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1930 CONSTRUCTION IN BALLINGER MORE THAN HALF-MILLION

High Court Hears School Test Case

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, Dec. 31.—The Texas supreme court today heard arguments in the suit of Senator Thomas B. Love, Dallas, brought on behalf of Neota Camp, pupil of the Letot community, against the Dallas independent school district, seeking to compel the district to accept high school pupils from outside the district at the rate of \$7.50 per month.

This was a test case involving the right of independent school districts to fix the rate to be charged pupils from outside the district, and was appealed from the lower courts.

The Dallas independent school district sought to collect \$10 monthly from pupils registering from outside the district.

YOUTH STRUCK BY AUTO BROUGHT TO BALLINGER

E. J. Braitham, Jr., who was struck by an automobile driven by Mrs. F. O. Andres near Hatchel Tuesday afternoon, was brought to the Halley & Love Sanitarium, where he received treatment for minor cuts and abrasions.

Mrs. Andres, who was returning from Ballinger to her home, had her vision obscured by rain on the windshield and ran into young Braitham, who was walking along the highway, before she knew anyone was in the road. Mrs. Andres has been employed for some time by the firm of Bettis & Stargis of this city.

The youth's injuries, while painful, are not considered serious and are expected to heal in a short time.

W. R. Lence, general manager of the A. & S. Railway, was attending to business in Ballinger Wednesday and while here attended the Rotary Club luncheon at noon.

Miss Maxie Hamilton, of Stamford, is here for a short visit to Ballinger friends.

Frank Coker left Wednesday to reenter Daniel Baker College at Brownwood after spending Christmas here with his parents.

Strain Family to Move to Abilene

H. S. Strain left Wednesday afternoon for Abilene where he has accepted a position with the Brown Drug company and will work with that firm on a full-time basis.

His family will remain in Ballinger until the close of the next school term about the middle of January and at that time will move to Abilene to make their home.

Mr. Strain has been connected with the drug business for many years and leaves a large number of warm friends in Ballinger. He first was employed by Weeks Drug Store and served there in the prescription department for a number of years and then entered business for himself. About two years ago he sold his business here and reentered the service of Weeks Drug Store and continued there until today.

For the past two years Mr. Strain has served as a member of the board of trustees of the Ballinger schools and at present holds a place on that body. He has prepared a resignation and will leave it with the president of the board before leaving for Abilene. This will leave a vacancy on the board which will be filled as soon as the other members have time to canvass the situation and find a suitable man who is willing to serve. The next meeting of the board will be held next Tuesday night but members were not sure whether Mr. Strain's successor would be chosen at that time.

Mr. Strain and his family have taken a big part in the social, educational and religious life of the town and many will miss them from the places they have filled. They were members of the first Christian Church here and were faithful workers in that congregation.

Australian Greeting Is 5 Hours Early

(By Associated Press)
SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Dec. 31.—The New Year, riding the radio waves, reached America fifteen hours early today from Australia, where Melbourne people, celebrating the advent of 1931, flashed greetings which reached here at 9 o'clock this morning.

The difference in time with the other side of the world accounted for the seemingly premature greetings.

ROTARIANS URGED TO DEFINITE PROGRAM

Judge O. L. Parish was the speaker today at the Rotary club weekly luncheon and brought a fine talk on the passing of the old year and the coming of the new. He urged the club to select some worthy object for a 1931 program and work for it until it was put over. He showed how interest in club matters could be helped by a definite program for such a move and reminded members that many worthy projects could be considered for adoption.

W. R. Lence of Abilene was present and spoke briefly to the club of Rotary matters, also referring to the railroad and truck competition which is now at a peak.

The program committee of the club announced that the new programs for the coming six months were about ready for distribution and as soon as they are printed a copy will be given each member.

Attendance was good Wednesday and several guests and visitors from out-of-town clubs were introduced.

ASSOCIATION TO SEPARATE

(By Associated Press)
SONORA, Tex., Dec. 31.—Recommendations that the convention and sale of the Texas Sons of the American Legion and Goat Raisers' Association be separated and that the annual sale alternate between San Angelo and Del Rio were decided upon by a special committee which met here recently.

The recommendations will be made to the executive committee of the organization when it meets for its quarterly session at San Angelo in February.

The date of the sale would be the last Tuesday of July and the annual convention would be held in December or January.

These recommendations will not affect the 1931 meeting and sale at San Angelo.

Historic Raleigh Tavern at Williamsburg, Va., has been restored by Rockefeller interests.

Longview Editor Starts New Paper

(By Associated Press)
LONGVIEW, Tex., Dec. 31.—E. Hopkins, former editor of the Longview Daily News, announced today that he would publish a weekly newspaper at Longview, the name of East Texas' Best Oil News.

The first issue of the new paper is due tomorrow.

Mexico Creates 2 New Territories

(By Associated Press)
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 31.—The Chamber of Deputies in closing session last night created an additional territory, splitting Lower California into northern and southern territories at the 28th degree of latitude.

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FLOWERS

Have Cut Flowers for funerals and all occasions. Will appreciate orders large or small. Floral Company, 905 Sixth Street, phone 171.

Two Clyde Banks Are Consolidated

(By Associated Press)
ABILENE, Dec. 31.—The First State Bank and the Clyde National Bank today announced at Clyde their consolidation.

The merged institution will retain all present officers and occupy the First State Bank's building. The name Clyde National Bank has been adopted.

Colombian Riots Fatal to 11 in Political Row

(By Associated Press)
BOGOTA, Colombia, Dec. 31.—Eleven persons were killed and twenty injured, it was learned in Bogota today, in political rioting yesterday at Capitanajo, in the department of Liberal, in trouble between partisans of the conservative and liberal parties.

Federal troops patrolled the village today, and order seemingly has been restored.

Moody Announces 3 Appointments

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, Dec. 31.—Governor Moody today announced the appointment of L. L. Bowman of Greenville, as judge of the eighth district; the reappointment of J. O. Gulke, of Amarillo, and Mrs. J. E. Watkins, of Henderson, as members of the state board of education, all for six-year terms.

Mr. and Mrs. George McCulley and children, of Kingsville, who had been here for a holiday visit with relatives, left for their home Wednesday morning.

Andrade Made New President

(By Associated Press)
SAN SALVADOR, Republic of El Salvador, Dec. 31.—Dispatches received here today said the Guatemalan congress had elected Dr. Reina Andrade provisional president of Guatemala, following the refusal of the United States state department to recognize General Orellana, who seized the presidency in the recent coup d'etat.

WEATHER FORECAST

West Texas—Generally fair tonight and Thursday. Probably freezing in the southeast portion tonight.

East Texas—Generally fair tonight and Thursday. Freezing in the central and north portions, and frost to the coast if the weather clears.

New Department

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See Mrs. R. E. Truly at HIGGINBOTHAM BROS. & CO.

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Private Waiting Rooms
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Attorney Accused Of Shielding Gangs

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—E. C. Riegal, member of the committee on public safety, organized to protect New York city against racketeering, by District Attorney Thomas Crain today charged Crain was "protecting the racketeers and giving the public a buggy ride."

Conductor Kills Bandit; One Flees

(By Associated Press)
FT. WORTH, Dec. 31.—Answering a command put his hands up with a bullet, Carl Wynofsky, street car operator, shot and fatally injured a 50-year-old unidentified bandit.

The dead gunman's partner, about 30 years of age, escaped when Wynofsky fired.

Barney Finn, identification expert of the police department, reported later that the dead man was Will Boozer, a convict who escaped from the state penitentiary on July 30. He was a man with a criminal record throughout the central portion of the country since 1916.

Fort Worth has been Boozer's Nemesis, as he was captured here for Arkansas prison authorities in 1920, and was sentenced here for 16 years in the Texas penitentiary on the term he ended with his escape last July.

Judge Louis Duffee, 74, of Griffin, Ga., prefers mules to autos and other means of conveyance.

PALACE

Tonight

MIDNIGHT MATINEE and Again Thursday

Starting Promptly at 12 p. m.



And a Laurel and Hardy Comedy

President's Stand Termed Unethical

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Chairman James Couzens of the Senate interstate commerce committee today described as "most unethical" President Hoover's announcement yesterday of the agreement among eastern railroads for a four-system consolidation.

Ex-Convict Slew Women, is Belief

(By Associated Press)
BLACKWELL, Okla., Dec. 31.—County Attorney Bruce Potter today outlined a chain of evidence he believes points to a former convict of the Missouri state penitentiary as the slayer of Misses Jessie and Jexia Griffith.

Potter declared the ex-convict went out on the road, drunk, with a pistol and gas gun, saying he planned to hijack a bootlegger.

Wilburne Underwood, Wallace Chastain and Robert Lusk returned to Brownwood Wednesday to begin their school work at Howard Payne College Thursday morning.

France plans to spend \$1,550,000 during 1931-32 for reconstruction of roads devastated in the World War.

Construction activities in and near Ballinger during the year just closing will run well over half a million dollars. Since January 1, 1930, much building has been carried on and until December no slackening was visible.

At the beginning of 1930 several major projects were underway and others due to come up. All these have been completed during the past 12 months.

Highway construction leads the list of activities during the past twelve months with approximately \$360,000 spent on three projects. At the beginning of this year the highway from Ballinger to the Tom Green county line was about half completed. This has since been finished and opened to traffic for about six months. The large concrete-steel bridge spanning the Colorado River at the foot of Seventh Street was built and grading and drainage structures finished on highway No. 4, leading from this city to the Concho county line.

Municipal improvements during the past twelve months total \$116,847.49. Foremost of these projects was the Elm Creek dam, creating a reservoir more than thrice the size of the old lake. This job cost to date \$37,522.05. A number of new and larger water mains were laid, replacing smaller lines and supplying new districts in the city. This work was finished at a cost of \$31,376.77. A new steel water tower was built here by the Chicago Bridge & Iron Works, the contract price being \$8,725. The city water department replaced a

number of 4 and 6 inch pipes in the suburbs at a cost of \$1,507.65. A total of \$3,401.92 was spent for new meter boxes, meters and other improvements.

On the contract for the new city hall, lot and furnishings a total of \$34,314.10 has been expended to date. This also provides a home for the Ballinger fire department. A new fire truck and other blaze fighting equipment were bought during 1930, making the local company one of the best equipped in this section of the state.

Precise figures could not be obtained on the construction work done under supervision of Commissioner R. J. Deens. These figures can not be ascertained until after the December accounts are verified by the commissioners' court at its first meeting in January. This construction has been large, however, and Mr. Deens' last year in office is perhaps the banner one in accomplishments. The paving contract to connect municipal pavement with hard-surfacing on highway No. 30 was considerably more than \$8,000, and in addition several large concrete bridges have been constructed in this precinct during the year.

Building permits issued by City Secretary K. V. Northington during 1930 totalled \$103,503.85. The preceding are the major construction projects completed in Ballinger and vicinity during the twelve-month just closing. Numerous other small jobs have been completed on which no check is available which will run the figures considerably higher.

WELCOME 1931

We Thank You

—we sincerely thank our many friends and customers for their liberal patronage which has enabled us to entirely revise our selling prices to the new low levels—a complete Close Out and readjustment was necessary to accomplish our purpose and we are now in position to begin the New Year with a fresh stock of the most desirable new merchandise without the usual handicap of carried over stocks—and at prices in keeping with our usual policy of always being the lowest, quality considered.

—we have taken our losses, which have been passed on to you in reduced prices, and are now better able to continue saving you money—never forgetting quality and standing strictly behind every article we sell. Our recent Closing Out Sale has enabled us to take full advantage of the present price depression, which is in most cases well below actual cost of production, and here will be found only bright, new goods in every department.

—and your liberal support has enabled us to maintain our same well-trained sales organization, who will continue to serve you to the best of their ability, striving in every way to maintain your patronage through the year 1931.

Again We Thank You—

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Two cents per word first insertion and no advertisement accepted for less than 25 cents.

WANTED—Grain pasture for about 20 head cows; also want to sell milk cows.

FOR RENT—Three room apartment, unfurnished. Phone 1326.

FOR SALE—Cheap, baby bed, go-cart and fire screens. Phone 301.

FOR RENT—Two-room furnished apartment. Phone 1306.

FOR RENT—Apartment, furnished or unfurnished. 705 Ninth Street. Phone 338.

FOR RENT—Six room house, convenient for two families, two garages, reasonable rental. Apply Sam Behringer.

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment in duplex, private bath, garage. Apply Sam Behringer.

FOR RENT—One 4 room house with two large galleries, kitchen sink, cold water bath, gas, garage, lot for cow and garden, located at 707 Fifth Street, priced right. See or phone C. P. Shepley.

FOR RENT—Practically new house, five rooms and bath. Has gas and electrical fixtures, city water. Reasonable rent. Phone 139.

Will Award "B" Sweaters in Chapel

All football players on the 1930 Bearcat squad are anxious for school to get under way Wednesday. Not so much because of the fact that they want to resume their studies but because the new "B" football sweaters have arrived and will be distributed to the boys at the chapel program Wednesday morning.

Coach Wright stated Tuesday that he was ready for the boys to receive the new sweaters for lettering on the team this year and that a total of eighteen men were eligible for the awards. The rules require that before a man can receive his letter and sweater in schools where sweaters are given, he must play in a required number of quarters. Aside from this the student manager of the team is always included in the list of letter men and this year seventeen players and the Bearcats' student manager, Corkill Motley, will be given sweaters.

Teachers were arriving here Tuesday afternoon for the beginning of their work Wednesday morning. Several had not arrived late in the afternoon but no word had been received from any saying that they could not be here for the first period Wednesday morning.

ROAD CONTRACTORS TO MEET JOB SEEKERS HERE THURSDAY

George White will be here from San Angelo Thursday morning to start preliminary work on the grading and small drainage structures on highway No. 23 from Ballinger to Talpa.

To Film 50,000-Foot Jump

AUGSBURG, Germany, Dec. 30.—(AP)—How it feels to jump out of a balloon at 50,000 feet altitude is a sensation sought by William Markgraf, youthful Munich aeronaut, who is having a balloon built here for the experiment. He will take a picture camera along and make a film record of his spectacular leap.

City Hall Roof Undergoes Change

Contractors Suggs & Dunlap of Abilene started several crews of men to work on the city hall here Monday making repairs and changes to conform to the architect's last inspection.

A crew is removing the tile roof and replacing it with other tile of the correct color. The first roof was refused by Paul G. Silber, architect, because the wrong colors were used and this will be completely replaced. The new tile in the colors named in the contract and specifications has arrived here and will be placed on the building as fast as the workmen can do the work.

The drainage cut in the upper dam has been completed and that lake drained of water to allow crossings on the road there. Improvements continue at the pumping plant. All new lines of pipe there have been backfilled and the work continues around the drain box at the filter basins.

The police department reported a week of activity for the past seven days with four arrests, two for drunkenness and two for burglary, one fine assessed in city court and other routine work. One extra man was employed to assist during that time.

The dairy work of inspection continued with visits to six dairies, three dairies graded, two permits issued, 11 cows inspected and seven laboratory tests made of milk.

Streets were swept every morning last week and dirt and trash hauled from the pavement. The graders and maintainers were operated two days on dirt streets here and 19 1/2 yards of caliche placed in holes on Ninth street one block south of Hutchings avenue. Monday and Tuesday a maintainer was used in downtown alleys to smooth them from recent mud.

Water, sanitary, office, health and engineering departments reported their usual routine work with everything in good shape for the New Year.

"Rennets Delight Butter"—35c a pound in quarters. 23-1fd

WHY DO LOCUSTS LIGHT ON CACTUS? IT'S MYSTERY

During the locust invasion of the past summer and fall many giant Saguaro and smaller cacti were found literally covered with grasshoppers impaled on the sharp spines.

Do these crop pests simply fail to look where they leap, or do birds file them away on the spines for future consumption? That's the moot question.

Many dry land farmers say that the birds, used to drouthy years, have become provident and store up grasshoppers on cactus spines and bars of wire fences, letting the sun "cure" them.

FELTS GETS OFF POOR KICK BUT WIT WAS FIRST KICK

During a game with Georgia Tech here, Nollie Felts got off a miserable punt—one of the few no-good boots he makes. A Tech lineman, thinking to get the goat of the young sophomore and rattle him, exclaimed:

"Who was that made that great kick? Surely that wasn't the great sophomore back and kicker. Who was it?"

Unabashed and grinning all over, Felts waved his hand and with mock meekness whispered, "Here I am teacher, here I am."

Brunswick, Ga., has adopted a five-year beautification and modernization plan to help attract tourists.

Cotton Stocks Show Decrease Since Year Ago

By George A. Sloan (President of the Cotton-Textile Institute, Inc.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The cotton manufacturing industry experienced an exceptional shrinkage in demand during 1930, but notwithstanding this abnormal condition the closing month of the year finds the industry on a sounder basis than at the first of the year.



The sale and shipment of goods have been in excess of the volume produced, stocks in the hands of mills are substantially less than a year ago, and the spread between the cost of raw cotton and the selling price of standard goods has improved.

Measures of vital, industry-wide importance have been undertaken voluntarily by cotton manufacturers during 1930. For example, the adoption of the principle of great uniformity in maximum running time with a view to stabilizing employment and avoiding recurring periods of overproduction and consequent drastic curtailment and, of greater significance, the recent industry-wide movement toward elimination of women and minors from the night shift.

The exceptionally low level of production in recent months, 35 per cent below the last three-year average, reduced inventories in distributive channels as well as in the hands of mills, and drastic decline in the price of raw cotton and cotton goods to levels that would be considered low even compared with pre-war values are developments that should make the cotton manufacturing industry particularly responsive to future constructive influences.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sommer are the proud parents of a fine baby girl, born to them Monday. The mother and baby are doing nicely and Mr. Sommer is proud of his slightly delayed Christmas present.

MISSION WINS ROSE CUP

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Dec. 30.—The city of Mission has been adjudged winner of the 1931 Rose cup, offered to the Rio Grande Valley municipality making the most progress in beautification in 1930. Julia C. Montgomery, donor, has announced.

The cup, offered three years ago, will become the permanent property of the town winning it three successive years. It had been held the past two years by Harlingen.

Swift Predicts Bigger Outputs For Next Year

By L. F. Swift (President, Swift & Company)

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—(AP)—While I do not expect 1931 to be a "big year," I think it will be a year of steady improvement.

The period of liquidation is now about over. Consumption has been running ahead of production—a condition that cannot continue.

The replacement of the manufactured goods now being used up should mean better business for 1931.

I expect a busy year in the packing industry. Meat stocks are unusually low. One of the best things about the packing industry is that meat inventories seldom pile up in the off years.

All meat which comes to market is consumed whether business is good or bad.

Beaumont Issues \$400,000 Bonds BEAUMONT, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Indication of extensive activity in municipal improvements here early in 1931 are seen, with issuance of \$400,000 worth of bonds from an issue authorized last year, by the city commission. Paving and sewer work has been outlined to get under way in January.

America's folk songs are being collected and preserved at the Library of Congress.

Electric Current Sales Show Gain Over '29 Volume

By M. S. Sloan (President, New York Edison Co.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—(AP)—One thing stands out sharply in my mind as a result of last year's experience; business can be got even in bad times if you go after it. The companies in the New York Edison system have sold, measured in dollars, approximately 40 per cent more electricity using equipment in 1930 than in 1929.



My belief is that the power and light business in our territory will be better in 1931 than in the year just closing. I think business in general is due to improve slowly and sales of electricity directly reflect that state of business.

Business Men Guard Banks SAN BENITO, Texas, Dec. 30.—(AP)—If anybody tries to rob either of the San Benito banks he may feel slugs from sawed-off shotguns fired from adjacent business establishments.

Bank officials distributed the weapons to business men at strategic points near the institutions.

Be wise and advertise.

TOMBSTONE BEARS PART OF DEAD MAN'S WILL

(By Associated Press) NACOGDOCHES, Tex., Dec. 30.—In beautiful Oak Grove cemetery here is a tombstone that has part of the will of the man who sleeps beneath it inscribed on it.

It is the tombstone over the grave of Oscar Lemon Holmes, who was born in New York City, July 11, 1813 and came to Texas as county clerk and his original bond is still in file here. He was an enthusiastic supporter of the Confederacy and when he died he had the following words chiseled on his tomb, it being a part of his last will and testament.

"I give at bequeath the residue of my property to the State of Texas, to aid in the maintenance of persons wounded or maimed in our defense, in the struggle our Confederacy against the United States Govern-

HEREFORD BREED MEET IN

(By Associated Press) SWEETWATER, Tex., Dec. 30.—Hereford breeders from all over the state met here Feb. 28 for one of the largest Hereford auctions held in this section of the state. The sale will be under the auspices of the Texas Hereford Breeders' Association.

Col. Fred Reppert, Ind., world famed auctioneer, probably will handle the sale here. Walter L. Booth Sweetwater is vice president of the Texas association and J. Gist of Odessa is president of the board of directors.

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TODAY and WEDNESDAY
BEAUTY that sweeps onward to emotion and heights, pictured with art and imagination!
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with CHARLES FARRELL
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H. B. Warner
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Comedy
Don't forget the New Year's Eve MIDNITE MATINEE "Queen High"

The First National Bank
1886 Ballinger, Texas 1931
TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS:
The old year ends. A new year begins. Our bank also goes steadily on year after year and each year we appreciate more keenly what our friends mean to us.
We thank our depositors for the business they have given us. We thank all our friends throughout the community for their good will and confidence and we hope that the New Year will bring us into still closer association.
According to our custom for the past 24 years, we will have for distribution, commencing FRIDAY, JAN. 2nd, 1931, our NEW CALENDARS. Calendars will not be mailed. Children must have written order from parent or guardian. The picture, "WHERE THE TORRENT RAGES" by Henry Howard Bagg. As long as the supply lasts they are yours for the asking, whether you do your banking with us or not.
There are not many opportunities during the brief moments of busy days of service to tell you how much we thank you for your friendship and loyalty and the business you have given us during the past year. But we wish to do so now.
To all our friends, old and new, we wish a very HAPPY NEW YEAR.
Your friends,
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Ballinger