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Hoover Proclaims Treaty Effective for New Year

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—As a gesture for peace throughout the new year, President Hoover today proclaimed the London naval treaty in effect for the United States.

The proclamation cited the effectiveness of the five-power pact and called attention to its provisions linking the British Empire, the United States, Japan, Italy and France in bonds of good will.

LONELY FORT VET'S POST AFTER 29 YEARS IN ARMY

(By Associated Press)
FORT WARDEN, Wash., Jan. 1.—Twenty-nine years' service in Alaska, the Philippines, France and the United States have brought to Sergeant Matthew Jarboe the command of a fort and an "army" of one man.

Jarboe and Private Berry McGowan are the only residents of a 160-acre island on which is located Fort Whitman and a single battery of four six-inch guns. It is the northernmost unit of the Puget Sound harbor defenses.

The two prefer a fort of their own, they say, to doing active duty at Fort Warden, their headquarters. Hunting, fishing, reading and taking care of the battery are their occupations.

AUSTRALIAN NAVY HAS GOLD LACE OVERLOAD

(By Associated Press)
CANBERRA, Jan. 1.—In its big disarmament plan the Australian federal government has left its navy with four admirals but only three vessels in full commission.

In addition there are eight captains, so that whenever the Australian fleet of three ships puts to sea there are an admiral and two captains for each ship with an admiral and two more captains to wave good-bye from the shore.

Italy Urges Use of Rice

ROME, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Fearing for the nation's wheat supply, the Italian government is seeking to popularize the use of rice. The amount of rice in army rations has been increased, and a campaign is being carried on through radio and billboard advertising and a special issue of "eat rice" stamps.

Husband Confesses Killing Wife, Man

(By Associated Press)
STIGLER, Okla., Jan. 1.—Declaring he found his wife and J. J. Lowry together when he hid in a closet in his home, Delmas Munn shot and killed both today, he confessed.

Lowry, a farmer, also was married.

Home Building Gain Viewed As Presaging Better Times

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Continuous improvement in the volume of residential construction offers substantial warrant for hope that the nation is on its way out of depression working toward normalcy.

Such is the opinion of Clarence Woolley, chairman of the board of the American Radiator and Standard Sanitary corporation.

"The construction industry," says Mr. Woolley, "is the largest in the country. Its normal volume is eight billions dollars a year and, directly or indirectly, it employs four million workmen. For 23 months the volume of residential construction continuously declined. Under normal conditions, it has in the past exceeded the value of nonresidential construction."

"Its importance to general business cannot be over-estimated. The housing of 900,000 families yearly is of far greater importance than construction of less than 50,000 buildings for a greater variety of other purposes. "It is significant, therefore, that the decline of residential construction is rapidly becoming less and less. Month after month the volume of residential contracts awarded was running between 40 and 50 per cent behind the corresponding month of 1929.

Holt Takes Office; Spoonts is Jailer

W. A. Holt took over the duties of the sheriff's office Thursday morning and is busy getting details of his organization worked out and ready to function. R. E. McWilliams and family moved to their home in Hillcrest Wednesday afternoon and turned over the office at the court house to his successor. Sheriff Holt announced Thursday morning that Joe Spoonts would be his first deputy and that Mr. and Mrs. Spoonts were moving to the jail Thursday to take charge there. Other deputies have not been appointed over the county and as soon as the organization is completed and the men accept their appointments, Sheriff Holt will make public all deputies to serve under his administration.

Several prisoners are now in the county jail here and Mr. and Mrs. Spoonts are on the job looking after them and other duties of the place.

Sheriff Holt stated that he was ready to serve the people of Runnels county in any way possible that came in line with the duties of his office. "I want the hearty cooperation of the citizens of this county and they will find me ready to help them day or night in the interest of upholding the laws," he said.

Mr. Holt is well acquainted in this section of the state. He has made a close study of law violations and is thoroughly capable of meeting every situation arising in the line of duty of sheriff. He begins his tenure with the friendship and support of other peace officers in this part of West Texas and will always have their help when needs and with the citizens of Runnels county backing him, his work can be made as efficient as possible.

Armed Posse Looks For Three Bandits

(By Associated Press)
LOGANSPORT, La., Jan. 1.—Armed posses today patrolled nearby highways in eastern Texas and northwestern Louisiana in search for three robbers who yesterday robbed the Logansport State Bank of more than \$10,000. When last seen the bandits were headed for the Texas line.

E. D. Walker is very ill at the R. W. DeMott residence on Broadway, where he and Mrs. Walker have an apartment. Mr. Walker has been sick since Thursday of last week and was reported better last Sunday when he was able to be up for a few hours. Since that time his condition has become steadily worse.

Be wise and advertise.

"Big Business" Wheat Grower Plants 30,000 Acres for 1931

(By Associated Press)
AMARILLO, Dec. 29.—Wheat prices are low but Hickman Price, wheat king of the Texas Panhandle, is drilling in 30,000 acres for the 1931 crop.

Last season he had 18,000 acres, and now he is increasing his acreage in the face of advice from the federal farm board to cut crop acreage.

Price, one of the largest independent wheat growers in America, is not greatly worried about the market. In industrial farming on a "big business" basis, with large scale operation, he sees the remedy for the present situation in which many producers find themselves forced to sell for less than their cost of growing.

Price has a fleet of eight tractors which have been running night and day, rain or shine, for more than a year. They are idle only 30 minutes each day—two stops of 15 minutes each for refueling.

Each tractor travels about 70 miles a day over Price's huge tract. Alongside the tractors in a train of cars, including a diner, club room, reading room and shower bath, the workers encamp. The advantages of his system, which requires large capital, Price says are in savings in purchases of supplies, due to buying

in quantities; an advantage of from 5 to 15 cents a bushel in selling his crop, through disposing of it direct to millers; and cheaper production costs per unit.

How he comes out financially on his 1930 or 1931 crop is of little concern to Price. He is operating on a 10-year basis, confident that if one year is not profitable, another will make up for it.



HICKMAN PRICE

Officers and Negro Grandson of Busch Pursued by Mob

(By Associated Press)
VICKSBURG, Miss., Jan. 1.—Will Cooney, 19, negro, charged with the murder of William Davis, plantation bookkeeper here, was arrested in Tallulah, Louisiana, today, and officers are reported to be en route to Jackson with the negro and with a pursuing mob twenty minutes behind the car bearing the alleged murderer.

Twenty Louisiana public and private colleges are instructing 16,000 resident students.

Grandson of Busch Still Being Sought

(By Associated Press)
ST. LOUIS, Jan. 1.—Although the police are combing St. Louis and environs no trace had been found today of Adolphus Busch Otterwein, 13, grandson of the late Adolphus Busch, millionaire brewer, who was kidnapped, last night by a negro gunman.

After an all night search the police department announced at noon there was nothing new to be made public on the case but that detectives were pushing the search.

Many Greeted by President Today

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Starting the new year right, Washingtonians from cabinet officers to the simplest citizen converged on the White House today for the annual ceremony of shaking hands with President and Mrs. Hoover. The ceremony was an all day task for the president, broken at intervals of a few minutes for a moment's rest.

Arthur Joseph Demars and Charles P. Roby, the first to form in line at the White House gates, were seen by the president standing in the cold and were invited in for a breakfast of bacon and eggs.

Many housewives in Kentucky are packing sauerkraut to be substituted for green vegetables this winter.

Bryant Chosen as Allred's Assistant

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, Jan. 1.—James V. Allred, of Wichita Falls, was sworn in as attorney general of Texas today.

Allred announced the appointment of Bryce Bryant, of Haskell, as first assistant.

For Rent

Lower floor of Zappe building, corner Hutchings Avenue and Seventh Street. See H. J. Zappe, or phone 239. 1-2td-1tw

FLOWERS

Have Cut Flowers for funerals and all occasions. Will appreciate orders large or small. Eubank Floral Company, 905 Sixth Street, phone 171. 6-tfd

Joffre Sinks Into Coma; Death is Expected Hourly

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, Jan. 1.—Marshal Jacques Joffre, fighting his epic battle against death, sank into a coma at noon today and reports that he had died were flashed around the world, but the spartan soldier lived on and the death reports were officially denied.

This afternoon the marshal's physicians disclosed that he had been unconscious since 11 o'clock this morning.

Be wise and advertise.

Eight Marines Killed in Battle

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The report of an engagement with bandits in the mountainous regions of Nicaragua, in which eight United States marines were killed and two seriously wounded yesterday, was received today by the navy department.

FORMER U. S. ENVOY DIES

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Hugh Campbell Wallace, former United States ambassador to France, died here today at the age of 67 years.

Heart disease, with which Wallace had been afflicted for some time, was the cause of his death. He had been confined to bed for several weeks.

Mrs. J. W. Holt enjoyed a visit from a large number of relatives and friends this week. Included in the number were her mother and four sisters and their families. After a turkey dinner and a day of family greetings they departed for their homes.

J. H. McClain returned Tuesday night from Waco where he had been to attend a business meeting at Baylor University.

Youths Returning from Party Killed by Train

Body of Young Man Is Found in Auto

(By Associated Press)
GALVESTON, Jan. 1.—The body of a young man which has not been definitely identified was found in the wrecked automobile belonging to Andrew Best, of Galveston, at East Bernard last night. The automobile was stolen yesterday.

MEXICAN EXPRESSES THANKS TO GOODFELLOWS

One Mexican family in Ballinger helped by the Goodfellows this Christmas feels grateful—and the following letter was received from the father this week. The letter was written in Spanish but translated, is as follows:

"Goodfellows: "I direct these lines to give you my greatest expression of thanks for your charity in giving me Christmas this year and call on God to augment your capital for charity which you have this day done. "With best wishes, I am your humble servant. "Juvenicia Gomez"

Virginia officials are seeking the hilt of a sword which has been lost off the statue of George Washington at Richmond for eight years.

6 Buildings are Destroyed by Fire

(By Associated Press)
ARDMORE, Okla., Jan. 1.—Six brick buildings in Wynnewood, Oklahoma, were destroyed last night by a fire of undetermined origin. The loss is estimated at \$70,000.

(By Associated Press)
VAN WERT, O., Jan. 1.—Returning home from a New Year's party three high school students were killed near here today when a Pennsylvania freight train demolished their automobile.

The dead are: Morris Kreisler, 17, Dill Burley, 17, and Ward McDaniels, 17, all of Conroy, Ohio.

BAPTIST MEETING AT WILMETH JANUARY 6

Members of the Runnels County Missionary Baptist Association have been called for an all-day meeting Tuesday, Jan. 6, with the church at Wilmeth. The program has been arranged and will start promptly at 10 in the forenoon and will be in session until late in the afternoon.

Following is the program as sent out by the County Missionary:

- 10:00 a. m.—Devotional, Ross Badgett
- 10:30 a. m.—Items Included in a Unified Budget, Rev. W. T. Hamor
- 11:00 a. m.—Howard Payne College Emergency, by representative from Howard Payne
- 11:30 a. m.—Sermon, Rev. W. L. Rodgers
- 1:30 p. m.—Devotional, J. E. Menshew
- 2:00 p. m.—Board Meeting

California's statistical department estimates women are involved in 12 percent of the automobile accidents of the state.

Oklahoma produced 3,774,080 tons of coal during 1929.

WEATHER FORECAST

(By Associated Press)
West Texas—Tonight and Friday cloudy and warmer.
East Texas—Partly cloudy and unsettled tonight and Friday. Warmer Friday.

Our Wish for You

May

1931

Bring to You and Yours

Health, Pleasure

and

Prosperity

Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

New Department

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Mrs. R. E. Truly

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Your patronage solicited and appreciated

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New Year's day was quiet in Ballinger. Banks and the post-office here were closed but other business houses were open and operating.

Baptists of Texas have been successful in their campaign to raise money for Baylor University. A major portion of the \$350,000 quota already has been received by the committee and the goal was in sight by midnight Wednesday.

STARTING THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

There could be no better way for us to start the new year than to determine to do what we can, as individuals, to advance American progress and maintain the American principle of government.

Plain ordinary laziness on the part of citizens has produced sad fruits in recent years. It has caused high taxes, has been at least partly responsible for the business depression and has allowed the encroachment of government on private affairs to become a genuine menace.

Nineteen-thirty-one may prove to be a crucial year for the United States. There is, at present, an undeniable trend toward socialism, toward a dictatorship of the office-holder.

It might be said that the best way for us to go forward is to turn backward, in one particular, and again affirm the principles of the founders of the nation.

SUGAR CANE IS NEW CROP FOR FLORIDA EVERGLADES

PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 1.—Tall sugar cane stalks have formed a waving sea of green over the Everglades this year.

More than 23,000 acres of the crop, a new industry for the section, have been successfully cultivated in the muck lands, giving Florida farmers another crop.

At Canal Point the government is experimenting with a new type cane, attempting to cultivate it for American production.

PUFFY



"Last year," says Puff, "from time to time I thought of many rules That I would need this year to keep me from the path of fools.

SUNDOWN STORIES

CALLING

By Mary Graham Bonner Peggy and John listened to the Old Year as he talked with the other old Years who had once been in the world, but who were no longer on duty.

He told them so many things that had happened in the world, of games and schools and boys and girls.

Some could hardly believe how quickly automobiles and airplanes could travel, how high the buildings were.

Peggy and John also told some of the exciting happenings of the past year and the Years all enjoyed hearing them talk.

"It will seem strange for Baby 1931 at first," they all remarked, "but he will get used to the world very, very quickly."

Then John and Peggy and the Little Black Clock said they had to leave.

"We're very glad to have had you call on us," the old Years said, "and we're sorry that we cannot return your calls."

"Ask the Months to return the calls," the Little Black Clock whispered.

So John and Peggy asked each Month from February to December to come and call on them.

They couldn't ask January because he was not here. He was now calling on them in the world.

But the other Months all promised they would return the call of John and Peggy and the Little Black Clock.

But as they were going away all the old Years and the Months back of the world gathered around in a huge circle and said again and again and again: "Happy New Year! Happy New Year!"

John and Peggy and the Little Black Clock shouted "Happy New Year," too, and when they were leaving the Little Black Clock back home, later that evening, they pressed his funny little hands and said: "A very special Happy New Year to you, dear Little Black Clock!"

(Tomorrow—The Moon)

EMPLOYEES PLENTIFUL BUT EMPLOYER FAIL TO APPEAR

A group estimated at 300 men thronged the court house Thursday morning to meet George White, one of the contractors on the highway grading from Ballinger to Talpa.

The laborers assembled in the district court room after notices had been published that White would be here at 11 o'clock Thursday morning to give employment to a crew.

The jobless men waited until up in the afternoon but the contractors failed to appear or to send word that he would not be here.

In conference with County Judge Paul Trimmer a few days ago White stated that he would be here at the above mentioned time and that publicity could be given the fact.

This was done and men from all parts of the county were here to try to secure jobs for themselves and teams on the new project.

SHIP FRUIT BY PLANE

LUCERNE, Switzerland, Jan. 1.—Perishable fruit now is being shipped by plane.

Strawberries picked near Lucerne in the morning recently were eaten in London the same evening.

A "strawberry air special" now is being planned.

Hans Swoboda, 21, of Milwaukee, built a model of Cologne cathedral of 2,500,000 matches.

BETHEL NEWS

This seems to be moving week, as quite a number are busy moving to different places.

Jordan Gabbert moved to Norton, Mr. Jay moved near Concho, Tom Crockett to the Jones farm on the Paint Rock highway.

Henry Seales to Paint Rock, John Lee Simmons to the home farm near Bethel, Robert Lee of Maverick to the Dick Thorp farm, Walker Haynes to a farm west of Ballinger.

Mr. Leonard will move as soon as he gets a place located. All are looking forward to a very prosperous New Year in new locations.

SMITHS' M SYSTEM

GROCERY AND MARKET Prones 169 and 420 D. R. and W. F. Smith, Props.

tors of Misses Berma and Lois Carrol during the holidays.

School opened again Monday with several new pupils enrolling.

Floyd Hodges of Houston is visiting his brother here.

Mrs. Lon Muncy and daughter, Miss Fay, Mrs. R. F. Smith and daughter, Miss Dora May, were shopping in San Angelo recently.

Sam Smith and family of Plainview visited home folks during the holidays.

Troy Wood and family visited his brother, O. D. Wood, recently.

Miss Ada Simmons and Claud and John Lee Simmons went to San Angelo last Friday where Miss Simmons went to an optometrist for an eye test.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crockett and family of Roby visited Mrs. W. M. Davenport and family Christmas day. All the children were present and a big Christmas dinner was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Richardson and family spent Christmas day with relatives at Concho.

Mr. and Mrs. Mead McShan had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moreland and family, and Mrs. Winnes and children of Ballinger.

Grandmother Shelburn has been very sick this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Womack and family attended church at Ballinger Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Little visited an uncle at Marie Sunday.

Old Santa Claus visited the home of Mrs. John Batts and left her complete bath room furnishings with hot and cold water system and completing the furnishing of the beautiful home.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil McShan of Dry Ridge were pleasant callers in the Crockett home Sunday afternoon.

WINGATE NEWS

There was Sunday school at both churches Sunday morning and preaching at the Primitive Baptist church.

Miss Iwilda Allen is visiting friends and relatives in this community.

Miss Tiny Wood returned home Sunday from a long visit in the Blanton community.

Everyone came back to school Monday morning to start in working hard for the rest of the term.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Brock spent Christmas with Mr. Brock's sister, Mrs. Della Shook.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wood spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. George Timms.

The dance at the Pete Humphrey home Tuesday night was well attended. Everyone reported a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wood spent Christmas day with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Rodgers.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wood, of Pea Ridge, and Arnold Lee and Robert Wood visited in the Blanton community Wednesday night and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Sterns, of this community, visited friends and relatives near Brady Christmas.

Miss Willie Mae spent Sunday with Misses Omata and Anita Henley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Minor and family and Miss Nell Fowler spent Christmas in Smithville, Texas.

CHRISTIANA, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The balance of trade against Norway in the first nine months of 1930 was \$74,115,000 as compared with \$63,820,000 in the same period of 1929.

Teach Girls Restaurant Work LONDON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—A school to teach girls catering, tea room and restaurant work has been opened by the London County Council.

REMEMBER



\$1 Will Do It!

Ballinger State Bank

We Want to Thank Our Friends and Patrons

for the patronage during the past year and solicit a continuance of the same in the days to come.

We are better prepared to render satisfactory service in the future, because we have arranged our market in such a manner as to enable us to give quicker and more prompt service, and the quality of the products we handle will especially appeal to you as we buy our own beeves and do our own butchering.

Baby Beef and Tender Cuts from Pork and Mutton is Our Specialty

Hinkle & Howell Market



WHAT WOULD OUR BAKERY BE WORTH WITHOUT OUR FRIENDS?

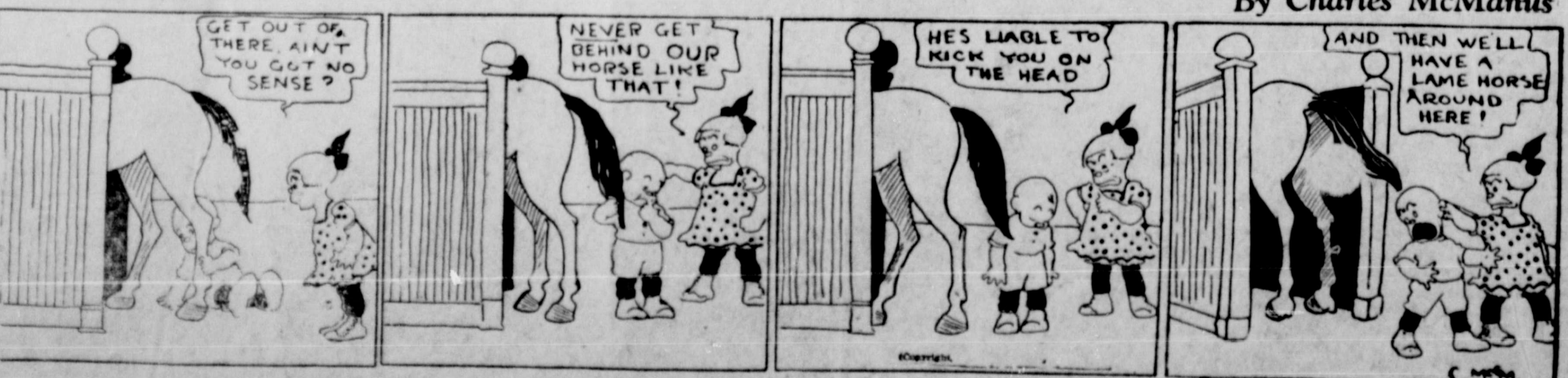
When the good ship 1931 comes into the harbor we trust that our friends will find peace, contentment and prosperity in the days to follow for we are aware of the fact that without friends our business would be worth nothing, and when our friends fail to prosper we likewise do.

WE TRUST THAT 1931 WILL BE THE BEST YEAR IN YOUR HISTORY

CONNELLY'S BAKERY

W. V. Connelly, Prop.

DOROTHY DARNIT



By Charles McManus

CLASSIFIED ADS

Rates and Rules

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

All classified advertisements must be accompanied by cash unless advertiser has a regular account with the paper.

No classified advertisement accepted on an "until ordered out" basis. The number of times the ad is to run must be specified.

FOR RENT—Light housekeeping rooms at reasonable prices. Phone 162. 1-3td

FOR RENT—Two bed rooms. Phone 29, Mrs. R. P. Kirk, 309 Eighth Street. 1-3td

FOR RENT—4 room house and 5 room house. See A. R. Murchison at Ballinger State Bank. 1-3td

FOR RENT—Apartment, furnished or unfurnished. 705 Ninth Street. Phone 338. 27-3td

FOR RENT—Six room house, convenient for two families, two garages, reasonable rental. Apply Sam Behringer. 26-1td

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment in duplex, private bath, garage. Apply Sam Behringer. 26-1td

FOR SALE—Milk Cow, fresh in milk. Phone 8403. Ed Pape. 31-2td-2tw

FOR SALE—At a bargain. Whoopie! I should say it is a bargain. Just a small amount of ready cash and you can buy a furnished, modern 3 apartment house, close in, on Eighth Street. Must sell at once. See Chas. Furgasci for particulars. 31-2td-1tw

WANTED—Grain pasture for about 20 head cows; also want to sell milk cows. W. W. Embry, phone 463, Ballinger. 30-7td-1tw

FOR RENT—Practically new house, five rooms and bath. Has gas and electrical fixtures, city water. Reasonable rent. Phone 189. 2-1td

Deaths

Mrs. Elizabeth Palestine Lilly, 73, died Wednesday evening at 8:30 at the family home here on Eleventh Street. For several days Mrs. Lilly had been very low and all her children were called to her bedside last week to be near the mother in her last hours.

Decedent's husband, W. K. Lilly, died August 11, 1930, and since that time Mrs. Lilly had been in a feeble condition.

Mrs. Lilly resided in and near Ballinger for the past ten years where she made many friends. She was a faithful member of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services were conducted at this church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Rev. Collin, of Rising Star, officiating, assisted by Rev. J. E. Kerr.

Decedent is survived by the following children: Mrs. E. G. Bowden, Ballinger; Oliver Lilly, Henrietta; Mrs. R. R. Allen, Sweetwater; Mrs. E. Otis Allen, Shawnee, Oklahoma; and Misses Eva, Maggie and Eunice Lilly, of Ballinger.

Other relatives here for the funeral were Otis Allen and son, Wendell, Shawnee, Okla.; Mrs. Thomas Lilly and Myrtle Lilly, Bangs; Mrs. Inez Lilly, Amarillo; Catherine Lilly, Henrietta; Dr. R. R. Allen and son, Sweetwater. The following friends from out of town also were present: Mrs. B. C. McCall and Carl McCall, Mrs. George, Mrs. W. B. Witezl, Sweetwater; and Mrs. S. A. Joyce and Jim Joyce, Clyde.

Active pallbearers were H. F. Demmer, Vernon Collins, J. F. McMillan, Sam Malone, Walter Middleton and Fred Prusser; honorary pallbearers were: Ben Whittemburg, J. M. Jennings, S. P. Hathaway, H. P. Russell, W. A. Taylor, John Mackey, J. B. Mack, Jake Stubblefield, T. J. McCaughan, R. B. Hambricht and J. D. Good.

King-Holt Company undertakers were in charge of funeral arrangements.

Infant Ragsdale
The infant of Mr. and Mrs. B. Ragsdale, of Hilton, died at the Halley & Love Sanitarium Wednesday and interment was made at Hilton, with King-Holt undertakers of this city arrangements.

26 Couples are Wed in December

Dan Cupid did a good business in Runnels county during the month of December when Mrs. Clarence L. West, county clerk, issued a total of 26 permits to wed.

This was the largest number of marriage licenses issued during any one month of 1930 with the exception of June, the brides' month.

Following are those who were granted the licenses in December: T. L. Hill to Miss Esie Shields; Candelario Tarin to Miss Josefa Canala.

Hugh Butler to Miss Faye Buchanan; Jodie Rowe to Miss Vonell Carter.

Hugh Garcia to Miss Estrella Tomas; Burhett Scott to Miss Bernice Clark.

Glen Bryson to Miss Bennie Curry; L. B. Walker to Mrs. Myrtle Spain.

Randall Campbell to Miss Lola M. Pumphrey; J. T. Sneed to Miss Winnie Maurine Byer.

J. D. Lee to Miss Exa Satterwhite; F. H. Liso to Miss Edna Gerhart.

W. K. Farmer to Miss Johnnie Philen; G. A. Northcutt to Miss Velma Morgan.

Clarence Davis to Miss Ava Crooks; Jarrett Broyle Pace to Miss Beulah Baggett.

Andres Aquirre to Miss Bernarda Samorron; P. R. Dietz to Miss Leona Jones.

T. E. Olinger to Miss Inez Castleberry; Clarence L. West to Miss Ima McKown.

Alvin Redman to Miss Elsie Haus; C. O. Miller to Miss Dollie Moore.

T. H. Broughton to Miss Hallie Penney; Millard M. Smallwood to Miss Rosalea Hardcastle.

Marvin Drake to Miss Estella Camp; Albert Henniger to Miss Leona Pfeffer.

Eight New Cars Registered Here

New automobiles registered during December, 1930, for this county totaled eight. No trucks were registered during the month, according to W. L. Brown, retiring tax collector. In December one year previous registrations were 43 cars and 11 trucks.

Following are the registrations:
Ford
Miles Motor Co. 1
Harwell Motor Co. 3
Chevrolet
C. & C. Motor Co. 2
Buick
F. F. Ligon, 1
Oakland
George Dankworth, 1

The tax collector's office is being rushed with applications for license plates and many new numbers are being issued daily. Car owners in this county have until the last day of January in which to secure their new plates and place them on their machines. After that date it will be a violation of the law to drive without a 1931 number plate.

A. L. Spann Buys City Grocery Co.

A deal was finally consummated here Thursday morning in which A. L. Spann buys the City Grocery from W. R. Smith and Miss Neva J. Blair. The store was closed Wednesday while an inventory of the merchandise was made and other business affairs concluded.

Mr. Spann stated Thursday morning that his store was open for business and would be operated at its present location on Eighth Street until about February 1, when he would move into his own building on Hutchings Avenue, in the stand now occupied by the L. B. Rudder saddle and shoe shop. He also said he would conduct a sale during the month to close out present stock so he could completely restock in his other location. He will operate the store under the name of Spann & Company on the cash and carry plan.

Mr. Spann was in the grocery business for about 22 years, selling his store here about five years ago. Since that time he had retired but continued to reside in Ballinger. He will make a public announcement of his plans within the next few days.

Mr. Smith stated that he would remain in Ballinger for some time looking after his accounts but expected to return to his farm in the northern part of the county a little later.

Lions Club Greet New Year's Entry

Ballinger Lions, wives and guests numbering more than fifty fittingly watched the old year go and greeted the coming of 1931 with a great amount of enthusiasm Wednesday night and Thursday morning at the Ballinger Country Club. The affair was one of the high spots of the social life of Ballinger during the holiday season, and from the time the guests began assembling until their departure it was evident that the party was a huge success.

Banquet tables were arranged in the large reception room at the club house and a great fire flickered in the large fireplace to make the scene more attractive. The tables were beautifully decorated with horns at each place and soon after the guests were seated the hall became so noisy that it was impossible to talk.

President C. R. Stone asked that each feminine guest present take her place at the tables, leaving every alternate place vacant. The men were then told to take seats, but enjoined that any who took a seat next to his wife would be fined.

Mrs. W. L. Brown, assisted by girls from the domestic science department of the Ballinger high school, served a delicious turkey menu, including a cocktail, salad, hot rolls, coffee and dessert. The meal was served quickly and in perfect order and Mrs. Brown and the girls were given a vote of thanks by the club.

At the conclusion of the meal serpentine paper and confetti were distributed and for some thirty minutes the air was filled with the colored paper, the joyous confusion resulting making it difficult to restore order for the remainder of the program.

President Stone presented Rev. F. M. Crabtree as toastmaster, and the latter took charge of the program in a masterful manner, for more than an hour directing the laughter and entertainment that provoked still more fun. Included in the entertainment numbers was a male quartet, the presentation of a gift from the club to the president, an address on foolishness by R. E. White, several talks by Frank C. Dickey, and greetings from guests. At 10 p. m. the merry-makers became quiet while a radio receiver furnished by King-Holt Company was dialed for "Amos 'n Andy."

Following the program games and conversation passed the time until midnight when greetings to 1931 were given by all in a loud manner, and the party, the third annual affair of the kind, dispersed.

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MINT ACREAGE INCREASES ON FARMS IN CALIFORNIA

(By Associated Press)
SHAFER, Calif., Jan. 1.—Mint growing has progressed rapidly in this district in the last three years from a small planting of two acres.

Thousands of dollars were received by growers this year. A modern electrically equipped distilling plant to convert the mint into menthol oil has been built.

The oil is contracted for on a definite basis and cash is paid at the still.

LOOK for OPENING OF MY BAKERY

It was our plan to have our opening tomorrow (Thursday) but owing to difficulties arising in the installation of machinery and other things that have delayed our work, we can not have the opening until a later date.

Watch For Announcement In This Paper
B. N. Wilke

Walter Early Thanks Citizens

"To the people of the 35th judicial district:
"Today the duties of the office of district attorney I am turning over to my successor, but I would not do so without expressing to you my sincerest appreciation for the confidence you have reposed in me throughout my long term of office.

"The fact that I have had so little opposition for the twenty-four years of public service in your district bespeaks for me your interest and trust in me, and I have striven through these years to give you the very best service in my power, prosecuting with zeal those whom I believed to be willful wrong doers, but trying at all times to be fair to the unfortunate.

"Through my associations in this office I have become acquainted and associated with many people of the district, lawyers, jurors and officers of the court, to all of whom I wish to express my appreciation for their loyalty and warm personal friendship.

"I am indebted to the district judges under whom I have served for their assistance and most kind consideration of me at all times. To my many fellow officers, the sheriffs and their deputies, the county attorneys, and the district clerks I owe a debt of gratitude for their assistance and many acts of kindness. Without their able assistance I could not have accomplished even that that I have.

"I trust that these warm friendships may not be severed on my retiring from office, but may continue through my life.

"I trust that you may extend to him who is to take my place the same friendship and consideration you have always shown me.

"And now with many thanks and very best wishes to all,
"I remain,
"Yours very truly,
"Walter U. Early."
(Brownwood, Texas, Jan. 1, '31)

Oliver Cochran has returned from Mangum, Okla., where he has been for the past three months. Mr. Cochran sold his furniture stock here some time back. He will await the return of normal conditions when he expects to accept employment with some firm or possibly enter business of his own.

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Forgey in Office; Names Assistants

W. A. Forgey began his duties in the tax collector's office Thursday morning after having his bond approved and taking the oath of office late Wednesday afternoon.

He issued his first automobile and tax receipt to W. A. Holt, incoming sheriff, Thursday morning when the office opened for business. Mr. Forgey announced Thursday that his helpers would be Drury Hathaway, first assistant; Miss Zedie Royalty, and beginning Saturday, Clarence McCarver, Miss Royalty and Mr. Hathaway were on the job Thursday and Mr. McCarver will join the staff as soon as he returns from Dallas where he was scheduled to play football in the Dixie classic on New Year's day.

Mr. Forgey is not a new face in the Runnels county court house, he having served for several years as county clerk. He is familiar with the duties of the tax collector and office routine and his assistants are experienced in the department, prepared to render speedy and efficient service to tax payers.

W. L. Brown, retiring collector, completed checking up at midnight Wednesday and turned over the keys to the incoming official. The last day of the year and his last day in office he handled approximately \$14,000 in taxes, which is considered a big day's run.

Collector Forgey is ready for the January rush and during the next 30 days a large portion of the taxes due by citizens of the county must be paid and most of the motor vehicles registered.

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We are completely remodeling our store inside and making it so we can serve our customers better. This is just part of the service we expect to render during the coming year and we invite everyone to visit us and see for themselves, the service we offer.

All Goods are Displayed on Shelving and Marked in Plain Figures So that You Can Conveniently Wait on Yourself if You Wish to Do So.

We want to thank all those who have contributed to our success in the past and hope that our business relations merit a continuance of the same liberal patronage.
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We are Thankful that 1930 is Over
and are hoping that 1931 will be one of the best years in the history of Runnels county.
We are thankful to our friends for their patronage during the past year and trust that fate shall be kind to you during this bright looking New Year.
We hope that 1930 is the worst that you will ever experience and that 1931 will be the best
Your Friends
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