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COTTON CROP ESTIMATED 14,243,000 BALES

Runnels Women Win In National Contest

Two Runnels county club members are listed among the winners in the National Canning Contest and as a result Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, home demonstration agent, has received a steam pressure cooker as one of the awards.

Mrs. T. J. McCaughan, of Norton, won fifth place in canned meats with a dove canned in a quart measure. Miss Myrtle Crockett, of Bethel, was awarded sixth place in canned vegetables, her entry being canned tomatoes.

Mrs. Hollingsworth received the pressure cooker some time ago but was not sure how the award was to be placed until the list of winners was announced. There were a number of entries from this county in the campaign and others perhaps have been awarded smaller pieces or honorable mention who have not received their prizes yet.

Mrs. Hollingsworth is very proud of the cooker because it was won through the efforts of her club women. The award reflects something of her great work with the women and girls of the rural districts of this county.

For the past six weeks Mrs. Hollingsworth has been making daily trips to help in canning demonstrations in various communities. There has been more of this kind of work done this fall than ever before and much food is being preserved. A number of club women recently have canned whole beeves besides other kinds of meats, vegetables and fruits, to be used for family consumption during the winter.

This is but one of the many useful things taught through the Runnels county clubs, other activities including general house-keeping, sewing and refinished of suits, dresses, etc.

New Theatre Lost in Fire

PALESTINE, Tex., Dec. 8.—The New Texas Theatre, recently completed at a cost of approximately \$150,000, burned here today. The loss is estimated to be three-fourths of the cost of the building and equipment.

The fire was discovered under a stairway about 6 o'clock this morning. The blaze is believed to have originated in the heating plant.

Bengalis Slay Prison Inspector

CALCUTTA, India, Dec. 8.—Three armed Bengalis forced their way into his office and shot to death Lieutenant-Colonel N. S. Simpson, inspector general of the Bengal prisons, and seriously wounded J. W. Nelson, judicial secretary, who attempted to prevent the Bengalis from escaping. Two of the Bengalis then killed themselves and the third seriously shot himself upon finding their escape blocked by the police.

The wounded murderer was imprisoned.

Invade Macaroni Market ZURICH, Switzerland, Dec. 8.—Switzerland is looming up as a keen competitor for Italy in the macaroni industry. Some 65 factories employing 1,200 workers produced close to 500,000 tons this year, twice the 1925 output.

Pierre Lual Asked To Form Cabinet

PARIS, Dec. 8.—President Gaston Doumergue today asked Senator Pierre Lual to form a new cabinet following the failure of Premier Louis Barthou to meet.

Goodfellows Few; Fund Grows Slowly

There is something wrong with the Goodfellows of Ballinger. The amount contributed to date is very discouraging to those who expect to look after the work and practically all that has been given has come from those who are in the various committees in this organization and little outside help has been received.

Nearby towns are all doing excellent with the move. Sunday Abilene Goodfellows had already donated over \$300. Brownwood a similar amount, and even smaller towns had received all the money that would be needed for the work there but so far here a little over twenty dollars has been received and no clothing at all. If the work is looked after here this year something will have to be done at once so that the committees can do the work that accompanies the movement and canvass the town and make distributing arrangements. In case no interest is shown in caring for the worthy needy and little children here at Christmas the amount already received will be given to the charity board and the work turned over to it.

It will be a great task to look after the needs here with a small amount of money. The needs will be so great Christmas that it will require more than was received last year to look after it.

One member of the committee remarked Monday that pots would be placed on the streets to catch the small donations but that the bulk of the funds would have to come through the free will offerings made through the Goodfellow column in The Ledger. He also stated that no large gifts were expected but that if all the people who were able would give just a little that it would be sufficient to carry on the work in a fine way.

The fund is opened to the public, no one will be personally solicited for any amount but whatever is given must be donated and willingly. Most people who usually give are only neglecting it but their neglect is making the committee wait to start its work and guess at what the final outcome will be.

Previously reported — \$22.85
Cash 2.50
F. D. McCoy 1.00

Formosan Quake Kills Four Persons

TOKYO, Dec. 8.—Four persons were killed and 253 houses were destroyed by an earthquake in the southwestern portion of the island of Taiwan (Formosa) today.

20,000 Massacred By "Red" Troops

HANKOW, China, Dec. 8.—Communists massacred 20,000 provincial troops 100 miles from here, reports received here today said.

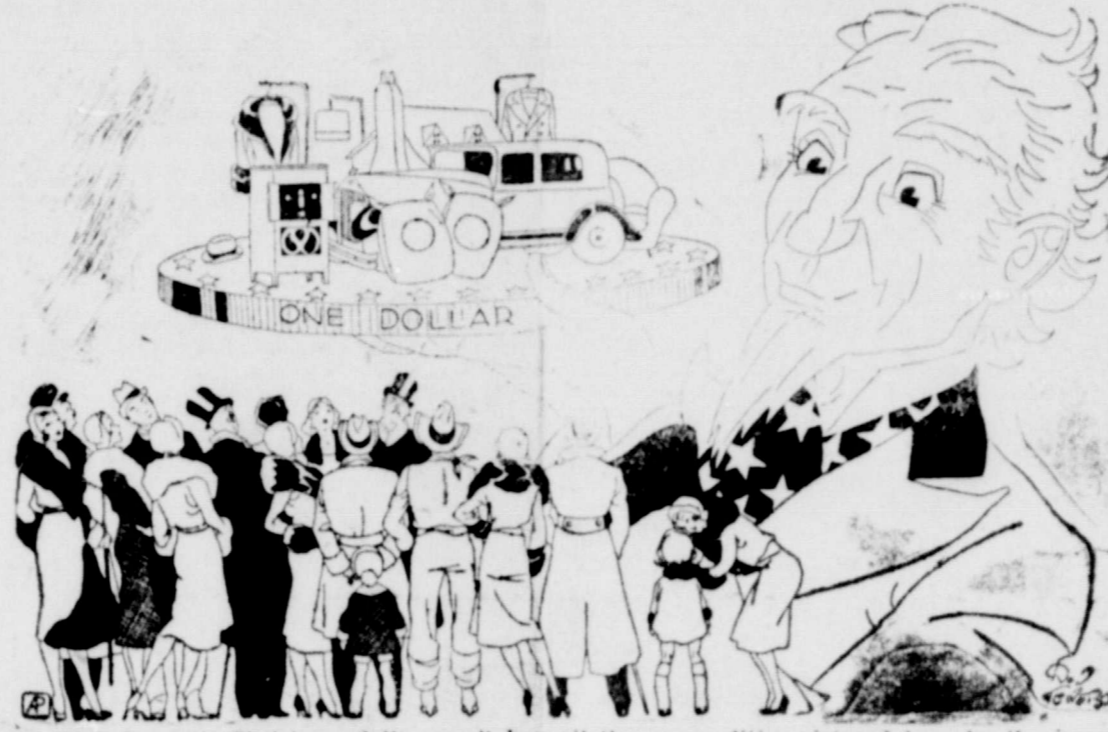
The loss was the heaviest blow received by the government since starting a campaign against banditry.

A Horton, Kansas, newspaper includes separate columns for Democratic and Republican news.

Much Wheat Fed To Livestock in '30

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The department of agriculture today estimated wheat fed to livestock this year totaled 236,000,000 bushels as compared with 90,000,000 bushels last year.

Christmas Dollar Goes Further this Year; Wholesale Prices Lowest Since Spring of '16



The shopper's Christmas dollar won't buy all the commodities pictured here by the imaginative artist, but government figures indicate that it will go farther than it has for 13 or 14 years.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The Christmas dollar promises to go further this season than it has for 13 or 14 years.

In most places dad's necktie, Johnny's shirts, Mary's hose and the family dinner will be cheaper. Government statistics indicate that the average wholesale price for all commodities is the lowest since the spring of 1916.

Six months ago the average retail price for these commodities was the lowest since December, 1917. Figures on retail prices will not be computed again until February, but statisticians of the labor department point out that

the trend has been downward since last summer.

Using 100 as the index number for prices prevailing in 1926, the wholesale price of all commodities dropped to 82.6 in October this year.

Figured another way, the 1926 dollar had a purchasing power of \$1.21 a few weeks ago. In October, 1929 the same dollar would buy only \$1.03 worth of goods.

Food, men and women's clothing, household furnishings, fuel and lighting cost less. Surveys made by business bureaus in some of the larger cities show a drop of as much as 20 per cent in retail prices since 1929.

The reduction in dresses is reported as ranging from 10 to 30 per cent, of fur coats from 50 to 40 per cent, of shoes from 8 to 23 per cent and of hosiery from 15 to 30 per cent.

Men's suits and overcoats were said to have dropped in price from 9 to 25 per cent.

Poultry, beef, pork, lamb, potatoes, fresh fruits, coffee, sugar, butter and eggs range from 3 to 33 per cent cheaper.

Government statisticians say that while retail prices of commodities cannot be forecast accurately, the prospect is that living costs will remain low throughout the winter.

Hundreds Visit New Lake Sunday; Work Nears Finish

Many Ballinger people visited the new water reservoir here Sunday to see it since the recent rains which filled it and started water over the spillway.

The contractors worked a large crew of men all day Sunday placing rip-rap on the new earthen fills and Sunday night only about one full day's work remained to be done. A cement contractor started Monday morning pouring concrete on the newly placed rip-rap and a crew of men to place rocks on two small places of the emergency spillway that is yet uncovered. Engineer Claude Livingston estimated that all the rip-rap would be completed by Monday afternoon and most of the grouted paving poured by night.

Mr. Livingston plans to move all machinery from the location Tuesday and Wednesday and clean up and be ready to move his force from here by Thursday. He will go to the Rio Grande valley for a short vacation before going to Mt. Pleasant where he will take charge of a paving contract there about the first of the year.

The large machinery was shipped to Houston last Saturday from the job here and only a small amount is left here which will be used Monday and then shipped to some other job.

Sunday the lake was standing full of water but not running over the spillway. The big exhaust pipe in the new dam was flowing through this outlet and the lake will be partially drained so that the crossing near the upper dam can be used until the new causeway is built to accommodate travellers on that road. With the lake full of water the crossing near the upper dam is too deep for a vehicle to cross and at an early date a causeway will be built there using part of the upper dam as the roadbed.

Superintendent W. O. Woolsey will join Engineer Livingston here Tuesday for final measurements of the dam and settlement with the city administration. City Engineer Roy Davis has been on the job all the way

through construction and at present is making final inspections for the city prior to the last settlement.

Construction of the dam took more time than was at first expected but a large part of this has been due to heavy rains which started early in October and continued through the fall months. Many days and even weeks have been lost by floods on Elm Creek which made laying stone in the spillway impossible.

At the city hall additional heating equipment has been purchased and installed in the building and correspondence has passed between the architect and contractor with reference to final settlement and small changes that are to be made.

The pumping plant this week finished the installation of hand switches to operate the new machinery at that place.

The city health department reported a visit to one place in the city limits to visit a patient convalescing from small pox. The case moved here from Oklahoma and no people have been exposed as far as a check shows.

The street department worked a little more than one day with tractors and graders on streets and were stopped by rains. All mud and dirt on the pavement has been raked into piles and hauled off during the week and caliche was hauled and placed in washes at pavement headers on Murrell and Eighth, Broadway and Bousal, and Ninth and Hutchings. Brown & Root worked on pavement on Eighth and Broadway patching all breaks and cracks.

The water department showed the following activity: Turn off 19, turn on 15, reread and checked meters 1, leaks repaired 6, cutoffs repaired 2, meters set 12, dead ends drained 2, vacant houses checked with water off 50, valves in pavement repaired and repacked 1, 650 feet of 2 inch pipe laid in place of 1 inch line on Strong Avenue to Routh line on Elm Creek.

Other departments of the city reported for the week with gen-

Small Italian Ship Sinks After Blast

LORIENT, France, Dec. 8.—The small Italian salvage ship Artiglio was blown up and fourteen of its crew perished yesterday, it was learned here today.

The disaster occurred while the crew of the Artiglio was blasting the munitions ship Florence, sunk during the World War off Houat Island. The Florence had been considered a menace to navigation.

Soviet Engineers' Sentences are Cut

MOSCOW, Dec. 8.—The Soviet central executive committee today commuted the death sentences of five engineers convicted of a plot to overthrow the communist regime, to ten years' imprisonment, and reduced the sentences of the other three accused men from ten to eight years.

Those getting 10-year sentences were: Leonid Ramzin, Victory Larichev, Nicolai Charnovshy, Ivan Kalinokov, and Alexander Fedotav. Those sentenced for eight years were: Vladimir Oehkin, Serge Kuprianov, and Xenophon Sitnin.

The trial had been dramatically broadcast by radio.

Judge Lindsey is Given Continuance

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—A continuance to December 12 today was granted Judge Ben B. Lindsey, of Denver, founder of America's juvenile court system, on appearance at a West Side court today on the charge of disorderly conduct.

Judge Lindsey was ejected from Bishop Manning's fashionable Cathedral of St. John the Divine yesterday when he attempted to answer the bishop's attack on Lindsey's companionate marriage theory.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. George returned Monday from Dallas where they have been for some time attending to business.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The department of agriculture today estimated this year's cotton crop as 14,243,000 bales, based on conditions as of December 1, compared to last month's estimate of 14,438,000 bales. Production last year was 14,828,000 running bales. The estimated yield per acre is 150.8 pounds or 4.2 pounds less than in 1929.

The Texas cotton crop is estimated at 4,100,000 bales.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The census bureau today announced this year's cotton crop gained prior to December 1 totaled 12,834,970 bales, compared with 12,853,166 last year.

Texas' ginnings on the above date were 3,695,288 bales.

Poison Snake in Soup Kills Forty

BOMBAY, India, Dec. 8.—The death of forty students at the London Mission School at Erode, Madras, today was attributed to snake poisoned soup. A cook is among the dead.

A reptile was found in the utensil in which the soup had been prepared.

East Texas Leader Dies Very Suddenly

DALLAS, Dec. 8.—Dr. Edward A. Blount, 56, brother of Guy Blount, of Nacogdoches, president of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce, died suddenly from acute indigestion at his home here yesterday.

FORMER MEXICAN OFFICIAL IS DEAD

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 8.—Jesus Flores Mazon, secretary of state under the murdered president, Francisco Madero, died here today.

WEATHER FORECAST

All Texas—Generally fair to night and Tuesday. Frost to where they have been for some time attending to business.

Christmas Trees

Those beautiful fir trees from the State of Washington. We have any size you want from table size to 12 feet high.

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The Christmas movement has been started here now and it is up to each individual merchant as to just how far this work will go. The sidewalks and streets will be glittering in the spirit of Christmas from now until after the holidays and the interior of stores and show windows is a matter that will help greatly but each merchant is responsible for the beauty of his store.

It is now time to start paying taxes on cars and securing the new 1931 number plates. A few have already attended to the matter but most people are waiting until the last minute and will join the long line of people at the tax collector's office and stand in line awaiting their turn. Number plates can be secured any time after the first day of December and from then until February 1 car drivers have to secure them. No plate is supposed to be placed on a car before January 1 or any old plate used after that date. Last year, however, all car owners were given thirty days in which to get their plates and place them on the cars.

It is a hard job to enforce compulsory attendance at school during the 100 days prescribed by law for all students within a certain age to attend. Patrons in Ballinger are requested to phone the local school and notify Supt. H. C. Lyon of any child they know of in the age who is not in school. In many instances children have moved here since the school census was taken and in that case it is impossible to check and ascertain from the census list if everyone is attending. By cooperating with the local school in this matter a close check can be made and any case reported will be kept confidential and someone will call at the home and investigate the case at once.

There is perhaps more being done for charity this year than ever before at a Christmas season in the United States. Practically every city, town and village is making some kind of plans to care for unfortunates this Christmas and many dollars are being raised for this purpose. The need is greater this year than ever before and many at this season are unemployed and cannot provide for their families. Workers will also have to be very careful as there are many people in the world wanting something for nothing and while the vast majority will appreciate everything done for them, some few may be encouraged to become professional beggars and continue to stay unemployed even with jobs plentiful.

Ballinger High School will graduate 66 seniors next May in case the students make their required grades and pass the final tests. These students at the beginning of the year, with the assistance of faculty members, selected courses. Some of these include the necessary work for college entrance and others do not. Of the 66 seniors, 37 are taking courses that

will give them college entrance, 15 will be awarded diplomas in business courses, and 14 in manual arts. The two latter courses will not be sufficient for college entrance and in case these students attend schools of higher learning next year they will have to take entrance examinations. The class here this year will be about as large as last year or any other year for the Ballinger school.

SUNDOWN STORIES



FIRST CHRISTMAS TREES

By Mary Graham Bonner

The Little Black Clock had decided to use his magic and take the children traveling around so they could see Christmas celebrations in other lands.

Then, too, he was going to turn the time back to show them how Santa Claus started some of his glorious customs.

He took them to Germany now and they saw everyone putting

fir trees in their houses and they saw Santa Claus trimming them with roses made of different, bright colored pieces of paper, and rosy apples were hung from branches.

Santa Claus put sugar candy toys on the trees too, and sugared cakes.

He put dolls and toys on the trees too, and now the Clock turned the time forward a few years, so again they saw Santa Claus trimming trees.

Now he had decided that bright candles would look very pretty on the trees, so he added candles to the decorations.

"They look like the stars," they heard Santa Claus say.

The Clock turned the time ahead a few more years and now they saw Santa Claus decorating the trees with golden and silver ornaments and tinsel and all kinds of glittering decorations, and bright lights.

He was putting the presents all around the trees.

Next the Little Black Clock led the children through some of the little villages. They looked like small forests—so filled with fir trees.

Old women, dressed in quaint, interesting clothes, were selling trees, and in every shop window were candles of all colors, and

ornaments of all kinds with which to decorate the trees.

They saw peasants coming into the towns, drawn by old oxen or horses, and they saw many brightly gilded fruits and nuts and gaily painted toys Santa was going to leave for the children.

The snow was falling now upon the trees in the village through which they were passing and Peggy took one of the Little Black Clock's dull hands and said:

"There is nothing like getting ready for Santa Claus, no matter in what part of the world!"

And the Little Black Clock thought so, too.

(Tomorrow—Christmas Traveling)

SIX SETS OF TWINS

AT UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

(By Associated Press)

AUSTIN, December 8.—Six sets of twins, who look alike, dress and act alike, are too many on one campus in the opinion of several students of the University of Texas. More than one sleepy-eyed student, wending his way to an early class, has doubted his eyesight and found himself seeing double, for there are six sets of twins enrolled at the state school this year.

Be wise and advertise.

HOW'S your HEALTH

Edited by DR. JACQ GALUSTON For the New York Academy of Medicine

HIGHWAYS OF THE BODY

In the biologic sense it would be correct for man to refer to himself as "We." By "We" he would mean the millions of cells which unite to form his physical being and through whose cooperation his highly complex functions are rendered possible.

The millions of cells which make up the human body are distinct individuals. Some cells, like those in the nervous system, live for a period beginning before the individual's birth up to practically the time of his death.

Other cells, like those of the skin, have a life cycle of much shorter duration. They may be born, live and die within a period of three months.

The cells of the body are specialized. Skin cells serve as cover; muscle cells for movement; bone cells to make up the framework of the body.

As in social life, specialization and division of labor imply perfection in some one function and loss of capacity in others. The mason builds an oven for the baker—the baker bakes bread for the mason.

When specialization and the

division of labor is carried out to a degree of refinement, there must be developed avenues and means for the distribution of the things essential to the survival of the entire group.

In social life we have such avenues and means of distribution in the form of railway lines, canals, depots, warehouses, stores and storekeepers. In the human body we have the blood and the lymph system.

Food, which is taken in and prepared for use by the cells in the mouth, stomach, and intestines, must be distributed to all the cells of the body. This distribution is accomplished by the

circulatory system and the lymph system. Oxygen, too, is distributed through the circulatory system. Wastes, in return, are collected and eliminated through the proper organs by the circulatory system and intestines, though the former is far more important than the latter.

(Tomorrow—Blood Pressure, I)

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Williams have taken charge of the Bair house, 205 Eighth Street, and have both furnished and unfurnished apartments. These good people are well and widely known here and they will treat you well. 8-3rd

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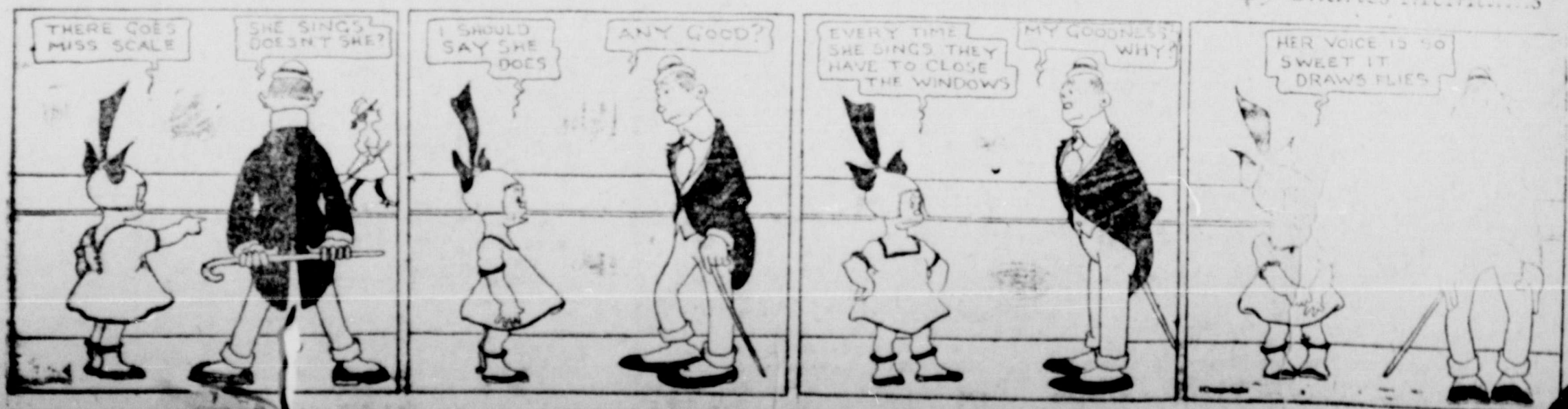
PUFFY



"Australia," Puffy says, "I believe is laughing at me up its sleeve because a Donkey from New York called me 'Perambulating Pork'."

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DOROTHY DARNIT



In New York Theaters

By Mark Barron
NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The beginning of "Mr. Samuel" on Broadway was an important premiere. It brought Edward Robinson back from gangster roles in talking pictures to the stage, where he should be.

Business Burdens
Yet on his shoulders he carries two brothers and a son, partners in business, but midgets in intellect. As he gambles with the fortunes of his business upon the whims of destiny, they, in their cowardice, prove his most injurious enemies.

Ennui Exposed
It is not so much a play as it is a character sketch. It must have been written as a monologue for a great star, a "to be or not to be" for some modern Hamlet, Edward Robinson did his share in providing the Hamlet, but M. Fleg, the author of the original, is no Shakespeare. Gladys Loyd is a lovely feminine lead.

M. Fleg seemed so wrapped in his central character that he snubbed the remainder of the play and its characters. Magnificent is the portrait that he has sketched in Mr. Samuel, but when Mr. Samuel walks into the wings there is an ennui that suddenly exposes fallacies of the play.

See the many beautiful and useful Christmas gifts at the Workers Class Christmas Bazaar Wednesday at the Moor Cafe building on Hutchings Ave. 2d

PARIS, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Desire Ferry, minister of public health, says that 1,371 Frenchmen out of every 10,000 pass 60 years of age whereas only 924 Germans, 941 Englishmen and 850 Swedes reach that age.

Calling Cards, printed on short notice. Phone 27, we do the rest.

Scanning NEW BOOKS

By Richard Massock
NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Ants, a strange race of creatures living in a fantastic world, are the characters of Maurice Maeterlinck's new book, "The Life of the Ant."

The Belgian author, most famed perhaps in America for "The Bluebird," is 68 years old, and his present volume follows "The Life of the Bee," which was published nearly 30 years ago, and "The Life of the White Ant."

Ant Lore
It is like the history of a pre-human race. In fact, he says, "we may very reasonably maintain that the ant is vastly older than the oldest geological specimens."

Ants are above all social insects. The mystery of their origin, of their republican government and their communication of ideas, the author believes, is comparable to the mystery of human life.

The rearing of tiny cattle (plant lice) is the culmination of their civilization. Each colony includes as many fruitful females as are judged to be necessary by a secret council. Guards are posted at the ant-hill door to see that these are kept in. Queens live as long as 12 years, workers three or four years; the hundreds of males disappear after five or six weeks.

The tragedy of reproduction, in which the queen ant eats one of her larvae to nourish two, thus producing eggs, until finally two or three little workers emerge to feed her; her mania for cleanliness; the desperate fights, particularly of the amazons; the agricultural and architectural feats are described with literary charm.

Whistler
James McNeill Whistler was an excellent subject for a biography and James Laver has made the most of the man in his "Whistler."

He has avoided the numerous and mostly hostile legends of the undisciplined artist, who as head of an esthetic cult wore his hair in flowing locks and dressed with eccentricity, but instead has fashioned a portrait of the painter, etcher and decorator who craved to be noticed and was.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale Under Order of Sale
THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels:

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, on a judgment foreclosing vendor's lien on the property hereinafter described rendered in said Court on the 23th day of October, A. D.

1930, in favor of Edward J. Glass and against C. A. Beach, No. 3699 in the said District Court of Runnels County, Texas, I did on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1930, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated in the said County of Runnels and State of Texas, as the property of C. A. Beach:

Being 110 acres out of the George E. Lochausen Survey No. 414, Abstract No. 356, being off of the West side of a 234 acre tract bought by Charles Beacy by Theodore Mattiesen, and described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of said 234 acre tract on the south bank of the Colorado River, a large rock set in the ground for corner; Thence south 30 west 2530 varas to a rock set in the north line of Mount Margaret road; Thence north 65 east 44 varas to an angle in the road; Thence north 87 east 302 varas with the north line of said road to a rock set for corner; Thence north 30 east 2440 varas to a rock set on the south bank of the Colorado River for corner; Thence up said river with its meanders to the place of beginning, and being the same land conveyed to Mrs. Mary Lucy Glass, by C. A. Beach and wife, by deed dated March 19, 1918, recorded in Volume 91, at page 523, of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas.

And, on the 6th day of January, A. D. 1931, being the first Tuesday of the said month of January, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock a. m., and 4:00 o'clock p. m., on said day, at the court house door of said County of Runnels, Texas, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash, all of the right, title and interest of the said C. A. Beach in and to the above described real estate.

Dated at Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, this 4th day of December, A. D. 1930.

R. E. McWILLIAMS, Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas. d-8-15-22

\$35 BUSINESS COURSE \$35

Many young people who are ambitious and earnest are being denied the opportunity to prepare for the business careers because of financial difficulties. They realize that now is the time to get ready because business is now running at a low ebb. When business returns to normal, thousands of young people will be needed to take care of the rush.

To meet this unusual condition and to enable the people to be ready for positions as soon as they are open, Draughon's College is issuing a special scholarship good for bookkeeping or shorthand to be begun at home, with the understanding that when the student gets ready to enter college he will be given full credit for all the work done. Under this plan the student should be able to finish three months earlier, save three months' board, and begin drawing a good salary three months sooner.

Through out Extension Department thousands of young people have prepared for successful careers entirely at home, but this plan contemplates the student attending college for a while, to get office practice, to become familiar with modern business machines, and so that he or she will be on hand to make personal applications for the many positions we are called on to fill every year.

Begin now to plan for the future. Every dollar invested in this plan will save you perhaps from \$5 to \$10 in the future, counting the time you will save, and the salary you should earn by being able to go to a position earlier.

Only a limited number of these special scholarships will be issued, and first come first served. Write Draughon's College, Box BL, Abilene, Texas, today for Special Offer No. 10 6-1td-1tw

Green Tomatoes. C. A. Compton, Phone 4121 2-1td

The Workers Class of the Methodist church will stage a Christmas Bazaar and Mexican dinner Wednesday at the E. C. Moore cafe next door to the Ledger. 2d

The United States patent office granted nearly 50,000 patents during the last fiscal year while receipts totaled \$4,000,000, a new record.

Decorations Here; Trees on Walks

Sam Behringer began early Monday morning distributing Christmas trees to the firms of Ballinger to be used in decorating the town this week and the trees were placed along the sidewalks to be used in the flag holes on the curbs. Merchants started decorating the trees Monday in colored lights and with glittering tinsel to have them arranged before night.

A number of firms here also started decorating Christmas windows and within a few days the entire town will catch the spirit and have the Christmas idea before the people in every way possible.

It is only seventeen days from now until Christmas and decorations must be done quickly to go the most good. Shoppers are beginning to realize that their time is short to purchase gifts and get them ready for their friends and relatives by December 24th. The decorations here will help to make people realize that the season of gift giving is here and will encourage them to buy and avoid the last minute rush.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company has been called by the Directors of said corporation, to be held at the principal office of the corporation in the City of Galveston, Texas, on the 23rd day of February, 1931, at eleven o'clock a. m., for the purpose of submitting to the stockholders the question of increasing the authorized capital stock of the corporation from Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000), consisting of One Hundred Thousand (100,000) shares of the par value of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) each, to Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000), consisting of Two Hundred Thousand (200,000) shares of the State College.

par value of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) each, and to do all things and give all proper authorizations to carry out and effectuate such increase.

GEO. N. YARD, Secretary of Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company. dec 8-60td

Britons Boost Brighton BRIGHTON, England, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Taking its cue from American cities which use advertising to "sell" their possibilities, this summer resort plans to spend \$60,000 next year in a "boost Brighton" campaign.

Experiments to obtain high grade bond paper from wheat and oats straw are under way at Iowa Thousand (200,000) shares of the State College.

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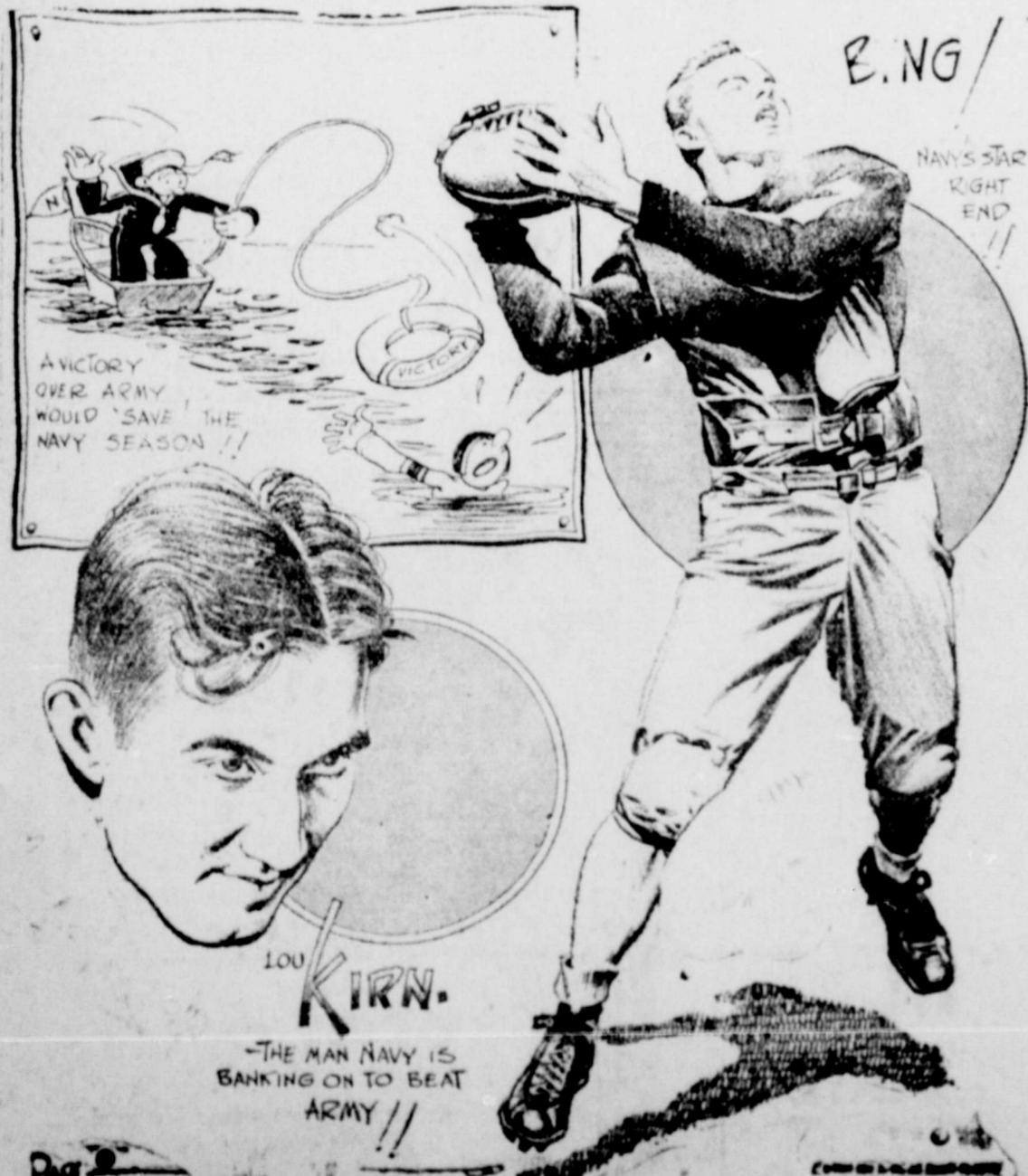
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FOR RENT—Modern Apartment. Furnished or unfurnished, at 708 Eighth St. Phone 553. d8-10-11-13

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FOR RENT—Small bungalow. Modern throughout. Phone 1293. Joe Huffman. 9-10fd

Notice
A stated meeting of the O. E. S. will be held in the Masonic Hall Monday evening at 7:30. Members are urged to be present and visitors are welcome.
Mrs. Jennie Kirk, W. M.
Mrs. Mary Lane, secretary. 8-1fd

MOVIES

Pert Plot; Peppy Show is "Let's Go Native"

"Let's Go Native"—a talkie confection which opened yesterday at the Palace Theatre, is a "frisky, frivolous farce with music" in the words of the advance publicity and fully lives up to the description.

In fact, a lot more than that. It is one of the most hilarious mirth-provokers the screen has given us to date.

Reminiscent of the rambling, rollicking style of "Safety in Numbers," this laugh-panic gem starts out to go nowhere in particular but really goes everywhere to tickle yer. "Pun up and three to go."

Jack Oakie, to begin this, is Voltaire McGinnis, a "hard-berled" taxi-driver from the Bronx who just can't keep his metrical juggernaut from bumping into the front parlors of the police headquarters. His passenger is William Austin, that twittering citizen of Soho and "hola." He and Oakie decide that the cab smash makes it necessary for them to leave town.

This they do, boarding a ship for South America on which are James Hall, young society blood, his sweetheart, Jeannette MacDonald, Kay Francis, a high-voltage vampire, and David Newell, a handsome ship's officer, who would very much like to win the favor of Jeannette.

Of course the ship encounters a storm and they are all stranded on a tropical isle, and to be sure they find that the head man there is Skeets Gallagher who informs them that the island is teeming with "poll"-bearing "esters" and spouting with "erl." With him on the island is a bevy of sun-lanned, grass-skirted maidens, who speak English with, as you would expect, a Brooklyn accent.

But we won't tell the story and destroy your illusions. Suffice it to say that it's a nutty plot.

There are five songs in "Let's Go Native," the work of George Marion, Jr., co-author of the show, and Richard A. Whiting, composer of the "Sweetie" and "Safety in Numbers" melody-hits. These songs are knockouts. In particular the auditor will remember "My Mad Moment," "Let's Go Native," and "I've Got a Yen for You."

As was stated before, one must go and be panicked by "Let's Go Native."

HEAD COLDS

Melt in boiling water and inhale vapors; also sniff up nose.



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OVER 12 MILLION JARS USED YEARLY

J. S. Reese, of Benoit, was in Ballinger Saturday and called at The Ledger office to keep his paper coming. Mr. Reese has been a steady subscriber since moving to this county in the pioneer days. While in town Saturday he delivered to a man here an old ox yoke which he has owned for many years and brought to this county with him. Mr. Reese stated that he also has a shovel which was made before the Civil War and a chair made by his grandfather that are still in use.

Spikes Damage Suit Will Reveal Much of Old West

(By Associated Press)
LUBBOCK, December 8.—Echoes of the early days of West Texas and the eastern portion of the then territory of New Mexico will reverberate in district court here in January when the libel suit of Fred V. Spikes, Lubbock resident, against J. Evetts Haley, former secretary of the Panhandle-Plains Historical society, the Capitol Reservations Lands syndicate and its trustees, Francis C. Farwell, Charles F. Harding and Frederick E. French, is called.

Damages in the sum of \$200,000 are asked by Mr. Spikes for alleged libelous statements contained in a volume "A History of the XIT Ranch," written by Haley. The book purports to relate in a chapter entitled "A Long Fight for Law," the facts of the slaying of the late John Spikes and the late Dick Spikes, brothers of the plaintiff, and the wounding of the plaintiff.

Features of the trial will be the large number of depositions made by witnesses who are said to have knowledge of the events described in the book and testimony of all matters relating to the historical New Mexico cattle war of 30 years ago or so. Attorneys for the plaintiff have secured "between 75 and 100 depositions," they say.

Half as many witnesses as there have been depositions by both sides are expected. Most of these will be old timers—persons who have lived in this section for the past 35 years or more.

Depositions have been received from California, from New Mexico, from Arizona and even from Old Mexico.

By agreement of counsel for both sides, depositions taken in the case brought by Spikes, the first of six actions that seek 1,200,000 from the author and the land and cattle company and its trustees, will be used in the five other actions. Four of these have been filed in Lubbock county and one in Crosby county.

Jeff Spikes, who resides in Crosby county, has asked \$200,000 in an action there. Other members of the Spikes family have filed the other ones.

Hearing on the other actions will depend upon disposition of the Fred Spikes case.

The events as recorded in the book and the account of which, caused the filing of the suits, transpired in the early years of this century, in New Mexico for most part. The actual shooting to death of Dick and John Spikes and the wounding of Fred Spikes, took place in January 1902, near the ranch of the Spikes brothers at Mesa Redonda, south of Tucuman, New Mexico, then a frontier town in a new territory.

In the petition filed last July by Fred Spikes, a quotation from the book written by Haley and published in the summer of 1929, is given to show alleged libel.

Spikes was engaged in ranching in New Mexico, with his brothers and was running "his own cattle" on government land.

Half a century or so ago the Chicago Freehold Land and Investment company was formed by the late John V. Farwell and associates of Chicago, who were awarded the contract to build the state capitol at Austin. Three million acres of land, valued at 50 cents per acre, in the Panhandle, was given the Chicago man in exchange for construction of the building at a cost of \$1,500,000.

The syndicate then began its ranch operations. Most famous of all the ranches owned and operated by the company was the "XIT" ranch. Traditions has it that the ranch was so named "because it was in ten counties in Texas."

Ranching activities of the company continued for many years on a large scale. With many small ranchers and cattlemen coming into the country as well as larger concerns, the acreage of the Capitol Syndicate was later cut up and sold.

Haley was secretary of the Panhandle-Plains Historical society for several years. Headquarters were at Canyon and while there he was asked to write a history of the ranch. He spent some time in research work, going over books and papers of the syndicate and other historical material as well as interviewing early day ranchers.

Mr. Spikes in his petition charges "said portion of said book, herein above set out, is slanderous, libelous and untrue and casts a reflection upon this plaintiff; that this plaintiff was one of the Spikes brothers named in said article and is one of said Spikes brothers named as having been shot in the back; that the entire article above set out was written maliciously and willfully

and for the purpose of slandering this plaintiff and was written in utter disregard of the feelings and privileges of this plaintiff, without any foundation in fact."

Have dinner Wednesday with the Workers Class of the Methodist church. A Christmas Bazaar and Mexican dinner on that day at the Moor Cafe building next door to the Ledger. 2d

No Christmas Trees For Local School

This year there will be no Christmas trees held in the Ballinger schools prior to turning out for the Christmas holidays and it is the desire that students do not give their teachers presents. This action was taken by the board as it is always embarrassing to the students who are not able to give gifts to be present when trees are held and other children give and receive gifts.

The same thing applies when teachers are given gifts by students. The child who can not give thinks just as much of the teacher as the one who brings a nice token of his love and yet can not join in the gift giving. For these reasons H. C. Lyon, superintendent of schools, announced Monday that no trees would be held in the rooms as has been the custom heretofore.

School will dismiss on December 19th at the close of the day's schedule and all students will be out of school until Wednesday, Dec. 31, when the first session will open after Christmas. School will take up on Wednesday instead of Monday in order that teachers may have institute on Dec. 29 and 30.

Most colleges will dismiss on the 19th and students will be going arriving home on the following day and Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

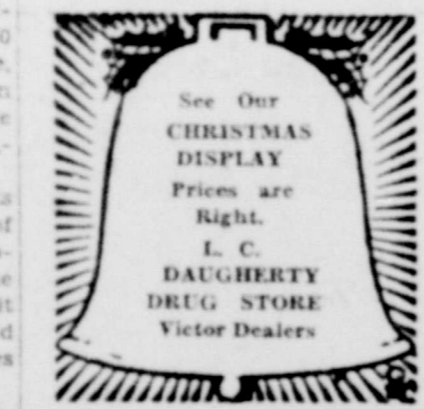
Baptist
Enrollment, 563
Present, 377
New members, 9
Visitors, 3
Offering, \$208.55

Methodist
Enrollment, 328
Present, 222
New members, 1
Visitors, 8
Offering, \$12.18

Bags Wanted
Will pay 5c for good, large cotton bags.
Ballinger Printing Co. 8-1fd

Mrs. T. B. Pickett, of Temple, came in Sunday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Gressett, and other relatives. She returned to her home Monday afternoon.

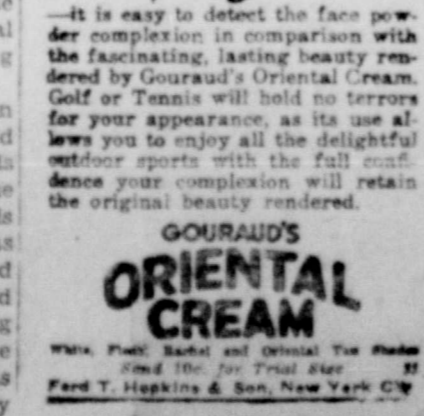
"Curiosity" calls formed the bulk of conversations handled in the first six weeks of operation of two-way telephone service on a Canadian railroad.



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C. of C. Directors Dairy Inspection Will Talk Business Starts This Week

The board of directors of the chamber of commerce will meet Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the offices in the city hall to discuss a number of very important matters. J. D. Motley, secretary, and F. M. Pearce, president, are urging that all members of the board be present on time so that the business can be disposed of as quickly as possible.

J. D. Motley and T. M. Carswell, secretary of the chamber of commerce at Abilene, after a conference with W. R. Ely, chairman of the state highway commission, have just returned from a trip along state highway No. 4 looking after interests of the route in counties where nothing has been done to furnish the required 100-foot right of way.

They went as far south as Uvalde and held meetings with county judges and commissioners in a number of counties on the matter of providing the 100-foot strip through their respective counties. Concho, Menard, Kimble and Real have never provided the extra land as required and on the trip the workers feel that much was accomplished. Menard has guaranteed their land. A campaign will be started in Kimble and Real at once and some plans will be taken up for the matter in Concho county later.

The directors will also discuss the Christmas program for Ballinger at the morning session Monday afternoon the chamber of commerce was erecting their large tree at the intersection of Eighth street and Hutchings avenue and Tuesday the directors will discuss the show window fair and other Christmas plans relative to the community tree on Christmas Day.

A discussion will be brought up Monday also regarding the "buying" of postage here prior to January 1st to keep the postal receipts here up to standard and this town in line for a federal building. Postal receipts have been low this year and it will be necessary to stage a campaign to keep them normal with other years and not lose an opportunity to secure a building within a few years from now.

The entertainment committee will make a report on plans for the annual banquet which will be held here in January. These members have been instructed to make investigations and report back on the type of banquet to be staged this year.

Other matters also will demand attention of the full directory board and each member is urged to make his plans to attend.

W. F. Mason, is reported to be resting fairly well at the Halley & Love Sanitarium after an accident last Thursday when he received a badly crushed arm in his gin plant here.

Scratch Pads, 20c per pound, at Ledger office. 1fd

R. F. Zedlitz, city dairy inspector, has begun the semi-annual period of grading of dairies and milk plants that come under the scope of the city milk ordinance and will continue the work until all dairies and milk plants have been inspected and graded. A laboratory examination will be made and all dairies and cows checked to see that every detail of the ordinance is complied with and a grade awarded each dealer in accordance with the true findings. These grades will be published later on.

The purpose of the city milk ordinance is to safeguard the health of the community and for this reason the inspector must at all times be careful in keeping a perfect check on the milk plants and see that every item of the ordinance is carefully observed. Mr. Zedlitz watches all the time for impurities that might threaten the purity and wholesomeness of the milk sold in Ballinger.

The semi-annual check is made in accordance with the city ordinance to see that those selling milk here are producing it under sanitary regulations and that all the cows are in perfect physical condition.

The relation of the dairymen and inspector is of a friendly nature and necessarily must be to obtain the best results of each helping the other. It is the earnest desire of the inspector to help the dairymen when an improvement in his methods will facilitate the production of a better quality product.

Most of the dairies of Ballinger are selling nothing but grade A milk and many improvements have been made here since the ordinance was passed and became a law.

The Workers Class of the Methodist Church will serve a real Mexican dinner Wednesday at the old Moor Cafe building next door to the Ledger. A large assortment of Christmas gifts will also be on display in their Bazaar. 2d

Houston Harte of San Angelo and J. H. Hanks of Abilene were in Ballinger Sunday looking after business in this city.

Dr. W. H. Coleman of Brownwood was here Sunday and preached at the Methodist church at the evening hour.

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MISS DEMMER AGAIN GIVEN PLACE ON C.L.A. ORCHESTRA

(Special to The Ledger)
DENTON, Texas, Dec. 8.—Miss Carmen Demmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Demmer, a public school music and violin major, is now serving as assistant concert master of the college orchestra of Texas State College for Women for the second year. The orchestra, which will make its first appearance next Thursday, is composed only of these students of exceptional ability and talent. Miss Demmer is a pupil of David C. Hansard, director of the orchestra. Miss Demmer and her sister, Miss Joe Demmer, who also plays in the orchestra, are members of the music club. Both are members of the Presbyterian Club, of which Miss Carmen is president.

MUSIC LOVERS TO MEET AT LEGION HALL TONIGHT

A special meeting has been called for tonight at American Legion Hall to discuss the possibility of securing the services of one of Texas' most able music instructors, and it is planned that the general public may share in the instruction and lessons given by Prof. N. W. Allphin, a man of note in the music world.

Young and old alike who are

NEW SCHEDULE	
Ballinger—Junction Bus Line	
Leave Ballinger	8:00 a. m.
Arrive Junction	12:30 p. m.
Leave Junction	12:45 p. m.
Arrive Ballinger	5:00 p. m.

interested in vocal music are urged to attend this meeting tonight at 7:30 and assist at least by their presence in putting over this much needed program at this time.

Those interested in bettering musical conditions in and around Ballinger are cordially invited to attend the meeting tonight.

SWISS TO VOTE ON LAW BANNING FOREIGN ORDERS

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 8.—The Swiss federal council has fixed February 8, 1931, as the date of the country-wide vote on the "foreign decorations" initiative.

If this initiative is adopted, no Swiss citizen holding an official position at home or abroad will be permitted to accept decorations, orders or any other visible distinctions from foreign governments.

Ten of the 48 American artists whose works were shown in the Carnegie International Exhibition at Pittsburgh are from Chicago.



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