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Bankers Convene at San Angelo May 12

All Ballinger bank employees will attend the state bankers' convention in San Angelo next Wednesday according to an announcement here Wednesday. The banks here will not be open for business on Wednesday afternoon so that all employees may go to San Angelo for the afternoon and night sessions.

All Ballinger banks will have representatives at the convention during the three-day session.

The convention will open in San Angelo on the 12th and will be in session on the 12, 13 and 14. Indications from hotel reservations and cards received from bankers stating that they would attend point to an attendance of better than 1500. It will be the largest convention of its kind to ever to meet in West Texas and financial men from all sections of the United States will be present.

San Angelo hotels are already booking upwards of 800 reservations for the convention and many others are expected.

Business and social sessions have been arranged and one of the best conventions ever held by the organization is expected. The bankers have many subjects to be handled by the outstanding financiers of the nation that will be of vital interest to them. The depression felt over the United States has affected the banking business as much as any other and a large number of problems will be heard.

The city of San Angelo will offer a large number of entertainment features for the three days and special trains will carry the bankers the night before and on the morning of the convention.

W. C. McCARVER NAMED DIRECTOR OF WTCC

W. C. McCarver of this city has been named as a director on the board of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. He will represent this city on the board for the next year, his name having already been certified to the nominating committee of the organization which will make a report at the Lubbock convention.

No delegates to the convention have been named for Ballinger, but the city will be represented. The designated "My Home Town" speaker, Miss Katherine Wooten, will take part in this contest at the meeting, and the local chamber of commerce will send delegates to vote for Ballinger in the business sessions. Ballinger leaders have pledged their support to Sweetwater for next year's convention.

School Policies are Approved; Faculty Named for Next Term

The board of trustees of the Ballinger independent school district met in regular session Tuesday night at which time policies for the next school year were adopted and the faculty named for the ensuing year. The session was a lengthy one.

The budget committee's report was accepted by the trustees. Recommendations included a salary cut which reduces the budget for the coming year about \$2,000.

A few changes were made in regard to athletics, to go into effect with the opening of the fall term. The board voted to eliminate junior athletics, because of the fact that it is impossible to finance this program. Gate receipts do not begin to take care of expenses and with no transportation it is difficult to accomplish much in this activity.

The board passed the eight semester rule, which will go into effect next September. This rule will not effect pupils from playing four full years in high school but will eliminate those who fail to pass in their senior year. The trustees consider that this is the best rule for the benefit of education and that it will work to good advantage. Those who do not go away to college may take post-graduate work in the school but if they have played four years on the team will not be eligible for athletics in their fifth year. It was decided that no games will be played out of town except on Saturdays. Exceptions were made for holidays and special occasions, but these will require a special act of the board. A number of other schools are following this plan in order that school duties will not be interfered with by trips

Road Construction Resumed Monday

The first carload of steel and some machinery has arrived here for the Austin Bridge company and will be used in the construction of bridges on Highway 23 between Ballinger and Talpa. The contractors expect to get work begun this week and as fast as machinery arrives, will place it on locations.

A gravel washing plant will be established this week on the J. T. Moreland farm south of Ballinger on the Colorado river where a large quantity of gravel may be had either from the river bed or from a hill of good material. All gravel will be washed there and hauled by trucks to the location of the construction.

The cement house and storage plant will be established at Benoit because of the central location on this job. Later in the week the company will be able to make exact announcement of where the first bridge will be started and other information.

Brown & Root began operation Monday morning after losing last week almost completely on account of bad weather. This company is making good progress on the surfacing of Highway 4 and a good start has been made at the county line in this direction with the first base on this road.

Their material plant is in full operation, water lines in operation and forces organized for fast work from now on except in bad weather.

White Bros., contractors of the grading of Highway 23 have four gangs at work this week on this stretch of road. About one-half of the grade has been completed and a portion on this end is now finished and settling. Most of the crews are working in the section around Benoit.

LOCAL WOMAN SHOOT AT PROWLER IN YARD

Mrs. Jimmie Bradford fired a shot Tuesday night at a prowler in the vicinity of her home on Eleventh Street.

About three weeks ago the Bradford home was robbed of groceries during absence of the occupants. Tuesday night when Mrs. Bradford observed a man in her back yard, apparently attempting to enter the house, she shot at him. Officers were immediately informed but were unable to locate the marauder or any signs of blood.

Mrs. C. A. Dalley of Marie is here visiting with Mrs. G. G. Odom, Mrs. J. F. Currie and Mrs. Conda Wiley.

2,500 People Witness Health Pageant; Children are Awarded Health Buttons

A crowd estimated at 2,500 from all sections of Runnels county witnessed the staging of the May Day health program here Friday afternoon. Practically every school in the county was represented and many parents and teachers were here for the event.

The program was staged by the Runnels County Public Health Nursing Service as the climax of its successful year's work in this county. The success of the work was shown at the conclusion of the program when more than 480 children marched by the reviewing stand and received health buttons. This group was cut because of the fact that many had not been vaccinated against small pox, and, as R. E. White, county superintendent, explained, had the vaccinations been given the number would have run over 1,800.

The stage on the court house lawn was beautifully decorated and roped away from the crowd by local women, and with a background of beautiful trees was very pretty. The Ballinger Band opened the program with a short concert while the spectators gathered and found places where they could see the program, and the children to receive buttons were ushered to a reserved section on the lawn directly in front of the stage.

With a heralding blast from the band the royal procession began that brought the health queen and her court to the stage to view the day's proceedings. Billy Jack Connelly and Dillard Adair entered first and took their positions at the steps leading to the throne and blew attention on their bugles. The band began the grand march and pages dressed in white entered and stood on the steps of the dais. These were Alexander McGregor, Francis Pearce, Ernest McAuley and Garrett McWilliams. Next three dainty little flowers came on sprinkling rose petals along the path to be trod by the sovereign. These little girls dressed in fluffy dresses were beautiful were Marjorie McGregor, Gene Western and Patsy Doss. Her Majesty, Queen Dorothy of the House of Lynn, followed, wearing her crown, carrying her staff, and with train-bearers, Juliette Sim-

mons and Ann Creasy bearing her long silver train. She entered and took her throne, followed closely by Hartman Penn bearing a large tray on which were the health buttons to be given to the fortunate children of the county.

Then came eight couples to pay their respects to the queen and each entered and did a curtsey in front of Her Majesty and took positions on the side of the stage. They were: from Winters, Harold Dixon and Eddie Merle Voelkel, Gerald Dixon and LaVerne Smith; from Miles, Clifford Donaldson and Gertrude Herndon, Allen Dickens and Billy Gale Hutton; from Ballinger, Paul Trimmer, jr., and Mary Virginia Simpson, Sam Hollingsworth and Marjorie Lynn.

With the court attendants all in their places the Camp Fire Girls of Ballinger gave a May pole dance and danced their way about the pole holding white and black streamers. A large number of girls took part in this program and had been carefully rehearsed.

The next number were little girls presented in tap dance numbers on an improvised stage. They were Patsy Doss, Betty Lou Ogbourne, Jane Cheatham, Louise Hardin and Sunny Clark. Next came Helen Thomson and Elizabeth Motley in dance numbers and all drew hearty applause from the crowd.

County Supt. R. E. White made a short talk in which he carefully explained how the Boy Scouts would lead the children by the throne to receive their buttons and announced the room winner for the county. The silver loving cup offered by the West Texas Utilities Company for the largest percentage of children to get buttons went to Miss Lottie Mae Liggett, teacher of one of the sixth grade rooms in the Ballinger schools. Miss Liggett has 38 children in her room and 27 received buttons Friday. There were 230 children in the Ballinger schools to get buttons.

Contributing to the success of the day were many individuals and organizations, however the Boy Scouts in their police duty were largely responsible for this. These lads were on the job at every turn and rendered a valuable service. The Ballinger Band

was also due its share of the credit along with the police department, Camp Fire Girls and many others too numerous to mention separately.

The crowd cooperated with the Scouts on every request and stayed in place without crowding down close where it would have interfered with the work of the children.

Every school in the county with the exception of five took part in the program and had children present to receive health buttons.

At the conclusion of the program every school child in the county lined up and marched past tables where they were served a bottle of iced soda water by the Coca Cola Bottling Company of Ballinger. J. E. Davis, manager of that plant, asked to be allowed to treat the youngsters attending and a total of 960 bottles were dispensed in short order at the close of the program.

Those who planned and directed the work of the pageant are being congratulated for staging one of the prettiest and most successful programs ever presented here.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY 67 MEET AT STEPHENVILLE

A meeting of representatives of all towns along proposed federal Highway No. 67 has been called for May 21 at Stephenville, and Ballinger will be represented. The route, which originates in the East, passes through Dallas, Fort Worth, Stephenville, Dublin, Comanche, Brownwood, Coleman, Ballinger, San Angelo, and extends to Presidio, on the international boundary.

This route has been recommended to the federal bureau of roads by the Texas highway commission and cities on the route are seeking a permanent designation. A large portion of No. 67 has already been paved or is under construction at this time and if designated would eventually become an all-weather trail and an important travel artery through this state.

Excursions were made by representatives of the interested towns with federal engineers last summer in an effort to clinch the designation.

Two Who Braved Arctic Together Join for Round-Trip Ocean Flight

By Oscar Leiding (Associated Press Aviation Editor)

BOSTON, May 6.—(AP)—Plans for a round-trip flight over the north Atlantic unite two men whose friendship grew on an adventure in the Arctic.

They are Comdr. Donald B. MacMillan, veteran explorer of the northland, and Charles F. Rocheville, former navy enlisted pilot.

Together they propose to fly back and forth between Boston and London this summer, charting their course by way of Labrador, Greenland, Iceland, and the Faroe Islands.

Their friendship dates back to 1925, when MacMillan led his ninth expedition into northland wastes. A naval aviation section of three planes, headed by the then Lieut. Comdr. Richard E. Byrd, was included with Rocheville as mechanic of the plane MacMillan was to navigate.

For his work on the expedition Rocheville received a good conduct medal and a letter of commendation from the secretary of navy for meritorious service.

The projected venture, scheduled to start June 21 from Boston, has a triple goal: the first round trip crossing of the north Atlantic by airplane; search for traces of Capt. Charles Nungesser and Francois Coll, who disappeared in 1927 on Paris-New York flight; and demonstration of the feasibility of regular airplane travel over the route.

Rocheville, who will pilot, is 36, born in Colorado Springs, Cal., and now living in California. He holds a federal transport license and has more than 4,000 hours of flying time to his credit.

Well-built, he weighs 187 pounds and stands five feet, eight and one-half inches. He has blue eyes



Commander Donald B. MacMillan (right) and Charles F. Rocheville, former navy enlisted man, who once braved the Arctic together, are now preparing for a round-trip flight from Boston to London and return.

and dark brown hair. His early experience with aviation came during navy service during enlistments running from 1924 through 1927.

Besides being an experienced airplane mechanic and pilot, he has served as an aircraft designing engineer.

MacMillan, gray-haired explorer, is 56. His first visit to the Arctic was made in 1908-1909 with the Peary expedition, and he has made numerous scientific trips into the north.

Familiar with Labrador and the

weather along the north Atlantic, he long has entertained the theory that Nungesser and Coll may have crashed in the barren land and that traces of their venture may still remain.

A fast monoplane, a Lockheed Vega, will be used. It is of the same make as the one being groomed by Ruth Nichols for a solo flight over the north Atlantic and the planes to be used by John Henry Mears and Vance Breese and Wiley Post and Harold Gatty in projected round-the-world flights.

Legislature Will Not Adjourn Before 22nd

Canning Record is Established Here

The Ft. Worth Star-Telegram published an account this week of a small community near Rule that had established a canning record. The community had canned 16 beeves, the meat filling 1,706 cans, and was valued at \$985.70.

Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, Runnels county home demonstration agent, who read this report today submitted one to The Ledger from a community near Miles that far surpasses the record above. Mrs. Hollingsworth said she believed there had been other records made in this county better than the one submitted and in case it was reported to her she would submit it for publication.

The community near Miles this year canned 24 beeves valued on foot at \$303. Nothing but quart cans were used in taking care of the meat and when the job was completed there were 2,251 cans. Canning expense was \$228 and the value of the entire finished product was \$1,350.60. This is a net profit of \$819.60.

Much canning has been done in this county during the past year and a number of communities are believed to have equaled or bettered the record of the community near Miles. As a result of the efforts of clubs many homes in this county have been provided with meat for the entire year. A county-wide report doubtless would show Runnels to be among the leading counties of the state in home canning.

Local Anglers Catch Big Fish

R. E. George, A. B. Stobaugh and R. R. Williams returned Thursday night from a fishing trip to Comstock, and report an unusually good catch. They stood on a railroad pier where the Pecos runs into the Rio Grande, and fished with rods and reels in both rivers.

The largest fish caught was a yellow cat weighing fifty pounds. Four other catfish weighed 25, 20, 18 and 16 pounds respectively. Perhaps the most exceptional catch, however, was a sturgeon. This fish is found only in salt water as a rule, so this particular one must have strayed up from the Gulf.

The party left Monday and was delayed eighteen hours by high water on Devils river. The larger part of the fishing was done on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. L. Williams and son, Robt. Jr., of Rising Star, spent Sunday here visiting with relatives and friends.

Sheriff W. A. Holt arrested a man Sunday night whom he is holding for the Travis county authorities. The man's name was not given for publication since it is believed to be an alias.

Bill Griffis, Valera, spent the week-end here visiting friends.

Crews Men Injured When Car Hits Calf

T. E. Beard, teacher in the school at Crews, and H. L. Berry, trustee of the school, were injured in a car accident Saturday morning at 6:30 one mile west of Comanche. The two men left Ballinger Saturday morning for Stephenville and near Comanche ran into a calf in the road, almost demolishing their car and injuring both men.

Mr. Berry was only bruised and scratched, but Mr. Beard sustained a fractured hip and probable internal injuries, according to medical examiners at the Medical Arts Hospital in Brownwood where the men were rushed in an ambulance.

The calf which caused the accident was killed instantly when the car struck it.

The last word received here from Brownwood indicated that Mr. Beard was resting well and a later examination was expected to reveal the extent of his injuries.

AUSTIN, May 6.—The forty-second legislature will not go home before May 22 under a resolution adopted by the House of Representatives today, 83 to 57.

The resolution originally provided for adjournment May 12, the date set by constitutional amendment recently adopted by the people, but was amended to allow ten extra working days for completing certain legislation.

FAMILY REUNION HELD AT LOCAL COUNTRY CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Karmany entertained all their immediate relatives here Sunday at a family reunion. Dinner was served at the Ballinger Country Club to about thirty who came here to be present at this family gathering. It was the first time in many years that all the brothers and sisters had been together and the entire day was filled with pleasure for those attending.

Following lunch a number of other relatives including grand children joined the visitors here to swell the crowd to forty, or more. Most of the visitors left late in the afternoon for their homes.

Those present Sunday noon were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Williams and son, Walter Comanche; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Williams, Stephenville; Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Williams and children, Elizabeth, Alice, Thomas and Joseph, Abilene; Mrs. Blanch Elkins, Graford; Mr. and Mrs. Grief Herndon and son, Charles, Dublin; Mrs. Lou Smith, Dublin; Mr. and Mrs. Young Ayers and daughters, Betty Ann, Virginia and Kathleen, Stephenville; Perkins Herndon, Big Lake, Dick Young, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams and daughter, Eleanor, Ballinger and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Karmany, Ballinger.

BALLINGER MAN TO GO TO COTTON SCHOOL

Joe Spoons will leave Monday to attend the Anderson-Clayton cotton school at Houston, and will be gone two weeks.

Instruction in this school is given in general ginning, classing and grading, thus giving the man who intends to run a gin this season some new ideas.

Mr. Spoons has been connected with the gin business many years and is familiar with every branch of this business, and no doubt this short course of instruction will be of great value to him.

He is being sent to this school by Mrs. Edwin Day of this city, and will be in charge of the mechanical department of the Day Gin this fall.

Read today's news in The Ledger today



Mother

Among the daily hopes of every Mother, the big, outstanding one is that the years will bring her children greater happiness and success.

Like a glorious crown, the love of Mother is an inspiration for each one of us to do his or her best in life. Mother's Day is an occasion that grows in importance each year, as Time's passage emphasizes the blessing of Mother in life.

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Some energetic person could establish a good business here at present by opening a fish bait store and keeping a stock of the best bait ready for customers. Many people would like to fish a few hours but postpone the trip on account of not having bait and taking too much time to rustle it themselves.

Summer entertainment is being started early in West Texas and a number of attractions are already being advertised. Brady is preparing for a big race program in July and a completely reconditioned track and park will offer this year some of the best known horses in the South. Barbecues and many other varieties of entertainment will be carded on the three-day program there.

The revival season will open in Ballinger this month and for a number of weeks churches will stage evangelistic campaigns with two services daily. Several such meetings have already been announced and out-of-town workers secured to conduct the services. The Methodist meeting will open first, just after school is closed, and will run until the first Sunday in June.

The using of prisoners on the court house lawn is getting that place in fine shape and at a very small cost. A number of prisoners have been busy with mowers the past week getting the high grass cut and otherwise beautifying the place. In this way the prisoners are able to work out their fines that otherwise would be laid out in jail at a big expense to the county.

The small grain crop in Runnels county that is heading at this time is very encouraging. Farmers with large acreage are expecting a yield of from 50 to as high as 80 bushels to the acre on their crops of oats. The small grain since the recent rain has grown fast and harvest season here will see the largest production in many years.

Fishermen and other people taking outings on creeks are warned against snakes. A large number have been killed the past week and several local people have experienced close calls with the reptiles. The warm spring days are bringing the snakes from their winter dens and causing them to be found in secluded spots covered with grass weeds and bushes.

Schools over Texas are closing each week and towns are filling up with high school and college students for the summer. Practically all these boys and girls are ready to accept employment if it can be found. Firms and individuals who have jobs should assist these students in giving them work as many will be unable to return to their school work next year unless they have jobs through the summer.

New car sales increased very satisfactorily in this county during the month of April when 18 new cars were registered and a large number of transfers on used cars made. The increase in car sales indicates a better condition generally and indicates an upward trend in almost all lines of business. For the past several months car sales have been extremely low in this county and increased sales are welcomed by all dealers.

Runnels county could use a few days of good warm sunshine. The growing crops have plenty of moisture at the present time but could stand warm weather which would give them a chance to begin a fast growth. The nights so far have been so cool and many persons are still using fires each morning for a short time until the chill is dispelled. Crops are doing fine and prospects are as good as they have been here for many years.

Runnels county sheep men are getting into the middle of the busy shearing season. A number have finished with the work and have their wool ready to be sold, while others are not contemplating starting before the 10th of May. The clip this year is very fine and sheep are giving a large amount of wool. One reason for this has been the condition of pastures this year, with weeds and grass good for grazing most of the winter and spring.

Ballinger could stand another clean-up week and then have plenty of weeds and tall grass left. The long wet weather and excellent season in the ground

has caused weeds to grow extra well this year and those who have not constantly fought them have let them get almost beyond control. Clean lots and yards are always good to look at in a town and while most of the property owners here have their places in good condition, a few ugly spots show up and in a way ruin the effect.

Conventions are starting thick and fast in West Texas and for the next few weeks everyone will have an opportunity to visit one or more. The biggest of these is the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention at Lubbock. Following this the State Bankers' Association meets at San Angelo, the Hill Country Firemen at Menard, several highway meetings and numerous others during the latter part of May and first of June. The largest convention in West Texas for June will be the annual convention of the State Press Association at San Angelo.

Sweetwater is staging a big campaign for the 1932 meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. That city's delegation claims it has waited until it could take care of the crowds before asking for the convention and now with sufficient hotel accommodations will make a determined drive for next year's meeting. A number of delegations in this section have joined the Sweetwater request and when the Lubbock meeting opens many will be on the job boosting for that city to entertain the next gathering. If the next convention is held at Sweetwater many Ballingerites will find it convenient to attend.

People who read daily papers and note the amount of traffic accidents that kill and injure people should be constantly reminded against careless driving or operating a car that has not been inspected. Accidents are increasing at this time of year due to the season for the tourists and to pleasure cars taking to the highways on pretty days for rides. Faulty brakes, steering devices and other faults about cars are responsible for their full share of the wrecks, however many people operate cars that should be taught how to drive and that is one reason for so many states having a law requiring drivers' licenses.

Sunday, May 10, is Mothers Day. Programs locally will be interfered with in the morning due to baccalaureate services but most of the churches will use the evening service for that purpose. Sunday schools will also carry out this idea in their programs and mothers will be honored on that day here. There are many ways of honoring mothers aside from the church programs, however. A visit home, having mother to dinner, remembering her with a gift or writing a letter to her will mean more than the simple courtesy of wearing a flower in the button hole to a church service. Make a note of this date and by all means remember that dear one on Mothers Day.

Ballinger schools have finished the business of the 1931 session, adopted school policies, elected a faculty for the coming year and within the next ten days will finish all school work and dismiss for the summer. At the close of school a school booklet will be published and a copy sent to every patron. This will contain all rules and information of the local school which patrons and students should know. The board in the matters attended to has tried to act for the best interest of the Ballinger schools and the patrons of this district. They are interested in the school and desiring of the full cooperation of the citizens of the district they represent. They desire this cooperation and with it the school will grow and become a better institution of learning each year.

Ballinger firemen just back from the short course at A. & M. College have new zeal and determination to make the local department more effective against fires than ever. New and better methods of combating fire with less loss to property owners have

been learned and will be put into practice here as soon as possible. The local department will study closely the matter of salvage work and will make losses from water damage less when they procure the proper equipment. This part of the work was stressed at the short course and also demonstrated in the afternoon sessions with actual equipment. The entire town is proud of the record made in recent years by the local firemen and are for them in any way they can become more efficient.

Next Sunday offers church goes three big services to attend and all churches should be crowded for these services. In the morning the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered at the Baptist church and everybody is cordially invited to attend. Special music will feature this program with the class of sixty-odd marching in the professional. In the afternoon at 3 the county-wide commencement will be held at the same place with a class of 192 taking part. A good speaker has been secured and a special musical program will be presented. All churches in the city will dismiss their morning services in order to attend the school service. At night practically all churches will observe Mother's Day with fitting services and music. People are urged to attend all these services and especially in the evening services in honor of mothers.

Ballinger Boy Scouts now have a home and a meeting place of their own. Their building has been completed on the bluff overlooking Elm creek and the city park and the interest of the lads in their work has been increased by this innovation. These Scouts are becoming more efficient each year and parents of those who have belonged since the organization was started here are realizing the great good that the training does for boys. One father remarked here this week that his boy could do many things that he could not accomplish before, especially before the public, due to this training and he expressed himself as believing it is the best possible training a boy can receive. A town that makes an investment for these boys can be sure of receiving a big dividend in making better citizens for tomorrow. There is only one thing lacking in Scout work in Ballinger. Instead of one good troop there should be at least six. The boys of Scout age will soon be out of school and their entire days will be filled with idle play. The Scout work will give them something instructive to do and would take a large part of their time which would be directed play and yet educational.

LETTERS to the Editor

Letter of Appreciation

"Whenever a service has to be rendered someone has to render it. As long as there is good pay for the service required or the job to be done there are always plenty of applicants. But whenever the service is to be rendered free and sacrifices, in time and money, have to be made, those who are available are few and far between.

"Giving flowers to the living is more effective, and certainly more appreciated, than to place them on their bier later. These thoughts pass through my mind as I think of the splendid services rendered by the men who devoted their time to, and shouldered the responsibility of, putting over the successful accomplishments of the Runnels County Seed and Feed Loan work.

This work, which was under the supervision of the county agent, could not have been put over in the splendid way it was put over, had it not been for the services of the County Seed and Feed Loan Committee composed of C. R. Stephens, R. G. Erwin and T. J. McCaughan and the efficient

services rendered by the sub-committee at Winters headed by H. O. Jones and his willing workers.

"Since I believe in handing flowers to the living I want to take this occasion to publicly thank all these gentlemen for the fine service they have rendered and the unselfish spirit in which they have handled the work. During the last three months these men have given their time and efforts absolutely free in operating the loan office.

"I also want to thank the community committeemen for the service they have rendered in assisting the farmers of their respective communities in giving the necessary information relative to securing loans and in passing on their applications.

"I wish to express thanks and my sincerest appreciation to the Ballinger and Winters Chambers of Commerce for furnishing office space and necessary money to pay the salary of a stenographer and incidental expenses in carrying on the work both at Winters and Ballinger.

"The Ballinger State Bank deserves special mention for the splendid cooperation it gave the county committee in furnishing a free office and part of the office equipment. The King-Holt Furniture Company also furnished part of the office equipment and hearty thanks are hereby extended to them.

"The McCarver & Lynn and the E. Shepperd & Co. abstract companies rendered constructive service and splendid cooperation to the county committee in furnishing free legal descriptions of farm lands. This service has meant a lot to the committee in carrying on the work is most highly appreciated by all of us.

"The banks of the county and other business concerns gave the board fine cooperation in signing waivers and releasing crop mortgages. This cooperation on their part was appreciated not only by the applicants but by the committee as well.

"The county clerk's office, willingly and cheerfully, went through the tedious task of checking mortgages to make sure that the legal requirements of the loans had been complied with.

"To all others, who in any way, at any time, rendered service of any kind in making this work a success, I wish to say a hearty 'thank you.'

"Thus through the patient and efficient work of the County Seed and Feed Loan Committee and various other cooperating agencies it was made possible for a large number of needy farmers to secure approximately \$40,000.00 in loans at a low rate of interest in order that farming operations might be continued in Runnels county in 1931.

"In conclusion let me say that I have abounding faith in the citizenship of Runnels county to feel sure that every obligation will be met promptly when these loans become due.

"Let us keep the fair name of Runnels untarnished by paying up every loan 100 per cent on or before November 30, 1931.

"C. W. Lehmborg,
County Agent"

Notice
Hagelstein Monument Co.
San Angelo, Texas
See our display before buying.
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CARELESS DRIVER IS FINED IN COUNTY COURT

C. D. Ashenheast was fined \$25 and costs in county court here Monday on a charge of assault. Ashenheast struck and slightly injured John Cameron Saturday night while he was crossing the Hutchings Avenue bridge, and is alleged not to have stopped after the collision.

The defendant was placed in jail Saturday night, and released Monday morning after payment of the fine.

Bill Coleman and Claude Weeks returned to Fort Worth Thursday after a brief visit here with friends and relatives.

Pay Up Campaign To Open Saturday

A move will be launched here Saturday on a pay up campaign for this town. The plan was adopted Tuesday by the executive committee of the retail merchants' association and through the plan of the campaign it is expected that many debts will be paid within a short time.

Checks are being printed this week and will be placed in circulation Saturday which will require ten endorsements before they will be accepted at the bank on which they are written. The checks will be issued in denominations of \$5 and \$10 each.

Parties receiving these checks are requested to go to some one they owe and pay them on their debts, endorsing them at the time they change hands. When they have passed through the hands of ten endorsers they will be cashed at the bank on which they are written.

The checks will be placed in the hands of responsible firms only and when the check is signed the party issuing it will certify that they have sufficient money in the bank to pay the check when presented.

Employees of firms are requested to ask for these checks in receiving their weekly or monthly pay, for at least a part of their salary and to pay debts with these checks. The starting into circulation one of these \$10 checks means that \$100 worth of debts must be paid before it is eventually cashed at the bank.

A member of the retail merchants' association will call on local firms the latter part of the week and distribute checks. Firms are urged to cooperate in this move and make use of as many of the checks as possible.

Just how long this plan will be used has not been decided but for the present month the more placed in circulation the better and more successful the campaign will be in Ballinger.

Mrs. E. A. Jeanes, who suffered a stroke of paralysis Sunday, is reported as not showing much improvement. Part of her children are already here, and others are en route to Ballinger.

Lang Iden was removed to the state penitentiary at Huntsville by Deputy Harp McFarland and Chief of Police Lee Moreland Friday. He was convicted on a bootlegging charge, and has a two-year sentence.

Vacant Houses Here Show Big Reduction

The survey just completed by the city shows 72 vacant houses here on the last of the week. This is a reduction over the report of last month of 14. The survey made in April showed a total of 86 such places here and the last survey reduces that number to 72. Practically all these houses have been filled with families moving here to engage in some kind of work. The 72 places listed for this month include business houses, residences and apartments.

The street department showed much activity for the past week. A culvert was placed across Eleventh Street at Snapp Avenue and all work on this completed during the week. Gravel on Eleventh was checked, rolled and graded for one block and the intersection at Pou and Snapp avenues. A number of dirt streets were repaired during the week with gravel and caliche being placed in holes.

The health department reported conditions here as good with no contagious diseases being under quarantine at the present time. There have been few cases this year of dangerous illness requiring quarantine and outside of an epidemic of chickenpox there have been few cases of illness reported.

Three building permits were issued the past week and one gas inspection was made by the office department. The fire department in addition to their regular duties answered one fire alarm here Sunday morning and succeeded in extinguishing the blaze with slight loss.

DOWNTOWN FIRE DOES SLIGHT DAMAGE

An alarm was turned in at 9:35 Sunday morning at the Bob Justice boot shop. The blaze was quickly extinguished and the loss was reported to be small. Some stock and a few fixtures were destroyed.

This was the first fire in which the department has been given an opportunity to use the new gas masks.

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At Small Cost

Here's a powerful Oil—an anti-septic oil and a highly concentrated oil that you can depend on to put to flight the most obstinate case of Eczema.

If thru some miracle it should happen to fail any real druggist will hand you back your money—freely.

And only 85 cents for a generous bottle of Emerald Oil that will last a long time.

Note: Being such an effective antiseptic remedy Moore's Emerald Oil is much used and with splendid results for Varicose Ulcers, Skin Blemishes, Itching Skin, Pimples, Acne and Psoriasis. Remember also that Athletes Foot is caused by germs which germicidal Emerald Oil kills, then the itching of feet and toes stops and feet are healthy again. Complete directions with each bottle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bauer visited in Llano last week. They were accompanied home by Mr. Bauer's mother, who will visit here.



It's May 10th

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- 2-50 lb. ice capacity Herrick refrigerators for only **\$15**
- 1-\$50 china cabinet for **\$15**
- Several Axminster and velvet rugs, 9x12 at \$12.50 to **\$17.50**

Lots of Other Bargains

L. E. Bair Furniture Company

WE APOLOGIZE

It was humanly impossible for us to wait on everyone who came to our store last Friday and Saturday. Although we had worked day and night in advance expecting a good crowd of shoppers, the actual experience was far above expectations and it was humanly impossible for us to get to everyone. We deeply regret this because it is to your interest to get these bargains and to our interest to know that you get just what you want. So in anticipation of another big crowd this week-end we have made preparations to take care of the big crowd that will surely be here. So you come.

Special Friday and Saturday

- Green Beans** Crisp, fresh, No. 1 2 lbs. **15c**
- New Spuds** As good as you could raise, lb. **5c**
- Lettuce** Choice large heads, fine for health **5c**
- Bananas** Golden fruit, not too ripe, doz. **15c**

Plenty of Other Specials

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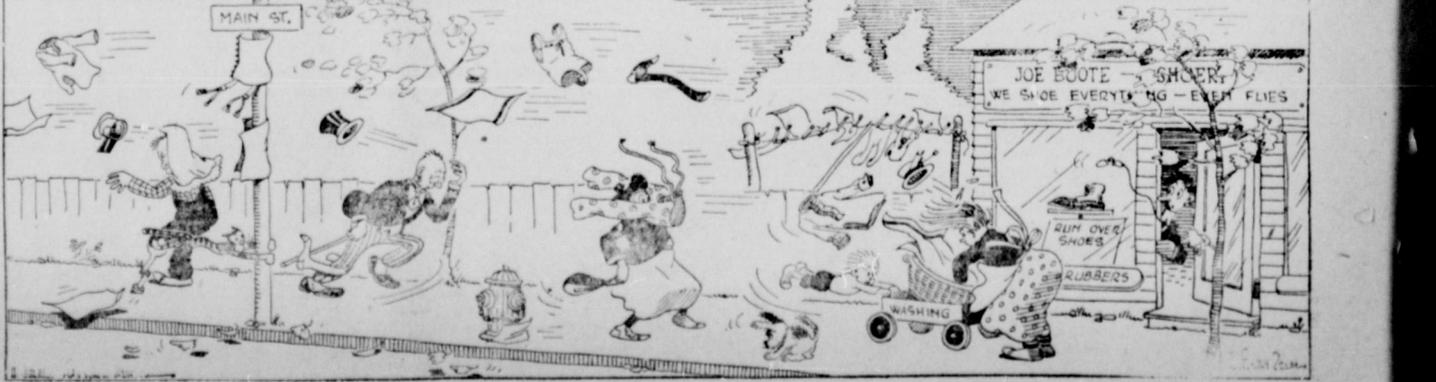
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Daily Buzz
MAIN STREET'S BREEZY NEWS ORGAN

THE WILD WINDS DO BLOW

THESE WINDY FALL DAYS CERTAINLY PLAY HAVOC WITH AUNT DUX'S WEEKLY WASH.



By L. F. Van Zeln

Renew Your Health by Purification

Any physician will tell you that "Perfect Purification of the System is Nature's Foundation of Perfect Health." Why not rid yourself of chronic ailments that are undermining your vitality? Purify your entire system by taking a thorough course of Calotabs, once or twice a week for several weeks—and see how Nature rewards you with health.

Calotabs purify the blood by activating the liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels. Trial package, 10 cts. Family package, 35 cts. All dealers. (Adv.)

Local P.-T. A. Holds Year's Last Meet

The Ballinger Parent-Teacher Association met Wednesday in its last meeting of the year. The organization this year has had the best attendance record in its history and while the membership is slightly lower than last year members have been more punctual and a really great year has been experienced.

Incoming officers were installed and reports of the standing committees were heard Wednesday. Mrs. Alex McGregor, retiring president, stated Tuesday that the year's work had been made pleasant by the wonderful cooperation of the members and many non-member citizens.

Mrs. E. D. Walker presided at the installation ceremony Wednesday when the following were inducted into the respective offices: Mrs. R. T. Williams, president; Mrs. Bessie L. Lowe, first vice-president and chairman of the program committee; Mrs. L. B. Rudder, second vice-president and chairman of the membership committee; Mrs. F. M. Pearce, third vice-president and chairman of the finance committee; Mrs. Alex McGregor, treasurer and Miss Wynis Greer, secretary.

During the past year the association has conducted a study course and part of each program was devoted to the book "Character Building." The main project, however, was a health campaign which was inaugurated early in the year. The organization assisted in summer round-ups, examinations of pupils and the follow-up, conducted an immunization drive against diphtheria, furnishing toxoid free, sponsored the Schick test, and also furnished small-pox vaccine to parents unable to provide same for their children. A two year's program was carried out in the battle against diphtheria and after the Schick test was given 78 additional injections were administered.

The local body followed the plan laid down by the national organization, cooperating with the headquarters in all details.

Attendance was better, it is said, because of the interest in the programs and because of a contest in which prizes were offered to rooms with the largest percentage of mothers at club meetings over a three-month period. The local association lacks only one-half a point of attaining standard rating which it is hoped to reach during the ensuing year.

Receptions were given the faculty and school board at the beginning of the term, Founder's Day was observed with a party, and other activities were carried out.

Substitute Wives Not Acceptable

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

EXPECT BIG HARVEST

ELECTRA, May 5.—Preparations are under way for harvesting the heaviest grain crop in twenty-five years here. Unless some unforeseen happens, wheat will make 25 to 50 bushels per acre and oats from 50 to 75 bushels per acre.

The large number of oil field workers in this section, now unemployed, will assist in the harvesting at a minimum wage.

A deputy sheriff from Austin Tuesday took Jack Whitley, arrested Monday by Sheriff W. A. Holt on instructions from Austin to that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moody and children returned Sunday night from Wichita Falls where Mr. Moody has been attending to business.

Mrs. E. A. Trail, Mrs. Ross Murphison, and Miss Winnie Trail spent Sunday in Eldorado with R. T. Trail.

Buy your printing at home.

Red Cross Report Shows Runnels Got Large Sum

Red Cross relief activities in this county have been closed and C. R. Stephens, chairman of the county committee, is submitting his report which will probably surprise many when it is learned that \$8,962.19 was spent to aid more than 3,000 people in the county.

No publicity was given Red Cross activities here heretofore as this was not deemed wise. Mr. Stephens' report, however, is self explanatory, and gives full details of the work here during the winter and spring:

"The Red Cross drought relief work has been closed for Runnels county. It is a duty we owe to the members of the Runnels county chapter to give a report of the work done in this county.

"The American National Red Cross 1930-31 drought relief was the most stupendous program for the relief of suffering humanity as to people served, and money spent ever undertaken by that organization in its fifty years of existence.

"The aid was intended for farmers and farm laborers living on farms in drought areas, who on account of low crop production in 1930 did not have sufficient money or credit with which to purchase the bare necessities of life for the support of their families.

"Here in this county the plans of the relief work were not generally understood and some criticism was directed toward us because we did not assist those in need in town, others in a section of the county where crops were normal last year—still others—worthy citizens—but who could get assistance from other sources.

"The county was divided into three districts. The southwestern corner of the county including the towns of Miles and Rowena, was not included in the drought area in a survey made last fall, therefore no assistance could be given in that territory, even if it had been called for. We digress to say that the splendid citizens of the Miles, Rowena and Olfen communities took care of any distress cases they may have had without calling on outside help.

"The Winters territory was all of the county north of a slightly curved line extending from the town of Crews to the north line of Hatchel school district then north of west to Coke county.

"Ballinger territory was all the county not included in the Winters, and Miles districts.

"The Winters work was under the able supervision of Mr. Lyle Deffebach, cashier of the First National Bank of that town. Mr. Deffebach devoted most of his time for three months to the Red Cross work and the citizens of Winters should and no doubt will show their appreciation in a substantial way to this man who has done so much for the interest of their community.

"For several years prior to 1931 a number of projects were advanced for Ballinger and its trade territory, requiring a larger number of laborers than our town could supply. Outside labor came in and was caught here when old General Depression seized our county along with the rest of the country. This surplus labor remained under the delusion that work would be opened for all on future road contracts.

"Early this year, there was real distress in the homes of some of our people. The situation became so acute that in February we asked the Red Cross authorities for permission to furnish food for a limited time to the worthy unemployed of our town, who were in need of aid. In issuing food orders to local men and women our emotions were stirred to the two greatest extremes—deepest sympathy for some worthy honorable unfortunate one whose eyes told for the choked voice that could not speak the gratitude they felt for the Red Cross aid they were receiving—to the other extreme we can not express in type the contempt we had for another class.

"If the citizens of Ballinger knew of the nerve racking problems I had to face and some of the reliable, confidential reports to me, more discrimination would be made by employers of labor so that the honorable laborer would be favored so as to be able to support his family in a manner that would make him a creditable member of our citizenship.

"Of the 208 rural families assisted, there were not exceeding six cases unworthy of the aid received. Our farmer friends were courteous and considerate in their requests, conserved their food to the utmost, and expressed appreciation for the aid the Red Cross extended to them.

"Relief work in Ballinger is financed largely by the professional and business men. To these, especially, we would call attention to that part of our statistical re-

port showing aid given in town; then picture if you can, what might have happened to our fair little city as you think back on those six weeks of damp, disagreeable weather, if the Red Cross had not have come to our assistance.

"For more than three months I have devoted my entire time to the Red Cross and the Federal Drought Relief work without compensation from any source for my labors. We received occasionally words of commendation from some appreciative beneficiary that encouraged us to "carry on" under the strain and load of our responsibility. As to just how the responsibility I assumed was met and discharged I will leave to the Red Cross organization and the farmers of Runnels county to pass judgment.

"In conclusion we desire to publicly thank the grocery merchants of Ballinger for the low prices made to us on groceries.

"C. R. STEPHENS."

Statistical Report WINTERS OFFICE

Families aided, 286
Dependents, 1,372
Cash disbursed, \$4,050

BALLINGER OFFICE

Families aided, 371
Dependents, 1,759
Cash disbursed, \$4,902.19

TOTAL FOR COUNTY

Families aided, 657
Dependents, 3,131
Cash disbursed, \$8,952.19

Packages of garden seed distributed, 7,310. (These seed had a retail value of \$1,075.)

BALLINGER OFFICE

Aided 116 white families in city, 497 dependents—\$967.89

Aided 35 negro families in city, 163 dependents—\$151.39

Aided 12 Mexican families in city, 71 dependents—\$71.65

Aided 208 white rural families, 1,028 dependents—\$3,711.26

Schools

Senior Banquet

The Ladies Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church honored the Senior class of the Ballinger high school with a banquet in the basement of the church Thursday night, April 23.

A. F. Ligon, principal of the high school, was toastmaster and leader of the program which was carried out in good style.

Words of appreciation of the Senior class was given by Mrs. Charles Wear. Mrs. Wear was an active member in preparation of the banquet.

Very effective little place cards, representing the graduate, were placed at the plate of each guest. The meal was served in three courses by girl members of the Junior class. The girls were dressed in white with pink and orchid ruffled caps and aprons, which carried into effect the Senior class colors.

A very fine program was arranged. Rosa Crockett gave a reading which was very interesting as she made a few "cracks" at some of the modest, dignified seniors. The feature of the program was the splendid talk by Rev. J. H. McClain, pastor of the Baptist church. His topic was "At the Steering Wheel of Life" where he emphasized the importance of cooperation and thought for others as of utmost importance in the game of life. Others who took part in the program were: Louise Shepperd, Margaret Guion, Clea Vee Gill, Iola Clayton, Mildred McMillan, and Miss Mada Tittle.

In behalf of the Senior class, President Price Middleton expressed thanks to the ladies of the missionary society of the church for this splendid hospitality. He also told how the banquet was looked forward to by each Senior class from year to year.

—Senior Reporter.

Miss Allie Mae Kuykendall, of Coleman, is spending the week with her aunt, Mrs. N. B. Singletary.

Horace Gustavus spent the week-end here from Simmons U. at Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lynn.

Kidney Acids Break Sleep

If Getting Up Nights, Backache, frequent day calls, Leg Pains, Nervousness, or Burning, due to functional Bladder Irritation, in acid conditions, makes you feel tired, depressed and discouraged, try the Cystex Test. Works fast, starts circulating thru the system in 15 minutes. Pained by thousands for rapid and positive action. Don't give up. Try Cystex (pronounced Siss-tex) today, under the Iron-Clad Guarantee. Most quickly allay these conditions, improve restful sleep and energy, or money back. Only 66c at Weeks Drug Store

175 Club Women On Inspection Trip

Runnels county club women gathered here Friday and left for an inspection of the rooms entered in the living room contest of this county. Approximately 175 women with their families made the trip leaving Ballinger at 8 o'clock and returning here about 3 in the afternoon.

In the forenoon the clubbers visited the place of Mrs. Fred Prinzing, Miles, Mrs. R. B. Martin of Maverick, and Mrs. Ira McNeil at North Norton. The party assembled at noon Friday at North Norton and spread their lunch in the tabernacle there. All women on the trip carried lunch baskets and the dinner was very enjoyable with many good things to appeal to the appetite. Some suggested that the dinner was proof of a conservation program in the county or so much could not have been assembled at one time.

Mrs. W. Larkin Hayley of Norton believes in bestowing flowers to the living and surprised with a gorgeous bouquet the following: Mrs. Ira McNeil, first winner; Mrs. Fred Prinzing, second winner; Mrs. J. C. Taylor and Mrs. R. D. Martin, both winners in the contest; Mrs. T. A. Crockett, winner of 4-H pantry contest in 1930 and Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, county home demonstration agent.

After the lunch was completed the following clubs entertained with stunts: Bethel, North Norton, Maverick, Victory, and Norton.

The last place visited in the afternoon was that of Mrs. J. C. Taylor and from there the party came to Ballinger to attend the health pageant.

Those on the trip report a very enjoyable day's outing and many complimentary remarks were heard of the four living rooms visited. The visitors to these rooms were surprised at the low expense of improvement which averaged only \$14.77 to the room.

Dangerous Business

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

CATTLE THEFTS IN TEXAS ON INCREASE, SAYS RANGER

UVALDE, May 5.—"There is more stealing of livestock in Texas today than I have known of during my years as a peace officer which began in 1892," declares Ranger Captain Light Townsend of Del Rio at Uvalde recently.

Captain Townsend was in Uvalde with two of his men filing charges against butchers who violate the butcher bill. This bill has been on the statute books for years but has not been enforced, he said. He has already filed two cases alleging violation of the law in Uvalde. This law, requires that the butchers must keep a record of all butchered animals and that they must make a bond.

Dr. J. W. Blasdel who was recently operated upon at the Halley & Love Sanitarium, is reported to be doing nicely.

C. A. Dooze returned Monday afternoon from a business trip to Maverick.

Tax System is Much Discussed By Legislature

AUSTIN, May 5.—Texas' tax system has been one of the larger lights in the legislative limelight this session.

Proposals to reconstruct the state tax system have ranged from a plan to make a minute study of the workings of the system to move to abolish the state ad valorem tax, exempt homesteads from taxation, and to tax the intangible assets of 15,000 corporations doing whole or part time business within the state. Legislative reconstruction work has also included proposals to tax pipelines, natural gas, cigarettes, peddlers and the motor carriers.

Out of the revenue raising plans advanced, the cigarette and natural gas production levies are laws. Both branches of the legislature sanctioned them, and the governor added his signature. They will become effective 90 days after adjournment of the legislature.

It is estimated the two levies will direct \$6,000,000 in revenue into the treasury. Half of the funds from the cigarette levy will go into the school fund.

Both houses have heard this session about plans to exempt homesteads from state ad valorem taxation. Proponents said they wanted to encourage home ownership in this state. The plans to lift the burden of the state ad valorem tax from homesteads goes hand in hand with a plan advanced by Senator DeBerry of Bogata to abolish the entire state ad valorem tax levy. Abolition of the state ad valorem tax would call for the disposition of a state income tax, more than one legislator has predicted.

Pending before the legislature is a resolution by Senator Oneal of Wichita Falls which proposes a survey of the state tax system. Oneal explained there was a general demand in the state for a fair and just equalization of taxes. He stated the growth of industries, and the change in conditions of other industries and taxable values necessitated a careful study of conditions as they now exist to the end that taxation might be equalized.

While the legislature enacted emergency legislation to bring relief to Texas tax payers in 1931, inaugurating for a trial the split tax payment plan, the permanent plan advanced by Senator Oneal is yet a matter of pending business. Under the original Oneal plan tax payers would be permitted to pay their taxes in two installments, one in January and the other in July. His permanent installment plan is identical with one he advanced early in the session, and which was remodeled by a free conference committee. Oneal at that time sought to make split tax payments in Texas the permanent order, but free conference committeemen de-



Children need not steal your health

There should be no health penalty attached to motherhood. There isn't among really healthy women. Expectant mothers who think of the baby's health as well as their own, should take a good vegetable tonic to protect the two lives—Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. All dealers. Every package of it contains a Symptom Blank. Fill it out and mail it to Dr. Pierce's Clinic, Buffalo, N. Y., for FREE medical advice.

sired to test its soundness during 1931.

While the legislature voted to lift the one-fourth of one percent tax from natural gas when it passed the two percent gross production levy, it also voted to levy the one-fourth of one percent tax on pipelines, the funds accruing to be used in enforcing the gross production tax. Shortly thereafter the house rushed through a bill which proposed a two cents tax per thousand cubic feet on natural gas, to be col-

lected from the distributors.

The bill lost some of its impetus when it arrived in the senate with the result that the senate committee on state affairs set it for hearing May 6 which is one week this side of the scheduled sine die adjournment date of the legislature. Sponsors of the bill said such a tax would bring in \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

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If BABY HAS COLIC

COLIC comes suddenly. Your first intimation that something is wrong may be a warning cry in the night. If you have a bottle of Castoria handy you needn't worry, for a little of this pure vegetable remedy will soon have baby happy self again; let him go back to sleep.

Castoria is always the sensible thing to give an ailing child. When a child is restless, fretful, with coated tongue, bad breath and lack of appetite, it is a mother's standby. Most mothers give Castoria an important place in their homes. Ready for sour stomach, constipation, or upset. When buying Fletcher's Castoria always look for Chas. H. Fletcher's signature on the wrapper. This identifies the genuine product.

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GROWN old and tired of adventuring, Alister Aloysius Horn... The Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture, "Trader Horn," filmed in Africa...

The Agent in Charge, Mr. Sinclair... On His Own... I was pleased to leave Adonimango...

INITIATED INTO THE NATIVE RITES... Having given you a slight idea of the character of natives who inhabit the Gaboon...



acy in the ivory and rubber trade... The French trade was insignificant compared to the two Giants of Commerce...

canoe matters with him for a short space of time... To the Jash House... The Ogowe was full of strange life...

By far the greatest number of natives who occupied Equatorial Africa were M'pangwes... Having learnt the ivory and rubber trade...

By noon we had entered a small creek which led to Lake Azingo... The First White Man... A special ceremony would be necessary for a white man...

Mr. Sinclair... Leaving Angola we were soon in a well-inhabited country... On the point of an island we now had a view of Carl Woerman's splendid depot...

What I saw in the Jash House was such a surprise to me that I shall never forget what took place... Urges Rural Fire Companies... WASHINGTON, May 2—(P)—If farmers would provide themselves with simple fire-fighting equipment...

Popular Youth Dies at Crews

J. C. Klutts, 15, popular lad of the Crews community, died at the home of his uncle, J. W. Wood, Sunday evening at 6 o'clock after a short illness.

The youth came to this county five years ago from Kaufman county to make his home at Crews with Mr. and Mrs. Wood after the death of both his parents.

This past year J. C. made a record in the school at Crews in athletics and was winner in every event in which he took part in the county meet at Winters.

He had been a member of the Methodist church for five years and at the time of his death, was serving as a junior steward in the Crews church.

Funeral services were held at the Crews Methodist Church at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon with Rev. W. S. Smith officiating.

Spill Brothers undertakers, of Winters, were in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Over a Billion Deadly Germs in a Single Drop of Water

Germs are so small that there may be as many as one billion, seven hundred million of them in a drop of water.

Just because you can see no dirt in a cut does not mean that it is clean. You cannot see germs. The only safe and sane thing to do is to thoroughly wash every cut, no matter how small.

COLEMAN MAN USES SAME PERCOLATOR 35 YEARS

COLEMAN, May 5.—The man who complained because his pants would not wear five summers has nothing on Claude McClellan of this city.

McClellan has a coffee percolator that he has used for twenty-five years. It was a wedding gift and he and his wife and his children have used it through their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

The company repaired and returned it without charge, and now he expects to use it until he and his wife are ready to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Hale, San Angelo, were in Ballinger Sunday.

SCIATICA?

Here is a never-failing form of relief from sciatic pain: Take Bayer Aspirin tablets and avoid needless suffering from sciatica—lumbago—and similar excruciating pains.



Closing of School Programs Start At 11:00 Sunday

The first program in connection with the closing of the Ballinger schools will be held here next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the Ballinger Baptist church.

Other programs will follow each night of the week at the high school auditorium and all programs will be free and the general public is urged to attend.

Ballinger churches will all dismiss their services here next Sunday morning and take part in the baccalaureate service.

A choir selected from all the churches of the town has been rehearsing on an excellent musical program for the service and the same choir will sing again in the afternoon at the county-wide graduation to be held at the same place at 3 o'clock.

Sunday morning a large part of the center section of the Baptist church will be roped off for the senior class and members of the junior class will act as ushers.

Following is the complete program for baccalaureate:

- Class Processional, Mrs. L. Schermerhorn at the organ. Prayer, Rev. J. H. McClain. Hymn, "O Worship the King". Scripture Lesson, Rev. E. W. McLaurin. Anthem, "Lead On, O King Eternal"—Adams. Announcements, H. C. Lyon. Vocal solo, "Consider the Lillies"—R. Topliff, Miss Adda Ward. Introduction of speaker—Rev. M. Crabtree. Sermon—Rev. J. William Stephens, First Christian Church, San Angelo. Anthem, "Angelic Songs Are Swelling"—Wilson. Benediction—Rev. T. E. Bowman.

Daughter Substitute Is Not Desired

No daughter equals your own and no remedy is as good as your own tried and genuine Carter's Little Liver Pills.

REEDER EMPLOYEES ENJOY FISH FRY

The D. Reeder Dry Goods Company gave a fish fry Monday night to all employees of the firm in the Reeder shack at the Ballinger Country Club.

Mr. Reeder had been catching fish for several days and had plenty to serve everyone all he wanted. Some of those attending the affair have been with the store for the past fifteen years.

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Toe Itch

Athlete's Foot and Hand Itch. Why suffer from the queer skin disease causing severe itching of toes and feet, cracking, peeling skin, blisters, ringworm, Trench Foot or Crotch Itch, when you can avoid infection and quickly heal your skin with Dr. Nixon's Nixoderm?

Federal Loans in Runnels to Pass \$35,000.00 Mark

The federal farm loan office here closed Thursday afternoon and will not operate further. Any one with an application filed on which a check has not been received will attend to any further business at the office of C. W. Lehmburg, county agent.

The office was opened here three months ago in the Ballinger State Bank building with C. R. Stephens, T. J. McCaughan, C. W. Lehmburg, R. G. Erwin and C. C. Toney looking after the office work.

The work was divided in this county with an office being maintained at Winters to assist farmers in that section in making applications. All the work of the county, however, came through Ballinger before going to St. Louis or Ft. Worth for final approval.

When the work started, application for loans were accepted on nothing but feed, seed and fuel. Lard food was included and it was made possible for those who had already filed for loans to file a supplemental application asking for money with which to buy food.

The total money to be received from this source by Runnels county farmers will run slightly over \$35,000. The final report of the workers here is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Total original applications, 187, for feed, seed, food and fuel \$30,270.75. Total supplemental applications, 43, family maintenance and machinery repair 2,795.00. Average loan per farmer, \$143.75. Applications cancelled and disapproved, 15, \$1,747.00. Applications outstanding, 22, \$2,349.17. Checks received by April 30, 191, \$21,881.81.

Car Sales Increase In Month of April

Automobile sales showed a large increase during the month of April with 18 new cars being registered in the office of Tax Collector W. A. Forgey.

The registrations this month brought the total registrations for the year to 3,783 for passenger cars and 434 for commercial cars.

- Chevrolets: C. & C. Motor Company, 3. Patrick Chevrolet Co., 1. Healer Chevrolet Co., 1. Batts Chevrolet Co., 2. Total, 7. Fords: Dickinson Motor Co., 1. Harwell Motor Co., 2. Nance-Brown Co., 4. Total, 7. Pontiacs: Ballinger Auto Co., 2. Ford Truck: Harwell Motor Co., 1. Chevrolet Truck: Healer Chevrolet Co., 1. Grand total, 18.

Mrs. Charles W. Brown, Chicago, arrived Tuesday to visit with her daughter, Mrs. F. M. Pearce. Mrs. Brown plans to remain in Ballinger three or four weeks.

9 Wedding Permits Issued During April

Nine couples secured marriage licenses during April from the office of Mrs. Clarence West, county clerk.

- Those securing licenses in April were: Ralph Robinett and Miss June Phillips June. J. M. Sims and Miss Maud Gilbert. John Thornton and Mrs. W. M. Harding. W. H. Rampy and Miss Ethel Baker. William Andrews and Miss Ethel Gilbert. L. A. Presley and Miss Opal Glascock. Clyde Harding and Miss Estelle Danilly. Willie Englert and Mrs. Evelyn Multer. H. E. Denton and Miss Ada Pearl Jones.

HATCHEL CLUB TO PRESENT PLAY NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT

Hatchel club members will present a three-act play in the Hatchel high school auditorium Friday evening at 7:45, to which the general public is cordially invited.

The small admission of ten cents will be charged adults, and children will be admitted free. Receipts will go to the club women to be used in their regular activities.



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CITIZENS' BAND GIVES FIRST PUBLIC CONCERT. C. T. Grant's thirty-three piece Citizens' Band gave their first public concert Thursday night. The square was filled by parked cars, and the courthouse lawn was thronged with the crowd of auditors. All who were present seemed greatly pleased with the band's renditions.

The band, though it is composed entirely of adults, has only five experienced musicians. The rest began when the organization was formed three months ago and their progress is pronounced as being remarkable. No announcements have been made as to the date of future concerts.

Urges Rural Fire Companies. WASHINGTON, May 2—(P)—If farmers would provide themselves with simple fire-fighting equipment, organize community fire companies and use more care in construction of buildings, the nation's \$100,000,000 annual farm fire loss could be cut in half. Rev. W. H. Doss, chaplain for the Texas Senate, has returned home from Austin to be with his wife who has been ill. Mrs. Doss was reported to be better Monday evening.

Rural

HARMONY HERALDS

(Received Too Late for Publication Last Week)

Honor Roll

The following pupils made an average of 90 and above the past month:

First grade—G. D. Sudberry
Second grade—Veda Mae Smith, Pauline Worthington, Sybil Bruce, Nola Fae Foster

Third grade—Madeline Bruce, Lillie Gearhart, Travis Oliver, Maxie Seals

Fourth grade—Ruth England, Edna Mae Worthington, Raymond Hunt

Fifth grade—Violet Tunnell, Myrlee Gallant, Ruth White, Marvin Seals, Johnnie Bob Branham

Sixth grade—Oneta Rhoads, Dorothy Dean, Laura Gallant, Katy Bell Robinson

Eighth grade—Lorena Gearhart, Riley Foster

Ninth grade—Beula B. Seals Joy Gallant.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Howard and son, and three daughters, of Lawn, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Beulah Gallant. Mrs. Gallant's daughter, Mrs. Marshall returned with their guests of Lawn for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cope visited the latter's mother, Mrs. Jim Foreman, at Blanton the past week-end. Mrs. Cope's sister, Louise Foreman returned with them.

Miss Katy Bell Robinson spent the past week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Robinson, of Crews.

Mrs. Clena Wyatt and baby, of San Angelo, and Mrs. Jessie Roach and baby, of Winters, were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Foster, last Friday.

J. T. England received a message this week that his cousin, Collie England, of Luling, is very ill.

W. D. and Vera McAdams attended the funeral of Mr. Springs at Winters Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Tunnell and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Tunnell and children and Miss Lotie Dean spent the past week-end in Colton.

"REPORTER."

HATCHEL NEWS

The farmers are making use of the pretty weather this week and quite a number are planting cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Smith, Silver Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wood and family of Old Runnels and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. King and family of Ballinger spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Michaelis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mathis spent Saturday night with S. H. Mathis.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Voelker took dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker.

W. S. Caudle had a serious accident Wednesday, a can of lye exploding in hot water, burning his face and eyes badly. He is slightly improved at present.

Mrs. Mord Tucker has been on the sick list for several days.

Little Corine Graves, daughter of E. Graves, had an attack of appendicitis Saturday.

Mrs. Reed Gassett is suffering with appendicitis.

We had a fine singing Sunday night and everybody is invited to come next Sunday night and help us try out our new books.

The women's club will stage a play Friday night, May 8. This will be a three-act play titled "Her Honor, the Mayor."

"REPORTER"

BLANTON NEWS

Rev. Tierce filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church at Sunday morning and night services with good attendance on both occasions. Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. were also well attended and good lessons reported.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Malone and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Boothe and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Hale and family and Rev. and Mrs. Tierce all attended the Sunday school zone association which met at Norton Sunday.

Miss Alice Foreman, who has

been working at Crane for the past four months returned home Thursday to spend a few weeks with home folks.

Rev. and Mrs. Tierce took dinner in the Sid Hale home Sunday.

Miss Gracie Moore visited Miss Alice Foreman Sunday.

Quite a few from this community attended the play "Light-house Nan," at Eagle Branch Friday night, and report an interesting and enjoyable evening.

A number of the people from this community attended the funeral of J. C. Klutts which was held at Crews Monday. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Cope visited in the J. A. Foreman home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Springer and family visited in the J. P. Boothe home Sunday.

The dance at Charley James' was well attended Saturday night.

Miss Morene Corder visited Mrs. C. C. Gray over the week-end.

"REPORTER."

HERRING TOPICS

Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. were well attended and all had a good report. There will be a Mothers Day program next Sunday morning. Sunday school will begin at 10 o'clock. Everybody is invited, especially as next Sunday will be our preaching day.

The school will present a short program Thursday night and the school will close Friday. We have had a very successful school this year and are proud to say we will have the same teachers next term. They are Mr. and Mrs. Farmer and Miss Thelma Cox. Mr. and Mrs. Farmer will attend summer school at Alpine. If Miss Cox is planning to attend school it isn't known.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosford and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz of Crews Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Schwartz of near Lubbock are also visiting in that home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Allcorn visited relatives at Santa Anna this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewallen and Mrs. Ivy Miller were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Edwards.

Mrs. C. H. Grounds and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Owen Bragg for a while Saturday night. Mrs. Grounds visited G. C. Avent and family.

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

Mrs. Newman was operated on in the Santa Anna hospital last week. At last report she was some better. Her many friends hope she will soon be able to come home.

Miss Thora Brevard spent the week-end at home.

Miss Maggie Ruth Brevard spent Friday night with Miss Mona Avent.

Arthur Kerby spent Sunday with S. J. Brevard.

Jack Fuller spent Sunday with Marion Kerby.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Odell of Winters spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fuller and family.

Mrs. Shields of Coleman is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Farmer this week.

School was dismissed Monday at noon so the children could attend the funeral of J. C. Klutts. A large crowd of sorrowing friends from this community attended the funeral. J. C. was a very popular young man and made friends wherever he went. He was loved by everybody and especially the young people and they will miss his smiling face everywhere they go. Our hearts go out in sympathy for his two brothers, Ira and Jesse Ray, and to the rest of his relatives and may God bless them all in their sad and lonely hours.

"REPORTER"

NORTON NEWS

Near Los Gatos, Calif., a school building has been erected on the exact model of an Indian pueblo.

HAGAN NEWS

The farmers are all very busy in the fields now planting cotton. Some are planting over, while others are just starting.

The good rain that fell last week was appreciated very much.

Bro. Cole preached for us Sunday evening. A very good crowd attended.

Austin Williams was working with a Fresno last week and had the misfortune of breaking three ribs. We hope he will soon be able to be about his work again.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wood and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Foreman and little son of Blanton, and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Seipp spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sparks.

Quite a few of the club women of our community went on the living room tour Friday.

Mrs. Charlie Owen and little son spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sparks.

"REPORTER"

BENOIT NEWS

Another good rain fell here last week. The added moisture furnished one of the best seasons of years for cotton and will be of great aid to small grain, now heading. Grass is coming out at an increasing rate, giving cattle and sheep a range never equaled in recent years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lumpkin are the proud parents of a ten and one-half pound baby girl, who arrived May 3. The little daughter bears the name Margie Gene. Mother and baby are reported to be doing nicely.

Benoit school will be out May 8. The program will be given Friday night and the public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gibson had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Neal Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ashton, Leota Odum, Mr. and Mrs. Pryor Martin of Brownwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moody of Ballinger.

Mrs. A. W. Hill was called to Crews Sunday to be at the bedside of her nephew, J. C. Klutts, who died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wood. Death was due to pneumonia contracted only a few days before.

Mrs. Anna Ruth Williams, Miles, spent a few days with her parents last week, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Rampsy.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Clayton, of Ballinger, spent Sunday with Mrs. Lela Clayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Skelton entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Vogelsang were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Gressett Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Williams.

A singing was given at the school house last Thursday night. There was a big crowd and good singing. The Winters quartet was here.

Bro. Lawson Brown and wife of Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hill, Misses Faye and Leona Hill attended the funeral Monday of J. C. Klutts.

Mrs. A. N. Hoffmann was a Ballinger caller Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Cox and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Hoffmann.

"REPORTER"

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Mrs. Cuniff and little daughter, of Winters, visited Mrs. Cuniff's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Green last Thursday and Friday. L. B. Green returned home with his sister to spend the week-end.

Houston Humble spent Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Stacy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Brown and daughter, Mrs. Edith Doherty and Mr. Doty, of Abilene, were guests of Mrs. Brown's sister, Mrs. R. E. Brown, and family, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Roberts, of Brownwood, and Marvin Harbour were guests of Mrs. Roberts' sister, Mrs. W. E. Branch, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Park visited their son at Drasco Wednesday.

"REPORTER"

BETHEL NEWS

School Notes
On Friday evening, April 24, the juniors had their annual social in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Koenig. They reported a nice time.

The high school students have had a strenuous week's work as the state examinations were given. A large per cent took them.

On Friday evening, May 1, teachers and seniors were given a rainbow social in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crockett. The colors of the rainbow were carried out and games pertaining to the rainbow and what it stands for were played. Refreshments of ice cream, cake and punch were served. The color scheme was also carried out in the refreshments. Everyone had a nice time. All

laughter, Lucille, and Mertie, L. B. and P. O. Green, Howard Humble, and Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Melton and children of town were visitors in the R. E. Brown home Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Parr and little son, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Parr and Otella, and H. G. Jones and Edgar Hutchinson visited in San Angelo Sunday.

Jewel Jones left last week for San Saba where he has secured work.

Misses Annie and Elizabeth and James Midgley, Earl, Rubin and Ina Baxter, and Helen Compton, of Ilagan, attended the party Saturday night at the home of Estelle Ingle, of Spring Hill.

Several enjoyed a Sunday afternoon series of croquet games at the home of Corinne Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hooks and Lucille attended a party at Benoit Saturday.

I. F. Watson visited Mrs. Watson at Christoval Sunday. Mrs. Watson is slowly improving.

Rosemary Lasater, of town, was the guest of Nellie Mae Midgley Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis and son, J. R., have moved to the Dennis place vacated by H. M. Leach. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have been making home with her mother, Mrs. Walker, on Hutchings Avenue in town. We are glad to have our old neighbors back in our community.

Mrs. John Adams and family spent the past week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shelburne.

Miss Verna Ransbarger, of Ballinger, and her uncle, Jim Ransbarger, of near Concho, attended Sunday school here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bigby, of Ballinger, and Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Simmons visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bigby Sunday.

"REPORTER"

TALPA TOPICS

Sunday school at all churches was well attended Sunday.

Mrs. V. A. Hoskinson and Mrs. E. L. Smith spent the week-end at Bangs.

J. W. Moore and family spent Sunday in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Eden spent Sunday in Coleman visiting relatives.

S. P. Hale spent Monday in Coleman on business.

Mrs. J. M. Parker, Mrs. F. Alexander, Mrs. Mat Fox and Mrs. J. F. Givens attended the cemetery working at Glen Cove Saturday.

Mrs. D. G. Posey of Ballinger visited in the R. W. Courtney home Thursday.

Mrs. Bill Denny and little son spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. L. C. Jameson.

Mrs. R. Henderson and Mrs. Baum attended the cemetery working at Glen Cove Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Ougbourne and little daughter, Betty Lou, and Jane Cheatham of Ballinger spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bomar.

This community was well represented in the audience at the health pageant in Ballinger Friday afternoon.

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Rev. L. D. Hardt has extended a cordial invitation to the Sunday school here to visit the Sunday school at Paint Rock, and May 24, the fourth Sunday, has been set aside for making the visit. A good crowd is expected, all of whom plan to take lunch and spread on the Concho River. Supt. Bob Richardson wants 100% attendance that day, so come, let's go.

The Epworth League had a large crowd out Sunday night and very interesting programs. The junior department has become so large that it was thought best to divide it, and an intermediate or Hi League group has been organized with Mrs. Hedrick Shelburne as leader. A very interesting contest is on in all the green, red and blue groups. The result will be a social by the losing side to the winners. A Mother's Day program is planned for Sunday night. Everyone is invited to attend and join any group.

"REPORTER"

WINGATE NEWS

Sunday was the Methodist meeting day. Quite a few attended both services.

Misses Maurine and Frankie Grisham spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Hulien Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wood and daughter, Willie Mae, Mr. and

looked upon the time for parting with a sorrowful heart as this was probably, their last party together.

On Friday evening, May 8, the senior class will have its graduation exercises in the school auditorium. Ten will graduate. They are Velma Lampe, Alma Lampe, Walter E. Crockett, Dora Mae Smith, Leon Walton Greenhill, Mary Emma Hall, Bernadine Greenhill, Annie Lura Liverman, Chester T. Wood, and Fay Muncy. An invitation to attend the exercises is extended to everyone.

On Thursday evening, May 7, in the school auditorium, Miss Nona Diltz will present her expression recital. Everyone is invited.

On Wednesday evening, May 6, in the school auditorium, the grammar grades will present their program. It will be very interesting.

It has been scheduled that next Friday the students and parents of Bethel community will have a picnic somewhere on the Colorado River. A definite place has not yet been selected.

Farmers are very busy this week planting cotton since the good rains of last week.

Grandma Zelkie has been very sick. Her children have been called to her bedside and are very anxious about her.

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Rev. Cole, of Abilene, was here Sunday to fill his regular appointment.

Tom Crockett accompanied Rev. L. D. Hardt to Ozona to attend district conference at that place. They left Monday, returning Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Webb and little son, of Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Davenport and baby, and Mr. and Mrs. Hally Howell and family were pleasant visitors in the Tom Crockett home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth held a very interesting meeting of the 4-H Club girls Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mead McShan and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Virgil McShan, of Dry Ridge, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Simmons visited relatives at Maverick Friday night, also attending the senior play at the same place.

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and many praiseworthy deeds spoken of by the ministers, of the noble life J. C. had lived. School was dismissed for the day. Teachers, pupils and the entire community showed every honor possible. Interment was made in the Crews cemetery. The grave was entirely covered with beautiful flowers. He is survived by three brothers, George, of Paducah; Ira and Jesse Ray Klutts, of Crews; one sister, Mrs. Myrtle Imhart, of Dallas; two grandmothers, Mrs. I. L. Dietz, of Crews, and Mrs. Klutts, of Dallas; and a host of other relatives. Active pallbearers were R. V. and Marion Berry, W. A. Hale, Aubrey Morrison and Rupert Rainwater; honorary pallbearers: Leslie Phillips, Virgil Bates, Thea Lucas, Chester Hunt, Frank Grounds and Clarence Hambrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gambill, of Winters, were among us Sunday afternoon.

Among those from other places who attended the funeral here Monday were the following: Mrs. C. A. Watson, Ballinger; Rev. B. B. Edmiston, Robert Lee; Rev. W. F. Smith, Talpa; Mrs. Arthur Hill and children, Benoit; Mr. and Mrs. Charley Toungett, Blanton; Mrs. Myrtle Imhart, Dallas; Enoch Phipps and daughter, Drasco; and Mrs. H. V. Bradley, Winters. Also these were many from surrounding communities too numerous to mention.

Only a very light shower fell here last night (Monday) during the electrical storm.

There are four more weeks of school at this place. Many of the children are longing for that time to pass.

Arvil Lee Wood spent Wednesday and Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wood of Wilmeth.

Miss Era Polk spent Wednesday night with Miss Jewel Bishop.

The rain which fell last week was welcome, because it helped the crops that are in the ground.

Wesley Dean spent last week in the Oak Creek community.

Mrs. Willie Barnett and family the Wingate school attended the health and May Day program at Ballinger.

Robert Wood spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wood of the Wilmeth community.

E. C. Mahurin spent the week-end in Brownwood where he delivered sermons at his regular services there.

"REPORTER"

CREWS NEWS

A fine rain fell last Wednesday. We were needing it badly.

Emmett Schwartz and family, of New Home, in the plains country, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Schwartz.

Miss Bonnie Mae Clark is spending a few days with her friend, Mrs. L. C. Davis, in Abilene. Mrs. Davis, formerly Miss Irma Wilkerson, of this place, has been seriously ill, but is reported better.

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PLANTS FOR SALE—Cabbage, tomatoes, pepper and flowers for transplanting. Eubank Floral Co., Mrs. E. M. Eubank, Prop., 905 Sixth Street, phone 171. 5-5d-2w

School Policies

(Continued from Page 1)

position here. She is a graduate of Simmons University.

Ernest Sublett was elected as high school science teacher to succeed John Harvey who resigned to accept a place at Rankin. Mr. Sublett is now a student instructor at Simmons University where he made the highest scholarship record for the past four years. His home is in Sweetwater. He majored in science.

Miss Louise Morgan was not an applicant for her present position at high school here, announcing that she would attend school do work towards securing a teacher's degree.

Tom T. Wright was named as assistant in this activity. Coach Davis was named basketball coach and he and Coach Wright will together look after the team in the spring.

Mr. Lyon will head the school as superintendent, and all principals will be the same as this year. Mr. Lyon is one of the foremost educators of the state and since coming to Ballinger has done much to place the system on a higher plane. He is fair with teacher, student and patron, yet stern in enforcing regulations to the best interests of the schools. He is closely in touch with leading educators of the state and a student of school affairs at all times.

The complete faculty for the 1931-32 term is as follows:

High School

H. C. Lyon, superintendent
A. F. Lyon, principal
F. T. Wright, football and history

Miss Mabel Brewer, mathematics

Harley Davis, basketball and business

Miss Elizabeth Parker, home economics

Miss Mada Jane Tittle, Spanish

Miss Maryatt Smith, Latin

Howard Carr, manual training

Miss Wynis Greer, advanced English

Miss Evelyn Shepherd, English

E. R. Sublett, science

Miss Alma Lee McWilliams, secretary-librarian

A. M. Halliburton, janitor

H. B. Self, principal

Miss Eloise Jones, seventh grade

Miss Lottie M. Liggett, sixth grade

Miss Margaret New, sixth grade

Mrs. O. D. Worthy, fifth grade

Miss Frances Northcutt, fifth grade

Tom Moore, janitor

West Ward

Miss Faye Clark, principal and fourth grade

Mrs. H. B. Self, fourth grade

Primary School

Mrs. W. A. Bridwell, principal and first grade

Miss Eugenia Suber, first grade

Miss Gladys Jones, first grade

Mrs. H. C. Lyon, second grade

Miss Malcorine Wardlaw, second grade

Miss Zemma Street, second grade

Miss Eloise Walker, third grade

Miss Grace Murchison, third grade

Supervisors

Mrs. L. Schermerhorn, music

Miss Nona Diltz, speech arts

Miss Hortense Holt, art

Supply Teachers

Mrs. Troy Simpson

Mrs. J. E. Kerr

Mrs. Jack Rudd

Mexican School

Mrs. Earl Webb

Negro School

H. K. Robinson, principal and teacher

Mrs. H. K. Robinson, teacher.

Teachers will complete their work here on May 13 or 14 at the close of registration of students for the next term. All next week will be spent on programs in connection with commencement and in filling out report cards which will determine promotions of pupils.

An Unpleasant Subject

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

PLANES CARRY QUAILS FROM LAREDO TO NEW YORK

LAREDO, May 2.—Bob whites, quail from Mexico which refuse to fly voluntarily to the United States from Mexico are now moving northward in large quantities—but in cages aboard airplanes. They are being imported from Mexico by Dr. Frank Kent of San Antonio for breeding purposes and are going on to places in New York and Massachusetts, where they are used in bird dog field trials, it is reported.

Special crates with self feeding devices are provided and the birds are fed water-soaked grain en route. The transportation of the quail by airplane was made with the railway express Dr Kent recently imported 200,000 quail from Mexico and shipped to all parts of this country for restocking reservations and for other purposes.

Music Substitute Not Wanted

No substitute has quality of original. Insiston Carter's Little Liver Pills—original liver pill creating free flow of bile and making you feel bright as two-year-old. Ask for Carter's Little Liver Pills by name and get them. Look for the red bottle. Resent substitutes. Take Carter's always.

ANNUAL FACULTY PICNIC IS HELD FRIDAY NIGHT

The entire faculty of the Ballinger schools enjoyed their annual picnic Friday night at the dam near Paint Rock on the Concho river. All members were present with the exception of three and everyone reported an excellent time and wonderful picnic supper.

The members of the faculty gathered at the high school Friday afternoon at 5:30 and left at once for the location. Supper was spread just before dark after weiners and bacon had been broiled and tables arranged. After each member was served they gathered around the camp fire for the meal and later in the night sang songs and played games until time to come home. The annual picnic of this body is looked forward to each year and is staged just before the end of school. There are two more weeks of work before school will be dismissed and the members return to their homes or to summer schools.

FORMER BALLINGER BOY GETS HEROISM MENTION

Frank Hearn, member of Boy Scout Troop 52 at Bronte, yesterday was notified of receipt by Concho Valley Council headquarters here of a letter of commendation on his heroism exhibited in saving the life of Elmo Woodson near Ballinger on June 6, 1930.

The letter, in the form of a highly embossed diploma, was ordered by the national court of honor of the Boy Scouts of America in its April meeting.

Hearn, one of the leaders of the Bronte troop, outstanding in the council, jumped into the Colorado River near Ballinger and rescued Woodson from drowning. —San Angelo Morning Times

The boy mentioned above is the son of J. L. Hearn, formerly of Ballinger. Mr. Hearn was the contractor on the Ballinger Methodist church and the Eighth St. Church of Christ and was living here when the incident mentioned above occurred.

Earl Morley and Chester Cherry returned Saturday from Junction where they had been attending to business for the West Texas Utilities Company.

A Woodville, S. C., bank which closed its doors in January has been liquidated and depositors received 100 per cent.

R. T. Jones Dies At Home Sunday

R. T. Jones, 74, died at his residence, 308 Broadway, Sunday morning at 9:45 after an extended illness. He had been confined to his bed for the past six weeks and little hope for recovery had been advanced.

Mr. Jones' death marks the passing of another pioneer citizen of Ballinger who helped in the upbuilding of the city. Moving here 26 years ago with his family, decedent engaged in a number of lines of business in which he was active until recent years when he retired on account of advanced age and physical condition.

For a number of years Mr. Jones engaged in the livery stable business, operating one of the best stables in this section of Texas, which contained a number of the best buggy horses to be obtained and excellent vehicles. With the advent of motor vehicles he engaged in other businesses for a number of years.

Survivors include the widow and the following children: W. B. Jones, Mrs. Annie Hambricht, Lee Jones, Mrs. O. Z. Smith, Floydada; Mrs. W. B. Fox and Mrs. Ernest Schance, Oakland, Calif.; and H. G. Jones, Ballinger.

Funeral rites were conducted at the family residence Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock and interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery. Rev. J. H. McClain, pastor of the Ballinger Baptist Church, officiated.

Active pallbearers include: J. H. Voelkel, J. S. Jones, J. J. Beck, Lee Butler, Carl Henson and B. C. Kirk. Honorary pallbearers were: M. C. Boyd, R. B. Creasy, Oscar Pearson, J. Y. Pearce, R. G. Erwin, C. W. Northington, Dr. F. M. Hale, E. F. Batts, E. V. Bateman, W. L. Brown, B. M. Batts and J. F. McMillan.

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

Deaths

Gypsy Ann Powell

Gypsy Ann Powell, age one year, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Powell, died at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. U. McQueen at midnight Thursday. Cause of death was said to be spinal meningitis.

The body was placed in the care of King-Holt Funeral Parlor. Services were conducted at 4 p. m. Friday by Rev. E. W. McLaurin and interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery.

Farm Income \$1 an Acre

RALEIGH, N. C., May 1.—(AP)—The ruinous effect of hail on farm crops was attested in a federal seed loan application by a Wayne county farmer who said the 150 acres he had in cultivation last summer produced only \$150 worth of crops.

PROGRAM ANNOUNCED FOR B. Y. P. U. ZONE MEET

The associational B. Y. P. U. zone meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon, May 10, at the Baptist church in Paint Rock. The program for this meeting has been arranged and a large crowd of young people is expected to be present for the gathering. The following program will be given beginning at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Theme—The Training Service of the Church
3:00—Song service
3:10—Devotional, Mrs. Mark V. Wheeler

3:20—The Service of the Church

The Sunshine Union of the Paint Rock church

Special music, Miss Beatrice Willbanks

The B. Y. P. U. Spirit, Miss Pauline Davis

Business

MODERN MARRIAGE IS DEFENDED BY LECTURER

EL PASO, May 2.—Modern marriage was defended by Mrs. Margaret Wells Wood, social hygiene lecturer, in an address here before co-eds of the College of Mines.

"There is nothing wrong with modern marriage," she said. "The trouble lies with people who do not understand each other."

She described poor health, economical reasons and abuses of the body as causes for marital unhappiness in most cases. Until the World War, she said, the extent of prostitution and social disease was not realized.

Petting she described as something done just as freely many years ago, but not as openly as in modern times, and at all times injurious to both boy and girl.

Mrs. W. W. Chastain left Sunday for Lubbock where she will look after business for the next two weeks.

Mrs. Taylor Tells Of Contest Work

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the third letter to appear telling of the individual work of those entering the living room contest this spring. The reports of the two prize winners have already been published, and herewith is the report of another entrant, Mrs. J. C. Taylor, of Hagan, who tells how she accomplished her work.

By Mrs. J. C. Taylor

A STORY OF THE LIVING ROOM CONTEST

In addition to regular farm work we have during the past three years, been engaged in poultry raising, dairying, market gardening and bee culture, as extensively as our resources would permit. I have endeavored to perform my share of the duties in each of these industries, and the first two mentioned have drawn heavily upon my time.

Anyone who has added these to her regular duties of house-keeping and kept two or three children in school knows the difficulties of maintaining attractive rooms. Our living room had become very commonplace. With two girls who have reached that age in which we feel the necessity of making home life as attractive as possible, I resolved to enter the living room contest. I felt the need of advice and cooperation of my fellow club women and of our efficient club leader, as well as of the Extension Department of A. & M., which is promoting the movement for more attractive and comfortable farm homes.

My first work was to readjust the beaverboard on the walls and ceiling where it had become warped and disconnected. The beaverboard was a dark green.

The next task was reworking the window frames and moulding, which seemingly had been cut by guess. I then painted the ceiling and walls an old ivory. The doors, frames, window frames, baseboards and mantle were painted several shades darker. The portion of the floor that was not covered with linoleum was painted a dust color. I had a great deal of painting to do and the job became quite difficult before I had finished.

The linoleum was trimmed, cemented to the floor and varnished. The pictures were rearranged and rehung. Ample bookshelves were built in, painted the same shade as the other woodwork. These shelves were built from an old oil stove grate. A new back was built in the fireplace. The cracks in the arch over the fireplace were filled with cement and then painted a dark tan.

The window screens were put on frames and hinges. The screen door was reworked and recovered.

I sanded the library table and two rockers and then varnished them. I also upholstered the chairs.

Then came the task of reworking three chairs from the junk house which was done with glue and screws. One was covered with blue denim. A frame was built and a car cushion fitted into it. Both were upholstered and this made a very nice seat. I made blue curtains and hung at the windows.

The faithful little cranberry that had served as step ladder and work bench was covered with discarded window draperies of cretonne, and when a lid was fitted on this, it made a nice chest for the children's toys.

Two braided rugs of old woolen material were made by friends. The total expense of \$19.50 was met with proceeds from the sale of cucumber pickles.

RUNAWAY TEAM DAMAGES PARKED AUTOMOBILE

A runaway team here Friday afternoon damaged the car of H. B. O'Kelly when they ran into it and climbed completely over the top. Mr. O'Kelly and Miss Adda Ward were sitting in the car in front of the Ward home on Eighth street when they saw the runaway team coming up the street in their direction. When the frightened team was a short distance away the couple saw they were going to hit the car and jumped from it just in time to avoid injury.

The team crashed straight into the front of the car, climbed over the hood, on over the top and off behind. When the wagon caught on the front of the car the team broke loose and ran on, leaving the wagon on the hood with the tongue over the top of the car. All the glass in the car was shattered, the lights broken off, fenders bent and the handles broken off the door.

Dr. O. F. Sensabaugh, Dallas, spent Sunday here visiting with friends and delivered the sermon at the First Methodist Church Sunday evening.

Be wise and advertise.

Firemen Return From Short Course

Fire Chief M. C. Atkins and assistants Chester Cherry and C. L. Armstrong returned Thursday at noon from A. & M. College and Bryan where they have been attending the firemen's short course. The school was in session for three days with some of the outstanding firemen of the nation present to lecture and instruct.

There were 307 firemen registered at the school from 193 towns in Texas against 106 from 91 towns last year. It was by far the largest school of its kind ever held in the south and much good was accomplished in the education of the fire fighters.

All morning sessions were held at A. & M. College and afternoon and night sessions at Bryan where the Bryan equipment was used in demonstration work. Sessions were held from 8:30 in the mornings until 11 at night and all men attending were in all these meetings.

The instructors from out of the state were very complimentary of the school and the personnel of the members attending. Everybody was there for business and no drinking or neglect of duty was shown by anyone at any time.

The three local firemen feel their trip to the school was worth much and the company will be convened in session at an early date and the members just returned will make reports on the work at the school.

PLANTS FOR SALE—Cabbage, tomatoes, pepper and flowers for transplanting. Eubank Floral Co., Mrs. E. M. Eubank, Prop., 905 Sixth Street, phone 171. 5-5d-2w

FISH FRY ENJOYED AT COUNTRY CLUB

A large number of people gathered at the Ballinger Country Club late Tuesday afternoon for a fish fry. The finny monsters were caught by A. B. Stobang, R. E. George and R. R. Williams at the mouth of the Pecos River, where that stream empties into the Rio Grande. The fish, which were snared last week had since been on cold storage here.

The three men invited a large group of friends and at 7 o'clock served a menu of fried fish. The largest of this catch was over 50 pounds, but only the smaller ones down to 16 pounds were eaten.

MANY STATES PLAN TESTS OF NEW POTATO VARIETY

RHINELANDER, Wis., May 2.—A new potato, produced by Sidney Schmidt, Oneida county farmer, after 10 years' experimentation, because of its heavy yielding qualities has attracted national attention.

He called it the "Longhope," and last year on his farm produced 600 bushels on two and one-half acres. This year he will plant 15 acres.

The United States department of agriculture will test the "Longhope" seed at the federal experimental station in Aristook county, Maine. Farm departments of several states also will test the seed.

CARROT PLANT TO BE BUILT IN VALLEY

BROWNSVILLE, May 2.—Plans for the construction of a \$100,000 carrot plant, the first of its kind in Texas, in Brownsville to make carrot syrup, and to put up carrots in other forms, were announced here by representatives of a large northern concern.

The name of the company has not been made known, but the representatives visited the carrot fields of the Valley, and looked over sites here, according to G. C. Richardson, secretary of the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce.

They said they would make a report to headquarters, and would know the results in two or three weeks.

BEARDED BASEBALL TEAM PASSES THRU BALLINGER

The House of David baseball team, touring this section of the state and playing night games, passed through Ballinger early Tuesday morning from San Angelo. The team traveled in a large bus and carried seven big trucks filled with lighting equipment. Ballinger not being represented by a team of any kind this year no game could be arranged here.

Earlier planting of rice fields has been found possible by the use of airplanes in California while the soil is still to wet for ground machinery.

Dr. S. B. Raby is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Laurent Webb, of Brownsville. He left here Sunday morning.

Ballinger to Have "My Home Town" Orator at Lubbock

The Ballinger high school will send a speaker to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention at Lubbock in May to participate in the "My Home Town" contest. This is a feature of the annual convention, and this year will be the first time this city has been represented with a speaker.

Two young women of this city have entered the contest, Misses Kathryn Wooten and Helen Compton, and Monday afternoon at 4:15 they will try out here before local judges to decide who will be sent to Lubbock. Anyone interested is invited to the school auditorium Monday afternoon.

Both young ladies are members of the senior class this year and are leaders in general scholarship and in the public speaking class. They have studied public speaking the entire year and have had special coaching in this subject.

The theme, "My Home Town," embraces attractiveness, beauty and desirable living conditions. Misses Wooten and Compton have prepared their themes and will set out many points about Ballinger that few, perhaps, have thought of. Their speeches will be well worth hearing and as a result of the entry in the contest many thousands will hear of the advantages of Ballinger.

Many West Texas cities will be represented in this contest which will require more than one day to complete.

DR. BLASDELL UNDERGOES EMERGENCY OPERATION

Dr. J. W. Blasdell was operated upon Saturday morning at the Halley & Love Sanitarium and was resting well Saturday afternoon. Dr. and Mrs. Blasdell returned home from Colorado, Texas a few days ago after starting to the Carlsbad Caverns, the return here being made on account of a sudden attack suffered by Dr. Blasdell. He remained at his home several days until it was decided the operation was necessary.

KATHERINE WOOTEN IS SPEAKER DURING CHAPEL

In place of devotional exercises Tuesday morning, Miss Katherine Wooten delivered the speech on "My Home Town" that she is to give at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention at Lubbock, May 14, 15 and 16.

Miss Wooten was selected by an elimination contest Monday afternoon. Her speech is skillfully composed, well planned and is delivered with exceptional force and feeling. School authorities declare her record in every way to be excellent. She is a senior, won first in the county and district essay contests, and has made excellent grades in all subjects and particularly in public speaking. They expect her to give a good race for first place at Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Felton Wright and children, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Cheatham and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Denny returned Sunday from a visit to friends at Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gardner of Newcastle are here visiting with relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. W. E. Meaders returned Friday from Ladonia, having been called there several weeks ago on account of the illness of her sister. Her sister died soon after she arrived there.

Mrs. C. C. Gannaway has returned from a visit to Newcastle and will be at home here.

Mexico Raises Big Wheat Crop

LAREDO, Tex., May 4.—A wheat crop valued at about \$12,500,000 and the heaviest yield in over eight years past, is reported in the state of Coahuila, Mexico, this year. The harvesting of the bumper crop is to begin about May 15. The wheat fields of Coahuila are principally southeast of Saltillo.

During the early part of the present year several hundred carloads of American grown grain were imported by Mexico millers from North Texas, Kansas and other parts of the country, but the crop now almost ready for harvest will meet all the demands of Mexican millers. Good wheat crops are also reported in other sections of Mexico this year.

Corn raised in the state of Tamaulipas, Mexico, border state, is not being shipped out of that state to other states of Mexico to meet the demands being made on the crop. All corn grown in Tamaulipas is being kept within that state.

This action caused an investigation by the authorities of the adjoining state of Nuevo Leon, as the action of the state of Tamaulipas was contrary to the constitution of Mexico. The satisfactory reply that was given the protest was that the corn supply of the border state was insufficient to meet the demands upon this popular food supply of the poor people of the state, and consequently none was being sent to other states.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Moody left Saturday for Ozona in response to a message telling of the death of Mrs. Moody's brother, W. B. Walters, of that place. They remained there for the funeral which was held Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Helm visited relatives in Baird Sunday.

PALACE

Friday - Saturday



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PALACE

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