.

Jeff Jackson Monday. Mrs. Jackson's brother, T. W. Kelly, has also been a recent guest.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Lucas spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. J. A. Traylor.

Misses Reba Jayroe and Nestella Branaman were guests of Mrs. Pearl Norris Sunday.

Mrs. King, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. McBeth spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. W. J. Young.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis and Mrs. Ella Hardigree of Dallas, were week-end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Davis. Mr. Davis has not been well for some time, but we are hoping for an improvement in his condition.

Considerable hail and a good rain fell Thursday.

WINGATE NEWS

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WILMETH NEWS

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Miss Beulah Mae Condra spent the week-end in Wingate with her sister, Mrs. E. E. Whitfield.

We are sorry that H. K. Dickinson is not improving. He is very ill and is not expected to recover.

Miss Estell Bluew spent Sunday night with Miss Lucille Blackman.

Miss Mildred Weathered was a visitor in the Independence community one day last week.

W. H. Rampy and Miss Ethel Baker visited Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Rampy, of Benoit, Sunday night.

Miss Agnes Harris spent the week-end with Mrs. E. Hall, of Winters.

Many of the people are attending the revival meeting at Norton, conducted by a Church of Christ preacher, Elder J. N. Cowan.

Miss Roxie Harris spent Friday night with Miss Alice Rampy.

Miss Naomi Robertson is visiting relatives at Big Spring.

The farmers are all busy planting maize and corn. Most of them in this community are almost through with their work.

Mr. and Mrs. Otwell Renfro have been spending the past few days with Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Weathered and family.

REPORTER

MAVERICK NEWS

Maverick is still on the map although continued cold weather has caused us all to stay in so near a fire so much of the time there was no news of interest.

School is progressing fine with the best attendance and interest that we have had for several years at this time of year.

For the past two Sundays the congregation of the Church of Christ has gone to Norton to hear Elder J. N. Cowan, as he is known the country over, is a fine bible scholar and preacher and draws large crowds wherever he conducts a meeting.

Bro. Swearington, pastor of the Maverick Methodist Church, preached Sunday morning and in the afternoon Bro. B. B. Edmiston of Robert Lee gave a very interesting Bible lesson.

W. E. and B. B. Edmiston met with the Maverick singing class for a short while Sunday afternoon. We surely appreciate having them and wish more of the good singers would take an interest in meeting with the small singing classes and help them build into real up-to-date organizations.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Chapman of Norton attended church here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Morgan have returned to Maverick to make their home after having lived at Ysleta, Tex., for several months. We are glad to have them make Maverick their home again.

S. H. Manuel who has been ill for the past several months does not seem to be improving as rapidly as could be wished, but we hope he will soon be out and

around as usual.

Claud, N. D. and Dock Lee spent last week in the Longview oil fields, but say they like our community best to live and make a home in.

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REPORTER

WILMETH NEWS

Sam Wood, of the Blanton community, visited W. O. Wood and family and S. H. Wood and family, of this community, a few days this week.

Mrs. S. H. Wood returned home Wednesday after a few days' visit with her daughter, Mrs. C. E. McMillan, of the Oxien community.

Mr. and Mrs. Clavin Rodgers of Sweetwater, visited in this community a few days this week.

Joe Marfuss of Novice, spent the week-end in this community.

Miss Eugenia Baskin, who is teaching school in this place, and Miss Irene McNeill who also teaches here, spent the week-end at Miss Baskin's home in Ballinger.

Arvil Lee Wood spent Saturday night with J. B. Denson.

Frank Barnett of Lubbock has been spending a few days with friends and relatives of this community.

Miss Omata Henley had as her guest Saturday night and Sunday, Misses Bill Wood and Earline Handcock.

Robert Wood spent Saturday night with Elton Reese.

REPORTER

HATCHEL NEWS

There was a good attendance at church Sunday.

John Bryon Estes, Jr., is visiting in New Mexico and Old Mexico.

Miss Hazel Fulton of Ballinger, visited Miss Bobbie Estes and they attended the county meet together.

Mrs. Bob Nutt of Winters, spent a few days last week with Mrs. Ralph Vancil and Mrs. Bill Mathis.

L. M. Bales and daughter, Mrs. Ethel Ratliff and Miss Edna Guin, spent Wednesday with Mrs. W. W. Wylgie at Bryant.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan of Winters were among those that attended church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Bales spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Ferguson.

We are sorry that Mr. and Mrs. Reed Gassett's baby is very ill with a tumor, hope she will be well soon.

Mrs. J. C. Bloxom was operated on at the sanitarium Friday. At last report she was resting nicely.

Mrs. A. Tierce was shopping in Ballinger Wednesday.

There are several cases of chicken pox reported in the community.

Misses Ruby Guin, Hedwig Michaeils and Alma Rayon spent the week-end with Mrs. W. H. Schlyer of San Angelo.

lls made a trip to Cisco Monday and purchased some selected Hollywood strain eggs for setting purposes. Mr. Michaelis bought six hundred to farther improve his flock, although he has among the best in the county.

REPORTER

We sure have been having some winter weather which has greatly damaged the gardens and we fear it has finished the fruit crop.

REPORTER

HERRING TOPICS

Church, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. all had a good attendance and a very good report in spite of the cold wind and the real winter weather this week-end. Everything in the gardens and orchards was killed and fear that the berries were killed also.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bragg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brevard.

Mr. and Mrs. Farmer visited relatives at Coleman and Novice this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Neuman entertained a large crowd of young folk with a party Thursday night. All reported a nice time.

Miss Stevens of Winters spent Sunday night with Mrs. Willene Allcorn.

Mrs. W. A. Hale and family visited Mrs. J. J. Fuller Sunday afternoon.

Orvan Brister and Billy Eubank of San Angelo spent Sunday with G. C. Avent family.

T. C. Payne who is employed at San Angelo spent Sunday with his family.

J. J. Fuller's sister, of Taylor, is spending a few days with him.

This community was made sad last week when news was received here the Mrs. Frank Alaman died Monday night at 7:30 in a Waxahachie hospital. She has many relatives and friends in this community who will be grieved by her death. She is survived by her husband and four daughters. Our hearts go out in sympathy for the sorrowing loved ones.

REPORTER

BARNETT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tyree entertained the young folk with a party Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Thompson spent Monday and Tuesday in Abilene visiting Mr. and Mrs. Otis Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Forgey visited Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Beaty and family, of Bronte, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Tyree spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dean, of Spring Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tyree and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Forgey attended preaching at Mann Sunday night. Rev. Cole was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Forgey Sunday night.

Leonard Laxton is spending this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Laxton.

REPORTER

BLANTON NEWS

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

The senior B. Y. P. U. had a social Tuesday night at the home of R. L. Boothe. All reported a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Malone and Mr. and Mrs. Elkins spent Sunday at Charlie Toungett's.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Boothe attended church at Crews Sunday.

Miss Maud James has been visiting friends at San Angelo the past week.

The children of Blanton school were given the Shick test Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cope visited in the J. A. Foreman home Monday.

Misses Ruby Guin, Hedwig Michaeils and Alma Rayon spent the week-end with Mrs. W. H. Schlyer of San Angelo.

Mrs. McElrath of Coleman, is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Reed Gassett.

Boothe's last Wednesday. Two quilts were finished during the very pleasant meeting.

The study course will begin Saturday night, April 10, at Blanton.

Blanton school will be out in two weeks more and a play is planned to be presented at the end of the term.

REPORTER

BENOIT NEWS

Grafton Brookshire spent Thursday night with Curry and Gordon Brookshire.

Miss Margaret Smith, of Ballinger, spent the week-end with Miss Lurlene Brookshire.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Werner and daughter, Clara, spent Sunday in the O. C. Cox home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Hoffman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Stagner spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hoffman.

Miss Laura B. Gibson spent Saturday night with Miss Leota Odum.

Mrs. Walter Wood and children, of Lawn, and Mrs. Lockett and children were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Brookshire Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gibson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Clayton.

W. D. Lewis and family were Winters visitors Sunday.

There will be an Easter egg hunt at the school house Friday afternoon. The community is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Rampy and son, L. B. Jr., visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Donaldson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Parker were Coleman callers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kelly called in the Joe Hoffman home Sunday afternoon.

The club met with Mrs. A. J. Pullin Tuesday with all members present.

Little Mary Ruth Hill is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. A. N. Hoffman and Mr. and Mrs. Stagner spent Monday in the W. T. Hill home.

Mrs. W. T. Hill spent Wednesday with Mrs. Arch Brookshire.

Mrs. Dietz and Mr. and Mrs. Sed Dietz were Benoit callers Sunday.

REPORTER

TALPA TOPICS

Preaching was held at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Cameron, Jr., of San Saba, visited relatives here Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. W. F. Gilmore and children, of Hobbs, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hood and children, of Fort Worth, are visiting in the S. P. Hale home.

Miss Mabel Brown, of Snyder, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. C. E. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hollinger, are visiting her sister, Mrs. Willis Head, of Bangs.

Miss Irene Griffin, of Novice, is visiting Mrs. R. W. Courtney.

W. J. Sayres and Charley Kennedy were Brownwood visitors Monday.

Mrs. J. E. M. Hunt is on the sick list this week.

Miss Myrtle Tate and Miss Curtis Gregory, teachers at Rockwood, spent the week-end at Talpa.

rews for a number of years, and is well known in this community. The bride is the lovely and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Rainwater, and is a graduate of the Crews high school. Their many friends wish for them a happy and prosperous voyage through life.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. King and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Traylor visited Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Lucas Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Johnson, of Sweetwater, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. White. Mrs. Ola Milles, who had been visiting relatives here for the past two weeks, accompanied them home.

Elder J. A. Branaman, accompanied by his daughter and Edgar Branham spent the week-end at Lamesa, attending a fifth Sunday meeting.

A light flurry of snow, accompanied by a bitterly cold wind, fell Monday night.

Mrs. Wylie Boon, of the Plains country, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Davis.

REPORTER

BETHEL NEWS

A large crowd attended the P.-T. A. social Thursday night. Several contests and games were played by three different groups; older folks in one, seniors in another, and juniors in another. A refreshment plate consisting of sandwiches, Easter salad, lemonade, Easter baskets filled with candy eggs. Plate favors were rabbits. The fourth and fifth grade, under the instruction of Mrs. Paul Richardson, made the baskets and favors. All too soon the time for departure came, each dreading to go home as the north and rain had begun after the crowd gathered.

Very good crowds attended both Sunday schools Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Halley Howell are rejoicing over the arrival of a bonnie baby girl who came Saturday afternoon. The little lady has been named Betsy Sue. She and her mother are getting along nicely.

Some of the Bethel folk have been attending the Methodist meeting at Paint Rock which continues over this week-end.

The cold spell the past week-end has killed all gardens and remaining fruit left from former freezes. It is hoped that this is our Easter spell and the weather will soon be warm again.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Williams, of Veribest, visited in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Halley Howell, Saturday. Mrs. Williams is remaining over several days to help entertain the new grand daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard are rejoicing over the arrival of a big boy on Saturday afternoon, Mar. 28. At last report mother and son were doing nicely.

Mrs. W. F. McShan who has been visiting her daughter at Brownwood the past several weeks returned home last week. She reports a very pleasant visit.

Tom Crockett and family had the following guests Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Crockett and family, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Crockett and family, of Norton; Mr. and Mrs. Sug Crockett of Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. David Duke and little daughter and David Woods. A very pleasant time was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. Steward, of Sweetwater, are visiting in the home of Halley Howell this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil McShan and family of Dry Ridge were among the number to attend the P.-T. A. social Thursday night.

Mrs. Dewey Campbell and children of Ballinger visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Little, on Thursday of last week. She also attended the social.

Davy Crockett of Norton spent Saturday night with his cousin, Walter Crockett.

The B. Y. P. U. announced a training school for each night next week. There will be a special worker from Howard Payne College to conduct the school. Everyone is invited to attend.

Miss Elveree Scales and Mrs. Floyd McDaniel of Paint Rock, attended the B. Y. P. U. program Sunday night.

Mrs. Henry Scales of Paint Rock is visiting this week in the home of her sister, Mrs. Leonard.

Mr. and Mrs. John Adams, and

family, of Paint Rock, were pleasant callers in this neighborhood Sunday afternoon.

REPORTER

OXIEN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Arvoe Jarrurd returned to their home Saturday after a week's visit here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morrison had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. McDaniel and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jarm Morrison and family, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jeffery and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morrison and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. McDaniel and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Tounget, Mary Dale and Lavoy Gibbs were visitors in the Rube Whitley home Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cole and Mr. and Mrs. Maxie Cole visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wood, of the Blanton community, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rube Whitley and family and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Tounget were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morrison Sunday.

Aubrey Morrison spent Saturday night and Sunday with Harvey Gibbs.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. McDaniel and Mr. and Mrs. Maxie Cole visited in the E. B. Tounget home Saturday night.

REPORTER

Methodist Choir In Concert Sunday

The First Methodist Church of Ballinger announces the first entire Easter program which will be presented at the church next Sunday evening at 7:45 by the choir. The entire evening will be given to music and a sacred Easter concert will require more than one hour.

Eighteen numbers make up the program which includes five anthems, male, female and mixed quartets, with solo numbers and other special features. Miss Katherine Todd will be heard in a violin solo, playing "Adagio Patheic" by Goddard. Mrs. L. Schermerhorn will be organist for the occasion and will render the prelude, offertory and postlude as well as play accompaniments for the chorus and special numbers.

The choir for this occasion will be composed of twenty well balanced voices. Special seating arrangements will be provided and the church will be beautifully decorated in the spirit of Easter. Rehearsals on the concert were begun some two months ago. This week special rehearsals are being held to bring the musical presentation to near perfection.

The entire church building will be thrown open Sunday evening in order that all who come may hear the program from comfortable seats. Regardless of the weather the church will be made comfortable and the pastor, officials and choir members unite in extending an invitation to everyone to come and worship in song on this Easter evening.

A complete program will be published later in the week.

Rev. T. E. Bowman, pastor of the church, will deliver his Easter message Sunday morning. The ceremony of infant baptism will be observed at this time and parents with children for dedication are requested to be present at the beginning of the service.

FRUIT CROP SAVED BY NATURAL GAS SMUDGES

EL PASO, April 1.—Smudging with natural gas has been tried and pronounced a success.

Want Ads

Rates and Rules
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All classified advertisements must be accompanied by cash unless advertiser has a regular account with the paper.
No classified advertisement accepted on an "until ordered out" basis. The number of times the ad is to run must be specified.

FOR SALE—30,000 pounds guaranteed Rowden Cotton Seed, 75 cents per bushel. Jack Woodfin, Pumphrey. 27-3tw*

FOR SALE—Bundle Maize with Heads. John Zak, Ballinger Rt. A, near Kristoff school. 27-2w*

WANTED—Your Cream. We pay cash on delivery and sterilize your can. Runnels County Creamery. 27-1fw

FOR SALE—Big boll Russell Cotton Seed \$1 per bushel. H. E. McElroy, Phone 5712. 21-1td-2tw*

FOR SALE—Inquire for Dietz Bros. pure line seed, sold at most every town in the county. This maize is grown from fourth year bagging record seed. Seed are all home grown and pure line. Dietz Bros., Talpa, Texas, Route 2. 6-4tw*

NORTH NORTON HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The club met with Mrs. Felix Little on March 23 with eleven members present. The roll call was answered by "the most attractive room in my house," and following Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth gave a very interesting talk on "Furniture Arrangement."
Mrs. Hollingsworth explained the parliamentary law programs and the club moved to elect a parliamentarian. Miss Holland Murphy was elected to the place.
Mrs. Kirby Robinson presented the friendship quilt to Mrs. Nix. The club made this quilt for Mrs. Nix after she had the misfortune to lose her home by fire. She seemed more than grateful to the members.
Our next program is on "Table Serving" and we will meet with Mrs. Mills on April 14.
Club Reporter

Radio Announcement
Tune in on KPFL, 1310 kilocycles, Dublin, Texas, not Ireland —Fridays 7:45 to 8 o'clock p. m. Saturdays 6:15 to 6:30 a. m.
HIGGINBOTHAM BROS. & CO. 24-6td 4tw

HOLT ARRESTS MAN FOR UNITED STATES MARSHAL

Sheriff W. A. Holt arrested Vernon Morris here Friday morning and placed him in the Runnels county jail for the United States marshal at San Angelo. Federal officers were due to come here Friday for the prisoner.
It is not known here what violation Morris is charged with.
B. A. Whited was arrested by Sheriff Holt Thursday on the road south of Rowena. He was placed in jail here and charges were filed against him for theft of ten gallons of lubricating oil. The oil was alleged to have been concealed in a load of maize which Whited was carrying on his wagon.
Deputy Sheriff Harp MacFarland pursued and recaptured two men who attempted to escape from the court house penal squad Thursday afternoon. The men had been left alone for a few minutes and when the guard returned the pair was missing. The sheriff's department was notified and the deputy soon discovered the prisoners were in the act of catching a ride. They were returned to the jail.

Attention, Farmers!
We have just received car of K-B Flour, Poultry and Stock Feeds, seed grains, etc.
Will pay highest market prices for your poultry.
WILMETH & HATHAWAY
Strong Avenue between 7th and 8th streets. d-27-3 1tw

Mr. and Mrs. Von Roeter, of Ranger, spent Thursday night here with R. L. Maddox, Mr. Von Roeter, who is principal of the Ranger high school, was on his way to Kerrville to attend to business over the week-end.
Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Erwin came to Friday at noon from Temple where Mrs. Erwin has been in the Scott & White Sanitarium. She is greatly improved in health, an operation having been successful in every way.

CAPITOL News

By Charles E. Simons
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
AUSTIN, Mar. 31.—Who will be the next speaker of the Texas house of representatives.
Despite the fact that the session of the 42nd legislature is but little more than half over, several members of the house were angling for the next speakership. Others were boomed for the office by friends.

Expected to be among the leading contenders are Phil Sanders of Nacogdoches, chairman of the powerful appropriations committee, Lee Satterwhite of Odessa, former speaker of the house, and Dewey Young of Wellington, chairman of the revenue and taxation committee, another of the powerful house committees.

Fred Minor, speaker of the 42nd legislature, has given several of the members a shot at running the house temporarily. Some of them have been highly successful in keeping the body of 150 men in line, while others have become entangled in puzzling points of order.

Representative Mathis of Houston, declared he wouldn't mind being speaker if the members would refrain from raising points of order to keep the chair in hot water. Another thing that bothered the Houston member while in the speaker's chair was parliamentary inquiries. Mathis is one of the members that does not aspire to the speakership.

Friends of Sanders have indicated they will organize a "Sanders for Speaker" club before the end of the present session. Sanders was regarded as the unofficial first lieutenant of Speaker Minor and exhibited diplomacy in keeping the appropriations committee in line on the emergency appropriation bills passed by the house. Several assaults against the bills were successfully warded off by Sanders.

Young has been a member of the legislature four terms and has gained considerable approval during that time.

With Young and Satterwhite both candidates for the job, it probably would split the West Texas delegation, both being from West Texas.

Although he has given no indication of his desires, Coke Stevenson, a West Texan from Junction, was regarded as another prospective speaker of the house.

The house got a real kick out of a recent showing made by Representative Van Zandt of Tiooga, blind member of the house, while occupying the speaker's position.

Van Zandt steered the legislative course with a strong hand and batted through numerous bills in the brief time he occupied the throne.
He experienced no difficulty in naming the members who addressed the chair, exhibiting an uncanny power to pick out voices, doing it with the same ease most people pick out faces. Van Zandt also had little trouble in voting members who were not at their desks to vote on the machine and who simply called out from any part of the house. "Vote me aye, Mr. Speaker."
Van Zandt faltered only once and had to resort to his parliamentarian to tell him who was voting from the floor.

Ballinger Floral Co. will have roses for Easter. 1-3d-1w

CITY CONSTRUCTING HOUSE FOR PUMPER

The city of Ballinger started work Monday on construction of a modern four-room and bath residence which will be occupied by the engineer in charge at the pump station. The house is being built on city property just across the street from the Third Street warehouse and will be completed as soon as possible. G. W. Dunlap is the contractor in charge.
The city heretofore has employed two men at the plant but with the new automatic pumps and a man on the location day and night will use only one man in the future. No one has been given this position yet but a decision will be made by the commission soon in regard to the matter.

Be wise and advertise.

Bladder Weakness

If Getting Up Nights, Backache, frequent day calls, Leg Pains, Nervousness, or Irritation, due to functional Bladder Irritation, in acid conditions, makes you feel tired, depressed and discouraged, try the Crestol Test. Works fast, starts circulating thru the system in 15 minutes. Praised by thousands for rapid and positive action. Don't give up. Try Crestol (pronounced Sias-tex) today, under the Iron-Clad Guarantee. Must quickly relay these conditions, improve restful sleep and energy, or money back. Only 80c at
Weeks Drug Store

Lose Fat Safely and Quickly

Kruschen Salts — (a perfect combination of the six mineral salts your body should have to function properly) purify your blood of harmful acids, and aid the kidneys and bowels to throw off waste material—the continuous formation of which is probably the cause of your fat.

In this modern age of living, it's impossible to get these salts from the fancy foods you eat—but don't worry just as long as you have Kruschen Salts.

Take a half teaspoon every morning before breakfast in a glass of hot water—little by little that ugly fat disappears, you'll feel better than ever before—years younger, more energy. You will soon possess that enviable beauty, clear skin sparkling eyes, superb figure which only perfect health can impart.

An 85c bottle (lasts 4 weeks) at L. C. Daugherty Drug Co., J. Y. Pearce Drug Co., or Weeks Drug Store, or any progressive druggist in America. Money back if Kruschen doesn't convince you that it is the safest, quickest, easiest way to lose fat.

A Hartford woman writes, "I'll tell the world Kruschen Salts is wonderful stuff to reduce." An Ohio woman lost 10 pounds with one bottle. G-5

Automobile Sales Better in March

Automobile sales and registrations picked up during March when eleven new machines were recorded by County Tax Collector W. A. Forgy. Besides the eleven passenger vehicles four commercial vehicles were registered during the month.

A number of local people are reported to have become interested in new automobiles within the past several weeks and sales are expected to be much better during April than for any month recently. A number of World War veterans are receiving 50 per cent of their adjusted service certificates and are in the market for cars. This money is now coming in rapidly and during April more than \$100,000 is expected to be handled by local banks and the veterans' bureau.

The number of new models being displayed also is an incentive in reviving the automotive business.

Drury Hathaway, first assistant in the tax collector's office, said Wednesday that total registrations of passenger cars was 3,617. Commercial vehicles registered to date total 412.

- Following are the registrations for March:
- Ford**
Harwell Motor Co., 5
Nance-Brown Auto Co., 1
 - Chevrolet**
C. & C. Motor Co., 2
Patrick Chevrolet Co., 1
 - Pontiac**
Ballinger Auto Co., 2
 - Commercial Vehicles**
Ford
Harwell Motor Co., 2
Nance-Brown Auto Co., 2

U. S. to Buy Czar's Books
WASHINGTON, April 1.—(AP)—The Library of Congress has decided to buy 1,609 books which belonged to the former royal family of Russia.

Eat Everything without Fear of Indigestion

Are there foods you can't eat—for fear of gas, bloating, pains in the stomach and bowels?
Do you have to pass up favorite dishes—while the rest enjoy them?
That's a sign you need Tanlac! For more than 10 years Tanlac has restored to vigorous health thousands who suffered like you do.
Mrs. Arvena Bowers, of 1239 Jackson St., Topeka, Kans., says: "Five years I was troubled with gas, bloating and dizzy spells. But Tanlac toned up my whole system and increased my weight 10 lbs."
If you suffer from indigestion, gas, dizziness, headaches, or torpid liver—try Tanlac. One bottle often brings the needed relief.
Tanlac is a good, pure medicine, made of roots, barks, and herbs. Get it from your druggist today. Your money back if it doesn't help you.

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County Singers Here April 4, 5

The Runnels County Singing Convention will convene in Ballinger next Saturday and Sunday, April 4 and 5. The Saturday afternoon, night and Sunday morning sessions will be held at the courthouse and at the close of the Sunday morning session, an announcement will be made as to the place for the afternoon session Sunday.

All plans are completed for the convention here which points to the largest and best ever held in the county. Already a number of out-county male quartets and musical organizations have agreed to be here and take part in the program and during the Sunday session a large number of these will be heard in special singing. In addition to these special organizations and quartets the regular class singing will be heard with more than 100 voices taking part.

Invitations have been sent to every member of the county organization and a general invitation is being broadcast to every singer of the county and adjoining counties to be here and take part in the convention. It is the plan of the officers to make it the biggest day of music ever staged in West Texas.

Easter music will be featured by the special organizations and at all sessions the public has an invitation to be present as long as the auditorium will accommodate the crowd. The Saturday afternoon meeting will attend to business and make minor plans for handling of the musical sessions.

A piano will be placed in the courtroom at the courthouse for the first two sessions and likely one of the churches here will be used Saturday afternoon and more people can be accommodated at the program.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Yates, and Mrs. S. Yates, of Arlington; Mrs. Ben Rose, of Waxahachie; and Mrs. Mattie Cross, of Abilene, are here this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Bruce.

Louis W. Hill, jr., grandson of James J. Hill, the "empire builder," is working as a bank clerk to get a practical education.

Road Construction Starts Next Week

C. T. Steed, engineer for Brown & Root, contractors for the hard-surfacing of state highway 4 in this county, stated Wednesday morning that it was expected to begin actual operations next week. Delay in moving some of the equipment here caused the work to be slightly delayed but by the coming week all machinery will be here and ready to commence on the 11-mile sector.

Machinery shipped to Ballinger last week has been unloaded and most of it taken to a point near the Concho county line where construction will start. A camp will be located there, where truckmen and laborers will establish living quarters until necessary to move closer to the city. The contract awarded Brown & Root allows 135 working days to complete the job, beginning April 2. It will be about one week after the starting date before construction can begin, however. The establishment of camps, organization of crews and other preliminaries are an important part of the work.

White Bros., grading highway 23 from Ballinger to Talpa, are getting in good time now and to date about 70 per cent of the right-of-way is broken and is being graded. It is impossible to estimate when the grading will be completed due to weather conditions which may greatly interfere with dirt work.

No work order has been received for construction of drainage structures on highway 23, notwithstanding that the contract was let several months ago. Local highway men expect this order at any time now and when received the Austin Bridge Company will begin operations.

Qualla Pedigreed Cotton Seed Now on sale at Wilmeth & Hathaway Feed Store, on Sealy Ave. D. J. GOETZ, District Manager. 27-2tw

Adults Like School Program
NEW YORK, March 28.—(AP)—Grown-ups enjoy going to "radio school" as much as youngsters. Fifteen per cent of the correspondence handled by the educational bureau of CBS, which presents the school's program, comes from adults other than educators.

Trappers estimated at 15,000 have been engaged this season in the swamps of Louisiana.

Renew Your Health by Purification

Any physician will tell you that "Perfect Purification of the System is Nature's Foundation of Perfect Health." Why not rid yourself of chronic ailments that are undermining your vitality? Purify your entire system by taking a thorough course of Calotabs—once or twice a week for several weeks—and see how Nature rewards you with health.
Calotabs purify the blood by activating the liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels. Trial package, 10 cts. Family package, 35 cts. All dealers. (Adv.)

Cupid's Business Slack in March

Cupid took a vacation in Runnels county during March, according to the records at the court house. Three couples only took the matrimonial venture, which is far below the monthly average here.

While April may bring the total up, some observers seem to think that the matrimonially inclined are waiting for June, the popular month for weddings.

According to the books of Mrs. Clarence West, county clerk, the following were granted permits last month:
Clyde Hydel and Miss Lorene Shelton
Lloyd Herring and Miss Sue Frances Gilliam
W. A. Carnes and Miss Aylene Pierce.

Notice
Hagelstein Monument Co.
San Angelo, Texas
See our display before buying.
13-20td-20tw*

An Alberta, Canada, organization, headed by New York interests, proposes to pipe natural gas from Kinsella, Alberta, 350 miles to Regina, Moose Jaw, and Saskatoon.

A gate-lifting crane said to be the most powerful in the world, has been placed at Pom Weller, the Lake Ontario entrance to the Welland canal.

W. W. Bomar and wife, of Honey Grove, were recent visitors in the home of his sister, Mrs. J. W. E. Meaders.

Mrs. Emma Nash returned home from San Antonio Tuesday.

FOR SALE
Flowers for weddings and funerals, pot plants, frost proof cabbage plants and shrubs.
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DANCE

Easter Monday, April 6th

O. D. H. S. HALL
Rowena, Texas

Meet Your Friends at the Easter Dance

Music By
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Condensed Statement of Financial Condition of

FARMERS & MERCHANTS
BALLINGER STATE BANK (TEXAS)

Close of Business March 25, 1931.

ASSETS	
Loans and Discounts	\$351,747.21
City Ballinger Warrants	11,548.16
Overdrafts	1,591.96
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	9,901.00
Interest Guaranty Fund	1,776.96
Cash and Exchange	46,854.96
Other Assets	4,254.32
	\$460,174.57
LIABILITIES:	
Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus—Profits NET	41,909.58
Deposits	282,389.12
Cashier Checks	875.87
Bills Payable	35,000.00
	\$460,174.57

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New and Roomy Chapel
Private Family Rooms for Day or Night Use
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Veterans' Loans
We are prepared to assist any veteran of the World War in securing loans on their adjusted compensation certificates.
We have blank applications on hand and can get quick action for any veteran.
Ballinger State Bank

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STATEMENT of Condition
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER
March 25, 1931.

Resources	
Loans and discounts	\$338,085.49
Overdrafts	109.89
Banking House	40,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	10,000.00
U. S. Bonds	26,000.00
Bonds and warrants	34,562.50
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	4,500.00
Acceptances (cotton)	1,643.78
CASH AND EXCHANGE	192,689.03
	\$647,590.69
Liabilities	
Capital stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits	73,678.67
Circulation	25,000.00
DEPOSITS	448,912.02
	\$647,590.69

We carry no state, county or municipal interest bearing deposits.
We desire to thank our many friends and customers for all business entrusted us, making it possible for our bank to render this most satisfactory statement.