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## Concho Bond Issue is Voted by Good Margin

Concho county's road bond issue Thursday was approved by a surplus of about 46 over the necessary two-thirds majority, final returns giving for the bonds 483, against 173. Two voting boxes, at Eden and Paint Rock, served voters in the road district. Voters at Eden gave the issue 278 for and 94 against, while those at Paint Rock voted 205 for and 79 against.

Concho was one of the few counties in the state without any bonded indebtedness. Until this election was held the county did not owe a penny and in this project is getting many times the value of its money in good roads. The state and federal governments are matching the county's money at a ratio of about 4 to 1 in paving of highways Nos. 4 and 9, and when completed the county will have nearly 70 miles of pavement.

This will be the first pavement in Concho county. The project also includes a number of new bridges and drainage structures, the large bridge across the Concho River just north of Paint Rock to be replaced with a modern span.

Quick action is expected on the Concho county project. The bond market is in the best condition since the recent crash and the issue is expected to find ready sale at premium and par. When the county money is ready and right-of-way approved there will be nothing in the way of letting contracts and beginning actual work.

Ballinger citizens rejoiced over approval of the issue as much as its supporters in Concho county. The result means continuation of all-weather roads south of this city, and adds an important link in a state, national and possibly international route. Work will commence within a week or ten days on the south portion of highway No. 4 in this county and paving will be placed to the Concho county line this summer.

Proponents of the issue in Concho county staged a thorough and effective campaign in favor of the bonds, showing citizens of the district where they would be benefited by surfacing of the two highways. Only two commissioner's precincts are included in the road district; those owning land far away from the roads will not be taxed for the construction.

The first traffic improvement to be made in Concho county will start when two bridges are to be erected. Bids have been advertised for spans over Kickapoo Creek and Frog Pond, and it is believed that the contracts will be let within a few days.

## FORMER RUNNELS CITIZEN DIES AT STERLING CITY

John W. Woods, 71, formerly of Runnels county, died at his home nine miles west of Sterling City on March 17, after a brief illness. Mr. Woods lived in this county for a number of years, operating a ranch here. He had a wide acquaintance among the boys of the open range, having spent much of his life as a cowboy in this section of West Texas. He is survived by nine children, all but one of whom were at his bedside when he passed on. A daughter, Mrs. John Conner resides in this county.

## Agents to Spot Stills from Air In New War on Liquor Traffic

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## Final Production Of Cotton Given

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—The census bureau today announced final figures of the 1930 cotton crop, ginnings totaling 13,929,941 bales as compared with 14,824,861 last year.

## College President Will Talk Sunday

Dr. J. C. Hardy, president of Baylor College, Belton, will visit the Ballinger Baptist Church Sunday morning, speaking at 11 o'clock. Dr. Hardy also will speak at Winters at 3 p. m. Sunday, and at Miles at the evening service.

Rev. J. H. McClain, the pastor, urges all members of the church to hear the address, which will deal with Christian education. Dr. Hardy has headed the Belton college for many years and under his guidance it has grown to be the largest girls' school in the South with an annual enrollment of about 1,800. He has visited Ballinger before and many local citizens know him to be an orator who can grip and hold his audience on any religious subject.

The general public is cordially invited to hear the visiting educator.

## BEAUTIES OF NERO'S VILLA UNEARTHED BY SAVANTS

ANZIO, Italy, March 20.—The house of Nero here, once an imperial villa but now a group of ruins almost level with the ground, has revealed some priceless mosaics to archaeologists digging in its refuse.

One of the mosaics, 2,000 years old, shows Hercules sitting on a rock, with a goblet of wine in one hand and a harp in the other.

## New Speed Boat Record is Set

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Mar. 20.—Gar Wood today set a new speed boat record of 100.6 miles per hour over a mile course in his Miss America IX.

Miss Loyce Fowler, local manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, left Friday morning on a two weeks' vacation. She will visit in Hamilton while away.

Employment of children in North Carolina industry has decreased 50 per cent in eight years.

## Income Collections Lag for March 1931

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—Total income tax returns to date indicate March collections would lag behind \$153,503,000 over the same month of 1930. Collections Wednesday were only \$88,000,000 as compared with \$214,000,000 on the same date last year.

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## Several Homes Demolished By "Twister" at Murchison

### Grand Canyon's Age Dwarfed by Smokies' Peaks

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Mar. 20.—Nature took ten times as long to chisel out the peaks of the Great Smoky Mountains as to carve the Grand Canyon.

That is the opinion of Prof. George M. Hall, geologist of the University of Tennessee, who has studied the Great Smokies extensively since the government began the creation of a national park there.

He estimates that some 150,000,000 years have passed since the peaks, many of them more than a mile high, were raised skyward by some mysterious force.

This uplifting of a nearly level country, he says, occurred in the Cretaceous age. Previously there had been periods of leveling with uplifts interrupting the general cutting away of rocks.

"Say that the Grand Canyon has all but cut in not more than 15,000,000 years," the professor said. "Then the chiseling out of the Smokies has taken at least ten times as long.

"Where the Grand Canyon has been cut in one cycle or erosion, with practically no interruption, cutting of the Smokies has taken place in at least four stages.

"While rocks exposed at the bottom of the Grand Canyon are at least 800,000,000 years old, the canyon itself, geologically speaking, is a relatively recent feature. It has been cut during a cycle of erosion which began late in the Miocene or Pliocene time."

## TWO ARRESTS MADE BY SHERIFF HOLT

Sheriff W. A. Holt went to Winters Thursday where he made two arrests. The first was on a charge of meat stealing, while the second was for a cold check offense. The first offender was not named, but the other was alleged to be J. B. McWilliams, who is wanted on bogus check deals in two counties. Both men were lodged in the county jail here.

Be wise and advertise.

## Arkansas Sees Oldest U. S. Park As Divorce Haven Under New Law

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Mar. 20.—America's oldest national park has "gone Reno."

On June 12 a 90-day divorce law goes into effect in Arkansas, and Hot Springs plans to make the most of it.

Famed for a century for its hot waters, this resort, in the words of its bachelor mayor, Leo P. McLaughlin, would separate Reno, Nev., from its title of "the divorce center of America."

Reno may cut down its residence requirements from 90 days to six weeks, or even less, but Mayor McLaughlin and others who directed the fight for the new Arkansas law say it cannot successfully meet the competition of Hot Springs.

McLaughlin points out that 300,000 persons come annually to Hot Springs because of its mild winter climate and its water.

"Now they can kill two birds with one stone," he said. "They can come for the climate and baths, and get a divorce at the same time."

"Here they can find things to make them forget their marital unhappiness—golf, mountain climbing and horseback riding on the paths that wind around the hills."

And for those who crave more excitement, there are fashionable night clubs.

The divorce court judge here is Chancellor W. R. Duffy, a widower, who has been hearing matrimonial troubles for years. The new law makes no changes concerning grounds for divorce, which are virtually the same in Arkansas as in Nevada. They include desertion, cruelty, infidelity and general indignities.

TYLER, Tex., Mar. 20.—A twister struck Murchison, Henderson county, near here today, demolishing several houses and disrupting telephone and telegraph communications. None was reported injured.

Rain, and a drop in temperature followed the windstorm.

Late Thursday afternoon a twister hit the small oil town of Desdemona, wrecking about 20 derricks and wrecking a number of business houses. Thirty residences were damaged, others being completely destroyed, some unroofed and some thrown from their foundations.

The storm came from the northwest and suddenly the little town was in the grip of the storm. The greatest damage was done to the Stanolind gasoline plant No. 6 which received damages that will require several days' repair work before operations can be resumed. The new \$75,000 school building also suffered severe damages which cannot be checked for some time to determine the extent. A number of business houses had the entire fronts blown in and stocks scattered by the wind.

Shortly before the Desdemona storm, Clinton, Okla., was visited by a twister that caused the death of three persons, 12 injured, six seriously. The tornado struck the west side of the town and plowed a strip ten blocks long and three blocks wide through the town.

The storms were preceded by a deluge of rain and many people were caught without warning when the storm cloud formed and hit the two cities.

American Legionnaires constitute the whole personnel of the Caldwell, O., volunteer fire department.

## TOWN OF 9,000 HAS 1 DRUNK IN 3 YEARS

HYTHE, England, Mar. 20.—This town, with a population of 9,000, has had only one arrest for drunkenness in three years.

Read today's news in The Ledger today.

## Prisoners "Razz" Law Makers on Inspection Tour

JOLIET, Ill., Mar. 20.—Boos greeted the special investigation committee of the legislature at the state penitentiary here today.

Members of the committee postponed questioning witnesses to inspect the prison, particularly the portion damaged and burned in the recent rioting.

C. H. Hammond, state architect, who visited the new prison today, revised his estimates of the damage to about \$1,000,000 and said six months were needed for completing repairs.

As the committee was hearing the testimony of Warden S. C. Hill this afternoon, word reached it that 729 convicts in cell house F, new Stateville prison, were rioting and seeking to escape. The riot had a short life, being quickly quelled.

The legislators view the riot at first hand.

Little damage was done in the melee, and none of the prisoners escaped.

## ORGAN RECITAL TO BE GIVEN ON MARCH 26

Mrs. Schermerhorn will present Mrs. J. H. McClain, Mrs. Robert E. Bruce, Miss Francis Trail and Miss Iola Clayton in a pipe organ recital on Thursday, March 26, at the Ballinger Baptist Church. The four pupils selected for the recital are well advanced in the study of the organ and a varied program of music will be given.

Mrs. Frank M. Pearce, soprano, will appear as guest artist on the concert program with Miss Maggie Underwood playing the accompaniments. Mrs. Pearce is a favorite on any program and her selections always please and delight those who hear. She will give several numbers during the program.

Mrs. Schermerhorn extends an invitation to all lovers of music to be present for this program.

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## Government is Blamed For Low Cotton Prices

### Bus, Truck Collide; 3 Killed; 12 Hurt

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—Three persons were killed and twelve injured in a collision of a bus and a truck today near Fort Humphreys, Virginia.

The dead are: Mrs. W. B. Dudley, Dover, New Jersey; Ray A. Morris, Portsmouth, Virginia; and an unidentified man.

## Hope Abandoned For Missing Men

ST. JOHNS, Newfoundland, Mar. 20.—Rescue ships today had gone over every mile of the waters of White Bay where the ship Viking exploded, burned and sank Sunday.

Virtually all hopes for the twenty-eight missing men have been abandoned.

## DEBATERS APPEAR ON PROGRAM AT CHAPEL

A debate on the subject "Resolved that trial by jury should be abolished," was held in the high school auditorium Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

Fred King and William Duncan took the affirmative, while Carrie Witter and Esta Fuleher maintained the negative side. The debate lasted for more than an hour, and though each presented a creditable argument, the affirmative received the decision which was rendered by the audience.

Howard Carr, high school instructor, coached both teams.

As a concluding feature A. F. Ligon, principal, called upon Zell Reese to make an extemporaneous speech. She did so upon the subject of government relief.

## President's Ship Encounters Rain

BATTLESHIP ARIZONA, at sea, March 20.—Rain perturbed the decks of the battleship Arizona today bearing President Hoover and several members of the cabinet toward Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands on a vacation voyage and trip of inspection.

The ship is expected to arrive at Porto Rico Sunday night.

A fleet of 20 fire trucks will be in the field this summer to combat forest fires in California.

## Geologists Name Garrett President

SAN ANTONIO, Mar. 20.—L. P. Garrett, of Houston, was elected president of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists in annual convention here today, and F. L. Lasee, of Dallas, third vice-president.

Technical lectures, entertainment, meetings of the society of economic paleontologists and mineralogists also are on today's program.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reed, of Vernon, visited Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Chancey this week. Roy E. Chancey, of Abilene, also spent the week with his parents here.

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## Plot to Wreck Airships Is Discovered by Agents

CLEVELAND, O., Mar. 20.—The discovery of an alleged plot to wreck the giant dirigible Akron was the outgrowth of an investigation of an alleged widespread sabotage conspiracy against aircraft in this country, it was revealed here today.

C. F. Barnet, manager of the Great Lakes Aircraft Corporation,

DALLAS, Mar. 20.—Prof. James E. Boyle of Cornell University, today advocated before the annual convention of the Texas Cotton Association, immediate repeal of the farm marketing act.

Boyle blamed the act for the government's policy of "meddling in business" for destroying foreign cotton markets and lowering cotton prices.

As a substitute, the professor suggested the "cooperation of all interests in the same industry." Boyle said "they should quit fighting one another and pull together."

## PLANES WILL MAP HIDDEN MOUNTAINS OF COLOMBIA

BOGOTA, Colombia, Mar. 20.—General Agustin Morales Olaya, minister of war, plans aerial military exploration of Colombia, and will use American-made planes in the work.

He recently announced the purchase of three new planes of the same type as the "Ricaurte," with which Benjamin Mendez of the Colombian flying corps by his flights from the United States, made South American air history.

The ministry of war plans photographic mapping of Colombian regions made practically impassable to ordinary surveying methods by the country's three ranges of the Andes.

This work will be directed by Captain Ernesto Buenaventura, graduate of the United States army observation school at Chantilly Field, Rantoul, Illinois.

## Fire Alarm Phones Installed in Alleys

Southwestern States Telephone Company linemen Thursday completed installation of three telephones in downtown alleys, for use of the police in case of fire at night. The phones were placed in lock-boxes and night watchmen will carry keys to them so they can make quick reports of fires discovered during the night.

Heretofore it has been necessary for night police to go to the city hall in order to use a phone after business houses closed and the city commission favor the proposition as a fire prevention measure.

The phones are located in the alley near the H. H. Hardin Lumber Co. yard, at the rear of the Currie Produce Co., and at the rear of the Magnolia Petroleum Co. station on Broadway.

Any night watchman can reach one of these phones within a few seconds. These phones are for use of officers only and civilians are warned against tampering with the boxes as they are private property.

The city commission is cooperating in every way with the firemen to prevent destructive conflagrations. The city has a good insurance rate because of its good fire record and local firemen believe in fighting flames before they start rather than after a building is partially consumed.

## WEATHER FORECAST

West Texas—Fair and cooler in the southeast portion, probably frost in the southwest portion tonight. Saturday fair.

East Texas—Generally fair except showers in the north and east portions, cooler in the south and east portions tonight. Saturday fair.

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The crash of a navy bombing plane at San Diego last September started the investigation which was climaxed yesterday with the arrest of Paul F. Kassay and his alleged confession of plans to wreck the huge dirigible. Kassay pleaded not guilty when arraigned in municipal court here today. A preliminary hearing has been set for tomorrow.

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It is only a short time until two important elections in Ballinger. The present city commission has been announced for reelection on April 7 and voters are urged to go to the polls and cast their ballots on this date regardless of whether there are others in the race. School trustees will be elected Saturday, April 4, and so far no ticket has been announced. Three trustees are to be elected this year. The schools and the city are both making fine progress and getting along in perfect harmony. People should show their appreciation of such conditions by going to the polls and voting a full ticket.

Another road contract is due to get underway here within a short time when Brown & Root start work on the road south of Ballinger to the Concho county line. Ballinger people were delighted to know that this highway would be continued south of this county by passage of the bond issue in Concho county Thursday. The city commission plans to have Brown & Root connect the highway with city paving by constructing a strip on Seventh Street from the brick pavement to the city limits near the Colorado River. This will be done at the time the highway is finished and a good road will lead south from here with no bad spots inside the city. A similar strip is planned on Park Avenue to connect Broadway with the pavement on highway 23 when that road is finished.

CHICKENS FORGET HOW TO PECK WHEN FED IN DARK

(By Associated Press) ANN ARBOR, Mich., Mar. 20—The instinct for pecking has been lost by some chickens under psychological tests at the University of Michigan.

This blow to faith in instinct was developed by Sinforosa Padilla, a research worker.

In 16 days baby chicks lost their instinct for pecking so completely they might have starved to death in the midst of piles of grain-food that they previously had learned to eat.

Immediately after hatching they were placed in dark rooms where they could see nothing to peck at, and were fed by placing the food so far back in their throats that they did not get the sensation of having received it through their bills.

A few days of this had little effect. Ten days, however, made them unable to peck accurately, and after 16 days, if they were not to starve, it was necessary to give them a long period of training in pecking.

Toe Toasting Discontinued CRAWFORDVILLE, Fla., Mar. 20.—(AP)—Chronic toe toasters have found the Wakulla county court house less suitable for their daily sessions since the county commissioners discontinued buying of wood for the fireplaces as an economy measure. The court house is one of the few wooden county buildings left in the state.

Be wise and advertise.

PUFFY



"I never will be satisfied," says Puff, "until I've seen Those Siamese white Elephants, if you know what I mean." So Puff and Bunny start a trek to little known Siam. Since, Puff explains, "there are no freaks like that here, where I am." (Copyright, 1930)

SUNDOWN STORIES



THE EXPRESS ELEVATOR

By Mary Graham Bonner

The Little Black Clock had certainly turned the time ahead, for now it seemed quite a usual thing to have elevators going up and making landings at the different air lanes where the planes traveled.

John and Peggy had gone up in one of the local elevators with the Clock and the man running it, and now he had taken them down to the earth again, and they were going to take an express elevator.

Oh, what a funny feeling they had as they went swooping up and up and up! They did not go any higher than in the local air elevator, but they did not make all the stops, and it seemed they were going up to the sky!

As they reached the top the man called out:

"Last Stop, Cloud Landing."

"That is the name of the top air lane," the Little Black Clock told the children, and when they got out on the platform they took off in a waiting plane for a spin.

Their pilot seemed to be going along an air lane he knew very well, for how quickly he did go!

When they reached the end of their ride they stopped at one of the Air Hotels and had supper.

After it was over another plane came and took them down to the earth again. The Little Black Clock was quite tired himself when they got back home.

"I won't turn the time ahead for a little while now," he told the children as he said good-night.

What a time Peggy and John had. Well, they wouldn't mind a few less exciting adventures for the next trip or so with the Little Black Clock.

(Tomorrow—'Cat and Hat')

HOW'S your HEALTH



Edited by Dr. Jago Goldson, Academy of Medicine

MIGRAINE

There are headaches and headaches. Some are due merely to the dislocations of the night before, while others are warning signals of faults elsewhere in the body.

Such warnings may point to constipation, defective vision, sinus trouble, excessive fatigue and other causes, but the type called "sick headache" is not of this kind. Technically it is known as migraine.

This type of headache begins at a small spot which may be on the temple, forehead or eyeball. It then spreads until it involves the entire side of the head or even the neck and arm. Occasionally both sides are affected and there may be numbness of the tongue and face.

The pain is usually of a penetrating character. In addition to the headache, there may also be in migraines remarkable nervous disturbance. Apparitions, visions of animals may appear. There may be a spasmodic and alternating contraction and expansion of the pupils.

Migraine is more often found in women than among men and in the members of so-called neurotic families than in the normal population. Heredity appears to play an important part in predisposing the individual to migraine. The nature and the cause of the disease, however, still remains unknown.

In a recent experiment 50 persons suffering from migraine were placed on a ketogenic diet—that is, one containing a high fat

Hollywood Foreign Colony Boosts German-Carbo, Spanish-Gilbert



Hollywood thinks Tala Birell (upper left), a German actress, looks like Greta Garbo (lower right), and that Valentin Parera (upper right), from Spain, resembles John Gilbert (lower left).

(By Associated Press)

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 20—Foreign fans of John Gilbert and Greta Garbo who may have been deprived of their favorites by the talkies may take new heart.

They may find consolation in two performers of Hollywood's rapidly growing foreign colony, which has assembled to make foreign versions of American talkies for fans in other lands.

This colony boasts a Garbo of its own, and an actor who is called a near-likeness of Gilbert.

Tala Birell's photographs show a marked resemblance to the Swedish siren who in silent pictures was associated with Gilbert in many flaming movie romances, but lately has been traveling her

own separate path of stardom. Miss Birell is an importation from Germany, her first Hollywood film being "Liebe auf Befehl," or "The Boudoir Diplomat."

And the young man who looks a good bit like Gilbert, in the opinion of many, is Valentin Parera, an actor in Spanish versions.

But there is little likelihood, however, that Parera and Birell will form another team similar to the Gilbert-Garbo combination, even in foreign versions.

Not only are their languages different, which is considerable of a barrier, but they are with different studios, he with with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and she with Universal.

and low carbohydrate or starch content—over periods varying from seven to 36 months. Fourteen of the patients were able definitely to control their disease and 25 benefited by the treatment. Eleven of the 50 received no benefit whatever.

This reported study is very interesting, while as yet inconclusive. The ketogenic diet is very unbalanced, hence can be employed only under careful medical supervision.

(Tomorrow—Mind and Body)

HARMONY HAPPENINGS

Elo Guy, of Electra, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Click, of San Angelo, visited Mrs. J. R. Burton recently.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Voss, of Windgate, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Liss Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. White, of Crews, visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerhart Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman White, of the Hopewell community, visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. White, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gerhart visited Mr. and Mrs. Carol Stoecker, of Dale, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Van Dyke were guests in the home of Mrs. D. W. Yeager Monday.

Junior and Bobby Ray Moore, of Albany, are visiting Mrs. D. C. Moore.

Guests in the home of Mr. and

Mrs. J. P. Tunnell, Monday, were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tunnell, Mrs. Magill and son, and Mrs. Stone of Opalin, Texas.

Willie Worthington and family were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Holcomb, of Victory, Sunday.

Arthur Dean, of Ballinger, spent the week-end visiting relatives in this community.

Mrs. Cope had as guests Sunday her mother and father of Blanton.

R. E. White and County Agent C. W. Lehmburg visited the school last Thursday. Mr. Lehmburg spoke to all boys over 10 years of age, in the interest of the 4-H club work, but no organization was perfected.

Misses Nettie and Zula Landrum visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Landrum, at Valera, the past week-end.

Miss Nestella Branaman visited her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Branaman, at Crews, last week-end.

Mrs. E. A. Meadows, of Winters, visited her daughter, Mrs. Cora Cummings, Thursday. Mrs. Cummings returns with her mother to spend a few days in Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Hulen Yeager, of Winters, visited Mrs. D. W. Yeager Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene White attended a surprise birthday supper given Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. H. J. Smith, at Victory, last Thursday evening.

"REPORTER"

AROUND THE WORLD

Enforce Marriage Law

BELGRADE—(AP)—Jugoslavia police, finding 1,000 unwed couples in the town of Subotica alone, have ordered all such pairs in the entire Danube region to go through a proper ceremony before June 3 or suffer enforced separation.

Force Coffee Drinking

LISBON—(AP)—To aid in disposing of accumulated coffee stocks, the ministry of marine has ordered coffee served in the navy at each meal, substituting it for tea at breakfast.

Five Minute Record

BIRMINGHAM, England—(AP)—For the first time in 12 years the annual meeting of the Birmingham Canal Navigation Company lasted more than a minute. A special debate on toll rates prolonged the gathering to five minutes.

Change for Change

ROME—(AP)—The money changing business, already an ancient one in Biblical days, exists in Rome. It is limited, however, to a charge of one-fourth or one-half cent for every 100 lire note changed into small coins by banks.

Taxes Aid Starving

NANKING—(AP)—The Chinese government is planning to raise \$20,000,000 by increasing the tobacco tax 30 per cent, devoting the money to famine relief in Shensi and Kansu provinces.

Deport Foreigners

PARIS—(AP)—French police either expelled or refused entrance to 2,454 foreigners in 1930. The most notable person on the list was William Randolph Hearst, American newspaper publisher.

Chinese Patrol River

NANKING—(AP)—In addition to 25 foreign gunboats on patrol duty along the Yangtze River, the Chinese government has put ten armed vessels on the stream to escort Chinese merchant steamers.

Eat Blue Mushrooms

LONDON—(AP)—Blue mushrooms are appearing in smart restaurants here.



DON'T let a Cold Settle in your Bowels!

Keep your bowels open during a cold. Only a doctor knows the importance of this. Trust a doctor to know best how it can be done.

That's why Syrup Pepsin is such a marvelous help during colds. It is the prescription of a family doctor who specializes in bowel troubles. The discomfort of colds is always lessened when it is used; your system is kept free from phlegm, mucus and acid wastes. The cold is "broken-up" more easily.

Whenever the bowels need help, Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is sure to do the work. It does not gripe or sicken; but its action is thorough. It carries off all the souring waste and poisons; helps your bowels to help themselves.

Take a spoonful of this family doctor's laxative as soon as a cold starts, or the next time coated tongue, bad breath, or a bilious, headachy, gassy condition warns of constipation. Give it to the children during colds or whenever they're feverish, cross or upset. Nothing in it to hurt anyone; it contains only laxative herbs, pure pepsin and other mild ingredients. The way it tastes and the way it acts have made it the fastest selling laxative the drugstore carries!

Dr. W. B. CALDWELL'S SYRUP PEPSIN A Doctor's Family Laxative

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ants here. The fungi are grown in soil which has been treated with a special powder. The new Mount St. Mary's College near Los Angeles overlooks seven cities and includes a marine view. Be wise and advertise.

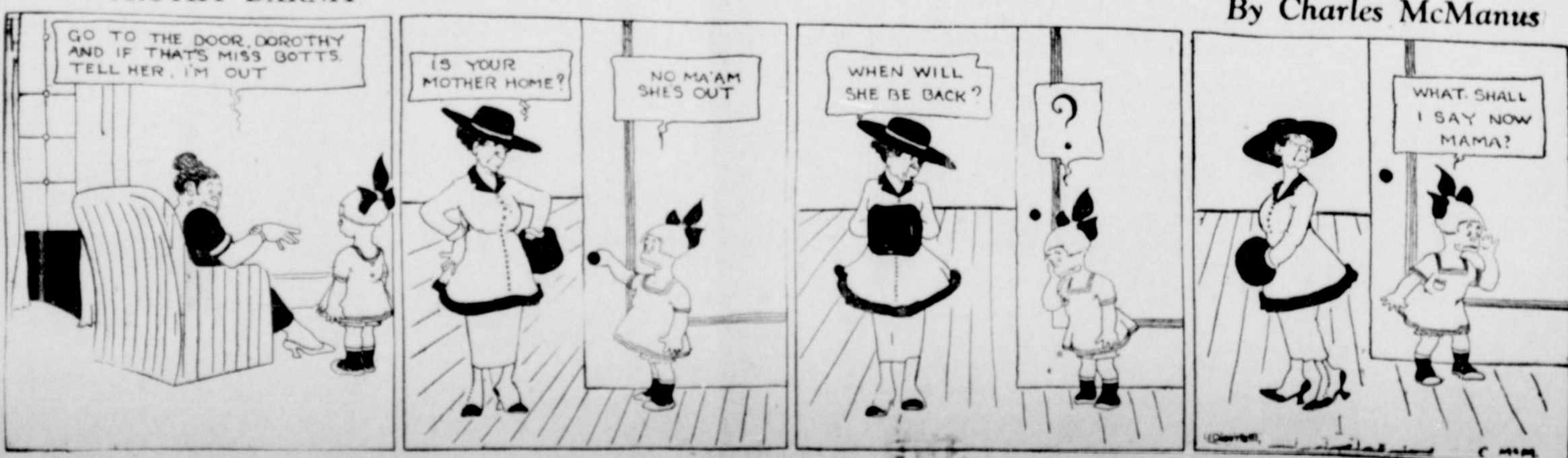
Advertisement for Texaco Gasoline. Includes text: 'What has gasoline to do with lubrication?' and 'The NEW and BETTER TEXACO GASOLINE'. Also lists service stations: SUPER SERVICE STATION, NUNN'S SERVICE STATION, RED TOP SERVICE STATION, GREENWOOD'S SERVICE STATION.

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DOROTHY DARNIT



By Charles McManus

By Percival Christopher Wren Author of MYSTERIOUS WAY BEAU GESTE BEAU IDEAL

SYNOPSIS: The "Spider" Schiltz murder has caused a commotion at the nursing home of Dr. Chartres. First the doctor admits as a patient a stranger, John Wayne, who discloses the murder and demands a hiding place. Chartres apprehending his visitor's familiarity with his past, agrees Mr. James the doctor's aid, draws a pistol on Wayne and is repulsed and Dr. MacAdoo also wants to "bump him off."

Chapter 17

THE FATAL CONFESSION

UNINVITED, John Wayne stepped into the room as he had done on the day of his arrival at The Monastery, took an armchair, crossed his knees and leaning back, settled himself comfortably, took out his cigarette case and smiled at the doctor.

"And why this sudden change of front, Simon? This threatened retaliation?" This attitude almost of unfriendliness.

"Seen the paper?" snarled the doctor.

"Oh, yes. I always see the papers. You know with my morning tea, you know I drink my tea, light a cigarette and settle down for ten minutes, read while my work is being got ready, and John Wayne smiled round a ring of hard, cruel faces of the men and women who watched him, intent, with angry eyes.

"Look at here, you," continued the doctor. "Suppose you cut out the funny stuff—before we do something a little against our interests. Since you've seen the papers, you know the game's up."

"My game or yours, Simon?" Dr. Chartres, once again obviously exercising great and comendable restraint, replied:

"Yours, an' added with slight self-righteousness, "We are not wanted murderers."

"You're not, Simon? Well, now, how can one be to misjudge people? I should have thought that was exactly what you were. And so my game is up, is it? And why do you do this?"

"Obviously, surely? We don't suppose that ever you are going to be up here, while an innocent man suffers for what you did. Little as we like it, we do you that much credit."

"A matter of life, Simon."

"I hope not. I hope I don't misjudge you."

"Well, sorry, as I am to seem unworthy of your good opinion, Simon; sad as I am to disappoint you—I am not going."

"Not go to give yourself up? You let an innocent man swing for you?"

"He's not swinging yet, anyway, Simon."

"No, but he will—unless the poor devil has got a fool-proof alibi. The corks must have pinched the first crook that answered the description in the letter you left on Spider Schiltz's body."

"A low-down, dirty trick," growled Mr. James indignantly.

"Sickenin' swine," murmured Nurse Jones, while the fingers of the Matron's right hand curled in the manner of the claws of a cat about to scratch.

"Oh, I don't know," observed Dr. MacAdoo tolerantly. "Quite legitimate, I think, so long as he was up—as of course he will do—now that some one else is arrested. Quite a good trick for putting the police off the scent."

"Tastes d.f.er," sneered the doctor. "Not that sort of trick that appeals to the filthy, low unspeakably foul."

"I suppose you don't deny you wrote it?" he added, turning to John Wayne.

"Certainly, I wrote it. I wrote it, all right. And, what's more, Simon, I wrote it as actual mine—the real name of a real man, here in England. Apparently the police have suppressed it."

With an oath Mr. James sprang to his feet—his restraint vanquished at the bare thought of such inexcusable violation, such incredible violation of all fair and decent deal. He looked about him crooks.

The doctor himself seized Mr. James's wrist as, with a flash of brown steel, it appeared from beneath his coat.

"Sit down, you snip!" he hissed, and violently thrust Mr. James back in his chair. "Will you leave this to me? Who asked you to butt in? Do you want us all to . . .?"

"Have it your own way," growled Mr. James. . . "Bump him off, and done with it. I say."

John Wayne smiled at the doctor, and nodded in complacent confirmation.

"Yes, the description, name, and probable address, of an actual man," he said shamelessly.

His wearers stared in silence, genuinely shocked to the depths of their souls.

The man was a monster. Something beyond their ken and comprehension—a superhuman, or subhuman villain.

"And you actually propose to let him hang, will you look on in safety?" asked the doctor incredulously. "A perfectly innocent man!"

John Wayne blew a long slow cloud of cigarette smoke and watched it rise toward the carved-wood ceiling.

"I don't think perfectly in safety men often get hanged in this country," he observed conversationally.

"Well, and what sort of a time do you think he's having, is there while they wait the noose round his neck?"

"Most uncomfortable, I should think."

"Well, then, don't you think it's up to you? Aren't you going to do something?"

"Not a thing. What would you do in my place, Doctor?"

The doctor picked up his heavy ebony case in both hands, and that it neither bent or broke seemed incredible.

"Look here," he said in a low and menacing voice as he pointed it straight at the face of John Wayne.

"I'll tell you what I'd do, and I'll tell you what you're going to do, unless you're wiser than a snake's belly. What you are going to do, in any case."

"For some reason of your own, you dumped off Spider Schiltz; and when you'd done it, you put me on the track of another man; and the police, saying the usual thing—that they'd get a clue and hope to make an arrest at an early date—framed the man whom you described and named. Sort of thing they would do. Now, then, why can't you be white enough to say, 'The games up. I've had a run for my money, and this is where I get off.' . . . I had a square deal here, now give this other guy a square deal—and us as well. Go to the police and take your medicine like a man, and don't squeak about us. We've treated you square. Now go and give yourself up, and take what's coming to you with your mouth shut."

"That's what you'd do, eh, Simon?"

"Certainly."

"And what about the case of poor young Swipe Gorman—eh, Simon? Young Gorman who went innocent to 'the chair'—for a murder you planned and Gorman Gryde committed. Who put Snip Casey on the spot, for G yude to shoot, and then sat quiet and saw poor innocent young Gorman electrocuted for it?"

The doctor sprang to his feet with an oath.

"You—!"

"Sit down, Simon. Sit down," soothed John Wayne coolly.

The doctor did so, his face less inscrutable than usual. He licked his lips, and appeared to swallow something.

"No," John Wayne glanced at each member of his audience in turn. "No," he said. "I can't give myself up. Not if they return a true bill. Not if judge and jury find him guilty. Not if he gets the death sentence."

"No, nor yet on the third Sunday morning after his sentence—nor at five minutes to eight on the happy morn," he continued. "Let him swing. I say, he does swing—and then I shall be all right. See, Simon? The day he swings, I'll start packing up, and then I'll go on my way rejoicing."

"No, I shan't give myself up," repeated John Wayne. "But," he added, smiling round, "I would not force any of you under consciences. Far be it from me to do that! If I can let an innocent man hang, and you can't, why—you must give me up."

"Purge your consciences, you scrupulous ones. Be guided by your better natures and follow the counsel of your heart; yes, for is it not written, 'Let the counsel of thine own heart stand, for there is no man truer unto thee than it?'"

"My God . . ." James ejaculated, aghast, and further words failed him.

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Found dead in bed. Against that threatened fate, Wayne's forethought guards him tomorrow as he chokes through the veneer to the ugly truth.

night with Mrs. Cortz Robertson a few nights ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Caskey spent the last week-end in Ballinger with Mrs. Caskey's mother.

Miss Velma Jeffery is visiting her cousin, Miss Mildred Fowler, of this community.

REPORTER

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

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, of the 11th day of March, 1931,

by Georgia Singletary, Clerk of said Court, for the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred Six and 28-100 Dollars and costs of suit,

MOVIES

Largest Herd of Cattle on Record Filmed for Prairie Scene in "Billy the Kid"

What is said to be the largest single herd of cattle collected in California since pioneer days was used in "Billy the Kid." King Vidor's new all-talking film epic of the West, which opened a two-day run at the Palace Theatre today.

"The cattle, some 2,000 head, provided one of the climactic shots of the picture, which is based on the life of that most active historical figure, William Bonney, or "Billy the Kid."

As "Billy the Kid," is a sound production, the shooting of the big herd, collected from a number of different ranch, was oral as well as visual. All of the assorted sounds possible to such a collection of cattle were recorded by the "mike."

John Mack Brown, Wallace Beery, Kay Johnson and Karl Dane head the large cast of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture.

Nancy Carroll to be Seen as an Ex-Dancer

In real life and in reel life, Nancy Carroll is an ex-chorine. In her newest picture "Laughter," which comes to the Palace Theatre Sunday for three-day run, Miss Carroll is seen as an ex-Follies girl. It was only about five years ago that Miss Carroll actually left Broadway musical shows for good and all, and started her phenomenal ascent to fame in Hollywood.

In 1923, after many performances in amateur shows, she at last got a job as a chorus girl in "The Passing Show of 1923." There were several other "stepping stones" to success on Broadway before she went to the West Coast with a road show.

Picked as just the type for the title role of "Able's Irish Rose" in the films, she played this part opposite Charles Rogers, and immediately gained the favor of picture fans.

Fredric Marsh, the young convert from legitimate drama who made a fine appearance in "Manslaughter," has the leading featured role opposite Miss Carroll in "Laughter."

under a Judgment of Foreclosure, in favor of E. F. Krebs, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 3724 and styled E. F. Krebs vs. C. H. Boles et al, placed in my hands for service, I, W. A. Holt, as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 13th day of March, 1931, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Runnels County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Being all of the N. E. one-fourth of the East one-half of the George Ross Survey No. 543, Abstract No. 416, located by virtue of County Warrant No. 9916 and patented to George Ross on December 6th, 1854, by Patent No. 936, Volume 6, said N. E. one-fourth of the East one-half of said survey containing 160 acres of land, and levied upon as the property of J. T. Beard and R. E. Cole and wife, Kate Cole, and that on the first Tuesday in April, 1931, the same being the 7th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.

m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said judgment and order of sale, I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. T. Beard and R. E. Cole and wife, Kate Cole.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a

week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in The Ballinger Daily Ledger, a newspaper published in Runnels County.

Witness my hand, this 13th day of March, 1931.

W. A. HOLT, Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas. d-13-20-27

measured in miles

SUPPOSE for a moment that advertising didn't exist—that there were no trademarked goods—that everything you bought had to be judged solely by its look or feel or taste.

Imagine yourself setting out to do the morning's shopping under such conditions. You'd drive down the street, looking in windows for the articles you needed—the blouses for Johnny, the half-dozen bath towels, the toilet soap, the ginger ale for tomorrow's picnic. You'd stop, ask question, examine the towels, smell the soap, wonder if here was your money's worth or if you might find something better farther on. And though you followed this procedure mile after weary mile, you could never be sure.

Computed simply in terms of gasoline and shoe leather, advertising saves you a startling sum every year. And if you add the value of your time, the amount is vastly increased.

When you buy a product that is advertised you know in advance what you will get, how much it costs and where you can obtain it. That is why, in millions of modern homes, the newspaper advertising columns are a daily guide to purchases.

Read the advertisements, decide what you need, then buy with assurance.

Let advertising save you time and money

Petite British Actress Wins Chaplin's Favor and Dance



Little Sari Maritza, 20-year-old British film player, was singled out by Charlie Chaplin for a tango at one of his London parties.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Mar. 29.—Few are the girls in England who aren't envious of little Sari Maritza.

For Sari has been smiled upon by Charlie Chaplin—and peereesses have been scrambling for Charlie's smiles.

Before that she was just one of many British film actresses hoping for a break.

She was one of Chaplin's guests at the opening of his new picture here, and at the swanky party he gave afterwards the comicalist singled her out for a solo tango with him.

It is rumored, of course, that she will be his next leading lady.

But Chaplin hasn't said anything about it, and Sari insists it hasn't even been discussed.

She was born in Tientsin, China, where her father was a director of mining properties, and educated in England and Switzerland. Last year she had the lead in "Greek Street," a British picture.

She speaks French, German and Chinese, likes to ride and is a medalist swimmer. Sari, a blond with gray-blue eyes, 5 feet 1 inch tall, is only 20 now.

She got started in films when a director saw a picture of her which Sari says made her look "baby-faced." Her nickname is "Sally."

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LOCAL CAFE MAN IN AUTOMOBILE CRASH

Tommie Miller, proprietor of the Miller Cafe, had a narrow escape from serious injury Thursday afternoon when the automobile he was driving turned over four times on the paving four miles west of Rowena. Mr. Miller was returning to Ballinger about 4 o'clock when the rain and hail storm caught him. In some way a rear wheel skidded off the concrete and hitting the soft wet dirt threw the machine across the road, the front brake apparently locking. Before the driver knew what had happened the heavy coupe had somersaulted four times into a field.

The automobile was completely ruined and Mr. Miller was thrown some 30 feet into the field, but painful bruises were his only injuries. He was able to be at his place of business Friday morning after a nervous night.

All Paris, Mo., barber shops have reduced prices to pre-war levels, with hair-cuts 25 cents.

THE MERRY WIVES CLUB

The Merry Wives Club met at their regular place of meeting March 16 with eleven members present, as follows:

Mmes. T. P. Brown, Bernard Batts, G. Profit, J. C. Reese, H. Greer, Roy Halstead, Seipp, Jewel Jones, C. H. Midgley, M. J. Harris, C. D. Harris and two visitors, Misses Bessie Brown and Profit. Roll call was answered by a health rule.

Mrs. H. Greer gave an icebox roll demonstration. The rolls were delicious, served with hot chocolate and coffee. Other topics were discussed, making an altogether interesting program.

—Club Reporter

Radio Sales Trail 1929

INDIANAPOLIS, Mar. 29.—(AP)—Radio sales in 1930 were estimated at between \$550,000,000 and \$600,000,000 as compared with \$835,000,000 in the big year of 1929 according to statements of the Radio Manufacturers Association.

When You CAN'T QUIT

Fatigue is the signal to rest. Obey it if you can. When you can't, keep cool and carry-on in comfort.

Bayer Aspirin was meant for just such times, for it insures your comfort. Freedom from those pains that nag at nerves and wear you down. One tablet will block that threatening headache while it is still just a threat. Take two or three tablets when you've caught a cold, and that's usually the end of it.

Carry Bayer Aspirin when you travel. Have some at home and keep some at the office. Like an efficient secretary, it will often "save the day" and spare you many uncomfortable, unproductive hours. Perfectly harmless, so keep it handy, keep it in mind, and use it. No man of affairs can afford to ignore the score and more of uses explained in the *proven directions*. From a grumbling tooth to those rheumatic pains which seem almost to bend the bones, Bayer Aspirin is ready with its quick relief—and always works. Neuralgia, Neuritis. Any nagging, needless pain.



Get the genuine tablets, stamped with the Bayer cross. They are of perfect purity, absolute uniformity, and have the same action every time. Why experiment with imitations costing a few cents less? The saving is too little. There is too much at stake. But there is economy in the purchase of genuine Bayer Aspirin tablets in the large bottles.



WILMETH NEWS

Mrs. T. A. Weathered has been ill for the past few days, but is improving now.

H. K. Dickinson was rushed to the Halley & Love Sanitarium at Ballinger Sunday morning. He is seriously ill, doctors say.

Miss Tabitha Broadstreet entertained the young people of this community Friday night at her home. Everyone who attended reported a good time.

Miss Lillian Brown, who had been visiting her parents here, returned to her home in Georgia last Sunday.

Mrs. Ralph Burns spent the



Texas Girl's Lucky Day

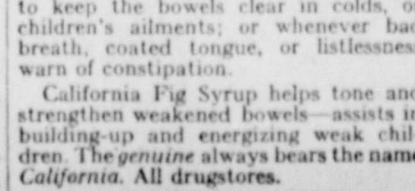
FOUR candles! And each one represents a year of joyous living. Little Wanda Greathouse, of 716 West 12th St., Dallas, is a typical Fig Syrup baby. Here is what her mother says:

"I heard a lot about California Fig Syrup, so when my baby, Wanda, became constipated I got some for her. It relieved her constipation immediately, gave her an appetite, made her bright and happy again."

"I have also used Fig Syrup for her colds and upsets. It has kept her strong and vigorous."

For fifty years, wise mothers have been secure in the knowledge that a child's headachy, bilious, feverish or fretful spells can be quickly and safely overcome by California Fig Syrup. Physicians recommend its soothing aid to keep the bowels clear in colds, or children's ailments; or whenever bad breath, coated tongue, or listlessness warn of constipation.

California Fig Syrup helps tone and strengthen weakened bowels—assists in building-up and energizing weak children. The genuine always bears the name California. All drugstores.



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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.

**LOST—or Stolen—**a green sealed Tennis Racquet. Can be identified. Reward for return or recovery. W. L. Brown. 20-10

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**TALPA TOPICS**

Rev. Pierce preached at the Immanuel Baptist Church Sunday morning and evening.

Mrs. G. F. Givens spent the week-end in Abilene.

Mrs. Robert Livingston and Mrs. F. P. Dykes have been with their mother, Mrs. Vaughn, who has been very sick.

A. C. Herring is in Fort Worth on business.

Miss Mae Belle Williams, of San Angelo, spent the week-end with friends in Talpa.

Mrs. E. L. Smith, Mrs. Y. A. Haskinson and Mrs. J. A. Guy were shopping in Coleman Monday.

Mrs. W. B. Wright spent the week-end with home folks.

Mrs. Aug. Herring, Mrs. J. M. McConnell and Mrs. Chas. Bouldin were in Santa Anna last Friday.

Hubert Stokes, Jim Pharris and Henry Jameson attended the Pat Stock Show at Fort Worth last week.

Mr. and Mrs. U. A. Hoskinson and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith were in San Angelo last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Geneva Martin, Miss Stella Herring and Miss Willie Gregory spent Sunday with Miss Adelaide Watkins.

W. J. Sayers, W. L. Gregory and daughter, Miss Jessie Gregory, are in New Mexico on business.

Those who attended conference at Coleman Tuesday were: Rev. W. F. Smith and family, Rev. and Mrs. Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Herring, G. F. Givens, Mrs. Henderson, Miss Adelaide Watkins, Miss Oleta Davis, Miss Stella Herring, Harvey Watts and Vernon Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herring, of Ballinger, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hale and Mrs. Aug. Herring Tuesday afternoon.

**HATCHEL NEWS**

We had another good rain Saturday night which will help the grain crop and the gardens and will be good for the land that had not been cultivated as it was getting hard.

We had a good meeting with good attendance each night with dinner on the ground and three services and one baptism in the afternoon, Sunday. Although the roads were almost impassable there were people from Stanton, Eden, Abilene, Ballinger, Norton, Wingate, Winters and other places. The meeting closed Sunday night. We feel that much good has been done by Elder Cowan's sincere and earnest preaching.

Mrs. George Shelburne and Mrs. G. L. Thompson, of Stanton, were week-end visitors in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Caudle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Conway's child has been sick but is better at present.

O. C. Beddo has been very sick but is much better.

Grandpa Laihart, of Abilene, is very sick at the home of Mr. Hendrix. We hope he will be up again soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker, of Ballinger, visited their daughter, Mrs.

Forgey, of Hatchel, Sunday.  
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Paul Michaelis, of Ballinger, was out last Thursday looking after his farms.

Mrs. W. S. Caudle and children were pleasant callers at the home of Mrs. Chas. Michaelis Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Mord Tucker spent Monday with Mrs. J. L. Hinkle.

J. H. Vinson, of Tennyson, spent Sunday night with his father, W. G. Vinson.

Elder Cowan visited the school Monday and made an interesting talk.

**Hatchel School News**

Those selected for the contests at the county meet are as follows: Senior girls' declamation, Robbie Estes; junior girl, Sybil Long; junior boy, J. C. Andrews; sub-junior spelling, Corinne Graves; Ross Campbell; junior spelling, Doris Prusser; and Mary Lehman.

We are hoping to have some winners in these contests.

The Ballinger playground ball team defeated the local team 3 to 20, Friday afternoon.

**Hatchel Home Demonstration Club**

The club met at the club room Thursday, March 12, at 2:30 p. m. The meeting was opened with the song, "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp," directed by Mrs. Jack Mathis. The secretary called the roll and each member answered by giving "the most attractive room in my house, and why."

Mrs. C. T. Michaelis gave an interesting talk on how to arrange furniture.

There were fourteen members present, one new member enrolled, and one visitor.

The club adjourned to meet at the club room March 26, at 2:30 p. m. Visitors are welcome.

Mrs. Bob Bailey surprised her brother-in-law, J. B. Bailey, with a birthday dinner Sunday. Quite a few friends and relatives were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bailey are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine girl. Both the young lady and her mother are getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gassiot, of Victory, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Reed Gassiot.

**REPORTER**

A splendid shower of rain fell Sunday morning.

Mrs. Polly Pendleton, aged 59 years, died at the home of her son, Louis Pendleton, March 10, at 1 p. m. She is survived by two sons, Louis and Volley Pendleton; and two daughters, Mrs. May King and Mrs. Ollie Warren. Her eldest daughter, Mrs. J. B. Cousins, was killed in a car wreck a few months ago. Her husband preceded her in death several years ago. Mrs. Pendleton was a consistent member of the Baptist church. In addition to her children she leaves several grandchildren and a host of friends. She was tenderly laid to rest in the Atoka cemetery Wednesday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, J. A. Branaman.

Albert Spill and daughter, Miss Mildred, of Winters, visited William Phillips Wednesday afternoon. William is still very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Volley Pendleton have returned to their home near Paint Rock, after being at the bedside, and attending the funeral of the former's mother.

A number of rumors were afloat pertaining to some supposed cases of scarlet fever last week, but so far only two cases in our neighborhood have been pronounced scarlet fever. And only one is now under quarantine.

Bradley Pape was seriously ill a few days last week, but was better at last report.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Phipps, Irvin, Mrs. Key O'Neal and Mrs. McBeth spent last Tuesday in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Irvin spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Young, of near Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McBeth and little son, of Sweetwater, visited the latter's mother, Mrs. Pink King, Sunday and Monday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Ola Miller, who will make a longer visit with her sister, Mrs. King, and other relatives.

Mrs. W. C. Mathis was called to the bedside of her father, Mr. Wood, at Sterling, last week. A later message to her family stated that her father is very low and death is expected any time.

**REPORTER**

Gem Paper Clips at Ballinger Printing Co.

## Abilene Thespians To Contest Locals

J. H. Williams, of Abilene, will bring his high school players here Monday night to compete against the local company of A. F. Ligon. Both plays will be given, starting at 7:45 in the high school auditorium. The meet is not to be official, but is rather the culminating event of a friendly and long standing rivalry between Mr. Williams and Mr. Ligon. Both men have met in interscholastic competition before, and on previous occasion the Ballinger principal has been defeated by a narrow margin.

Mr. Williams' amateur guild has won two state competitions, and thus has the reputation of being invincible. All in Ballinger who are able are urged to attend the performance Monday night and by their presence contribute to the efforts of the local company in winning outstanding amateur theatrical honors for the Ballinger school.

**Court of Honor Tonight**  
All Scouts will report to the city hall tonight rather than to their regular meeting place. A court of honor is to be held there and will convene at 7:45.  
J. G. Tuckey, Scoutmaster

## Society

**Sample-Tindall**  
Miss Velma Tindall became the bride of Ralph W. Sample Tuesday, March 17, at 4:30 p. m.

The ring ceremony was performed in the parlors of the Travis Park Methodist Church, San Antonio, with the Rev. Boothe officiating. Only close friends of the bride and groom attended.

The bride wore a lovely model in blue, princess style, with deep yolk of cream lace, all accessories harmonizing. For her going-away suit she donned a beautiful model in black and white flat crepe with top coat of spring tweed with collar of handsome white fur.

Miss Tindall is the charming daughter of J. M. Tindall of this city, and during her residence here was popular among the younger set. She graduated from the Ballinger high school in 1922, and received her degree from the school of pharmacy, University of Texas, Galveston, in 1924.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sample of Smiley, Texas. He has been an employee in his father's drug store in that city for a number of years. Mr. Sample is also a graduate of the school of pharmacy at Galveston, class of '24. The romance began while the couple was attending this school and ripened when they met again some two years ago.

After a short honeymoon in Ballinger Mr. and Mrs. Sample left for San Antonio, where they will be at home in the Toltec Apartments.

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Wallace BEERY  
Kay Johnson  
Karl Dane  
**VOICE OF HOLLYWOOD**  
Talking Comedy

## County Meet at Winters Starts

A large number of Ballinger high school students accompanied by several teachers left here Friday morning for Winters to take part in the county interscholastic meet. The first events began at 9 a. m. Friday and finals will be held Saturday afternoon.

School was dismissed here Friday noon and a number of automobiles loaded with pupils and adults left at 1 p. m. to spend the afternoon and early evening at Winters, watching local contestants in various events.

The rain Thursday afternoon was not heavy at Winters and all playing fields were in fair condition this morning. Blizzard Field, where track and field events are to be held Saturday, will be in good shape providing no further moisture falls. Indications were that more than 500 contestants would enter the meet, probably the largest ever staged in this county. All events for both juniors and seniors will be staged during the two days.

Tennis, volley ball, playground ball, essay writing, preliminaries in debates, music memory, and finals in debates were scheduled for the first day. Finals in debating will be held in the Winters high school auditorium this evening at 7:30.

Sessions tomorrow commence at 9:30 a. m. with all athletes reporting to Blizzard Field for preliminaries in the forenoon and finals starting at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Other events to be held Saturday morning include declamation, extemporaneous speaking, spelling, arithmetic, picture memory and track and field contests. Awards and ribbons will be issued tomorrow at 5 p. m. All first place winners will be entitled to compete in the district meet at San Angelo in April.

Admissions of 15 and 25 cents will be charged attendants at the Winters meet. These receipts are expected to defray expenses of the gathering, including the ribbons.

A. H. Smith, of Winters, director general of the meet, is supervising general details. Ballinger teachers holding office in the county association this year are: Mrs. Bessie Liddell Lowe, director of essay writing; and Miss Katherine Todd, director of music memory.

Numerous wolves in the Kobi district of interior Alaska have alarmed natives so much they will not venture away from home alone.

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## Interest in Street Work is Growing

A number of Ballinger citizens are becoming interested in graveling of streets. The first block to be surfaced was on Tenth Street, and as soon as this was finished two adjoining blocks entered the movement, the third block being finished at this time.

Residents of one block on Eleventh Street have signed a petition for like improvement, and householders in several other sections are working to get all lot owners to agree to pay one third of the expense for graveling.

The surfacing includes an eight to ten inch layer of gravel and caliche, scattered evenly and rolled by the city street department. The expense is about \$120 per block, the city taking care of one-third and doing the finishing. This makes the expense for the individual property owner very light. The material being used makes a good semi-permanent all-weather street.

In speaking of the city government's cooperation in the work, Mayor W. C. McCarver asserted that it saved the municipality money for maintenance in the long run. Expense of keeping up graveled streets is much less than for those unimproved, the latter type requiring much grading and smoothing following rains.

Several persons living on Hamilton Avenue in Wilke Terrace are endeavoring to improve four blocks on that thoroughfare, and are interviewing property owners on the proposal to pay their part of the cost.

At this time gravel is being supplied particularly cheap and blocks already improved encourage others to join the movement.

**C. OF C. TO MAKE SURVEY OF WEST TEXAS SCHOOLS**

(By Associated Press)  
PLAINVIEW, Tex., Mar. 20—A survey to determine whether institutions of higher learning in West Texas are getting their portion of state appropriations has been launched by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, it was announced here by Maury Hopkins, assistant general manager.

Eight of the 17 state institutions of higher learning are located in West Texas. Hopkins said, and the survey will show again on Thursday, March 26, equipment, and other features of each institution in order that a just comparison may be made.

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## Homes Contest of Interest to Women

The King-Holt Furniture and Undertaking Company of Ballinger is one of the furniture firms sponsoring the American Homes Tours this year and Ballinger and Runnels county women are offered the opportunity of competing in this contest. The local furniture house has on hand at present 150 entry blanks and women who wish to enter may have one by calling at the store.

The final winners in the contest will number 224 in the United States and the 24 winners of grand prizes will be given a complete tour of the United States with all expenses paid from their homes and back and cash prizes ranging from \$1,000 to \$150. It costs nothing to enter and those interested can get full details, an entry blank, a plan book and other valuable information at the King-Holt store. The 200 winners not getting the trip over the nation will receive cash prizes of from \$50 to \$5 and a total of \$8,500 will be given the entries in cash prizes.

E. E. King, manager of the local store, is extremely anxious for a number of local women to try for the prizes. Every possible assistance will be given them including classes in interior decorating later to the class willing to make the attempt to win a prize. No employe of any store in the national contest may enter which leaves the competition open to housewives of the country.

The 24 winners of the tour will leave Chicago in chartered Pull-

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mans and cover the entire nation, stopping at the places of special interest. The show places of the nation will be inspected on the trip, including such places as Henry Ford's museum, Hollywood, Niagara Falls and many points of interest along the Pacific coast. The return trip will cover many places in Texas and swing back along the eastern part of the United States to New York and Boston and back to the starting point. Thirty-one days will be spent on the trip.

Parties wishing to enter have until June 15 to get their papers in to the contest headquarters.

**CURRENT IS "SOUP" TO RADIO ENGINEER**

NEW YORK, Mar. 20—Broadcast engineers have a language all their own.

To hear them talk about "hot mikes," "cans" and "soups," one might think they were discussing their favorite food.

But "soup," they say, is current fed to antennae, and "cans" are headphones. "Hot mikes" are microphones with current applied. "Bottles" are high power vacuum tubes and "woof" is just a signal to start a program.

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