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## Certified Seed will be Exchanged at 3 for 1

A deal has been completed here that places certified cotton seed within reach of practically all the farmers in this county who act at once. An agreement has been made between David Bagley of the Texas Seed Breeders Association and the Ballinger-Winters oil mills whereby farmers can exchange any kind of gin-run seed for certified seed at the ratio of three bushels of gin-run seed for one bushel of certified seed. All that is necessary is for the farmer to take his seed to one of the mills and exchange same for pureline certified seed.

State certified seed sells for \$1.50 per bushel delivered and this means that farmers would get \$31.25 a ton for their gin-run seed, which is considered an excellent proposition. Letters are being sent to all community chairmen in this county with the request that they place the proposal before the farmers at once. The letter also suggests announcements at schools and to use other means to put the proposition over as quickly as possible.

Stocks of state certified seed are running low and unless local farmers act quickly the supply may be exhausted. For the past six weeks "better seed" meetings have been held in all sections of the county in an effort to interest farmers in bettering their cotton staple by planting as much of good certified seed as possible. The movement met with success and many bushels of seed were bought for planting, but scarcely any farms were planned to be planted in pureline seed exclusively. It is believed that the arrangement herein outlined will enable farmers of Rannels county to increase their plantings of better staple cotton and without being out any cash at this time.

Every community chairman in the county has the full details of the exchange offer. Just how long the proposal will remain open is not known as the better seed may not hold out until all farmers come in to trade, but those who take immediate advantage of the offer are assured of plenty of the certified variety on the three-for-one exchange ratio.

## 51 Votes Cast in Trustee Election

Only 51 of Ballinger's more than 1,200 voters visited the polls here Saturday to cast ballots in the election for three school trustees. The three men offering their services received all of the 51 votes, none being scratched, and will serve for a three-year term on the local board. They are Tom Caudle, Horace Murphy, and A. J. Thorp. These men with Harry Lynn, G. P. Teague, Lee Butler and Henry Jones will comprise the board for the next year. A recent amendment to the state constitution provides a new method in electing trustees. The three men elected Saturday will serve a three-year term. Next year four will be elected and two will draw for one- and three-year terms; after that places of the retiring members will be filled annually.

The local board will function for at least another year without change. Mr. Caudle has served as trustee for a number of years, while Messrs. Murphy and Thorp were appointed the past year to fill vacancies caused by resignations of H. S. Strain and O. C. Sykes.

At a meeting of the board next Tuesday night, officers will be elected for the ensuing year, and at the following meeting, about the first of May, teachers will be elected for the next term.

## FEED PLANTING NEARS END IN MILES SECTION

MILES, Apr. 3.—Farmers in this area will finish planting their feed crops within the next week or ten days. Some, who planted earlier, are waiting to see if replanting will be necessary.

The Paint Rock school swept the Concho county interscholastic meet from all entries and will send a number of representatives to the district meet at San Angelo this month. Eden was winner of the class B division of the county meet.

## Sixth District Convention Closed

Mrs. Joe Simmons, of Ballinger, Mrs. B. J. Smith, of Wingate, Mrs. Mark V. Wheeler and Mrs. Jack Agree, of Paint Rock, returned from Rankin Saturday night where they attended the tenth annual convention of the Texas Mothers Congress and Parent-Teacher Association of the sixth district. Mrs. Simmons reported one of the best conventions in the history of the organization and especially commended the hospitable treatment accorded by citizens of Rankin, McCamey and Iraan.

Mrs. Simmons had an active part on the program, being assigned extension work. She is seventh vice-president of the district and has been an unceasing worker in various activities of the organization.

Miss Addie Alexander, county health nurse, was unable to attend, but sent the collection of health posters produced in this county. In making awards the judges selected a poster from the Eagle Branch, Rannels county, school, and one from Sweetwater, which were declared tied for first honors. The two posters were submitted to the general assembly and it was voted to let the tie stand, dividing the money between the two schools. Posters from this county were returned here and will be sent back to the schools that furnished them.

Wednesday night the citizens of Rankin were hosts to the delegates at a banquet. Thursday noon the women went to McCamey where they were served a banquet, and where the afternoon session was held. In the late afternoon delegates went to Iraan to attend a tea which was followed by a pageant. A number remained for a trip through the Yates oil field. On their return they were delayed on the road for two and a half hours on account of a wild gas well which was spraying the countryside.

Midland, which was represented by a large delegation, was selected as the convention city next year.

Rannels and Concho counties stood in the foreground of activities for the past year. Concho county reported a 100 per cent organization, while four organizations were lost in this county during the year.

## Caliche Plant is Built on Highway

Brown & Root are opening caliche beds on the side of highway 4, seven miles south of Ballinger, and within a few days will be ready to take out material for hard surfacing of the roadway. Some machinery has already been moved to the location and plows are breaking the surface of the ground preliminary to removing dirt.

Tents are being constructed, filling stations erected and other work towards establishing a camp where a large number of men will be employed, done. The material at this location is very fine and it found near the top of the earth. Truck men will haul the caliche to the highway for the road base.

A section of the highway is closed at this time for ponding work and barricades have been erected for about a mile. The part closed is served by a convenient detour and no interference to traffic will be experienced on account of work. As soon as the roadbed is wet and in good shape the barricades will be removed and travel routed via the highway again.

Construction will begin on this section of highway 4 at the Concho county line. The work probably will begin late next week or as soon as additional equipment arrives and is moved to the starting point.

Recently, Miss Clarice Carr, teacher in the Miles school, lost a large amount of clothing, which was taken from her room. Last week two small boys found the apparel in the closet of a vacant house. Officers returned the stolen garments to the owner.

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## Springtime Means Tornado Time As Warm and Cold Air Wrestle

By F. B. Colton (Associated Press Science Writer) WASHINGTON, April 8.—Gentle spring gets rough at times. She brings destructive tornadoes along with the first crocus and the first robin.

The whirling funnels of wind that tear roofs from houses, trees from the earth and even feathers from chickens are due almost any day now, says the United States weather bureau.

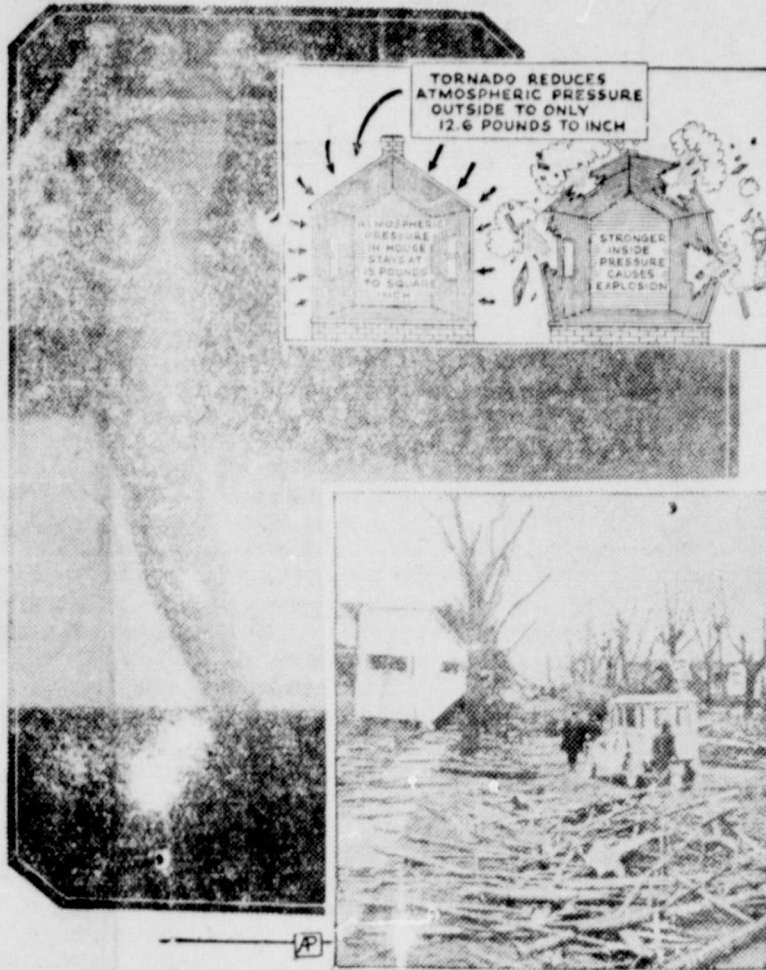
Tornadoes are most frequent in the spring because they are easily formed when streams of air of widely-varying temperature come in contact. Cold air from the north and warm air from the south are most likely to meet when warm springtime weather moves up from the Gulf of Mexico, explains Dr. W. J. Humphreys, meteorological physicist of the bureau.

When a stream of south-bound cold air passes close to a stream of north-bound warm air, like two freight trains passing on a double-track line, conditions are ripe for a tornado.

Warm air between the two streams tends to rise. Cold air may get underneath it and start pushing, which makes it rise faster. This air, rising between the two streams, tends to draw air from both streams in a counter-clockwise direction. This is because the northward-moving warm air current always is on the eastward side, and the south-bound cold wind is on the west.

The closer the air is drawn in, the faster the whirl. The whirling air grows colder, condenses the moisture within it, and a funnel-shaped cloud is formed. The tornado is born.

A tornado is part of a larger storm, just as an eddy is part of



Tornadoes like the one at the left, photographed at Hardtner, Kas., literally "explode" houses which they touch, with results like those shown in the devastated street scene (right). Sketch shows how difference in air pressure inside and outside houses causes them to burst.

a river, Dr. Humphreys says. It follows the larger storm's path.

A house may explode when a tornado strikes it for the same reason that an automobile tube explodes when it is pumped too full of air. The pressure inside the tube, or house, is greater than the pressure outside.

The whirling part of the tornado reduces the atmospheric pressure about 10 per cent below

normal outside the house. Inside the house, if all windows and doors are closed the pressure is not reduced.

The pressure inside the house, pushing outward, is about 14 to 15 pounds to the square inch, but the pressure outside pushing inward is only about 12.6 pounds. The pressure inside is stronger, something has to give way, and so the house literally explodes.

## Eight Truck Loads Liquor Seized by Federal Officers

### Expect Transfer of Brady Bank Robbery Cases

Two criminal cases will likely be transferred to this county out of McCulloch county, according to advices from Brady. R. C. Turner and Miss Lucille Awalt, charged with robbery with fire arms of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank on March 21, 1929, are the two cases due for a change of venue.

District Judge E. J. Miller has indicated that in case either of the cases was ever called for trial that he would send them outside of McCulloch county to be heard. Turner was tried in Brady during the last session of court in January and the jury failed to reach a verdict, resulting in a mistrial. Miss Awalt has never been tried for the offense but is expected to go to trial this year.

District court meets in Brady on May 13 and it is expected that the cases will be called at that time and a change of venue granted by Judge Miller.

The case of the robbery of the F. & M. Bank at Brady created much attention in this section when it happened, however, few people in this county are very familiar with the details and it would be an easy matter to secure a jury for a fair and impartial trial.

### WILL HALE, OF TALPA, REPORTED VERY SICK

Will Hale, of Talpa, breeder of fine sheep and polo ponies, is reported to be very ill at his home and little hope held for his recovery. He has been in a serious condition for several days and late reports from his bedside indicate that he is no better.

Mr. Hale is well known all over West Texas for his thoroughbred sheep which have won many blue ribbons in fairs over Texas.

The Alabama Farm Bureau Federation transacted business totaling \$17,000,000 in 1930.

### Scripps Tells How to Return Prosperity

NEW YORK, Apr. 8.—Robert P. Scripps, president of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, today told members of the New York Board of Trade at a luncheon that there were two possible ways open for returning prosperity.

One method would be to destroy machines and jail scientists, generally trying to make the clock run backward, Scripps said.

The other would be to increase per capita spending or leisure or a combination of both, thus balancing the increased potential per capita production.

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### CORPUS CHRISTI, Apr. 8.—

Federal customs officers today reported the seizure last night of eight truckloads of foreign liquor, five of the trucks being captured near Beeville, the raid netting one of the largest quantities of contraband ever taken in South Texas.

Three men arrested are to be charged, and others are yet to be arrested.

The liquor was found as the result of tip, caused by a feud between Houston and Galveston rum runners, some of whom informed the customs agents of the consignment.

The liquor bore the labels of a Belize, Honduras, firm.

According to the Concho Herald, (Paint Rock), Dr. Charles F. Bailey has opened an office in that town and will be in Paint Rock each Wednesday.

## Commencement for Rural Schools to be Held May 10

County Superintendent R. E. White announced Tuesday the second county-wide graduation of seventh grade pupils from all rural schools to be held here at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, May 10, in the Ballinger Baptist Church.

Last year the first program of this kind ever staged in this county was held here, 89 graduates being given diplomas showing satisfactory completion of grammar school courses. For this first commencement of grammar school pupils an enormous throng of people overflowed the largest auditorium in Ballinger.

Thirty-eight schools will participate in the commencement this year according to Supt. White. Thirty-six common school districts and two independents, Norton and Rowena, will take part. Final check has not been made but the pupils to receive diplomas this year will run well past the 100 mark.

Diplomas to be prepared will contain each student's name and school. The certificates will be issued by the department of education.

## Death Sentence for Shield Affirmed by Higher Court

### City Commission Reelected Tuesday

More than 200 votes were cast here Tuesday in the municipal election which renamed all present office-holders for another two-year term. W. C. McCarver was reelected mayor, receiving 221 votes; and E. Sheppard and O. L. Parish were reelected commissioners, receiving 200 and 205 votes, respectively.

E. F. Batts received 20 votes for commissioner, and J. F. Neff 19 votes for commissioner. Friends of these two men, without their knowledge, wrote their names on the ballots. Mr. Neff and Mr. Batts both supported the printed ticket and were surprised when the tabulations showed them to have been voted for as "dark horses." Dr. S. B. Raby, formerly mayor here for a number of years, also received four votes from friends who wrote his name on the ticket without his knowledge.

Voting was rather brisk late in the afternoon and a larger turnout of citizens than was expected visited the polling place. The polls closed at 7 p. m. and shortly thereafter the totals were made public.

The present commission will continue in office with the completion of a number of important projects facing it during the next two years. The past two years have been a strenuous period due to a large building program and the city's business has demanded much of the officials' time. The financial condition of the city is said to be in excellent condition. The books have just been audited and while no public statement has been issued the man doing the work has declared he found every department in excellent shape, and has complimented city officials and employees on the condition of the records and finances.

Mrs. Clarence West, county clerk, visited in San Angelo Wednesday.

### Taylor County Man Arrested On Dry Charge

Deputy Sheriff Carl Henson arrested D. H. Pritchard, of Taylor county, Saturday at 2:30 p. m. and placed him in the Rannels county jail here, charging him with drunkenness and transportation of liquor. Deputy Henson was at the jail and noticed that an old truck drove into the court house yard and parked just underneath the office of County Attorney Roy Hill. A few minutes later Mr. Hill called the jail and said the men in the truck were handling liquor, and the arrest followed.

According to eye witnesses Pritchard drove his truck into the south portion of the court house yard while Mr. Hill was observing him from a second story window. Pritchard and another man remained on the truck for a few minutes and then climbed to the rear of the truck, removed some sacks of cotton and took out a fruit jar, about half filled. The men then stepped to the ground and passed the jar several times from one to the other.

After seeing the fruit jar removed from the truck Mr. Hill phoned Deputy Henson and within a few minutes Pritchard was under arrest. His companion was released and no charges were filed against him.

AUSTIN, Apr. 8.—The court of criminal appeals today affirmed the death sentence of Joe Shield who killed his wife, Mrs. Opal Mae Shield, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Shields, at Brooksmith, Brown county, last May.

Shield shot his wife while she was on the front porch of her parents' home, then shot her father and mother as they emerged from their store across the street. The defendant pleaded insanity at the trial.

### CAR SOMERSAULTS ON DETOUR NEAR TALPA

A Ford two-door sedan carrying two Dallas traveling men turned completely over twice on a detour on Highway 23 near Talpa about 10 o'clock Friday morning. Neither of the men was injured. The car was brought to Harwell Motor company and is now undergoing repairs. It was not seriously damaged.

About 21 pounds of milk are required to make a pound of butter.

The number of farms in Louisiana increased 19.2 per cent in the past decade.

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### 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 on to greater effort in building up substantial, sustaining bank accounts.

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City elections in West Texas held the spot light Tuesday and all towns elected men to look after their municipal business for the next two years.

May 1 opens the fishing season again in this section of the country and many people are preparing to get the rod and reel ready for the first few days of the season when they are expected to bite good.

Perhaps the last election for this year was held here Tuesday when city commissioners and a mayor were elected for the succeeding two years.

Another army of unemployed will be thrown with the job seeking crowd soon when the high schools and colleges of the country close and a large number of these students start looking for summer jobs.

The local school board has announced that it intends to investigate certain rooms in one building where fire hazards might arise and children be trapped in a burning building.

The famous painted rocks in Concho county whence the city of Panit Rock received its name may be a thing of the past when the new railroad is built from San Antonio to San Angelo.

Health work in the county for this school year has about been completed and many children are entitled to receive buttons from the state health department.

ular courses. A part of the grade received on the health course must come on a certificate from the home as to how the child eats, washes his teeth, and practices the general rules.

All help and assistance possible has been given farmers this year to plant a certified long staple cotton. Campaigns have been conducted in most West Texas counties in which farmers have been shown the advantages of raising a longer staple cotton and receiving more for the product.

The possibility of the state school fund being lowered from \$17.50 to approximately \$14 per capita is bringing a protest from school people and others interested in the advancement of the schools of this state.

An Unpleasant Subject All of the functions of life are not pleasant to consider. Perhaps this is why some mothers refuse to think that such symptoms as restless sleep, loss of flesh, lack of appetite or itching nose and fingers in their children, can be caused by round or pin worms.

HONEYBOY AND SASSAFRAS ON AIR TWICE DAILY NOW In view of the mounting popularity of the feature, the Hicks Rubber Company and its associate Star tire dealers in the southwest have decided to broadcast the Honeyboy-Sassafras radio program twice daily.

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The Honeyboy-Sassafras feature will continue on Radio Station XED, Reynosa, Mexico. A test program was staged one morning recently and listeners in distant states who had encountered some trouble in hearing the feature at night, reported that the morning reception, as far distant as Canada, New England, and Florida was perfect.

Norton county, Kansas, farmers donated enough wheat for a carload of flour to be distributed among drought sufferers.

Fifty-seven applicants passed the first examinations for entrance to the state-controlled California nautical school.

Summer Round-up Held at Bethel

A summer "round-up" was held Tuesday at Bethel with 33 children participating. These children, who expect to enter school next year, were examined Tuesday and complete records made of defects by those in charge of the campaign.

Summer round-ups will continue in rural school districts until all have been visited before the term ends. One school has already closed and a number will wind up the year's work this month.

Four Here Enter Oratorical Contest

Four high students from the public speaking class have entered in the oratorical contest sponsored by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce which will take place at Lubbock some time in May.

The subject is to be "My Home Town." All high school students from any school in West Texas are eligible. In past years twenty-five to thirty schools have usually been represented.

Local school executives hope that more candidates will join the present group. The rewards offered should probably tempt more than four out of the two hundred and eighty-six enrolled.

Ford Caravan Coming Friday

Announcement is made by the Harwell Motor Co., local Ford dealer, of the coming of the Ford "Spring Truck Caravan" to Ballinger on Friday, April 10, between 2 and 3 p. m.

The caravan will consist of a large number of different body types recently added to the Ford line, ranging from the beautiful ambulance and funeral service coach to the immense 137-inch wheel base panel delivery body that has a loading space of eleven feet.

The progress that the Ford Motor Company has made in the commercial line is impressive when it is recalled that only a short time ago the company did not build a single commercial body and painted all jobs black.

AUSTRALIA POLICE STALK GAMBLERS WITH CAMERAS

SYDNEY, Australia, April 8.—The police, following the lead of jungle hunters, have begun stalking their prey with movie cameras instead of guns.

It was known to police that games of "two up" were being played in a house at Young, N. S. W., but the spy system of the establishment was so effective that raids proved unavailing.

A single booby weevil may produce 12,500,000 descendants in one season if parasites and man do not interfere.

School Board Meets, Organizes

The board of trustees of the Ballinger independent district met Tuesday night in its first session since the election and formed an organization for the ensuing year. All officers were reelected.

A special finance committee is composed of A. J. Thorp, Harry Lynn and G. P. Teague, who will consider the budget for the ensuing year, and make plans according to the income expected.

The trustees discussed what are considered fire hazards in one of the buildings and fire escapes will be investigated immediately.

Tom Caudle, president, said Wednesday that applications from teachers were pouring into the office of the board. These applications are being filed without comment at present, and at the next regular meeting of the board on the first Tuesday in May, will be taken up and a faculty elected for next year.

Eat at Hopper's, Club Cafe, Nuf Sed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mason have returned from Temple where Mr. Mason has been receiving treatment for an injured arm.

74 Enrolled at B.Y.P.U. Revival

The Runnels county association B. Y. P. U. is devoting this week to a mass revival. The first meeting of workers from all the churches in the district was held in the Ballinger Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon with an attendance of about 175.

To date 74 have enrolled in Ballinger, with the goal set at 100. The group is divided into four classes which will be added to as the number increases.

Those in charge of the campaign here are H. B. Lyon, of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Libesay, of Howard Payne College, Brownwood. The culminating event of the drive is scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

FIRST AMERICANS HAD BLOND HAIR, SCIENTIST FINDS

DENVER, April 8.—Contrary to general belief, the early American had brown, curly hair. Examination of the skulls of a number of Mesa Verde cliff dwellers in Colorado has revealed that brown hair was the rule and not the exception, says Dr. George Woodbury, curator of archaeology and ethnology of the Colorado state museum.

RUIN THREATENS FAMOUS AUSTRALIAN MINING CAMP

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NORTON HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Ever-Ready Club met with Mrs. L. B. Hambright Wednesday, April 1, with 15 members and 4 visitors present. We were very glad to have these visitors.

After a brief meeting the club adjourned to enjoy a social hour. Much merriment was caused by the various "April Fool" stunts, among which was a mock luncheon, an interview with "Hamlet's Ghost," and a miscellaneous "April Fool" shower for our hostess.

Although more than 18,000 miles of roads have been constructed in America's 149 national forests, there are 2,037 whole townships that still have no roads of any kind.

The National Pecan Marketing Association has set for its goal cooperative sales of 20,000,000 pounds of pecans in 1931-32.

Miss Evelyn Stobaugh, student of T. C. U., Ft. Worth, is spending the Easter holidays here.

Chapter Six

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a five per cent cut in wages, which mine-owners say would permit them to operate until world metal prices rise. Now it is feared that Broken Hill may become only another played-out camp.

Only four mines are operating, thousands of miners are unemployed and the closure of the remaining mines, townspeople say, would ruin the city.

Dale county, Ala., farmers received \$95,990 for hogs and poultry sold cooperatively during January and February.

An average of 600 boxes of apples to the acre were picked on the Curtis DeBorde farm, near Spokane, Wash., this season.

Tennessee roads are being marked in characters 14 feet high for the information of aviators.

Charlotte, N. C., in 1930 had 34 homicides, equivalent to 41.6 per 100,000 population, as compared to Chicago's rate of 14.5 per 100,000.

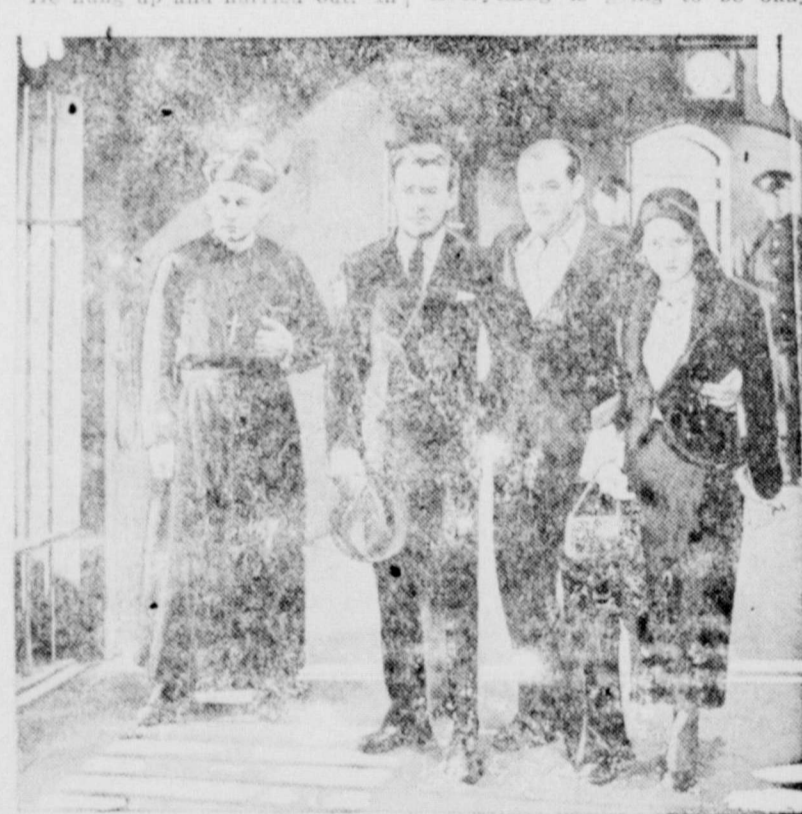
Graves of soldiers lost in fighting the Seminole Indians are to be marked in a long-forgotten cemetery at St. Augustine, Fla.

Gem Paper Clips at Ballinger Printing Co.



WHAT HAS HAPPENED BEFORE Cookie Leonard, racketeer and underworld boss, Mike O'Dowd, policeman, and Molly Pearson, nurse, are his friends. Mike and Molly endeavor to get Cookie to quit the racket.

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"Come on, soldiers," said Cookie starting for the last door he would ever enter alive. "We're holding up the parade—my last parade."

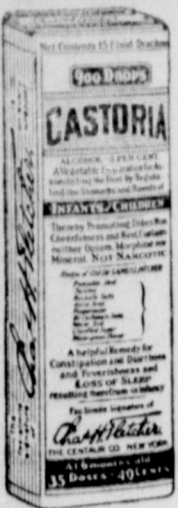
Cookie stepped forth, hard-eyed and grim. Marino dropped back, his face blanching. "I'm here to return the compliment," Cookie said. "Get rid of these mugs of yours in there."

With gangster bravado, but quaking, Marino called: "Okay, boys, you can scam. I want to talk to Spike alone."

When the men had gone Cookie dragged Marino, now half-paralyzed with fright, to the outer room, closing the door behind him.

Advertisement for the Palace Theatre featuring Marie Dressler and Wallace Beery in 'Min and Bill' and 'King of the Wild'.

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Complete School Census, 97 Short

A. F. Brock, secretary of the board of trustees of the Ballinger independent school district, has completed the scholastic census for the district, same showing a decrease of approximately 100 scholars. The total number tabulated this year is 1085, against 1182 for last year.

Mr. Brock said he had covered the district very thoroughly and so far as he knew every family had been seen. He authorized the statement, however, that the records were still open and that in case anyone had been overlooked a phone call to any school official would bring a census enumerator to record the children. Children from six years of age up are taken in the census.

The decrease here this year is not surprising and was anticipated by the board prior to the enumeration. Mr. Brock said more than 100 vacant dwellings were found in the district, and this alone would account for the 97 decrease in the records.

Any family moving to Ballinger by April 1 is entitled to enumeration of the children here. Those arriving since that date will not be taken on this year's report but will be recorded next year.

The attendance for the Ballinger schools is remaining up to standard due to a large number of transfers here from other districts for benefits of high school training. Students from rural schools come here for graduation and a majority of the senior class in Ballinger is made up of pupils from other communities. Their tuition is paid here by the state when the proper transfer is made prior to the opening of school.

The census report will remain open at the school board office for several days and anyone residing here prior to April 1 who has been overlooked is requested to notify Secretary Brock.

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CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS FOR CLASS B SCHOOLS

AUSTIN, Apr. 4.—For the first time in the history of the University of Interscholastic League athletics, class B schools this year will compete for a class B state championship. Roy B. Henderson, athletic director of the interscholastic league, has announced Henderson said a state class B meet would be held at Denton on May 8 and 9, the same date of the Class A meet. Henderson said class B schools placing in county meets will continue to enter against class A schools in the district meets, and if still winning will be eligible to enter the state meet against the class A schools. The class B meet is to be held at Denton for those class B schools which were eliminated in district competition. Henderson said the Denton meet was being held principally for those class B schools eliminated during district tournaments.

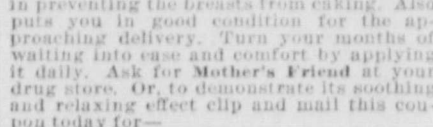
LIVESTOCK SHIPMENT MADE FROM MILES

MILES, Apr. 3.—Four carloads of sheep were shipped from Miles Tuesday night by Jess Koy, of Eldorado, from his Gross ranch lease between Ballinger and Tenyson. In the shipment were three cars of mixed lambs, consist of 900 head, which Mr. Koy sold for five and one-half cents per pound. The other car, consisting of old sheep, was consigned to the Fort Worth market.

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April Forecasts Ideal Weather

According to almanac weather forecasts April holds 12 days of fair, warm weather. Several rains are scheduled and three cold waves. The month as a whole will have pleasant weather, according to this prediction, offering three fair Sundays, Easter being the only Sunday in the month with inclement temperature.

Changes of the moon occur on the 2nd, 9th, 17th and 25th. The only holidays of importance in this section is Easter, on April 5, and San Jacinto Day, commemorating the battle which won Texas independence from Mexico. This is a statewide observed holiday in the Lone Star State, schools and patriotic organizations observing it with appropriate ceremonies.

Cold waves predicted by the before-mentioned authority (7) other than on Easter are on the 10th and 29th, and rains are forecast for the 4th, 13th, 14th, 16th and 20th. The days listed as hot are the 27th and 28th, which probably and possibly might be good guesses.

TRACTORS BRING MACHINE AGE TO PORTUGUESE FARMS

LISBON, Mar. 28.—Taking a leaf from the soviet book, Portugal is teaching her peasant farmers to use tractors.

Increased use of the machines is credited with the size of the 1930 wheat crop which broke all records. It exceeded the 1929 yield by 3,375,000 bushels.

During a recent "national agriculture week," 865 open air meetings were held. The government campaigners who urged intensification of grain culture included President Carmona the minister of agriculture and a number of other personages.

Qualla Pedigreed Cotton Seed Now on sale at Wilmet & Hathaway Feed Store, on Sealy Ave. D. J. GOETZ, District Manager. 27-21w

Miss Louise Morgan, teacher of English in the local high school, left Friday afternoon for Dublin to spend Easter with her parents and other relatives.

May 1 Deadline To Pay Dog Tax

Chief of Police J. L. Moreland announced Saturday morning that new dog license tags have been received. They may be obtained at the city secretary's office in the city hall at \$1 each.

All dogs kept within the city limits are subject to this tax. A dog is considered a resident of the city regardless of whether it is confined to the owner's premises or roaming at large in the city.

The tax entitles the animal to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness until March 31, 1932. Payment of the tax, however, does not in any way prevent authorities from disposing of it should it become mad, vicious, or dangerous in any way. Officers also reserve the right to use their own judgment in this regard.

After May 1, immediate action will be taken on all stray or unlicensed dogs. City authorities feel the measure necessary in maintenance of public safety.

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FIREMEN'S SOCIAL HELD MONDAY EVENING

The firemen's progressive 42 party was the chief social event here Monday night. About sixty people were present. Those eligible to attend were firemen, honorary firemen, their wives, and specially invited guests. The party lasted until a late hour.

The organization wishes to thank the Wilke Bakery for cakes contributed for the refreshments, the City Cafe for the coffee, and others for use of tables. All these greatly helped in making the party the success it was.

THREE NEW TRUSTEES ELECTED AT MILES

MILES, Apr. 7.—New trustees for the Miles independent school district elected here Saturday were G. H. Coleman, I. R. Hart and Gus Beckman, while Ed Heime and Fred Salling were re-elected.

The new trustees succeed H. J. Caldwell, S. E. Farmer and R. L. Young. Hold-overs are Howard H. Story and R. R. Talbot.

Bridge Contracts Let for Concho

Contracts were awarded Wednesday by the state highway commission for construction of two bridges in Concho county, the total cost to be \$28,207. The awards were given Crouch & Nolan, of Strawn, and work on the projects is expected to begin at once. Both bridges are on highway No. 9, one over Kickapoo Creek and the other over Frog Pond.

Resident Engineer G. M. Garrett, of Ballinger, is looking after this work for the highway department. He left Thursday morning for Concho county on an inspection trip.

White Brothers were blasting on a hill on highway 23 five miles east of Ballinger Wednesday. The charges set off could be seen and heard in the city. Thick strata of rock along the new right-of-way are causing the contractors considerable trouble at this spot, requiring large amounts of dynamite to cut through the high ground.

Large drain pipes were being placed Wednesday along the side of the highway where lateral roads intersect the route. These crossings will be put in first class shape at once so traffic will not be held up but a few hours at a time. One crossing has already been constructed and traffic is going over the new highway without trouble. This work was delayed for several weeks because the first shipment of drain pipes was not heavy enough and was rejected by the resident engineer.

Practically all the first grade work has been completed from Ballinger to Benoit. All the ground has been broken and a large portion of it graded. As soon as more rain falls on the fresh grade there will be finishing work that will require some time. Much rock must be taken from the surface and placed in the drainage ditches. Two crews are working east of Talpa and all are making good progress during fair weather.

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Many Dead Birds At Ravens' Roost

The raven roost on the John Lee Simmons place south of Ballinger where a poison campaign has been conducted by Floyd Dawson of the U. S. Agricultural Department is about broken up and many dead birds remain as evidence of the success of the campaign.

About two weeks ago the work was started when meat baits were placed at the roost to attract the birds and get them started to feeding there. Later a large quantity of poisoned corn was placed on the ground and within a short time a large amount of the grain was consumed by the birds.

The ground is well covered with dead ravens at present and many have gone to other places to die. The roost is broken to some extent, while a large number still come there at night to roost.

Workers are considering other means of combatting the large numbers of ravens in this county and some other method of poisoning likely will be tried within a short time. The plan of farmers scattering poison grain as they plant their crops may be used later to get rid of birds left from the larger campaigns and to prevent them from eating seed grain on the farms.

The birds are more numerous this year than ever before but so far have congregated in certain communities where most of them roost and feed. It is believed, however, that later they will feed far away from their roosts and practically the entire county will be injured by them.

New York Buys Less Milk

NEW YORK, Apr. 7.—(AP)—Milk consumption in metropolitan New York has decreased 7,000 cans a day as compared with last year. A gain of 3,000 cans a day usually is shown.

Charles Coombes returned Monday morning from Austin, where he had been for the past week attending to business.

Agriculture in Texas 50 Years Ago Just Begun

AUSTIN, Apr. 7.—In these days of apparent surpluses in products of the farm, such as wheat and cotton, production figures from a half century ago form an interesting commentary.

These figures recently were sought out in the library of the state department of agriculture by J. E. McDonald, commissioner, who wished to ascertain what growth agriculture in Texas had made.

It was discovered that although Texas was one of the leading farm states fifty years ago—its products were valued \$42,000,000 in 1880—the surface of agricultural development had scarcely been scratched. For in 1830, the farm crop was valued at over a billion dollars.

Texas turkeys, watermelons and pecans were insufficient to list in the 1880 federal summary of crops. Today they have carried the name of Texas over the nation and into many foreign countries.

The cotton output has grown from a million to over four million bales—six million in the heavy years. Wheat production, set at three million bushels in 1880, is gauged at thirty million bushels. Rye has grown from 49,000 to 10,000 bushels. Forty million bushels have been added to the six million bushel oat crop of 1880. The state produces five times as many potatoes as it did in 1880, when a crop of a half million bushels was sold. The value of cotton seed—a product thrown into the streams in that day—exceeded the value of all the principal crops fifty years ago.

To the principal crops listed fifty years ago, are added today grain sorghums, rice, peanuts, cowpeas, sweet potatoes, sugar cane, broom corn—not to mention watermelons, pecans and turkeys again. The citrus industry, 'till in its infancy, turned out about \$3,000,000 worth of products fifty years after 1880; six thousand carloads of melons were sent to market. Other truck and garden crops were valued at \$16,000,000; the peach crop rivalled the citrus industry in importance. Three million quarts of early strawberries took advantage of the best market prices; the vast fertile stretches of South Texas and the Rio Grande Valley have barely been tapped to disgorge this horn of plenty.

Despite the vast increase in cultivated land, over the period—from six million to thirty-two

million acres—the state still has ranges to feed five million head of cattle, a million more than fifty years ago. The number of sheep and goats showed a similar increase. The annual output of dairy products was valued in excess of \$100,000,000. Turkeys grazed four million tables in the season just passed; eggs brought a revenue of \$33,000,000.

Physical expansion of agriculture in the next half century in the opinion of the commissioner of agriculture, will go hand in hand with a bettering of the conditions of rural life, McDonald said.

West Texas, he pointed out, has need of improved roads to reach the rural sections. The marketing system of the state has not been brought to high efficiency; much room for improvement exists in rural education. The commissioner says he believes a great amount of missionary work on behalf of the farmer remains to be done to make the next epoch rival the last in the history of Texas.

NEW ZEALAND QUAKE TO COST PREACHER \$45,000

CUERO, April 7.—The Rev. William A. Allen, rector of Grace church here, whose ministerial work has carried him to remote places, has received word that the earthquake which recently devastated New Zealand cost him about \$45,000.

Rev. Allen was owner of a 300-acre farm, valued before the catastrophe at \$150 per acre. He has received word from his attorney in New Zealand that the farm was buried under a landslide caused by the quake, rendering it practically valueless.

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PIONEER CITIZEN ON VISIT HERE SATURDAY

C. H. Ernest, attorney, of Colorado, Texas, stopped here Saturday to meet old friends. Mr. Ernest was formerly located at Old Runnels in 1882 and '83 as a real estate agent and had taken up three sections of land in Runnels county. He remembered a number of the old settlers here and spent some time with them Saturday, recalling the early days in this county.

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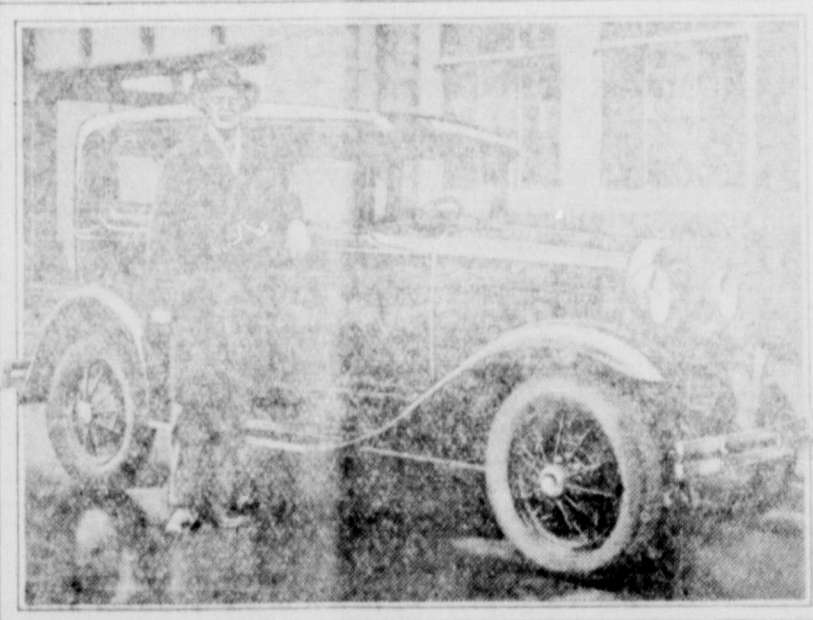
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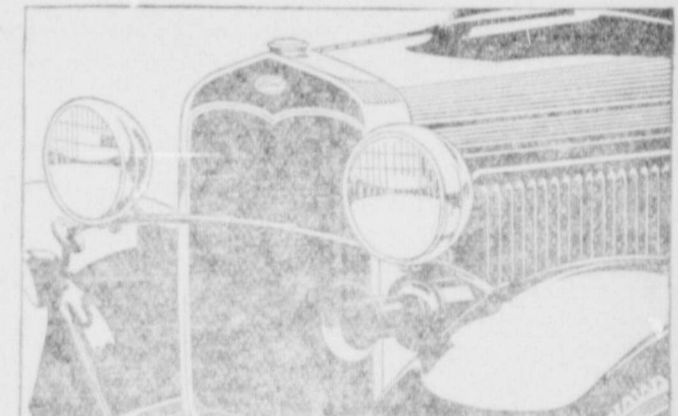
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One of his vivid memories is bearing, as a boy of six, the news of General Scott's victorious assault on the heights of Chapultepec which ended the Mexican War in 1847, and his

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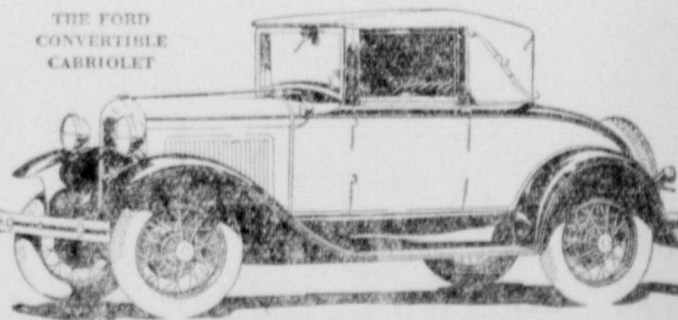
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### Ballinger Band Enters Contest

ABILENE, Apr. 4.—Fifteen high schools of West Texas have signed entries to the third annual West Texas High School band contest, which is to be held at Simmons University April 18 under the auspices of the Cowboy Band, D. O. Wiley, director of the contest, has announced.

The entries include six class A schools, five in class B, three in class C, and one in class D. The first class takes in those schools with enrollments of 750 or more, the next includes those which enroll from 250 to 750, and the third includes those with enrollments under 250. Class D is for schools whose bands have been organized only one year.

Loving cups will be awarded the winners in the different divisions, donated by Abilene merchants. Those giving the cups are: Cowboy Band, Joe Ellis, Minter Dry Goods, West Texas Utilities, Holly Electric Co., Hall Music Co., Abilene Reporter-News, and C. M. Presley.

R. A. Dhossche, director of the Magnolia Band of Beaumont, will judge the contest. Herbert Clarke of Long Beach, Cal., was judge last year and members of the Royal Belgian Band acted as judges the year before.

Members of the Cowboy Band and the Abilene high school band will act as hosts to the visiting musicians.

The entries and directors are: Class A—Ranger, Robert Lee Maddox; Lubbock, H. A. Anderson; Abilene, R. T. Bynum; Cisco, G. W. Cullum; Breckenridge, J. C. Burkett; Wichita Falls, Paul Seeds.

Class B—Ballinger, H. H. Carsey; Albany, Walter Lennox; Colorado, Roy Hester; Snyder, Millard Shaw; Midland; Russel Shrader.

Class C—Haskell, Joseph Meachem; Wink, Earl Ray; Bronte, H. H. Carsey.

Class D—Eastland, A. J. Campbell.

### FUNERAL HELD MONDAY FOR MRS. F. GARLITZ, 81

MILES, Apr. 7.—Funeral services were held here Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Mrs. Fritz Garlitz, 81, who died Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of her son, Frank Garlitz, 10 miles south of Miles.

Surviving is the husband, who himself is 87 years old, and who has been in bed for a week, being in a grave condition. Mrs. Garlitz also leaves several children, and many grandchildren and a great grandchild. Rev. F. W. Henkel, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of this city, officiated at the rites.

Mr. and Mrs. Garlitz came to Runnels county over twenty years ago from Kaufman county. They lived for a time in the Greenwood community near Rowena, later moving to Miles.

### THANKSGIVING BIRD LIVING UP TO NAME

FALLON, Nev., Apr. 7.—Turkeys were the most profitable "crop" in Nevada last year, says L. E. Cline, economist of the state agricultural extension service.

Production methods, he says, have reduced raising costs so the gobblers can be sold near prices asked for chickens. This fact is expected to result in increased turkey consumption.

Chester Afferbach, student at St. Edwards University, returned to Austin Monday after a visit here with his parents.

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### Waco Special is Here Hour Today

A group of Waco business and professional men arrived in Ballinger at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday and spent a full hour visiting citizens here engaged in the same lines. The personnel of the delegation was different from that of the usual trade trip party. Every member of the group is an officer in or heads some Waco business and no boys were on the train.

The visitors' special train contained three standard sleepers, a diner and a baggage car. No band accompanied them as they desired no parade, welcome address or public meeting of any sort. The object of the excursion is to get better acquainted with people in their territory.

L. M. Shephardson, traffic manager of the Waco Chamber of Commerce, stated that the party would be on the road five days, completing a 1,000-mile trip. The trippers left Waco Monday morning and were on their second day while in Ballinger. They planned to spend the night at San Angelo, leaving there early Wednesday morning to visit towns on the Santa Fe east of Brownwood all day Wednesday, spending the third night in Bryan.

Mr. Shephardson said the excursion had been very successful and that each city visited had entertained royally. He declared the sixty-odd men on the special were out to try and cheer others up and make them realize that the depression was partly a mental condition. He commented on the fine appearance of West Texas and especially spoke of the children. Many schools along the route turned out en masse to greet the special and seeing so many kiddies caused Mr. Shephardson to remark that there was "no sign of race suicide in West Texas."

Those in the party included Billie Smith, Hugh N. Warden, C. C. Pain, J. B. Dugger, T. D. Brooks of Baylor University, C. S. Carsen, J. B. Sneider, W. E. Munroe, Roy Jacobs, Dan LeBow, E. Eudaly, J. Oaker, V. W. Crawford, E. S. Lilly, Tom S. Hollan, A. L. Clifton, J. F. Hansfelt, Jr., R. H. Berry, Davis Stribling, W. B. Dorset, Bert Perry, Reed Compton, F. A. Goldersleeve, Harry D. Hoffmann, J. S. Herrick, A. M. Gilbreath, R. M. Poe, Sidney Abbott, J. E. Chambers, Lillard Miller, W. F. Quebe, P. G. Haines, C. F. Dumas, W. A. Willis, R. S. Miller, county farm agent, J. W. Tabor, Horace Smith, Frank Trou, F. L. Miller, T. E. Fitzhugh, A. Braum, Walter Gregg, J. B. Syers, Sam A. Wood, Clint A. Parmer, Tom E. Chapoton, C. H. Reubeck, June Holderman, E. M. Rogers, D. L. Loving, C. M. Penland, C. V. Allen, Tom Tidwell, Tom Green, T. H. Williams, Ted Gribble, Ralph Turner, P. H. Boice, R. L. Kersey, R. P. Nayler, E. L. Wallis, J. L. Ward, George E. Wolf, L. B. Gardner, and W. C. Crawford, general manager and vice president of the chamber of commerce.

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### DR. CHANDLER SPEAKS AT HIGH SCHOOL TODAY

Dr. S. E. Chandler, president of Daniel Baker College, was in Ballinger today soliciting students for the coming school year. He made a brief but interesting talk at assembly at high school at 10 o'clock. The subject upon which he spoke was two-fold: 1. Planning your life upon a large enough scale; 2. Sticking to that plan until life's complete course is run.

Every one seemed favorably impressed by Dr. Chandler's speaking personality, beauty of thought and clarity of expression and delivery.

Mrs. O. C. Williams and son, Pat, of Abilene, visited relatives in Ballinger Saturday and Sunday.

Ed Baker, who had been visiting J. Y. Pearce for the past three months, has returned to his home in Illinois. Mr. Baker was a pioneer in this county.

Judge Paul Trimmer has been slightly ill and unable to come to his office for the past two days. He was reported as some better Tuesday morning.

D. C. Middleton, of Melvin, was here Monday attending to business and visiting friends.

### N. Y. Woman Lost 14 Pounds of Fat

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### TWO DISTRICTS REPORT IN TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

The following trustee election returns were in County Superintendent R. E. White's office Monday morning:

Dry Ridge, 6 votes, electing J. C. Houghton.

Eagle Branch, 5 votes, electing O. V. Cooper and W. T. Freeman. Content, 50 votes, electing W. A. Thornton and S. H. Blankinship.

Mann, no results, 7 votes to each candidate.

Maverick, 27 votes, reelecting Rena Lee.

Olifen elected W. J. Halfman, A. D. Halfman and Robert Lange. Olifen has had no public school for about ten years. They recently passed a tax bill of 75 cents on the hundred dollars, and this is their first trustee election since the measure came into effect.

### March Freezes Do Big Damage

AUSTIN, Apr. 7.—The bureau of agricultural economics, division of crop and livestock estimates, today reported that Texas truck crops suffered a severe setback in March because of sub-seasonal temperatures. The temperatures were reported too low for proper growth.

Frosts and snows killed and cut back many tender vegetables, necessitating replanting in many cases.

### COUNTY PIONEER DIES AT MILES TUESDAY

MILES, Apr. 8.—E. Berman, age 43, died at his home here Tuesday at 11 o'clock after an illness lasting for several years. Mr. Berman has resided in this county for many years and for the past several years has lived in Miles where he conducted a grocery store.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 at the family residence and interment was made in the Miles cemetery.

Surviving relatives are his wife, one son, Elmo, his aged mother and two brothers.

D. H. Pritchard, of Taylor county, was arrested and fined in justice court Monday on charges of drunkenness and reckless driving. The total of both fines and costs was \$82.

Mrs. R. T. Trail and daughters have moved to Paint Rock to make their home. Ballinger people regret losing them as citizens but wish for their happiness in their new home.

### Doctor's 3 RULES Big Help to Bowels

What a joy to have the bowels move like clockwork, every day! It's easy, if you mind these simple rules of a famous old doctor:

1. Drink a big tumblerful of water before breakfast, and several times a day.
2. Get plenty of outdoor exercise without unduly fatiguing yourself.
3. Try for a bowel movement at exactly the same hour every day.

Everyone's bowels need help at times, but the thing to use is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. You'll get a thorough cleaning out, and it won't leave your insides weak and watery. This family doctor's prescription is just fresh laxative herbs, pure pepsin and other helpful ingredients that couldn't hurt a child. But how it wakes up those lary bowels! How good you feel with your system rid of all that poisonous waste matter.

Clean up that coated tongue, sweeten that bad breath, and get rid of those bilious headaches. A little Syrup Pepsin will soon free the bowels from all that waste matter that makes the whole system sluggish. You'll eat better, sleep better and feel better.

You'll like the way Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin tastes. The way it works will delight you. Big bottles—all drug stores.

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### Instructor Visits Guard Company

Major Peter P. Salgado, national guard instructor, spent Monday afternoon and night here with Company C, 142nd Infantry. The armory, supply room and orderly room were checked before the company assembled Monday night and at the close of the formation period all departments were commended by the visiting officer.

Major Salgado is a regular army man of long service who came up from the ranks on account of efficient work. He is considered one of the foremost instructors of the Texas national guard system.

After roll was called Monday evening about two hours of squad formations, close order drill, commands by voice, bayonet drill, manual of arms, etc., were held in rapid succession. Major Salgado, in the usual army style, did some of the "eating out" type of lecture, and caused the ranks much merriment as he took occasion to step on a commissioned officer. Later the same treatment was accorded non-coms and privates, but when the drill was completed the major smiled and told the entire company that the "chewing" was done to impress them with the correct way of doing things.

Major Salgado complimented the personnel of the unit highly and left officers and men feeling the Ballinger "outfit" was at least as good as any in the regiment. Almost every member of the company answered "here" Monday evening, and received much help for the coming federal inspection.

Captain Ross Murchison and Lieutenant K. V. Northington are continuing their efforts to have the local company in the best of condition for the federal inspection on April 20. A group of staff officers will be here on that date to inspect the company and equipment. The company officers are anxious to make a better showing than ever on this inspection, and in this are receiving cooperation from the enlisted men. Attendance at the Monday evening drills has held up remarkably well.

### SHICK TEST FRIDAY FOR HATCHEL SCHOOL

The Shick test will be given Friday, April 10, at Hatchel beginning at 1 o'clock in the afternoon and all parents are urged to have their children there at that time. The immunization serum was given several months ago and the Shick test will determine whether it has been successful or not in most cases.

### PATIENTS IN LOCAL HOSPITAL IMPROVING

All the patients in the Halley & Love Sanitarium were resting well Monday morning. These is an exceptionally high percentage of appendectomy cases, most of which were ruptured.

Oliver Greebon, the third in his family to have an appendicitis operation in three weeks, was much improved over his last week's condition. He had an inflammation of an internal organ in addition to appendicitis, and for a while his case was considered to be a serious one.

Joe Fraser spent Easter here with his wife and children.

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### Farmers Select Delegates to Meet

About 100 farmers attended the meeting of the Cotton Association held here Saturday afternoon at the court house. The principal item of business was selection of delegates to attend the district meeting at San Angelo Saturday, April 11, at which time district directors for the ensuing year will be named. Delegates who will represent this county at the district meeting are: J. D. Good, Paschal Dietz, John Simecek, A. R. Strube and George Dean.

C. W. Lehmburg, county agent, addressed the meeting on better seed and explained in detail the exchange of gin-run seed for certified variety by the two oil mills of the county. Any farmer can exchange three bushels of gin-run seed for one bushel of state certified seed at either the Winters or Ballinger oil mill, as long as the supply lasts. This will enable growers to get pureline seed without cash outlay and by planting the better seed can improve their staple, thus securing a better price. Mr. Lehmburg stressed advantages of planting certified or standardized seed in all crops this year as he has done at the "better seed" meetings held at various points in the county during the past two months.

All delegates declared they would attend the district meeting, and other farmers of this county are expected to be present.

### FIVE TO GET SCHOLARSHIPS AS FARM JUDGING PRIZES

LUBBOCK, Apr. 4.—Dr. Paul W. Horn, president of Texas Technological College, has announced that scholarships to Texas Tech will be awarded five boys won first places in recent farm judging contests sponsored by the school.

Boys who will receive the scholarships are: M. Jones, Dublin, first place in dairy cattle judging; M. Windon, McLean, first in farm shop judging; F. C. Schillingbury, Dublin, first in livestock judging; L. Smith, Post, first in plant production judging, and W. Smith of Hale Center, first in poultry judging.

Miss Frankie and Virginia Pierce, of Winters, attended to business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Mt. Riga, a Texas Holstein, produced 16,984.8 pounds of milk and 643.6 pounds of butter-fat in a 365-day period.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery

As a young man Dr. R. V. Pierce practiced medicine in Pennsylvania. His prescriptions met with such great demand that he moved to Buffalo, N. Y., and put up in ready-to-use form his well-known tonic for the blood, Golden Medical Discovery. It aids digestion, acts as a tonic, and enriches the blood—clears away pimples and annoying eruptions and tends to keep the complexion fresh and clear. This medicine comes in both fluid and tablets. Ask your druggist for

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### City Street Work Continues Here

The weekly report of city activities shows a full week's work on Ballinger streets last week. The large grader was operated five full days, cleaning out drainage ditches and smoothing streets, and the maintainer also was used to grade several streets. The large roller was used on Fifth and Thirteenth streets, putting those streets, which had recently been graveled, in first class condition. Two men were used all week in grubbing and cutting grass and weeds from clogged culverts and drainage lines. The rotary broom was used on the downtown pavement. All dirt was piled and hauled from this section. The grader was worked over during the week, new parts being added.

The water department in its monthly survey of the city found a total of 84 vacant buildings, divided as follows: 15 per cent apartments, 5 per cent business houses, 20 per cent desirable residents and 60 per cent undesirable dwellings. The department also set a number of new meters and lock boxes, flushed dead ends of water mains, repaired leaks, and tapped one main with a 60-foot line for a residence. Work began on the residence being built for the engineer at the pump station, foundation being run, forms removed, frame going up, screen frames put up, and all shingles dipped.

The office department issued three building permits during the week, made one gas inspection, and reported the audit of the city books completed by W. L. Brown.

The report of the health department showed a number of cases of chicken pox, but no other contagion, and the general health of the city fair.

No fires were reported. This truck driver repaired water meters during the week. One drill was held by the company.

The police department made one arrest. No fines were assessed or collected.

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## CONTENT NEWS

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Last night's shower, which some say measured 1-4 inch, was quite a help to farmers. The ground was getting a hard crust which was not so good for vegetation. Our town looks like a deserted village now, as all the farmers are kept busy in the fields.

Sunday, March 22, the Methodists held their second quarterly conference here. Dr. W. H. Coleman, the presiding elder, preached both morning and afternoon. Both sermons were unusually good and helpful, and we were disappointed that more of our people were not present. A bountiful dinner was served outside the building at noon. The business session followed the afternoon sermon. Dr. Coleman surprised us by announcing that this was to be his last visit with us. We regret very much to give him up, but our loss will be gain to the Polytechnic Church, Fort Worth, which he is to serve as pastor.

Mrs. Morphis, wife of the pastor, and Mrs. J. R. Reid of Novice, were present at the church services.

**Home Demonstration Club**  
The home demonstration club met on Thursday, March 19, with about 12 members present. Mrs. Briton McMillan demonstrated two kinds of sandwiches. Mrs. R. B. Smith made some paper flowers. Some new members were enrolled, and several visitors were present. Mrs. B. McKnight and Mrs. Alva Porch were hostesses. The refreshments were enjoyed and a "good time" was reported by all present.

Miss Blanche Johnson, our primary teacher, was taken suddenly ill Thursday morning, March 19. A physician was called and though she was temporarily relieved, she decided to go to Abilene to a sanitarium. She was carried to Abilene Friday morning, and at this writing she is still in the hospital. It has not been learned by us just how serious her condition is, but, as she failed to return on Tuesday, the date she had hoped to be here, we fear she is not doing so well. We sincerely hope that she may soon be in her school room again, strong enough to continue her work. Miss Cadenhead, of Brownwood is teaching Miss Johnson's room during her absence.

Little Martha Jo Simmons had to be taken to a physician Tuesday. We hope that she may soon be well again.

Jones Goats is reported to be improving in health, though he is not able to do any work.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hamons, of Winters, spent Sunday and Sunday night here with relatives.

**April 1st**  
The recent cold spell has dispelled all hopes for fruit in this section. Much garden stuff and nearly all flowers were killed.

Miss Johnson has left the sanitarium, but is still in Abilene as she is not strong enough to resume her work this week. Her pupils and her many friends are anxiously awaiting her return.

## WILMETH NEWS

(Received Too Late for Publication Last Week)

T. J. Rampy, Henry Rampy and D. E. Harris have returned from a visit in Bell county.

Darrel Harkins has returned from Fort Worth, where he had been attending a business college.

Doyce Moreland spent a few days with relatives at Paint Rock last week.

Ethel Baker, of Independence, was a visitor here Sunday.

King Barker entertained the young people Saturday night with a "tacky" party. All who attended reported a very nice time.

H. K. Dickinson, who had been seriously ill, is reported to be improving.

Tolltha Broadstreet left Monday for Fort Worth with some of her relatives. She will visit there a few days.

Cortez Robertson and family spent the night with the Ralph Burns family a few days ago.

Naomi Robertson has returned home from a visit with relatives

at Big Spring.

Grady Tomlinson visited relatives at Marie Sunday.

## BETHEL NEWS

Easter has come and gone, it being such a very beautiful day, everyone is hoping spring with warmer weather has at last arrived, and will have no more cold frosty mornings.

A large crowd attended at both the Methodist and Baptist Sunday schools, with several visitors present. Rev. Cole, of Abilene, was here to fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church.

The Leagues presented an Easter program Sunday night.

Dr. Charles Bailey, of Ballinger, came out Friday afternoon and gave the Shick test to the children who had taken the diphtheria serum, as some had moved away, only gave the test to 104 children, several of the teachers and patrons. Miss Addie Alexander, county health nurse, will be here Tuesday afternoon for an inspection of the test. The summer round-up will also be held at this time.

The second quarterly conference of the Methodist Episcopal church of Paint Rock chapel will be held at the Bethel church next Sunday, April 12. Presiding Elder Batchlor, of San Angelo, will have charge of the services throughout the day. Everyone is invited to attend. Plans have been announced to have dinner on the ground for all visitors.

A very large crowd enjoyed the League social at the school auditorium Friday night. The young folk of the other churches were invited. Various games and contests were enjoyed until a late hour.

Mrs. Oran Lee and little son, of Maverick, are visiting in the home of Robert Lee and family.

Jurdon Gabbert, of Norton, brought his children here Friday afternoon for the Shick test. This was their home until the first of the year.

The school board met Friday afternoon and made arrangements to have a Stargas plant installed for lighting the school building. As the Delco formerly used has been sold, the company will have the plant ready for a tryout this week-end.

Earl Crockett spent the past week-end visiting a cousin, Wilbur Martin, at Maverick.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shelburn had as their Easter Sunday guests all their children, an Easter dinner being served which was enjoyed very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scales and family and Mrs. McDaniels, of Paint Rock, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sunday.

Rev. Peaden, of Brownwood, was here Sunday to begin the B. Y. P. U. training class, which will be in progress throughout the week.

J. W. Little celebrated his birthday Sunday by inviting quite a number of his classmates and his Sunday school teacher, Miss Cornelia Bell, for an Easter egg hunt. About thirty children were present and much fun was enjoyed hunting Easter eggs, playing ball, boat riding and last the serving of the large birthday cake topped with its 14 candles. All departed wishing J. W. many more happy birthdays.

The trustee election was held at the school building Saturday. Twenty-one votes were cast and I. D. Little, Marion Hays and G. H. Dierschke were elected to complete the group of seven trustees. Will Lampe, Jack Beard, Tom Crockett and David Duke remaining for another year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Greenhill, jr., have recently moved to the Sims residence at the Pony gh.

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Little had the following guests Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Zan Turner, Mrs. Spoons, Mrs. Miller and children, Miss Wooten, Mrs. Dewey Campbell and children, of Ballinger, Mrs. W. F. McShan and Mead McShan and family. A real feast was enjoyed very much.

## Demonstration Club Meets

The Happy Home Makers club

met with Mrs. Jack Carroll on April 2 with 14 members present. It was voted to give a prize to the club member making the best record on reports, attendance and carrying out her part of this year's club work. After the business meeting some very interesting talks on table service were given by different members. Delicious sandwiches, cake and cocoa were passed to all. The club adjourned and will meet with Mrs. Tom Crockett May 16.

Mr. and Mrs. David Duke were among the number to attend the singing convention Sunday at Ballinger.

Mr. Killiam and sons, of Ballinger, attended Sunday school and church services here Sunday, rendering some special music at the Sunday school hour.

## SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Melton Harris and children, and mother, Mrs. C. D. Harris spent Sunday at Blackwell with Mrs. Melton Harris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Fry.

A. E. Dennis, of Snyder, is spending a few days with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Harbour, of Brownwood, are visiting Mrs. Harbour's sister, Mrs. W. E. Branch.

Mrs. B. H. McLain, of Sweetwater, returned home Tuesday after several days at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. A. J. Voelkel.

Mr. Cuniff, of Winters, visited in the Green home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Washam and children, of New Mexico, spent Sunday and Monday with his parents and other relatives.

Mrs. Frank Midgely, of San Angelo, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. C. H. Midgely and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Neely, and Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Parrish and daughter, Alta, were guests in the Ed Farley home Sunday.

Corinne Brown spent Saturday night and Sunday with Willie Mae McMillan.

James Midgely, Annie, Elizabeth and Ina Baxter and Mrs. Frank Midgely attended a party at the home of Mrs. Bill Farmer at Hagan Saturday night.

Mrs. Schumann, of Rowena, has been at the bedside of her mother for the past several days.

Ellis McMillan, who is with the West Texas Utilities Company, visited his aunt, Mrs. R. E. Brown, Monday.

N. S. McMillan, of Carlsbad, visited in the R. E. Brown home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton, of near Benoit, visited in the J. D. Hooks home Sunday and attended the singing convention at town Sunday afternoon.

We are glad to know Miss Anna B. Mapes is up after an operation for appendicitis several weeks ago.

Quite a few attended the club meeting at the home of Mrs. J. C. Reese Tuesday afternoon.

News received from Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pepper, of McCamey, announced the arrival of a new boy. Mrs. Pepper will be remembered as the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Leach.

Mrs. R. E. Brown visited Mrs. A. J. Voelkel Tuesday afternoon. We are glad to know Mrs. Voelkel is improving.

Mrs. W. Fields spent Tuesday with Mrs. A. E. Dennis.

## HATCHEL NEWS

We had a large crowd at church Sunday, a number going to Ballinger to the convention after church was over.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Michaelis and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wood, of Runnels, spent the week-end with relatives of Silver Valley. They reported a big barbecue and a very enjoyable visit.

Mrs. James Taylor visited a few days with her mother, Mrs. A. B. Davis, last week before leaving for her home below Temple.

Mrs. R. P. Tunnel and Miss Agnes Davis of Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Davis, of Hatchel, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Harrell, of Hatchel.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Walker and family spent Sunday with

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Ferguson took dinner and supper with D. E. Caudle.

Mrs. J. C. Bloxom returned home from the hospital where she had undergone an operation about ten days ago. She is getting along nicely.

Mrs. J. L. Hinkle was real sick Friday night, but was very much improved at last report.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Michaelis and family spent Sunday at the home of Paul Michaelis, of Ballinger.

Modene Caudle entertained her little friends with an Easter egg hunt at her father's home. Those present were Billie Hinkle, Helen and Erwin Henniger, Marjorie Barnhill, Lillian and La Juana Stone and W. S. Caudle, jr. Hot chocolate and cake were served. Billie Hinkle was the lucky guest. He found the most eggs and two real Easter rabbits.

Miss Almito Caudle visited Mrs. T. M. Ferguson Monday afternoon.

The P.-T. A. met Friday night and after the business was finished they had one class song and four quartets.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Mathis are in San Antonio to see his brother's child which is very sick.

The Victory playground ball teams played Hatchel Friday afternoon. The scores were 32 to 16 in favor of Hatchel boys, and 8 to 2 in favor of Victory girls.

The home demonstration club will stage a three-act play "Her Honor, the Mayor," Friday night, April 17, at 8 o'clock. The admission charge will be ten cents for adults and children free.

## BARNETT NEWS

The Parent-Teacher Association gave a very interesting program to a large crowd at the school house Friday night. These good programs have been a source of pleasure, and a great help to our little community. Some of the members are busy planning the next and last program, which will be presented April 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Tindall, of Ballinger, visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Tyree Sunday afternoon.

Everyone enjoyed the party at Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Norman's Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Artis Phipps were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Allen Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Forgey and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tyree attended the singing convention in Ballinger Sunday afternoon.

Little Miss Fiona Laxton and little Mr. Leo Sides enjoyed an Easter egg hunt at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sides Sunday evening.

Bro. Bowman, of Ballinger, filled his regular appointment here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Norman visited relatives at Bronte Sunday.

Misses Thresa and Clemmie Lee Laxton spent Monday night with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Forgey.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Bryan, of Norton, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Nelson.

## TALPA TOPICS

Rev. M. M. Sheets filled his regular appointment at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning and evening.

The W. M. S. gave a silver tea at the home of Mrs. Frank Alexander last Thursday afternoon.

The high school students went on a picnic last Wednesday and spent the day. All reported a nice time.

G. C. Pratt is in Fort Worth this week.

Tom Yates and son, R. D., of Glen Cove, visited in Talpa Monday.

G. F. Givens, jr., has gone to Abilene to work.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hoskinson spent the week-end at Stayton with Mrs. Hoskinson's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Vincent and little daughter, Jimmie Carrol, spent the week-end at Kennedy, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Kennedy

and son, William, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sagres are visiting in Dallas this week.

Mrs. John Trammel and daughters, Jessie and Halley, spent the week-end at Brownwood.

Miss Mary Lea Smith, who is visiting Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Smith, gave a slumber party last Tuesday night. Those present were: Misses Claudie Kilgore, Annie Lee Watts, Geneva Martin, and Stella Herring.

Mrs. Claud Brookshire and daughter, Louise, spent last Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Aug. Herring.

## WINGATE NEWS

Rev. Brown held his regular services Sunday and Sunday night. The Baptists are training for the B. Y. P. U. this week. Every one is invited to attend. Bro. Dunn is to conduct the B. Y. P. U.

The school of this community was dismissed Wednesday afternoon. The grade and primary teachers entertained their pupils by giving them an Easter egg hunt. The high school teachers entertained high school pupils by taking them on a "hobo" picnic. The tackiest one got a little gold pin, with "W. H. S. 1931" engraved on it. Miss Tiny Wood received the pin. Every school pupil enjoyed the afternoon.

Misses Ometa Henley and Ester Childress spent the week-end on the Childress farm about five miles north of town.

Miss Tiny Wood spent Saturday night and Sunday with Misses Pauline and Mary Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Carter had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Turner and daughter, Marcell, J. G. Miles and son, Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hall and sons, of McAllen, are spending a few days in this community. Mrs. Hall will be remembered here as Miss Ruby Hensley.

Edward Hensley spent Saturday night with Paul Mahurin.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hensley and daughter spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Barnett.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Edgar Hall says M. T. Hensley, her father, will be unable to return home for two weeks on account of having the flu. Mr. Hensley has been spending the winter at Mission, Texas.

Carl Wood and Wilford Barnett spent Monday night with Sam Wood, of the Blanton community.

Quite a few from this community attended the dance at Rogers' in the Valley Creek community.

Misses Earline and Mary Edith Hancock spent the week-end with home folks in the Valley Creek community.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hensley, of the Wilmeth community, spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hensley.

Bro. E. C. Mahurin held his regular services at Brownwood on Saturday and Sunday.

Little Miss Ruth Blackwell was the guest of little Miss Aileen Bishop Monday night.

Miss Maurine Grisham spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Hulan Rogers.

Miss Gertrude Blackwell spent Wednesday night with Miss Earline Hancock.

Miss Eugenia Baskin spent the week-end at her home in Ballinger.

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Borders and J. P. Hutton. We have a fine school board and if the patrons will support them and the teachers we are due another good school year.

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

Horace Hardy is in Corpus Christi, trying out with the baseball team of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutton were guests in the home of G. A. Davis Sunday.

Everitt Bruten, of this place, and mother, Mrs. Crumes, of Bronte, were called to Brady Saturday afternoon to attend the funeral of a relative at that place.

Mrs. C. L. Horne was called to Miles Monday afternoon on account of the serious illness of her brother, J. H. Lackey. Mr. Lackey is 84 years of age and is very feeble.

Ross Lee, who has been ill for several days, is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bowden have moved back to our little town after having lived on the farm several months.

Quite a number of the farmers in the community are planting feed of different kinds this week and some say they will start planting cotton the last of the week.

## NORTON NOTES

Marvin Mackey, of Happy, is visiting relatives and friends here.

Mrs. J. B. Miller and little daughter, of Oklahoma City, are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Setser.

Miss Cecil Forbes, of Happy, is spending this week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Turner.

Mrs. Harry Palmer, of Goldthwaite, is here to see her mother, Mrs. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Osbourne, of White Deer, spent Monday night and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Waldrop.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Witt and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Witt, of Spur, are spending a few days with Mrs. C. E. Witt, of this place.

Ben F. Curry attended to business at Ballinger Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor went to Abilene and Capps Tuesday.

## CREWS NEWS

Bro. Smith filled his regular appointment at the Methodist Church Sunday and Sunday night.

A number of our citizens attended the singing convention at Ballinger Sunday, and reported wonderful singing and an enjoyable time.

Miss Zemma Young is spending the week with her brother, Milton Young, and family, near Winters.

Mrs. Thad Traylor was reported as being very ill Saturday, but was slightly improved at last report.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Irven, of Winters, visited relatives here Saturday night and Sunday.

Little Sybil McBeth was seriously ill with influenza last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. King visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank White, of Harmony, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wood and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Madison spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hale, of Herring.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schwartz are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine boy, born March 31.

Louis Irven, of Winters, was a Crews visitor Sunday.

Mrs. Odie Clark was on the sick list last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Lucas and Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Traylor spent a most enjoyable week traveling. Among the places of interest they visited were Austin and Magnolia Beach, making some short stops with relatives on the route.

## MAVERICK MUSINGS

Easter Sunday was a beautiful day and the Maverick people responded to it and there were large crowds at both churches for the morning services.

Quite a few Maverick people attended the county singing convention at Ballinger Sunday. This was one of the best conventions ever held in Runnels county.

The school trustee election was held Saturday and E. L. Lee was retained as one of the trustees for the second term. He will serve on the board with J. W.

## BENOIT NEWS

Farmers are in need of rain on their grain in this community.

There were a number of Benoit folks attended singing Sunday at Ballinger; also the Easter program rendered at the Methodist Church Sunday evening.

Buster Gibson spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Rampy entertained the young folks with a party Friday night.

Miss Aline Williams had as her guests Saturday night Sereno and Troy Bryant, Archie Spencer, Sam Walker, J. D. Kelley, Vance Lee Lewis, Frank, Curtis and J. D. Hoffman.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Rampy and L. B. Jr., went to Belton Saturday evening and returned Tuesday night.

Mrs. Dolores Lane spent Wednesday night in Ballinger.

Miss Leona Hill entertained a few friends Tuesday with a birthday dinner. Those present were: Dolores Lane, Fay Hill, Edna Brookshire, Serena Bryant, Opal Cox, Aline and Estelle Williams, Vivian Hill, Laura B. Gibson and Leona Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hill called on Mr. and Mrs. Milton Clayton Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Vogelsang called on Mr. and Mrs. F. Gressett Monday night.

Miss Opal Cox spent Sunday with Miss Lurline Brookshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moody, of Ballinger, spent Wednesday night with C. M. Gibson and family.

Mrs. Annie Cox and Mrs. Mary Hoffman spent Tuesday with Mrs. Arthur Hoffman.

## MERRY WIVES CLUB

The Merry Wives Club met April 7 with Mrs. J. C. Reese, with large attendance, several new members joining, also several visitors present. Roll call was answered with the magazine "I like to read," also favorite author.

Mrs. Watson, one of our oldest members, was presented with a friendship quilt made by club members. She was also given a handkerchief shower.

There being two new babies among club members this year, they were presented with little ready-made embroidered dresses. These are the babies of Mrs. Bernard Batts and Mrs. Milton Harris. These gifts, coming as a surprise, were much appreciated by the recipients.

Mrs. Hollingsworth was with us and made an instructive talk on parliamentary rules. Mrs. Virgil McShan was elected parliamentarian for the year.

Delicious cake and punch were served to all by Mrs. Reece and daughter, Mrs. Jones.

We have at our club rooms a piano, which was sold to Mrs. Ray Halstead for the sum of \$50. This sum will be used for the good of the community in some way. A suggestion was made to purchase a cooker and sealer. Probably the money will be spent this way, but no definite decision has yet been reached. We feel it our duty to spend this money in behalf of the community as it was obtained through their efforts several years before this club was organized.

Club meets again the second Tuesday in the club room.

## BETHEL SCHOOL NOTES

The primary rooms, under the instruction of Miss Holton and Miss Gilkerson, had an Easter egg hunt Friday. It was enjoyed by all the pupils in spite of the cold wind.

Earl McMurry, Barney Nunnally, Leon Greenhill and Mitchel Lee will represent Runnels county in the district interscholastic league meet at San Angelo next week-end, April 17-18. They are putting out some hard work and will offer some hard competition at the meet.

The Seniors are working hard on the play, "Eighteen Carat Boob," which is to be presented in the school auditorium on the night of April 17. Everybody be sure and come. There will be plenty of laughter throughout the performance.

Mr. Peden, of Brownwood, who is working with the B. Y. P. U. this week, visited the school Monday of this week. We were glad to have him and ask him back when an opportunity presents.

# Want Ads

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Two cents per word first insertion and no advertisement accepted for less than 25 cents. All subsequent insertions 1c per word each insertion.

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FOR SALE—Bright Milo Maize—Vaughn Grain Co. 10-4tw

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

Large National concern with branch office located in San Angelo, will employ young man desiring to make permanent connection. Must be neat appearing, honest. Answer in own handwriting, giving qualifications. Splendid remuneration to party accepted. Write Box 234, San Angelo, Texas. 1td-1tw

## Deaths

**Mrs. G. G. Gann**  
Mrs. G. G. Gann, 36, of Leaday community, died after a four weeks' stay in the Halley & Love Sanitarium, at 3 p. m. Thursday.

Mrs. Gann was the daughter of Fogg Coffey, of Leaday. She is survived by her husband and 16-year-old son. Other survivors are: S. H. Coffey, Roswell, N. M.; J. W. Coffey, Logan, N. M.; Mrs. W. A. Gafford, Mrs. George Gann, and Hays Coffey, Leaday. Another member of the immediate family is P. G. West, also of Leaday, who has lived with the family for the past thirty-five years.

The body was taken overland to the Fogg Coffey home by King-Holt Co. undertakers. Rites were to be conducted by a Coleman minister at 3 p. m. Friday.

Eat at Hopper's, Club Cafe, Nuf Sed. 3-6d-1w

## Seed Meetings Held This Week

County Agent C. W. Lehmborg reports two very enthusiastic meetings of farmers in the county this week to consider better planting seed. Mr. Lehmborg stated that farmers are favorable to the idea of exchanging gin-run seed for certified seed, and that many had already taken advantage of this offer at the two oil mills.

"Farmers desiring to take advantage of this offer must do so at once," Mr. Lehmborg said, as the purline seed must be ordered and that will require some time. Farmers can leave their gin-run seed at the local oil mill and in giving their order for the certified variety, should name a second choice as the supply of some breeds is running short. The Ballinger and Winters oil mills, which are handling this proposition, are anxious to know exactly what the farmers want and will make every effort to get the seed preferred, however the time is short and they join the county agent in urging growers to bring in their seed at once and place their order.

Mr. Lehmborg is delighted with the interest being shown in better seed. Meetings at Maverick Monday night and Groenwald Tuesday night were largely attended and practically all farmers on those sections are planning to plant as much of the long staple varieties as possible.

## Births

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bosworth are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine eight-pound boy, born Monday. Mrs. Bosworth and baby are both doing fine.

For Sale Bright Milo Maize. Vaughn Grain Co. 10-4tw

The average age of prisoners received at Missouri state penal institutions is 23 years.

## Rev. E. W. McLaurin Starts Ninth Year as Local Pastor

Rev. E. W. McLaurin begins his ninth year as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church on this, Easter Sunday. The eighth year was finished last Sunday with fitting ceremony and the preacher and his good wife are to continue in service with the local church where both are beloved by the entire membership.

Rev. McLaurin came to the Ballinger church on April 1, 1923. The last regular pastor before him was Rev. W. Charles Kunze. Rev. Kunze left here in April, 1922, and for a year the church was supplied by Rev. S. E. Chandler, of Daniel Baker College, Brownwood.

In 1923 when Rev. McLaurin came here the church had a membership of about 95 and under his guidance it has increased to 150 active members.

The First Presbyterian Church of Ballinger was organized by Rev. J. H. Ziveley on July 20, 1886, the same year the town of Ballinger was founded. Charter members were Mr. and Mrs. John I. Gulon, sr., Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burt, Mrs. L. H. Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. McLuhaney, R. H. McAlpine, and Mrs. Burt. The present building was begun in 1888, and dedicated free of debt in 1893. The first Sunday school annex was added in 1922 and another annex was added when the auditorium was remodeled in 1927. The present manse was built in 1923.

Fifteen pastors have served the congregation during the past 45 years, in order: Revs. J. H. Ziveley, C. H. Dobbs, D. A. Planck, C. L. Ewing, B. T. McClelland, M. S. Smith, R. M. Hall, J. D. Leslie, R. M. Hammock, Charles Ghieslin, jr., J. W. Atwood, H. P. Bates, W. Charles Kunze, S. E. Chandler and E. W. McLaurin.

## Government Will Make Collections

A letter received by County Agent C. W. Lehmborg regarding collection of farm loans will be of interest to many in this county. According to the letter there seem to be many who do not expect the government to collect this fall on loans to farmers for feed and seed. The administrative office of the loan bureau informs that plans are being made to press collections next fall, that every debt is secured by a mortgage on the 1931 crop, that it will be unlawful to sell this produce unless payments are made from the first sold, and that any violation will be prosecuted.

Following is the letter: "April 3, 1931. To County Agents or Committee Chairmen Addressed: 'A large number of specific cases have been brought to the attention of the Farmers' Seed Loan Office, U. S. Department of Agriculture, St. Louis, Mo., where farmers who have made application for seed, livestock and agricultural rehabilitation loans and, after having their applications approved by this office, have used a part or all of the money advanced to them for expenditures other than that for which they were authorized by law.

"All the funds advanced to farmers by the U. S. Government must be used for the purpose for which they were approved and granted. Flagrant misuse of these funds will not be tolerated.

"It has also been reported to this office from some sections of the official seed loan territory attached to the St. Louis office, that the U. S. Government does not seriously contemplate the collection of these loans when they are due this fall. Such reports should be corrected at once, since this office is already making extensive plans for collection of these loans.

"Loans made by the U. S. Government from the \$45,000,000 appropriation, as well as the \$20,000,000 fund, are secured by a first mortgage on the 1931 crop and it will be unlawful for any mortgagor to sell any part of this crop without applying the proceeds of such sales to the note held by the federal government. Payment of these loans must be made from the proceeds of the first crops sold. Any violations of the foregoing will be severely prosecuted.

"Will you kindly see that this information is given widespread publicity in all of the local papers in your county.

"Yours very truly, T. WEED HARVEY, Administrative Officer in Charge."

## FARMERS FALL BACK IN RACE WITH DEBTS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Apr. 4.—The average Arkansas farmer at the end of the last year had paid not more than two per cent of his indebtedness more than a year old.

Only 34 per cent of the indebtedness contracted for his 1930 crop had been paid, says a report by C. S. Bonton, federal state crop statistician.

The first name of Attorney Freitas of Stockton, Cal., is Law.

## County Scholastics Show Loss for '31

County Superintendent R. E. White has completed a check of Runnels county scholastics with the exception of those in the Winters independent district. Each district in the county will show a loss over last year, although the decrease is not so great as was first anticipated.

A. F. Brock, secretary of the local board of trustees, announced Saturday that the Ballinger district showed a loss of 97. This number may be reduced in case any have been overlooked and will report within the next few days. A close canvass was made by the enumerators, however, and if there are some here who were not included in the rolls they are probably in families who moved here just prior to April 1, and who are entitled to be enrolled in this district for 1931.

A hunter near Wymore, Neb., recently shot a rare black squirrel.

## Fee Advocates May Push Plan Forward Again

WASHINGTON, April 6.—One of the most discussed and least understood principles of farm relief—the equalization fee—is bidding for the spotlight again as a result of the farm board's decision not to stabilize 1931 wheat prices.

It faces four possibilities—failure to be reintroduced in congress, defeat by the export debenture, a third failure of enactment, or substitution for the emergency stabilization clause in the agricultural marketing act.

There is just as determined agitation for the export debenture, which has passed the senate by record votes on three occasions. The debenture is backed by the independents who are expected to represent the balance of power in the next senate.

If passed, the equalization fee would still face the veto precedent established by Coolidge. Substituted for the stabilization clause of the agricultural marketing act, the fee would be invoked by the farm board whenever that body agreed with the advisory committee of any commodity that it was needed.

The fee, once proposed as two cents a bushel for wheat, would be collected at the point the produce entered trade channels, and go into a stabilization fund to be used in repaying to the treasury for advances made to move the surplus into export or storage.

Operated something in the fashion of a gasoline tax, the fee would be collected from the processor of a farm commodity, who in turn would pass it onto the producer.

When in the opinion of the board the surplus had been removed, and the commodity had risen from a world to a domestic price basis, the fee would be suspended. What the farmer lost as a result of the fee would be expected to be more than regained when, relieved of the weight of accumulated stocks, domestic markets advanced.

## Government Will Make Collections

Two Miles churches will lose their pastors after today. Rev. F. P. Bishop, pastor of the Methodist church, will leave this week for Sinton, and Rev. F. M. Jackson, now at Sinton, will be sent to Miles. Rev. F. W. Henkel, pastor of the United Lutheran Church, has resigned to accept a place on the mission board for that denomination. His place will be filled as soon as possible.

## MULES STANDING FIRM AGAINST MACHINE AGE

TOPEKA, Kas., Apr. 4.—Tractors used on Kansas farms in 1930 showed a slight decrease from 1929 according to a report of the state board of agriculture, after increasing about 370 per cent during the past decade.

Current activity in the Wichita mule market was interpreted as some indication of "revolt against the operation of farms with mechanical power."

## GRASSHOPPER EGGS HOLD MYSTERY FOR SCIENTISTS

IOWA CITY, Iowa, April 8.—Grasshopper eggs hold a mystery of growth to which Eleanor H. Slipper of the University of Iowa has a new clue.

Ordinarily the young grasshoppers grow rapidly in the eggs for three weeks, until they are about half an inch long, then stop. Weeks later they suddenly resume development and soon hatch.

Miss Slipper has developed a strain of hoppers which hatch quickly, eliminating the long pause, she reports to the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She plans to compare the two breeds in search of the unknown mechanism that enables the ordinary hoppers to hibernate.

## Singing Convention Is Well Attended

A thousand people, one hundred of whom were visiting singers, packed the courtroom Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon to attend the Runnels county singers' convention.

On Saturday night R. E. Bacon was reelected president of the organization, and Ballinger was selected as the meeting place in October. This was the only business transacted.

The main features of the musical program were V. O. Stamps, singer, and Freddie Martin, blind boy accordion player. These two won much applause from the assembly by their remarkable performances.

Many brought lunches and ate them on the courthouse lawn. After the convention disbanded, a large throng went to the Baptist church which was reported as filled to capacity.

The local singing class will give a program at the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church April 26. Everyone is urged to be present, as the music should be well worth hearing.

## FIVE UPLAND ACRES YIELD RECORD SEVEN-BALE CROP

SUMMERVILLE, Ga., April 2.—Seven and a half bales of cotton on five acres is a good yield any year, in Georgia.

But in 1930 it was considered strikingly unusual when it occurred in the driest part of the state and on an upland farm.

Billy Reynolds, Chattooga county farmer, reported such a yield to score the highest record of 51 contestants in the Georgia five-acre cotton contest. His county agent, B. M. Drake, of Summerville, is authority for the report.

Reynolds says a crop of sweet clover grown on the land the year before was partly responsible for the good yield.

Miles schools completed their summer round-up last week and report cards are being made out for filing by the health committee of the Parent-Teacher Association. Practically all children who will enter school next fall were examined for diphtheria.

County Attorney Roy Hill and J. D. Burns, San Angelo attorney, went to Fort Stockton Thursday. They expected to return Friday.

Miss Lee Belle Barker, who teaches in the Fort Concho school at San Angelo, has been ill with a case of influenza at her home here. A slight improvement in her condition is reported.

## Legion Barbecue Is Set for 20th

Plans are being made to entertain all ex-service men in Runnels county on April 20 with a barbecue at the Ballinger Country Club. Frank C. Dickey, commander of the local American Legion post, which is in charge of arrangements, stated that he was sending invitations to all former service men and also broadcasting the invitation to other posts in this section, particularly those of this county.

Several goats will be barbecued and a menu prepared to go with such a meal, and the party will be a "stag" affair. Seven o'clock has been set as the hour of the spread, following which a program of fun, war songs and a general get-together is scheduled.

Service officers will attend the meeting and be prepared to assist any veteran with a claim through the U. S. veterans' bureau or to file applications for loans on adjusted compensation certificates. No other business will be transacted, the remainder of the program to be devoted to hilarity.

The new Winters post has accepted the invitation, and replied that the entire membership would be here. Many of the members formerly belonged to the Ballinger post and will not be strangers at a Legion "blow-out" here.

The program will be published later. An effort is being made to get "Osro" Cox, former state commander, to speak to the gathering on a humorous subject, for which he is famous throughout Legion circles.

## MILES LEGION POST DISBANDED FOR 1931

MILES, Apr. 3.—The Milton Kornegay post of the American Legion, which had been active for a number of years, disbanded recently, financial conditions being such that the required number of members could not be secured this year. The American Legion Band of Miles, sponsored by the local post last year, is still meeting for practice twice weekly. The band, under the direction of Prof. E. P. Thompson, who is also principal of the Miles high school, has made much progress. They gave several numbers of music over radio station KGKL at San Angelo recently.

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