

# BALLINGER DAILY LEDGER

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## "OLD DAD"

has been a mighty good old scout all these years.

Why not see him a box of cigars this Christmas.

## Weeks

Best equipped cigar case in the West

### Eighth Street Presbyterian

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., at this hour the Sunday school will render its Christmas program. Every member of the Sunday school and church is invited to come and bring something for distribution to those in need. Groceries and clothing.

Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.

Morning subject: "The Effects of Christ's Coming in the Light of Recent World Events"

Evening subject: "Still There is Room"

Come and help us make it a good day.

J. H. King, Minister.

### The Ballinger Baptist Church

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at the usual hour morning and evening, by Rev. E. S. Cornelius.

## PERMANENT U. S. ARMY PLANS READY

Washington, Dec. 21.—A reorganization of the United States army on permanent lines has been started. Major General Charles T. Monohr, former commander of the Rainbow division, has been named by General March as director of the air service.

### First Presbyterian Church

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching service 11:00 a. m. Special Music "Star of Bethlehem" by Miss Anna Jean Sharp. Christmas sermon by the pastor. Evening service 7:00 p. m. You are cordially invited to worship with us.

H. P. Bates, Pastor

## SWEDISH FLEET WATCHING ENEMY

Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—The Swedish fleet has appeared off the Estonian coast, according to dispatches received here from Kenigsberg today. The bolsheviki forces are reported to be returning from the Wesenberg front.

## "MOTHER"

Ain't that some word? Has she a good comb and brush? Give her something she can use every day.

## WEEKS

Remember Her First

Times. In it the president is reported to have stated his views on the discussion of the freedom of the seas and to have contrasted the evils of the Vienna congress with hopeful outlook for the Versailles congress.

Lord Noreliffe, editor of the London Times has given the Associated Press a copy of the interview from which the following extracts have been made.

"The congress of Vienna the correspondent says President Wilson, told him, was a congress of 'bosses'. The delegates were concerned more with their own interests and the classes they represented than the wishes of their peoples."

"Versailles as president said," the interviewer continues, "must be a meeting place of the servants of the peoples represented by delegates, and he added, 'there is no master mind who can settle the problems of today. If there is any body who thinks he knows what is in the mind of all peoples, that man is a fool. We have all got to put our heads together and pool everything we have got for the benefit of the ideals which are common to all.'"

The correspondent then adds: "President Wilson, in discussing the role of the British fleet in the maintenance of what, at any rate during the war had the freedom of the seas for the free people of the world, spoke with a sincerity which no amount of writing can convey. His accents convinced me that he is a believer in the decency and honesty of the Anglo-Saxon race. He said:

"It is essential for the future peace of the world that there should be the frankest co-operation and most generous understanding between the two English speaking democracies. We comprehend and appreciate, I believe, the grave problems which the war has brought to the British people and fully understand the special international questions which arise from the fact of your peculiar position as an island empire."

The correspondent declared that he left the president "with the assurance ringing in my ears that he desired to co-operate with the British and with all the allies in securing, with their councils a new state of affairs throughout the world."

## Hand Painted

plates and a few other things we don't know the name of, at half the present wholesale cost.

## WEEKS

We are going to sell it.

## BUILDING GOVERNMENT IN GERMANY

Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—Count Brochdorff, of Rantzau, minister to Denmark from Germany, has been appointed German foreign minister of the new government, according to Berlin dispatches received here today.



## WOOD WRITES FROM BUSTED GERMAN LINE

On the Busted German Line Nov. 19, 1918. Mr. G. W. Dunlap, Ballinger, Texas.

My Dear Friend:— You may think that during the busy days on the battle line I have forgotten you. But that is not the case for I very often think of you and wonder how you are getting along. I have heard that Ballinger and Rannels county have hit it pretty hard this year, but I have not lost confidence in the old burg. Some day she will come up again and will rise higher than ever before. I can think of no other place on earth I had rather be than there and when I don civilian togs again, Ballinger, Texas, will be my address.

The combat troops of the A. E. F. are now facing their most trying times and I am already so impatient that I can hardly wait for the time to come when I can put my hobnails on the gang plank. Paris papers carried reports a few days ago past that my division with nine others would compose the troops of occupation. This will probably keep us over here longer but we will get to see more of Europe. Then the distinction of being in one of the best divisions is something to be proud of. My division has been thru some of the fiercest fighting of the war and has gotten special recognition from headquarters. Each one of us now wear a red diamond on our left shoulder to show that we are members of the Diamond Division. We came on the front to join one division the last of July and with the exception of ten days have been here since. This ten days was spent in the different tasks of forced marches from one front to another. We arrived on the next sector just in time to take part in wiping out a salient that has existed since 1914.

Simpson and I still hold the rank of musician, but haven't played a note since August. Soon after landing in France we were sent to an artillery information service school, and later to a Linson school. We have since been on these two duties. These duties were very interesting and afforded us the opportunity of witnesses and taking part in many exciting events. Now since the war is won we will return to musical duty, and try to break the monotony for the fellows.

We were recently in a famous

## SISTERLY GIRLS

Know that you can't buy them any thing more expensive than a box of J. Instons Cigarettes—but they expect that you E.

## Weeks

We are saving a box for you

## ANSWERS R. C. ROLL CALL FOR TWENTY FIVE

Mrs. C. S. Herring sent in a check for \$25 to pay the dues for twenty-five members of the Red Cross. Her name was entered on the roll as one member and the names of twenty-four boys now in military service were enlisted as members. Most of those who become members by the payment of twenty-five dollars by Mrs. Herring, are now in France.

## RED CROSS CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT TUES.

At the home of Mrs. Sargent, 403 Strong Ave., on Tuesday evening will be given a Christmas entertainment for the children and any offerings brought will be turned over to Red Cross. Cake and cream will be served at a moderate charge and all the proceeds turned over to the Red Cross.

## MRS. DOSS UNDERGOES MINOR OPERATION

The physicians inserted a tube in Mrs. Doss's side Saturday morning, and drew off considerable fluid which had accumulated around the lung as a result of pneumonia. Mrs. Doss has been clear of fever for several days, but the inflammation developing threaten to make her condition very serious again. She is getting along today as well as could be expected.

## Can You

think of anything more appropriate, than a nice box of stationery for her.

## WEEKS

Buy Now

French forest, and it seemed to me that there ought to have been all sorts of game in it. Every night we could hear the most curious noises I have ever heard. It sounded just like a woman screaming. Several of the fellows saw deer, but none of them were killed. I was sure anxious to run across one, for my 45 D. A. was always ready for action. If my memory serves me right this is the season for such game in Texas. Sure would like to be with you for this year's hunt.

By the time this letter reaches you I will be gone from this place and I imagine I will be somewhere in Germany. I hope so anyway, as I want to see that country. The front is certainly a lonesome place since the end came, and we are anxious to move. Give my best to Mrs. Dunlap and the kiddies and don't kill all the game.

Your friend, Diaz B. Wood.

## Mary Garden

Djar Kiss, and a few other fine toilet waters and perfumes are to be sold the next few days at

## WEEKS

Ask for a Smell

## England And U. S. Clearly Agreed on Peace Plans

London, Dec. 21.—The British newspapers regard President Wilson's interview with the London Times correspondent as unusually clear statement of the allied aims in peace terms.

The British newspaper refers to the interview as effectively disposing of any and all misunderstanding that may have existed between England and the United States.

Paris, Dec. 20.—"I am confident that the big council of statesmen of the world will be able to reach a just and reasonable solution of the problems that will be presented to them, and thus earn the gratitude of the world for the most critical and necessary service which has ever been rendered it," said President Wilson today in an interview referring to the approaching peace conference.

The interview was given to the correspondent of the London

## The Young Man

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## WEEKS

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## REMINISCENCE TOLD WITH HOME PLAY

A novel number was added to the program at the Queen Theatre Friday night, when the manager dug up an old film made with home talent three or four years ago and reproduced it.

The home talent was staged here by a number of young men and young ladies, in which Roy Sharp and Miss Nell Kipp played the leading part.

Friday night Lieut. Sharp was on the program for talk. This prompted the showing of the old picture, in which Lieut. Sharp appeared in his civilian clothes, while on this occasion nearly four years later, he appeared in his war togs and on crutches.

Three other Ballinger Boys, Will Gross, Gene Kipp and Frank Pearce, also took part in the home talent movie, and it is rather a remarkable happening as all these boys are now lieutenants in the army. The picture Friday night showed the boys in their civilian clothes, life like and in life movement, and the large crowd present at the picture show really enjoyed the picture more than they did the first time it was reeled off four years ago.

Lieut. Sharp spoke in the interest of the Red Cross, Friday night and while all that is needed to answer the Christmas Roll call is a heart and a dollar, those who heard him were given a heart, and all they need now to become members of the Red Cross is the dollar.

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## CONSTIPATION

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Meadersville, Ky.—Mrs. Pearl Patrick, of this place, writes: "I was very constipated. I had sour stomach and was so uncomfortable. I went to the doctor. He gave me some pills. They weakened me and seemed to tear up my digestion. They would gripe me and afterwards it seemed I was more constipated than before."

I heard of Black-Draught and decided to try it. I found it just what I needed. It was an easy laxative, and not bad to swallow. My digestion soon improved. I got well of the sour stomach, my bowels soon seemed normal, no more griping, and I would take a dose now and then, and was in good shape.

I cannot say too much for Black-Draught for it is the finest laxative one can use."

Theford's Black-Draught has for many years been found of great value in the treatment of stomach, liver and bowel troubles. Easy to take, gentle and reliable in its action, leaving no bad after-effects. It has won the praise of thousands of people who have used it.

## CALIFORNIA FLYERS MAKE BEST RECORD

Riverside, Cal. Dec. 21.—March aviation field near here, has laid claim to the best record as to freedom from accidents of any of the army aviation fields.

Maj. Chas. G. Eicher, medical officer at March field, has announced that student aviators there have piled up a record of 31,800 hours total flying without a fatality.

## Mrs. Isley's Letter

In a recent letter Mrs. D. W. Isley of Litchfield, Ill., says "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for disorders of the stomach and as a laxative and have found them a quick and sure relief." If you are troubled with indigestion or constipation these tablets will do you good.

Miss Zula McKay is here from Paris, to spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

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Make your selections now, we deliver whenever you get ready. See our gift suggestions.—Lankford.

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Nunnally's Candies are the leading candies in the South—Any girl will love the man who presents her with a box of candy.

J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 20 4d

Miss Mildred Herring returned home Friday at noon, from Waco where she has been attending college.

The finest line of Pickard China we have ever had—Ever piece is finished by an artist of reputation and his name appears on all his work. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 20 4d

Robert McDowell, of Brownwood, is visiting James King.

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Massey, went to Galveston, Thursday afternoon, where they will spend the holidays.

## CASTORIA

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## RANCHER LOST ON HIS OWN RANCH IN COUNTY ADJOINING TOM GREEN

Joe Arledge owner of the Rudd ranch above Robert Lee was lost Wednesday afternoon on the ranch and stayed out all night, returning home Tuesday morning none the worse from his wanderings, according to the Robert Lee Observer. He went out late Wednesday afternoon in search of a bunch of goats that were lost and became lost himself, it being cloudy and no stars in sight. He came in Thursday morning when it became light enough to travel. Several went out from Robert Lee early Thursday morning to assist in the search for him but he had arrived home when the searchers got to the ranch.

Your kitchen is not complete without a Hoosier Kitchen cabinet, see Lankford.

Mrs. Roy Griffin came in from Coleman, Saturday at noon, and is the guest of her mother, Mrs. P. E. Truly.

## BILLY SUNDAY

is engaged in work of saving your "SOULS", and we are here to protect your health by mending your "SOLES" that is the soles of your shoes. Bring in those old shoes and let us put a new sole on them. We make auto tops, mend old ones and do a general repair work.

EBB CATHEY d&wtf

Misses Beatrix, Norma and Margie Kipp came in from Fort Worth Saturday at noon, and will be the guests of their aunts, Mrs. Asa Cordill and Mrs. Jas. E. Brewer and friends, during the holidays.

Calvin Kirk and Duncan Hensley came in Saturday at noon, from Galveston, where they are attending the State Medical school and were doing training in the S. A. T. C.

**That W.S.S. Pledge  
Must Be Met Before  
DECEMBER 31st**

**W.S.S.  
Pay Your Pledge**

## Few Escape

There are few indeed who escape having at least one cold during the winter months, and they are fortunate who have but one and get through with it quickly and without any serious consequences. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and observe the directions with each bottle, and you are likely to be one of the fortunate ones. The worth and merit of this remedy has been fully proven. There are many families who have always used it for years when troubled with a cough or cold, and with the very best results.

Why not buy a Victrola for Christmas? They bring joy to children to know and appreciate good music.

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## Daily Ledger

Want Ads

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## GOVERNMENT ASKS ALL TO GIVE W.S.S. FOR XMAS PRESENTS

The Government is asking every one to give War Savings Stamps for Christmas gifts this year instead of the kind of presents usually given. "The Government's requirements," declares Secretary William C. M. Adoo, "were never greater nor more pressing than they are today." In his report to Congress several days ago, dealing with the need the Government has for money to pay for labor and materials already used, the Secretary pointed out that the expenditures necessary for the month of November were greater than in any similar period in the history of the United States.

When presents other than Government securities are given labor and materials needed by the Government for reconstruction purposes are used up and diverted from the Government's use. When money is spent for Christmas presents other than War Savings Stamps, money that the Government needs is withheld from the Government.

War Savings Stamps make ideal Christmas gifts because their increase in value constantly, are always cashable for more than was paid for them and the spirit of an American Christmas is better shown in the giving of them than of any other present.

Make it a point to give your Christmas presents in War Savings Stamps, the Government asks. Every War Savings Stamp pays four per cent interest, compounded quarterly.

## MUST DISCHARGE W. S. S. PLEDGES BEFORE DEC. 31

All pledges to the United States Treasury Department to invest in War Savings Stamps automatically become due for payment this month and the official proclamation issued by the Government calls for their prompt payment before December 31.

The Secretary of the Treasury Department has issued instructions calling for the fulfillment of every pledge, and all officers of the War Savings Section have been instructed to take all necessary steps to see that W. S. S. pledges are liquidated. Every pledger is made responsible for the discharge of his pledge. War Savings Stamps may be obtained from postoffices, banks and most commercial establishments.

Great care is being taken by the Government that the widest possible publicity be given to the fact that the official proclamation has been issued. To this end the newspapers are cooperating, notices have been posted by the Government in all public places and to each pledger will be sent a personal notification to make arrangements to meet his pledge promptly. The failure of a pledger to receive a notification card will not relieve him of responsibility in the Government's eyes.

Every person is responsible for the prompt liquidation of his War Savings Stamp Pledge, the Government says. Get ready to meet yours and pay it before Christmas if you can.

This is December and your W. S. S. pledge is due. Pay up! Settle up! The boys have kept their pledge. Get your W. S. S. pledge paid by Christmas.



Let us order your Rubber Stamps. The Ballinger Printing

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## PERSONS NOTIFIED BY PROCLAMATION TO PAY W. S. S.

Notifying all persons pledged to purchase War Savings Stamps that their pledges mature this month, the Government has issued an official proclamation calling for the prompt settlement of these obligations between December 23 and December 31. The last day for the liquidation of pledges, the proclamation sets forth, is December 31.

That there may be no misunderstanding incident to this final call for settlement, the Government is now having notification penalty cards sent to all pledgers and instructions have been given that notices of the call be displayed in all public places. The non-receipt of a notification card does not relieve a pledger from the obligation he is under to complete his pledge by December 31, the last day of grace, it is pointed out.

Relative to the purchase of War Savings Stamps, attention is called by the Government to the fact that they may be obtained through any agent although that agent may not hold the pledger's commitment. They may be purchased at banks, postoffices and numerous commercial establishments.

Possession of the stamps will be accepted as prima facie evidence that a pledger has paid his War Savings pledge.

## CABINET MEMBER TELLS WHY W.S.S. MUST BE BOUGHT

Declaring that the reputation and patriotism of Texas are at stake and stressing the Government's need of money to complete its necessary war program and bring the soldiers and sailors back home, A. S. Burleson, Postmaster General of the United States, former Congressman from Texas, and member of President Wilson's cabinet, has addressed an appeal to every Texan urging that he liquidate his War Savings Stamp pledge at once and continue to purchase these Government securities.

"I wish I could say personally to every Texan that the expense of the war is not ended and will not be for some time to come; therefore, the necessity continues for every person to deny himself and save in every possible way in order to lend his savings to the Government by investing in War Savings Stamps," Postmaster General Burleson says to the people of his home State of Texas. "In doing this he not only renders a patriotic service, but at the same time he acquires habits of thrift and economy which will rebound to his lasting benefit, and puts his money in what is undoubtedly the best paying Government security which has been offered during this war."

"I am sure that our State will take her proper place in War Savings Stamp sales for 1918, and while I realize fully the terrific drouth conditions from which over forty per cent of Texas has suffered have materially affected the investment in Government securities, I believe that her quota of \$91,000,000.00 will be readily absorbed if every one of our citizens realizes that the reputation and patriotism of Texas are at stake and every individual must do his part."

"It gives me satisfaction to know that in the sale of War Savings Stamps you are having the loyal cooperation and support of the Postal employees of Texas, and I am sure that you can rely upon their continued and effective activity."

All pledges for investment in War Savings Stamps have automatically come due this month and the official call for their immediate payment has been made by the Government. War Savings Stamp pledges must be met before December 31.



## WEST TEXAS MEETS TO BOOST HER CAUSE

A meeting of representatives from the towns in Central West Texas is being held at Fort Worth today, for the purpose of putting in motion development work for this section of the state.

Primarily the convention of business men from the various towns is to boost the oil "game" and other natural resources of this country, which has been forced to lag behind on account of the war and drouth.

A telegram was received here a few days ago asking Ballinger to send a delegate to such a meeting, and C. A. Doose left Friday afternoon to be present and represent Ballinger.

Wichita Falls, Ranger, Brownwood and other towns in the oil fields of this part of the state, assisted by Fort Worth, planned the meeting and issued the call.

Plans for developing the country and advertising the natural resources will be worked out in detail. The drouth has served to only temporarily slacken the progress of this country, and with the return of good seasons, and the best crop prospects ever known here, and with the oil development being underway, despite the handicap under which the country has been laboring, an unprecedented era of prosperity is promised. Ballinger must be up and doing, if we get our share of the good things coming this way within the next few months. The old town is what it is through its natural resources, and the exploiting of those natural resources will help to bring on a steady growth that will make this place the center of attraction for many new lines of industry.

### For Croup

"Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is splendid for croup," writes Mrs. Edward Hassett, Frankfort, N. Y. "My children have been quickly relieved of attacks of this dreadful complaint by its use." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult.

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### FATHER RECEIVES CHRISTMAS LETTER

Le Blanc Fontaine, France,  
24th, November '18.  
Mr. E. A. Jeanes,  
Ballinger, Texas.

My dear father:  
Complying with request of the "Stars and Stripes" in issues of the 15th and 22nd of November of which I have mailed you a copy, I am writing you a Christmas letter with the above heading, "Dads Christmas Letter." All soldiers are requested to write their father a letter.

Now do not get this down that I am just writing you this letter just because the "Stars and Stripes" requested that I do this. I was intending to write anyway, so in doing so I am complying with their request and also fulfilling my own intentions.

First I want to say that as this letter will just about reach you on Christmas that I hope this will be a very happy Christmas for you, mother and also for my brothers and sisters, that you will all see many things for which you can really say you are very very thankful for, and that you will receive many little gifts that will make the time one that will always linger in your minds. I would like very much to send you some nice little gifts, but as it is utterly impossible each of you will have to be content with just a letter from this boy over seas, who loves each of you so dearly, and who remembers each of you so many many times as the days roll on and on, and who is daily watch-

ing the mails as they arrive for your letters.

As above stated we are today located at Le Blanc Fontaine, about one mile from Stenay, and about two miles from Mouzay. This place where we are stationed is an old French Military post or training camp. Hundreds of stone buildings and all equipment which were built year ago for the purpose of training their armies. This is real nice for us, it is very near in first class condition as we had the boche on the go so fast when they were driven from here that they did not have time to do much damage. Some of the buildings have been blown almost to pieces by the bombs from the air machines, etc., but to take tall things into consideration the camp is in very good condition and we are so glad to have such a fine place to pass a few days, tho it will not last long here as I now hear reports in the air that we are to be moving on and on shortly, but believe me, I am going to enjoy as much as is possible the nice accommodations we find here.

This present location is about twenty five miles from Sedan and ten miles from Montmidy, it is all a pretty country, it is a very little bit torn up. This is where we were driving the "square heads" so fast that they couldn't do so much damage, and we are all very appreciative of the fact as we are finding some very nice places to be protected from the weather that is now on us. I have my office in a fine building, the room is about twenty by twenty, thick stone walls and all fixed real nicely. I also have my bed in the same room, a good stove with a fine supply of wood and coal and I am making some great use of it all I can tell you. We can really

appreciate such things now.

This is Sunday, our weather is real cool, but the rain is no longer falling. We have had no rain since the rumble of the big guns ceased. I do not know whether this had anything to do with it or not, but at the same time we have had no rain. This we are certainly thankful for. The cold weather isn't so bad when the rain isn't falling. We will likely have some more falling weather but it will likely come in the form of the fleecy white, or snow in other words, but if they can show me more snow here this one winter than I saw in Wyoming and Montana in one winter they will have to go some, still I do not care to have to experience it again.

Our first active service was on the Metz front. There we did some great work, our big drive there began in the night of 11 and 12 of Sept. It began in the night about 11 o'clock and this I can never forget. We knew much service there. From there we came to the Verdun front. We were stationed near Verdun for the first few days we did not stay there very long as we soon had the boche on the go and we of course had to follow. This country near Verdun is the most horrible sight that a person ever witnessed. From Verdun on this way for miles and miles this country is the most horrible sight a person ever witnessed. The miles and miles of territory have been turned over and over from the great shells and is one great mass of shell holes. A person can't possibly explain to you the actual condition of this country. There is one section on this front where they say ten men have fallen to every square foot and that enough steel has fallen on this certain scope of country to cover it three feet deep in solid steel. I can't see how such country will ever be put in shape to be of an value again, tho I suppose with much labor it will be put in good condition again and will be farmed with in a few years. In this same section there once stood many beautiful little towns, some of them of nice size, today there isn't a single wall standing, in them, they are leveled to the ground. You can pass through this section without even seeing these places unless you pay close attention: It is all horrible to look over, just the territory alone to say nothing of the horrors these brave men met in such territory. This I will not try to tell you any thing about, I only wish I could brush such things from my memory.

Well we are located in this place for the present as above stated, but we are soon to depart. I suppose you have noticed from your papers that there are a number of divisions who are designated as occupation troops and are to follow the boche on and on to see that all terms are carried out as per their agreement. These divisions are as you have noticed from the papers as follows: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 26th, 32nd, 89th and 90th divisions. The last named being the division I am with you will remember, so I suppose on and on we will go. We will perhaps be in Germany before many days. I do not know what this will do for us, whether it will hold us longer in this country or not. I am in hopes we will be allowed to return to U. S. A. before many months roll by but at any rate we are continuing to follow the long, long winding trail we entered the 7th day of this past October one year ago. It is a long one and we have covered thousands and thousands of miles and have endured much severe experiences, etc. and still we follow

the long, long winding trail with miles and miles of travel before us and perhaps many many different kinds of experiences, tho I suppose if we continue to follow it and if all continues to work nicely it will finally lead us in the great U. S. A. with all loved ones again.

Your son,  
Carl R. Jeanes.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than in all other diseases put together and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine manufactured by J. F. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the system. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circular and testimonials.

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Miss Hattie Ruth Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Price, returned home Thursday from Waco where she has been attending college and will spend the holidays with home folks and friends.

#### Stomach Trouble

"Before I used Chamberlain's Tablets I doctored a great deal for stomach trouble and felt nervous and tired all the time. These tablets helped me from the first, and inside of a week's time I had improved in every way," writes Mrs. L. A. Drinkard, Jefferson City, Mo.

#### Church of Christ

Regular class work at 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. by brother Rambo, of the Abilene Christian College. Every one invited to the Eighth Street tabernacle.

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Mrs. C. C. Britton and son went to Brownwood, Friday afternoon, to spend the holidays with relatives.

Christmas novelties arriving daily at Lankford's.

L. M. Bales left Friday afternoon for Tennessee, where he goes to visit his father, who is growing very old. Mr. Bales did not intend to visit him this Christmas but received a letter stating that if he wished to see him again, he had better come.

They have more Hoosiers, at Lankford's.

**A BALLINGER BOY HUNG**  
Around his father's neck and begged him to have Moody save his "soles" that is the soles of his shoes. Moody can do the work and give satisfaction at the right price. He does general repair work and handles second hand goods, when in need of anything in his line call and see him; dwtf.

### CHRISTMAS WITH THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Influenza, aided by German Kultur and empty pocket books, will be responsible for the failure of Santa Claus to visit the local Sunday schools this year.

While it seems that of all Christmas times, the Christmas which is near at hand should be the merriest of all. For ages past it has been the custom of Sunday schools to give entertainments, give gifts to the children and celebrate the occasion in merry making.

The people have appropriated their last dollar, in many instances, this year for the things more necessary for the sustenance of life and given liberally for the comforts of those who have gone to the front to perpetuate that freedom which makes it possible for us to celebrate the Yule tide in our own way.

At this particular time sickness rules in many homes in Ballinger, and the teachings of He whose birthday we celebrate, is being carried out in nursing the sick.

For the first time, perhaps, in the history of the city, there will not a Sunday school Christmas tree for the little folks, and only one or two of the Sunday schools will make any effort towards observing the occasion.

Sunday morning the Eighth Street Presbyterian Sunday school will render a short program, each class in the school contributing a number to the program. On this occasion or on Christmas eve, each member of the Sunday school and all those who will help in playing Santa Claus for the needy, will bring some article of food to the church, and a committee will distribute it to families of the city who are in need.

On Christmas eve the First Presbyterian Sunday school will give a little entertainment at the church. A program will be rendered including a little play in which a fire place will be arranged and stockings provided for Santa to make his visit to the little pupils of this Sunday school.

The primary department of the Baptist church will probably make glad the hearts of the little folks of that Sunday school, but no program has been announced.

So far as The Ledger has been able to learn, no other Sunday school of the city will arrange any program for the Christmas occasion, but will make special efforts to bring out a large attendance at the regular services tomorrow.

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