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A dancing marathon has been going on in a certain city past the 55th hour and five couples are still in the race.

Tickets for the annual chamber of commerce banquet are now on sale at all drug stores in Ballinger at 75 cents per plate.

School authorities are condemning the promotion of football and letting other sports die just because they fail to make big money.

It was only a few years ago that an ocean voyage on a steamer was considered dangerous.

PUFFY



"Hello, my friend!" a man hails Puffy while in the dining car.

to take the wheel away from children not big enough to reach the brakes.

SUNDOWN STORIES



THE UPSET SLEIGH

By Mary Graham Bonner

John was very proud of Peggy. She was not at all frightened from having been overturned from the sleigh, and landing in the snow.

"Are you all right, Little Black Clock?" they both asked.

They were somewhat worried for fear the snow might not agree with him, but he shouted back at once, from a tiny snow bank into which he had fallen:

"Quite all right. Are you both all right, too?"

"We are!" shouted Peggy and John cheerily.

They picked themselves up from the snow and began to quiet the horse. He was quickly quieted and, although he trembled and felt started, he tried to be brave and calm.

"He took the wrong road," the Little Black Clock told John and Peggy in a low voice.

It is really a trifle ashamed that such a thing could have happened. And it did startle him so to find that he was in the heart of the woods.

"With such a heavy snow storm it is only natural that he made this mistake. There has evidently been a short road built through here for the wood cutters in the logging camp not far away."

"They all helped right the sleigh and turn the horse around."

"Well," said the Little Black Clock, "it's the first upset we have had, but I think it was fun and rather jolly to have had a little excitement like this."

The children both did agree with the Little Black.

The snow was not so blinding now. They made their way back to the real road and continued their drive until it was time to get back to the magic path and home.

John was proud of Peggy for behaving as she had when they had upset. She was no cry baby and no 'fraid cat! She was a real sister. He wanted to tell her so, but all he could think of saying was:

"You were fine, Peggy."

And she knew all that meant!

(Tomorrow—The Frost Team)

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

ONE OUT OF 12 OUT OF WORK IN AUSTRALIAN DISTRICT

(By Associated Press) ADELAIDE, Australia, Jan. 8.—Pledged to borrow no more money from abroad, South Australia is faced with the problem of keeping its unemployed men and their families.

Unemployment has increased at the rate of 1,000 a week. One in every 12 men in the state is out of work.

Wages of officials have been drastically reduced in an effort to prevent bankruptcy. The state already has been greatly assisted by funds from the federal treasury.

Winter legumes as green manure crops pay big dividends, says the chief agronomist at Georgia College of Agriculture.

An Eminent Physician Prescribed this Tonic



As a young man Dr. R. V. Pierce practiced medicine in Pennsylvania. His prescriptions met with such great demand that he moved to Buffalo, N. Y., and put up in ready-to-use form his well-known tonic for the blood, Golden Medical Discovery.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery

HOW'S your HEALTH



SAINT VITUS' DANCE—I.

During the middle ages, when religious fervor ran high, there developed a mania which caused its victims to dance ceaselessly.

During a severe outbreak of this psychic disturbance in Strassbourg, in the latter part of the fifteenth century, the chief magistrate of that city ordered those affected to repair to the Chapel of Saint Vitus in Zabern, a small village not far from Strasburg.

In time, Saint Vitus became the patron saint for those afflicted with uncontrollable, spasmodic movement of the body and the "Saint Vitus' dance" was affixed, to this disability.

The technical name for it is chorea. In recent years chorea has come to be looked on as one of the forms of rheumatic fever, but there are certain forms of Saint Vitus' dance which are definitely known to be due to other causes.

Saint Vitus' dance is characterized by irregular and involuntary twitchings of some or all of the muscles of the body. As a rule, these twitchings and movements cease during sleep.

While Saint Vitus' dance may occur at any age, children are its chief victims, especially those between 5 and 15. Females are more liable to the disease than males.

There appears to be an hereditary factor in the disease. Children of parents who have been or are afflicted with Saint Vitus' dance, or epilepsy, appear to be more than commonly predisposed.

The onset, or development of the disease is associated with mental excitement, fright in particular, and with various acute disease, such as rheumatism of the joints, scarlet fever and certain infectious diseases involving linings of the heart.

(Tomorrow—Saint Vitus' Dance—II.)

Stockholders Meeting, Ballinger Cemetery Association

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Ballinger Cemetery Association will be held Monday morning, January 12, at 10 o'clock, in the directors' room of the Ballinger State Bank to elect officers for the ensuing year.

E. Shepperd, President. 8-3td

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ATLANTA BOY, 3, RADIO ANNOUNCER

(By Associated Press) ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 8.—William Blue McKay may be the world's youngest radio announcer.



WILLIAM MCKAY.

He's just three years old and announces regularly on a children's program from WSB. It is broadcast every day except Sunday and is "The Sunset Club," featuring local children as artists.

William's radio career began when he sang on a program a few months ago. One day he calmly told the program director, Lou Zoeller, that he was going to make the announcement. He did. The lad was at once a big hit.

(By Associated Press) BURBANK, Calif., Jan. 8.—Maurice Poirier, inventor, has no idea of flying to Mars, but he is undertaking experiments which he is confident will prove rocket airplanes practicable.

Poirier has built a model plane with a wing spread of ten feet which he declares already has done all he expected of it in private tests.

Early in January he planned to take the miniature rocket plane to one of the dry lakes on the desert east of here for a public test. He will be aided by his engineer, Frank Wallace, an inventor and designer. The inventor indicated that the plane might go 500 miles an hour.

Five poultry flocks in Davidson county, N. C., showed a net profit of \$2,089 above feed costs from sale of eggs.

Be wise and advertise

INVENTOR OUT TO PROVE ROCKET PLANES FEASIBLE

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MOVIES

Auto Smash-up Passes Quietly—No Action by Hollywood Police

Hollywood police are still in ignorance of an automobile crash which happened on one of its main boulevards recently. No report was ever made of the accident in which a speeding motorcycle hurtled into a skidding automobile.

This particular accident was planned, rehearsed up to the point of the actual crash, and then carried out for a scene in Paramount's new melodrama, "Manslaughter," the attraction at the Palace Theatre commencing Sunday afternoon and to run for three days.

A sharp curve, ending a long straightaway stretch, was chosen as the site of the accident. Ten cameras were lined up to cover every foot of the road where the crash was to occur, and microphones were so placed that they could record the sound of the impact.

Pursued by a motorcycle, the automobile hummed down the straightaway at a fast pace. There was a screech of brakes, and the car skidded around the curve, swinging outside across the road. A split second later the motorcycle crashed full into it. But a battered car and a demolished motorcycle were the only casualties.

Splendid Cast Supports Cyril Maude in "Grumpy"

"Grumpy," the famous stage play which has been a huge success whenever it played during the last 13 years in England, Australia and America, closes a two-day run at the Palace Theatre tonight.

"Grumpy" is, after all, Cyril Maude, for it was this famous

veteran of the English, American and Australia stages who introduced the grand old play, created the title role and performed it, 1300 times, in the theatres of three continents.

It is Cyril Maude who plays the famous title role again in the screen version, making his debut in audible celluloid.

"Grumpy" is the story of a crotchety old retired criminal lawyer who lives near London with his charming granddaughter. The girl is in love with a young man who has been sent to London on a secret mission by his employers, a diamond-trading concern, at the time the play opens. Staying at the home of "Grumpy" that night, the young man is attacked by a mysterious thief who steals a large diamond with which he had been entrusted.

Circumstances throw the shadow of guilt upon another guest in the home, and "Grumpy" begins a crafty campaign to "get the goods" on the suspect. After a series of events which are at once thrilling and very amusing, the old man captures the suspect guest red-handed.

Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to our good friends and neighbors who were so thoughtful and kind to us during the illness and death of our husband and father, E. D. Walker. We appreciate more than we can tell the love and sympathy shown us by these good friends and the beautiful floral offerings. Mrs. E. D. Walker and children. 1td

More Radio Phone Links

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Three South American republics, Argentina, Chile and Uruguay, now have radio-telephone contact with 24 countries in North America and Europe.

More than 128,000 pounds of cabbages were sold last year by farmers in Jackson county, N. C., through cooperative agencies.

Read today's news in The Ledger today.

PALACE Last Chance to See



GRUMPY

Movietone Act

Starting Friday

JACK LONDON'S

Story of the Sea!



MILTON SILLS

Last Picture

with

Jane Kieth

1931 Offers Opportunity to the Man with Ample SAVINGS Ballinger State Bank

HOT WATER that stays hot! West Texas Utilities Company

DOROTHY DARNIT By Charles McManus



**Hollywood Signs**  
**Sounds**

By Robbin Coons  
 HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Another turning of the tide in movie trends has uncovered an old, half-forgotten truth still written clear on the shifting movie sands.



The tidal wave of talkie madness has not obliterated permanently the fact that the screen is to be seen first and heard next.

In the first shock of that tidal wave Hollywood's cry was for new voices—and if the owners of such voices had a few facial defects such as buck-teeth, lantern jaws, or slightly pudgy noses, the make-up man simply did his best and the producers paid for the voice.

**Camera Asserts Itself**  
 The change inevitably came, and now and for some time past the cry has been for new faces, new personalities, and not so much for new voices.

Vocal assurance is no less at a premium, but a good speaking or singing voice without acting ability and looks is no Open Sesame to the studios.

Singers who have remained despite the frowns cast on musical films are actors first and singers secondarily.

John McCormack, not an actor, was not a talkie success, and if Lawrence Tibbett had had no more to offer than his baritone he would have followed the Irish tenor from the screen. Tibbett remained because he is not only a vivid personality, but can act.

Hence it is that in the present search for new screen talent, general in the studios, new faces are being sought rather than new voices.

That doesn't mean that the old beautiful-but-dumb type has a chance again, for it hasn't.

**Hope for Extras**  
 A definite effort to train selected newcomers for the screen is under way at one of the studios, and one of its important results should be the elimination, for the few selected, of the constant discouragement which is lot of most extra players.

The chosen candidates may be used at first only as extras and bit-players, but the fact that an interest is being taken in them will serve to tear down what is recognized as a barrier to the success of many extras.

For there is nothing like the tedium of extrarod to kill movie ambition.

**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 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 8-601d

**STRIPES RUN ALL WAYS IN PARIS SPORTS WEAR**

(By Associated Press)  
 PARIS, Jan. 8.—Stripes are running in all directions in the new sports clothes.

One of the latest models of green and white stripes laminae has a blouse in which the stripes run in diagonal lines.

The skirt in which the stripes are cut to form V's in the back and front is finished with a patent leather belt.

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**Chile Air Force To be Expanded By New Ministry**

By Harold P. Braman  
 SANTIAGO, Chile, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Chile expects soon to have the largest air force in South America.

It is estimated that there are approximately 150 military and commercial planes in Chile now, and 60 more have been ordered. A number of the new planes will be for replacements.

The 60 new ships, all military types, will be constructed here by an American firm. This order will be spread over a period of more than two years, and the planes are to cost about \$1,250,000.

**Control Centralized**  
 Chile's entire aviation program is in charge of the new air ministry, headed by a "sub-secretary of aviation," and forming a new unit of the ministry of the interior.

All control of military aviation has been taken from the army and navy and placed in the hands of the new air chief. Commercial aviation also is under his command.

Military plane units are centered chiefly at the main military airport, El Bosque, near Santiago; at Iquique in the north and Temuco in the south. There are important commercial airports scattered the length of the country, from Arica in the north to Puerto Montt in the south.

**Aid Private Flying**  
 Private aviation also is being fostered by the air ministry. The Aero club de Chile, which has a large establishment at Los Cerillos, is growing rapidly, with many women members.

One of the longest countries in the world, extending half the length of South America, this nation in years past found transportation between the north and south a journey of weeks. Water and rail methods aided the situation but little.

Grasping the possibilities of organized aviation, Chile established a national mail and passenger line which now brings Arica within a day and a half of Santiago and the south-central cities with a day of the capital. The air ministry is hoping soon to work out regular air transportation the year around to Magallanes, formerly Punta Arenas, down the Straits of Magellan.

Buy your printing at home.

**Added Cylinders to Give Smoother Performance to 'Rakish' '31 Automobile**

By Oscar Leiding  
 (Associated Press Automobile Editor)  
 NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Smoothly operation will epitomize the 1931 automobile.

More cylinders have been added, horsepower stepped up, and transmissions improved.

Formal introduction of the 1931 car to the public is being made at the thirty-first automobile show now in progress in Grand Central Palace.

The eight-cylinder vehicle, after 15 years in the automotive field, will celebrate complete victory, gained during the 1930 season, in the "battle of the cylinders."

"Eights" will outnumber their nearest rivals, the "sixes," while extremes will be displayed in a bantam car smaller than ever and in two 16-cylinder models and a 12-cylinder car which have had previous debuts.

In all there will be 36 makes of passenger cars, 16 makes of commercial vehicles, and two taxicab models. Most manufacturers are withholding announcements so as "to spring surprises."

Most of the improvements will

be concealed. These include valves refined for greater speed and quieter operation, new manifold air carburetor designs, increase of rubber mountings to reduce engine vibration, and transmission specialties developed for quietness, ease of handling, and economy.

Outwardly, cars will appear more rakish with a definite continuation of the trend toward wire wheels and taking the spare tire from the back of the car to wells in the fenders.

With increase in horsepower output there will be radiators of larger capacity and vane shutters controlled thermostatically to meet demands of summer and winter driving.

Wheelbases are to be longer, bonies larger and roomier, and cars hung closer to the ground. The industry claims that more is to be offered for the money than ever before.

The show will be held under the auspices of the national automobile chamber of commerce, headed by Alvan Macauley as president and Charles D. Hastings as chairman of the show committee.

**MAVERICK NEWS**

School opened Monday as the beginning of the fourth month. Every student is striving to improve his work this next month.

The girls' basketball team met the outside girls last Thursday afternoon and won by a score of 23 to 7.

The Maverick boys will play the Crews boys Friday night at Winters. Admission will be ten cents. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy a very interesting game.

Below is a list of boys who will be eligible to enter the Inter-scholastic League contests. Some of them are not making their grades now but we hope they will be by the next semester. Earl Bowden, Ewell Frazier, Hurlin Lee, J. C. Lee, Horace Hutton, Albert Jackson, J. W. Borders, J. P. Hutton, O. B. Stephenson and Murl Day.

"REPORTER"

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**LOCAL FIREMEN'S BAND INTERESTS MUSICIANS**

The committee working on the proposed firemen's band for this city is meeting with excellent response. Eleven firemen already have signified their desire to begin study of some instrument, and former musicians residing in Ballinger are anxious to line up with the band as soon as it is going good. Included in the list of old musicians are about twenty men who have had several years' band experience and who with a little practice will be ready to play concerts.

The plan is to have the entire band composed of adult musicians who are permanent citizens of Ballinger, and the band to be operated under the constitution and regulations of the fire department. The committee now at work will complete its canvass and report at the next regular meeting of the fire company on Thursday, January 15. At that time if there are enough men who desire to learn to play, together with a nucleus of experienced musicians, the band will be sponsored by the firemen and rehearsals commenced.

**U. S. Amateurs 'Talk' by Radio TO 70 Nations**

(By Associated Press)  
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Although radio has lost much of its appeal as a communication novelty, there was an increase this year of more than 2,000 amateur stations in the United States.

There are now 18,994 licensed amateurs communicating with each other in this country and conversing in code with fellow operators in all parts of the world. Some of the American stations have been in communication with upwards of 70 foreign stations.

W. D. Terrell, chief the radio division of the department of commerce, praised the high technical skill of the amateurs in his annual report.

"The pursuit of amateur radio continues to constitute a valuable training school for skilled radio personnel for industry and the art generally," he said. "The amateurs' record of public service, their spirit of cooperation and

their demonstrated national value have continued to justify the policy of this government toward them."

Voice transmission on high frequencies has been given impetus by the opening of the channels from 14,100 to 14,300 kilocycles for amateur telephony as well as telegraphy. The amateurs also are investigating the communication possibilities in radio's "no man's land," the ultra-high frequencies above 23,000 kilocycles.

**FIRST GRADE ROOM WINS P.-T.A. CONTEST**

The first grade room won the contest conducted by the Ballinger Parent-Teacher Association and received a prize of \$5 in cash Wednesday afternoon.

Several months ago the local P.-

T. A. offered a prize of \$5 for the room with the most mothers attending the organization's meetings. The contest closed with the first meeting of the new year held Wednesday afternoon in the high school auditorium and a check-up showed the first grade room, taught by Mrs. W. A. Bridwell, as winner, leading by the slight margin of six over the second grade room, taught by Mrs. H. C. Lyon.

The children urged their mothers to attend and the contest is believed to have greatly increased both interest and attendance at P.-T. A. meetings.

**Finds Big Hornets' Nest**

BEAUMONT, Jan. 8.—A hornets' nest 16 inches in diameter has been placed on display here by G. L. McCarty of the Nona Woods section.

**Condensed Statement of Financial Condition of**

**FARMERS & MERCHANTS BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS**

Close of Business December 31, 1930.

**RESOURCES:**

Loans and discounts	\$366,190.21
Overdrafts	1,371.59
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Other real estate	9,901.00
Interest Guaranty Fund	1,776.96
Other Assets	2,833.36
Cash and Exchange	63,675.17
	\$478,248.29

**LIABILITIES:**

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Profits (Net)	41,198.03
Dividends Unpaid	7,000.00
Deposits	330,050.26
	\$478,248.29

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**WHAT A WORLD OF GRIEF IT SAVES YOU!**

We know a seed house that proves each season's crop of seeds in their own trial gardens before they offer them to the public. Flowers and vegetables grown from these seeds must measure up to definite standards, or else the entire crops from which the samples were taken are burned.

We know a manufacturer of dry batteries who tested a new product two years before he sold a single battery to a single dealer.

We know a manufacturer of an anti-freeze solution for automobile radiators who spent two years testing his product under all conditions before he said a word in advertising about the merits of his goods.

We know a manufacturer of household pharmaceutical products whose self-imposed standard of purity and efficacy is even higher than that laid down by the United States Pharmacopoeia and the National Formulary.

If we mentioned their names you would recognize them immediately. You probably would say, "I plant those seeds," "I use that battery," "I use that anti-freeze," "My medicine cabinet contains those products."

The four instances cited are typical of every reliable manufacturer in America. Millions of dollars are spent annually to develop, to improve, to standardize, and to take the guesswork out of merchandise. Other millions of dollars are spent in advertising to tell you about them.

All of which is to say that in putting your trust in advertising merchandise you save yourself the bother, the expense, the disappointment—yes the danger—of experimenting and discovering for yourself which make of soap, breakfast food, radio tubes, lingerie, gasoline, tea, electrical device, stationery—or what-not—gives you the most service for your money.

The news columns of this paper keep you informed of the latest international, national and local happenings. The advertisements keep you informed of the newest, most advantageous, most reliable merchandise that America's most progressive makers are producing.

**CANNON BALL BAKER**

Smashes Coast-to-Coast Record Using

**Eveready Prestone**

The Perfect Anti-Freeze

3,220 miles without adding anything to his radiator.

Top speed was 90 miles per hour.

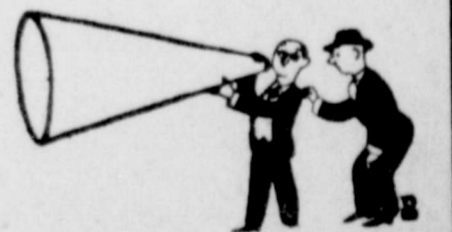
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Super Service

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Tell 'em through the powerful medium of good printing. A clearly worded message, announced by an attractively printed handbill, blotter or booklet is sure to gain a prompt favorable response.



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FOR RENT—Unfurnished apartment. Phone 222. Mrs. Laxson. 7-8td-\*

FOR RENT—Three good houses. Phone 1330. Geo. Dankworth. 5-10d

WANTED—Boarders and roomers, rates \$8.00 per week. Stocks Hotel. Phone 150. 2-6d

FOR RENT—Five room and bath, modern throughout, one four room with bath, modern, possession at once. Joe Huffman. Phone 1293. 2-10d

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

"BLUE BOY" BULL SERVICE

I am standing my bull, "Blue Boy," which is out of the famous Shelton herd of Brownwood; his sire has silver medal backing...

RELATIVE OF BALLINGER MEN IS BURIED AT SAN ANGELO

A. B. deMontmolin, Jr., 32, died at San Angelo Wednesday after an illness of about two years' duration. He was a brother-in-law of Tommie Hall, manager of Hicks Rubber Co. store here...

CREWS NEWS

Only a small number attended church service Sunday on account of rain.

News has been received here of the death of Douglas Madison, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Jarrel Madison, of San Antonio.

C. F. White is reported ill this week.

A social was given for the B. Y. P. U. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Phipps Friday night.

Curtis Wilkerson is on the sick list this week. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Very little farming is being done at the present time on account of the rains.

Bro. Branaman was accompanied by his family to attend his regular appointment at Bronte Saturday and Sunday.

Laverne White and Sybil McBeth were both right sick last week, but are much better at this writing.

Relatives and friends of Crews and Herring are doing what they can to help Mr. and Mrs. Kirby since the loss of their home and furniture.

Colds Checked by modern vaporizing ointment—Just rub on VICKS VAPORUB

BARNETT NEWS

Mrs. Grace Harbor of Abilene returned to her home last Friday after spending several days here with her parents.

The following were invited dinner guests in the home of Mrs. Roy Tyree last Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Laxton and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tyree and son, Wilbur, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Forgy, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tyree and Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips of Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Forgy and daughters, Wilma Jean and Wanda Marie, of Hatchel, spent New Year's day with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Forgy.

Charlie, Doc and Cecil Edwards of Los Angeles, California, have

Cemetery Meet Set January 12

E. Shepperd, president of the Ballinger Cemetery Association, has called a meeting of all lot owners for January 12 in the directors' room of the Ballinger State Bank.

Gene Norman had the misfortune to be kicked by a horse on the trading grounds last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Laxton have moved to McCamey where Mr. Laxton has employment.

"Runnels Delight Butter"—35c a pound in quarters. 23-1td

BETHEL NEWS

The rainy weather Sunday interfered with Sunday school at both churches. Rev. Cole, of Abilene was here to fill his regular appointment.

Miss Ada Simmons left early Sunday morning for her school near Kerrville, after spending the holidays here.

Jess G. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Smith, has recently moved to his father's farm in this community.

The Happy Home Makers Club will have a called meeting this week as it failed to have a meeting last week.

The party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mead McShan Wednesday night was well attended.

The party in the home of Tom Crockett Friday night was also enjoyed by a large crowd.

Easter Crockett and family, of Norton, spent Saturday night and Sunday in this community.

David Wood spent Saturday night with an old friend and school mate, Mr. Harvey of Ballinger.

Nichols Cotton, of Paint Rock recently bought a bunch of sheep from Tom Crockett.

Mrs. W. F. McShan is visiting her sons, Ralph McShan, of Ballinger, and Virgil McShan, of Dry Ridge.

Miss Nellie Bigby left last week for points near Fort Stockton, where she has accepted a position in a school.

Uncle Joe Fletcher, who had been visiting his son and daughter, Bert Fletcher and Mrs. R. D. Martin, of Maverick, is now visiting in this neighborhood.

Atlantic Fliers to Tour France PARIS, Jan. 8.—(P)—Following their goodwill tour of the United States, Costa and Bellonte, who made the first airplane flight from Paris to New York, will begin a good-will tour of French cities.

Outlook Bright For Farmers Says McDonald

AUSTIN, Jan. 8.—Agriculture has a bright outlook for 1931 provided farmers and business men do not forget the lessons learned in the past few years, according to J. E. McDonald, Texas commissioner of agriculture.

"I am very hopeful for the agricultural outlook for 1931 because it is being realized that agriculture has launched out into new waters; that the machinery that has been propelling our agricultural boat is antiquated."

"It is generally realized that the one-crop system gives us very unstable condition and subjects us to frequent periods of depression, such as the one with which we are now confronted."

"The very fact that we realize the situation more fully than ever before and the fact that we are seriously thinking about a more diversified and stable system of agriculture lends hope. And too, the manifest interest in cooperative marketing and the further fact that the Federal government, through the Federal Farm Board, is rendering a worthwhile service, are hopeful signs."

"I am thoroughly convinced the greatest problem confronting agriculture is the establishment of some means by which the production of our major crops can be regulated so as to have production conform more nearly with consumption. This alone will encourage diversification, rotation of crops, soil preservation, better living conditions on the farm and an increased purchasing power, the effect of which will radiate to all other legitimate interests in our country."

"It is my desire to see the very closest co-operation between the state department of agriculture, the federal department of agriculture, A. & M. College, the press, various agricultural clubs and those who in the past have manifested an interest in agriculture and the general interest of our state."

Bays Kipling's Signature LONDON, Jan. 8.—(P)—An autographed copy of Kipling's "Recessional" published 33 years ago realized \$3,150 at auction, purchased by Gabriel Well, New York. Another autographed manuscript, the "Last Chantey," sold for \$425.

Turtle farming and capping is the major industry on Eleuthera Island of the Bahamas.

Births

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