

# BALLINGER DAILY LEDGER

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## District Epworth League Institute to Start Sunday

The West Brownwood district of the Epworth League Union will convene in Ballinger from Sunday to Thursday, inclusive, for the holding of an efficiency institute. The sessions will be held at the local Methodist church beginning Sunday at 2:30 and continuing all Sunday afternoon. After Sunday the week day sessions will be held each evening from 7:15 to 9:30 with competent teachers in charge of each course offered.

The theme for the institute will be "A Better World" and six courses are offered to those attending. A large crowd is expected from all parts of the district which includes all of Runnels county and a few places outside of this county. Officers of the district are Paul Killam, president; Lyle Deffabach, dean and Rev. T. E. Bowman, pastor host.

Credits, degrees, diplomas and certificates will be issued at the close of the institute here, according to the amount of work taken by those attending.

The Sunday program will start with registrations from 2:30 until 3 followed by devotional, theory class period, an intermission and methods class period.

The following people have been named committee chairmen and will look after the work of the institute: program, Vernon Lee Rogers; publicity, Auburn Neely of Winters; finance, George Garrett of Ballinger; registration, Auburn Neely of Winters; arrangements, Paul Killam, Ballinger; textbooks, Miss Maude Bird, Ballinger.

Following is a complete form of courses and time of classes and instructors for the course:

**Sunday**  
2:30-3:00—Registrations  
3:00-3:30—Devotional  
3:30-4:15—Theory Class Period  
4:15-4:20—Intermission  
4:20-5:10—Methods Class Period  
**Monday to Thursday**  
7:15-8:00—Theory Class Period  
8:00-8:40—Intermission Period  
8:40-9:30—Methods Class Period

**Intermission Period Schedule**  
Sunday—"The Consolidated Program," Rev. T. E. Bowman  
Tuesday—Demonstration Play Program  
Wednesday—District Problems, Miss Lucille Neely  
Thursday—Presentation of certificates, etc.

**Courses**  
Spiritual Work: Text—"What We Believe," Parker, Instructor, Rev. T. E. Bowman, Ballinger  
Missionary Work: Text—"The Cost of a New World," MacLennan, Instructor, Rev. T. H. Burton, Winters  
Social Service: Text—"Social Pioneering for Christian Young People," Gilbert, Instructor, Miss Mattie Mae Stevens, Winters  
Recreation and Culture: Text—"The Church at Play," Richardson, Instructor, Miss Eloise Jones, Ballinger  
Administration: Text—"Practical Lessons in Parliamentary Procedure," Plummer, Instructor, A. H. Smith, Winters  
Hi-League Leadership: Text—"The Intermediate Manual," Anderson, Instructor, Rev. E. W. Swearingen, Norton.

The Epworth League handbook will be used as the text for all methods classes.

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## 2 U. S. Warships Greet President

(By Associated Press)  
**BATTLESHIP ARIZONA**, at sea, Mar. 21.—The impressive sight of two warships alongside greeted President Hoover this morning, the third day of his vacation and inspection voyage to Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The destroyer Dupont came alongside the presidential vessel with its band playing, giving the president a greeting, before relieving the destroyer Taylor which turned back to Norfolk.

The Dupont, detached from the United States fleet, came north for duty.

Judge Paul Trimmer went to Abilene Friday afternoon on a business trip. He was accompanied by his family and Mrs. Lena Hagan.

## Texas Plane Leaves Panama with Party

(By Associated Press)  
**PANAMA CITY, Panama, Mar. 21.**—The Texas airplane which brought a group to the Inter-American Road Conference here this week departed today, planning to visit Agua Dulce, Panama, there picking up W. R. Ely, chairman of the Texas state highway department, and proceeding to San Jose, Mexico, late today.

## Amarillo Will Supply Citizens Gas by April 1

(By Associated Press)  
**AMARILLO, Mar. 21.**—Many large consumers will be using natural gas from the city's mains by April 1, and the system will be completed by the middle of September, it was announced by City Engineer E. N. Stanley. The city decided to go into the gas business in February, after the Amarillo Gas Company refused a proposal of the city commission to lower gas rates. Construction of mains began at once and the industrial districts will be served by April 1.

More than two-thirds of all the consumers in Amarillo have signed contracts with the city, a 40 per cent reduction having been promised by the city commission. Plans are under way now to lay 246 miles of 10-inch mains, Mayor Ernest O. Thompson announcing that enough contracts had been signed already to take the gas to every section of the city. Mayor Thompson has announced that the new system will pay its own way, and that a bond issue will not be necessary to finance the undertaking. If it is necessary to borrow money to carry on the work, only the gas system will be mortgaged, he said. The city is buying gas delivered at the city limits for 5 cents a thousand cubic feet.

## MANY McCULLOCH FARMERS BUYING PRESSURE COOKERS

**BRADY, Mar. 21.**—The "live at home" idea is becoming prevalent with the people of McCulloch county.

Many farmers have acquired pressure cookers and are canning sufficient meat to supply the family table. Some who have no pressure cookers have made use of the cooker owned by the local home demonstration agent's office.

About 75 animals have been canned under the direction of the home demonstration agent. The thousands of cans stored in the pantries of local rural homes during the past six-month period contain steak, chili, soup, roast, stew, liver paste, sandwich spread and tongue.

**Banana Saves Colony**  
**CONAKRY, French Guinea, Mar. 21.**—(AP)—The banana, fostered by French government policy, saved this colony from the business depression. Between 1920 and 1930 exports grew from 150 to 9,000 tons yearly.

## Ballinger Clerk Helps Plan Meet

(By Associated Press)  
**ABILENE, Mar. 21.**—Preliminary plans for the program of the three-day convention of the county and district clerks of Texas, to be held at Dallas May 28 to 30, were mapped here recently at a meeting of the program committee, composed entirely of West Texas officers. Committee members are: Miss Belle Wellborn, district clerk of Taylor county and president of the state association; W. E. Burleson, Brown county clerk and secretary; W. H. McDonald and R. L. Jones, district and county clerks, respectively of Eastland county; Miss Georgia Singletary, Runnels county district clerk; Emet L. Walker, Coleman county clerk; and W. P. Bounds, Taylor county clerk.

## Boy, 16, Billed On Murder Count

(By Associated Press)  
**LAREDO, Tex., Mar. 21.**—The Webb county grand jury today indicted Harlan B. Carter, 16, school boy, on the charge of fatally shooting Ramon Casiana, 15, on March 3. The grand jury heard evidence for a full day before returning the indictment. Carter is free under \$10,000 bond.

## Three Buildings Burn at Houston

(By Associated Press)  
**HOUSTON, Mar. 21.**—Three municipally owned business buildings burned here today. The estimated loss is \$18,000.

The fire is believed to have been started by tramps who were sleeping in an abandoned swimming pool.

Mrs. R. T. Williams and daughter, Eleanor, Eleanor Hancock, Bobbie Richards and Dorothy Ruth Lynn are spending the week with relatives at Rising Star.

R. G. Erwin returned Thursday from Temple, where he had been at the bedside of his wife who is in a hospital. Mrs. Erwin underwent an operation there last Monday and is reported to be resting well and will soon be able to return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Felton Wright and children left Friday for Junction in response to a death message.

## Goldman to Head Cotton Ass'n.

(By Associated Press)  
**AUSTIN, Mar. 21.**—Vice-President J. L. Goldman, of Dallas, was expected to be elected president of the Texas Cotton Association, following the organization's custom of promotion, at the election of officers late this evening. The annual convention closes here today. The business sessions occupied most of the day.

## Hall-Mills Prosecutor to Defend Accused in "Longest Ride" Murder

(By Associated Press)  
**ELIZABETH, N. J., Mar. 21.**—Mrs. Phoebe Stader was taken for what probably was the longest "ride" a bullet victim ever took.

For several miles her body, propped up in the front seat beside the man now held for her murder, rode through New Jersey roads. Later, blanketed in the tonneau, it was carried through Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia.

Near Bowling Green, Va., it was tossed out into a thicket. Buzzards already had found the nude figure when a negro, hunting for a lost dog, came upon it.

The story of the love and death of Phoebe Stader and the arrest of William Frazer for her murder is one a detective story writer might say contained "everything"—love, hate, violence, flight and sudden arrest.

In the beginning there were two families—"Bill" Frazer, his wife and their two children; and Phoebe Stader and her husband. Bill Frazer's father died. A \$25,000 inheritance changed Frazer's outlook. He met Mrs. Stader. Each, attracted by the other, forgot the wife and children on the one hand, the husband on the other.

The evidence now before the state's attorney is that Frazer's infatuation for the dark-haired, buxom Mrs. Stader led to extravagances in her behalf. There were "parties"; wild gayety; night clubs. The inheritance burned up.

Then there was a quarrel, and the night came when Frazer drove up in front of his mother's home in Raleigh and called. His cousin, Ira Jensen, out to "meet the girl friend."

Jensen, telling of it, said: "I put out my hand. I thought she was bashful. Then I saw she was dead. I saw she was Mrs. Stader. Bill kept cackling, 'the girl friend, the girl friend.'"

When dawn came, William Frazer and "the girl friend" had

## Dam Site Changed On Irrigation Plan

(By Associated Press)  
**ABILENE, Mar. 21.**—Site of the proposed Colorado River dam in Coke county, which would impound enough flood waters to irrigate 200,000 acres, has been shifted to a location about six miles northwest of the original site. A. K. Doss, Abilene attorney, who is counsel for the project, embracing a large territory in Coke and Runnels county, has announced.

The new site, Doss said, will give additional elevation on the main canal of between 60 and 70 feet. The change also will allow building of the reservoir at less expense, will provide a deeper basin and greater height, and probably impound more water than under original plans.

The new site selected for construction of the Colorado irrigation dam meets with the approval of the district to be supplied and will be a great advantage in distributing the water over fields to be irrigated, according to engineers in charge.

A. K. Doss spent Tuesday in Ballinger after a business trip to Bronte and Robert Lee in interest of the project. Surveying is progressing nicely and the big project appears to be feasible from every angle according to those interested in the work. When the project is finally completed a large tract of land in this county will be placed under irrigation.

Sam Malone, Jr., member of the Ballinger high school playground ball team, became very ill at Winters Friday and was brought home by his father and a physician. He was reported to be resting better Saturday.

## Allred Announces New Assistant

(By Associated Press)  
**AUSTIN, Mar. 21.**—Attorney General James V. Allred today announced the appointment of R. G. Waters, of Texarkana, as assistant attorney general.

## Knife Wounds Fatal to Woman

(By Associated Press)  
**TULSA, Okla., Mar. 21.**—Mrs. M. C. Little, 67, of Sherman, Texas, died here in a hospital this morning from knife wounds about the throat.

Mrs. Frances H. Colby, a daughter, whom Mrs. Little was visiting here, said her mother had been reportedly ill.

## Postpone Trial of Dirigible Wrecker

(By Associated Press)  
**AKRON, O., Mar. 21.**—Preliminary hearing for Paul F. Kassay, scheduled here today in connection with an alleged plot to wreck the giant naval dirigible, Akron, was postponed to Thursday on account of the inability to assemble important witnesses. Kassay, a communist, held on \$20,000 bond under a technical charge of violation of Ohio's criminal syndicalism law, denied the charge, insisting that he was being "framed."

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Demmer left Friday for Nixon to be at the bedside of Mr. Demmer's father. A telegram was received here Friday night stating that the elder Mr. Demmer died before the Ballingerites reached Nixon and that they would remain there for several days after the funeral.

## Many Race Horses In Houston Stables

(By Associated Press)  
**HOUSTON, Mar. 21.**—Stables from Nebraska, Missouri and Oklahoma, and all parts of Texas are here for the opening of the annual Southwestern Show today. Fine horses of the Southwest will perform against a background of smart society.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shepherd returned Friday night from Dallas where they had been visiting for the past several days.

## Six Held in Death of War Veteran at Dallas

### Engineers in Texas To Inspect Trinity

(By Associated Press)  
**DALLAS, Mar. 21.**—Members of the board of engineers on rivers and harbors, came here today from Ft. Worth, where they came from Washington, to inspect the Trinity River and its reservoirs in connection with the proposal to make the stream navigable. The board later will make recommendations to Major General Lytle Brown, chief army engineer.

### Court of Honor Is Well Attended

At 8 o'clock Friday night, Rev. E. W. McLaurin, chairman, declared the Boy Scout court of honor in session. It was opened by the blowing of "To the Colors," and pledging of allegiance to the flag. Rev. McLaurin explained the meaning of the Scout badge, and asked for candidates for advancement rank to come forward. Ralph Routh and Louis Rhuman received tenderfoot badges. E. Evans received a merit badge for woodwork and Alfred Zedlitz was given merit awards in personal health, athletics, woodwork and public health.

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**DALLAS, Mar. 21.**—Edward J. Jares, 39, World War veteran, traveling salesman, died in a fall from an upstairs window in a downtown hotel here today. The authorities held three men and three women at the hotel for investigation. The window from which Jares fell was not in the room to which he was assigned by the clerk. A certificate showing he had applied for a loan on his adjusted compensation certificate, was found among his effects. A passer-by told officers he heard a crash of glass and saw the man fall. Decedent's brother, Will Jares, telephoned the police from his home in West Texas that he would come here to aid in the investigation.

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### Palace Theatre

3 DAYS STARTING SUNDAY

America's sweetheart, fascinating star of "Follow Thru," brings you an even more enthralling drama. Wealth can't give this ex-Follies girl what she wants most—love. She chooses the dangerous road to romance—reckless, heedless of the consequences. Does she win? See

### LAUGHTER WITH NANCY CARROLL

The most powerful dramatic story seen on the screen this year. With handsome Fredric March  
**A Paramount Picture**



Alexander Simpson (below), prosecutor in the Hall-Mills murder case, has been retained as counsel for William Frazer (left), held in Elizabeth, N. J., for the murder of Mrs. Phoebe Stader (right).

headed south. In woods near Bowling Green, Va., the body was hidden. Frazer rode on alone. The body at first was unrecognized, but Mrs. Stader's husband soon identified it. Frazer was arrested in Raleigh, N. C., when he called at a general delivery window for his mail. Frazer admitted he fired the shot that killed Phoebe Stader. It was an accident, he said. There was a 22 calibre rifle in the rear seat of the car. He reached for it. In some manner it exploded. The bullet buried itself in her head. He feared he would be blamed, so he disposed of the body. A man who figured prominently in one of New Jersey's most notorious murder mysteries—the Hall-Mills case—has been retained as Frazer's counsel. He is Alexander Simpson, who prosecuted Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall and her brothers, Henry and Willie. All three were acquitted. Simpson now finds himself a defender. Frazer is held in jail awaiting action of the May grand jury.

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The first vernal storms struck West Texas Thursday Desdemona was the scene of much damage by a twister. Many oil derricks were toppled and a number of houses damaged by the wind.

Today marks the beginning of spring on the calendar. There may be no difference in the temperature of the day but March 21 generally dates the start of warmer weather and except for the mythical cold snap at Easter few more frigid days are expected.

EDITOR RECALLS DAYS WHEN WEST WAS WILD

QUANAH, Tex., Mar. 21.—Harry Koch, former editor of the Quanah Tribune-Chief and pioneer newspaperman of the Panhandle, can remember the life as led by Texas rangers before the change came, as described by Ranger Captain Tom Hickman in a recent press interview.

Koch recalls that Capt. Bill McDonald and Company B of the ranger force made headquarters in Quanah when he came to this section 40 years ago, the personnel of the company included several "killers," Koch said.

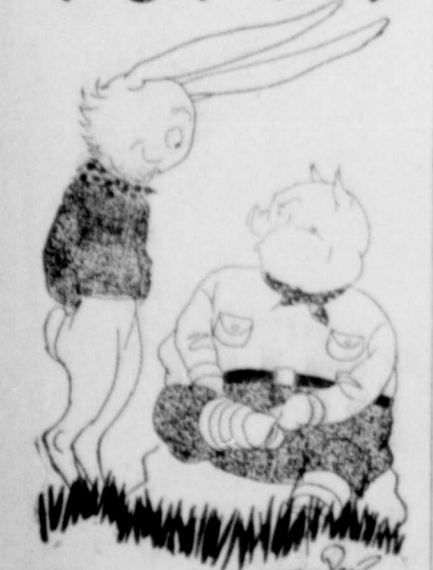
"There was plenty of work for the rangers then," Koch said. "Cattle thieves operated all over the West, and had established routes between Old Mexico and the Kansas line. They drove their stolen herds at night, turning them into a pasture some place to spend the daylight hours.

"Of course the cattle had been branded, but the thieves employed experts who could change a brand until it would not be recognized. About the only way to detect the change was to kill the animal and look at the inner side of the hide.

"Many persons were easily suspected because they slept in daytime and rode at night, but rangers found it difficult to get juries to convict men on circumstantial evidence. Many local officers often stood in with the thieves."

California's birth rate in 1930 was 14.7 per cent per 1,000 population, or 84,382, which was an increase of 2,884 over 1929.

PUFFY



"Footloose and fancy free, we are," says Bunny with a grin. "Footsore, I'd say," says Puffy, "and my shoes are getting thin. But when you have the wanderlust, and can not buy a ride, There's nothing beats a nice long walk for buddies, side by side."

SUNDOWN STORIES



CAT AND SUN By Mary Graham Bonner

The Little Black Clock had turned the time back and was taking the children to an old, old house.

On the front steps sat a large black cat. He was taking little cat naps from time to time and enjoying the warm sunshine, now and again opening his big green eyes.

"Cat naps," he purred, "are so lovely. Ah, a cat is a sensible animal and knows enough to take these delicious little naps. In fact a cat has made the expression 'cat nap' well known."

"But, more than anything, a cat knows enough to appreciate the sun."

The cat napped now for a few moments. Then he spoke again. "In days to come people will talk about how healthful it is to get plenty of sunshine. Doctors will say how good it is for their patients."

"But cats have had the wisdom to appreciate the sun long before people."

Then the cat fell asleep once more, and Peggy stroked him a little while he purred.

"Well, it has been a quiet, restful adventure to come and hear what the cat has had to say," the Little Black Clock said, "for we have been having some thrilling ones of late."

"In fact, I thought we'd have some more quiet ones for a while, but now I remember that I want to take you on a most interesting trip Monday."

"Maybe we'd better have plenty of rest before we start out. I want to turn the time ahead once more."

So John and Peggy left the old black cat sunning himself and went home to take real sleeps rather than cat naps. They couldn't imagine what the next trip would be and the Clock refused to give them so much as a hint!

(Monday—The Air Dies)

HOW'S your HEALTH?



MIND AND BODY

That ancient bromidium, "A sane mind in a healthy body," has been repeated so very often that, in truth, familiarity has bred a contempt for its significance.

And yet the implied inter-relationship of mind, or better the psychic process, and the body is being reaffirmed in every forward step in medical science.

Show a hungry rabbit a juicy turnip, and the mere sight of the delicacy will set up a rhythmic and active movement of the entire intestinal tract.

Proceed then to pinch the ear of the hungry rabbit, and under the influence of pain, the intestinal movements will quiet down, and the intestines become pale, the blood being drawn off to other parts of the body.

Similar changes and disturbances in the functions of the human digestive system were observed and reported by Dr. Beaumont as far back as 1834. Dr. Beaumont made his observations on Alexis St. Martin, a French-Canadian guide who had a permanent opening into his stomach through the body wall, following an accidental gun shot wound.

In a restricted manner these observations justify the common dictates of good personal hygiene and health habits, to the effect that one should eat slowly foods that are appetizing and pleasing, in an environment that is calm

and peaceful. When one is excited, tense, and ill at ease, one should not eat at all, or only such foods as may be easily and quickly absorbed.

In certain studies conducted by a German scientist it has been shown that the psychic behavior of a patient may indicate abnormal physical conditions long before typical symptoms develop. The approach of illness is often heralded by a change of mood or disposition. Fatigue, weakness of memory, absent-mindedness and mental excitement are often subtle indications of disturbed function.

(Monday—Focal Infections)

BETHEL NEWS

The heavy rain Saturday night prevented any church services. It was Rev. L. D. Hardt's appointment but roads were so heavy that services for both Sunday morning and Sunday night were called off.

Mr. and Mrs. David Duke, accompanied by David Duke, Jr., visited relatives at San Angelo and Wall the past week-end.

Grandpa Jones and daughter, Miss Willie, of Paint Rock, were pleasant visitors here last week. They also looked after their farm and ranch lands here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Simmons accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wheatly visited relatives at Maverick last Sunday.

A large crowd attended the declamation try-out at the school building Thursday night. Supt. R. E. White, Judge O. L. Parish and Judge Frank Dickey, of Ballinger, were the judges. Winners

were: Virginia May Womack, junior girls; Alvin Richardson, junior boys; Velma Lampe, senior girls; Walter Crockett, senior boys.

Part of the Tom Crockett family and Claud Simmons went to Bethel Sunday night, thinking there would be church. On arrival a light was noticed in one of the lower rooms of the school building, and on investigation they found a large banana basket used to hold waste paper burned to the floor and was consuming the floor and blackboard fixtures. Mr. Womack, who lives in the teacherage near by, was summoned at once. He came with the keys, a bucket of water and a small fire extinguisher and the blaze was soon put out. Had it not been noticed at the time it is feared it would soon have burned through the floor and the building have been destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown unless caused by mice gnawing matches in the waste basket.

Miss Elsie Gilkerson visited home folks at Abilene the past week-end.

Quite a number are planning to attend the county meet at Winters Friday and Saturday.

School Notes On Wednesday of last week the Ballinger high school juniors, both girls and boys, baseball teams came over to play with the Bethel teams. The score was 9 to 1 in favor of the Bethel girls and 22 to 12 in favor of the Ballinger boys. Both games were very interesting from start to finish.

On Thursday of last week the junior baseball teams, both boys and girls, motored over to Blain-

ton and played two very interesting games, Bethel winning both.

All contestants who will participate in the league meet, in both literary and field events, are putting in some hard work the remaining few days before the meet.

The senior class enjoyed a social last Friday night, given in the home of Alma and Velma Lampe. Some very interesting games of forty-two and carom were played, after which hot chocolate and cake was served. The class color scheme of green and white was carried out to a certain extent.

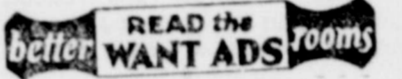
In spite of the freshly graded, muddy road the school buses had to travel Monday morning only one was a few minutes late.

Last week was a very busy time with farmers. The hum of tractors and teams was seen and heard in every direction. Although there is a good underground season the rain Saturday night was very much appreciated as the top of the ground had begun to bake and it was feared small seeds would not come up. Some land had been worked too wet and the winds had dried it out during the past several days.

"REPORTER"

New Duck Speed Record

WASHINGTON, Mar. 21.—A new speed record for migrating ducks is reported by the United States biological survey. A mallard duck, banded November 23, 1930, at Green Bay, Wis., was killed five days later near Georgetown, S. C.



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VARIED INFORMATION ON TEXAS LEGISLATORS

AUSTIN, Mar. 21.—Some interesting bits of information about members of the 42nd legislature:

Representative Moffett of Chillicothe is the first man born in his district to represent that district in the legislature.

Representative Holland of Houston classes the house microphone and loud speaker as so much excess baggage. The leather-lunged and deep voiced Houston member has the most commanding voice in the house. When it is in good condition, he can easily drown out the loudspeaker. His talents have been put to good use by the weaker voiced members around him, who often have Holland obtain the attention of the speaker for them with his fog-horn voice.

March 11 was the first time Representative Stephens of Sulphur Springs ever appeared behind the house microphone, although he is serving his second term. When his speaking time expired, the speaker extended it with the statement, "anyone who takes up as little time as the gentleman from Hopkins, should be given all the time he wants."

Representative Weibert of Seguin, in a recent talk on the use of Texas granite, disclosed that the commission charged with building the state capital almost had it constructed from Indiana limestone instead of from Texas granite. The structure was begun with limestone from the Hoosier state and the basement and foundation completed before the native stone was brought into use.

Representative Rogers of Celeste, known as the "Chic Sale" of the house almost invariably works in his shirt sleeves and with a chew of tobacco in the side of his mouth.

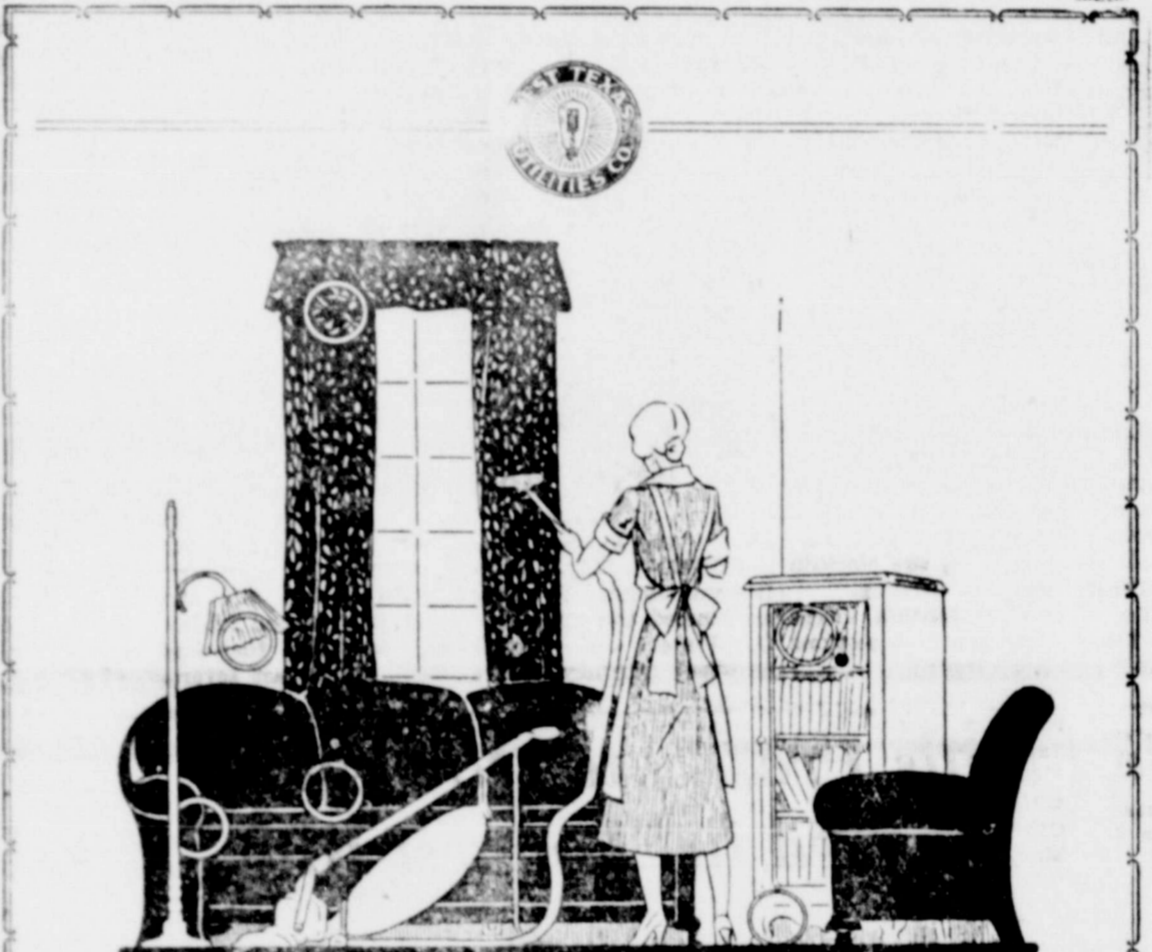
The gentlemen of the house maintain a chivalrous attitude toward the women members and usually stop talking so the women can be heard when they appear before the house.

In the future, anyone wishing to be chairman of a committee should take a course in time-keeping. The amazing mass of legislation before each committee has made it necessary for committee chairmen to keep strict time on each speaker.

Bailey Hardy of Breckenridge, chairman of the house committee on oil, gas and mining committee, is the most enthusiastic chairman in the legislature. He almost wore out a gavel at a recent session of the committee on the oil proration bill.

TO WAR ON HAWKS

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Mar. 21.—Sportsmen and business men of the lower Rio Grande Valley will attempt to exterminate the hawks in this region. Fifteen cent bounties will be provided. The hawk, it is said, destroyed more quail than were killed by hunters.



Modern Electric Sweepers Can Do Your Housecleaning

With a big sweeper to clean the floors and floor-coverings and handy attachments to fit those "hard to reach" corners, the modern electric vacuum sweeper combines all that is necessary to give your home a thorough, efficient cleaning—a task which, this modern way, involves practically no effort on your part.

Why, owning a vacuum sweeper is like having a maid. It's no trouble to spend a few moments each day pushing the smooth-running Fedeco about the house—cleaning drapes, furniture and "dust pockets" with the attachments. In less time than it takes to tell, your house will be perfectly cleaned—and those dust-filled red eyes will be a thing of the past.

Operating costs of an electric sweeper amount to but a few pennies. Initial cost is moderate. Why hesitate longer? See a complete display at the Merchandise Showroom. A salesman will be happy to explain the Convenient Payment Plan.

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DOROTHY DARNIT



By Charles McManus

SIXTEEN PEOPLE SUN STRUCK WHEE!

DID YOU EVER FEEL THE HEAT, SUCH AS WE ARE HAVIN' THIS SEASON?

NEVER IN MY LIFE, HERE'S THE PAPER FOR YOU THANKS!

HOW DOES YOUR UNCLE STAND THE HEAT? WE HAVEN'T HEARD YET

HE'S ONLY BEEN DEAD A WEEK!

C.M.M.



# Want Ads

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FOR SALE—Big boll Russell Cotton Seed \$1 per bushel. H. E. McElroy, Phone 5712. 21-1td-2tw-

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# MOVIES

Nancy Carroll at Palace Tomorrow in "Laughter"

"Laughter," featuring Nancy Carroll, opens a three-day run at the Palace Theatre tomorrow afternoon.

In the play Nancy is seen as the ex-Follies girl who marries a very wealthy old man, her "second choice," after her young lover forsakes her in favor of an exciting trip to Paris. Upon his return to New York her "first love" becomes a pal to Nancy's husband but slyly attempts to make advances to her. The dramatic and thrilling events which follow are the high points of interest in this powerful show.

The part of the philandering young lover is played by Fredric Marsh, the capable young leading man who deserted the stage for the talkies about two years ago and who has since achieved considerable distinction as a portrayer of emotional roles.

Probably his best known effort was in "Manslaughter." March never played opposite Miss Carroll before this picture, and was only in one production with her—"Paramount on Parade."  
Others in the cast of "Laughter" are Glenn Anders, Frank Morgan, Diane Ellis, Leonard Carey, Worthington Romaine and others.

# Births

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Moser are parents of a fine baby girl, born Thursday, March 19.  
Calling Cards, printed on short notice. Phone 27, we do the rest.

# CHURCHES

**Church of Christ**  
(Eighth Street and Bonsal Ave.)  
Bible study at 9:45 a. m. Classes with competent teachers for all sizes.  
Preaching service by Levi Gentry, of Abilene Christian College, and communion at 11 a. m.  
Preaching by Rev. Gentry at 7:30 p. m.  
Ladies' Bible study 2:30 p. m. Mondays at church building.  
Prayer meeting and young people's meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.  
We welcome you to any and all of these services.

**First Methodist Church**  
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Joe Forman, superintendent.  
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor.  
Young people meet at 6:30 p. m. Woman's Missionary Society meets Monday afternoon as follows: circle No. 1, with Mrs. Sam Behringer at 4 o'clock; Mrs. John Loveless assisting; circle No. 2, with Mrs. W. E. Midgley, at 3 o'clock; circle No. 3 with Mrs. C. A. Watson, at 3 o'clock; Mrs. A. B. Legate assisting.  
Mid-week service Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Choir rehearsal immediately following.  
Everyone has an invitation to all these services.  
T. E. BOWMAN, Pastor.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.  
11:00 a. m., morning worship.  
2:30 p. m., Junior Society.  
6:00 p. m., Young People's Society.  
7:30 p. m., evening worship.  
Everyone is welcome to any and all the services of this congregation.  
E. W. McLAURIN, Pastor.

**Baptist Church**  
9:45 a. m., Sunday school. E. Shepperd, superintendent.  
11 a. m., address by Dr. J. C. Hardy, president of Baylor College.  
6:30 p. m., meetings of B. Y. P. U.'s. F. D. McCoy, director.  
We are seeking 100 per cent in attendance, "Mobilization Day."  
7:30 p. m., preaching service by pastor, "What God and Men Think of the Liquor Traffic."  
7:30 p. m., Wednesday, prayer meeting, followed by choir practice.  
We extend a hearty welcome to all who will worship with us.  
J. H. McCLAIN, Pastor.

**First Christian Church**  
(Broadway at Murrell)  
Sunday school 9:45 a. m., Alfred Crager, superintendent.  
Communion service, 10:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11:00 a. m. Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Wednesday evening prayer meeting, 7:30.  
The church with a cordial welcome.

**Church of God**  
Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Conducted for the purpose of preparing persons for future service.

# Ballinger Students Sweep Meet Friday

Ballinger pupils won events in order almost at will in the county interscholastic meet at Winters Friday. Both high school and grammar school contestants were taking first places in a very pleasing manner with some of the events not completed Friday.

For the first time in many years local boys' and girls' debating teams took first honors in the finals. The girls were given a unanimous vote of the five judges, while the boys won by a three to two count of the votes. The girls' team is composed of Carrie Witter and Esta Fuleher, and the boys' team of Bill Duncan and Fred Walter King. Both teams are coached by Howard Carr, manual training instructor. The finals were held Friday night in the Winters high school auditorium, pupils from Miles, Winters and Ballinger taking part. The girls had the negative side of the question and the boys the affirmative.

Pupils of Miss Katherine Todd won easily in the music memory contest, and brought home the blue ribbon. In this grammar school event the following Ballinger pupils took part: Elizabeth and Dorothy Fowler, Luther Reese, Rosemary Lasater and Eula Mae Clark.

First place in essay writing was won by Kathryn Wooten, of the local school. Mrs. Bessie Lowe is in charge of this department here.

The girls' volley ball of Ballinger, coached by Miss Elizabeth Parker, came out of the meet undefeated.

In the high school division of junior playground ball local boys took first and local girls second place.

Many Ballinger pupils left here

**Church of the Nazarene**  
Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. Preaching at 8:00 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8:00 p. m.  
A welcome is extended to all.  
W. LAWSON, BROWN, Pastor.

**Eighth Street Presbyterian Church**  
Bible school at 9:45 a. m. Finous Collins, superintendent.  
Worship at 11 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 5:30 and 6:30 p. m.  
Worship at 7:30 p. m.  
Each service is for friends as well as members. Every stranger and person without a church home is welcome.  
J. EDWIN KERR, Minister.

**Church of God**  
Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Conducted for the purpose of preparing persons for future service.

Saturday morning for Winters to enter various events. Coach Harley Davis, in charge of the track team, accompanied a group of boys who were to enter the preliminaries in the forenoon. Finals in track and field events were to begin at 2 p. m.

Saturday morning the boys from the local school failed to place in tennis while Marcel Stokes and Katherine Barnett took first place in the girls' doubles. Singles were not completed at noon and no report was available.

Elementary playground ball resulted in the boys taking first place and the girls second.

Senior boys' declamation gave Miles a first place and Clarence Morris of Ballinger second. Senior girls' declamation gave Ballinger another first place when Jimmie Taylor was declared winner. In the junior declamations the Ballinger girls failed to place while John Pearce took first honors for the boys in this event.

Ballinger won two third places in extemporaneous speaking with Lester Marsh winning for the boys and Zell Reese for the girls. The local entry failed to place in spelling although the paper was perfect and no word was missed. The contestant was graded off on account of writing and no place given here.

Blizzard field swarmed with athletes all Saturday morning entered in the qualifying events and real competition started with the finals at 2 o'clock.

Nixon Waldrop and Carl Jones, of Brownwood, are lodged in the local jail on charges of short changing. The arrests were made by the sheriff's department.

# SEEKS COMMITTEE FOR TEXAS UTILITIES PROBE

(By Associated Press)  
AUSTIN, Mar. 21.—Senator Woodruff of Decatur, author of a resolution asking that the legislature authorize the governor to appoint a special committee of three to make a two year investigation of utilities in Texas, has amended his original resolution to include the attorney general as one of the members of the special committee. The resolution differed from other proposals to regulate utilities in that it asked for a lengthy study of their operations.

More than 52,000,000 tons of coal were mined in Kentucky during 1930.

# District Meet Program Made

A complete program for the district Interscholastic League meet to be held at San Angelo on April 17 and 18 has been received here and it now appears that Ballinger will have a number of entrants in the contests there as the result of winning first places in the county meet at Winters. Two full days will be used for the district competition with track and field events on the last day.

Directors for the meet include the following: debate, Supt. R. D. Holt, Eldorado; senior declamation, Supt. E. W. LeFevre, Eden; junior declamation, Supt. W. R. Hardy, Sterling City; extemporaneous speaking, Supt. A. H. Smith, Winters; essay writing, Supt. H. C. Lyon, Ballinger, athletics, W. R. Bissett, San Angelo.

In addition to the regular events included in the county meets, high school orchestras, and glee clubs will contest in the district meet. The Ballinger glee club has won first place twice in this meet and has an excellent, well balanced club this year to try for honors again. Six or seven clubs will enter this contest. The Ballinger one-act players will enter that phase of the competition for the first time and are hoping to win.

The following events will be held Friday, the opening day of the meet, in the order named: Music—high school orchestras; tennis, singles and doubles; preliminary debates; extemporaneous speaking, declamations, junior and senior and music memory contests.

All-round championship and group contest cups and awards to individual winners will be presented at the end of each contest. These awards are made by the San Angelo Board of City Development and San Angelo merchants.

Out of district judges for the finals in declamation and debates will be provided. Felix Smith is general director of the meet and any one desiring information can secure it from him.

Innis Dodson (colored) was arrested Friday night on charges of violating the pool hall law. He was placed in the county jail.

Second sheets, 1,000 80 cents, at Ledger office. dtf

# Nichols Funeral Here Saturday

Mrs. Mary Matilda Nichols, 82, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. P. Knight, near Winters Friday evening at 11:30. Mrs. Nichols was an early settler of this county, coming to West Texas in the early days with her husband, W. T. Nichols. Mr. Nichols preceded his wife into the great beyond and since that time she had made home with her daughter.

A short time ago Mrs. Nichols contracted a bad case of influenza and complications soon brought death.

Decedent is survived by the following children: Mrs. Alice Russell, J. M. Nichols, Mrs. J. P. Knight, Mrs. Ludie Davis, Mrs. Irene Davis, of Winters, and Mrs. T. A. Duke, of Ballinger. Ten grandsons acted as pallbearers, as follows: Koran Russell, Cecil Parks, Ted Nichols, Jack Davis, Delma Davis, Jasper Duke, Raymond Knight, Troy Nichols, Foy Davis and Dalley Nichols.

Funeral services were held at the Ballinger Baptist Church Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Rev. J. H. McClain, pastor of the local church; Rev. W. T. Hamor, pastor of the Winters Baptist Church; and Rev. P. H. Burton, pastor of the Winters Methodist Church, officiated. The cortege left the Knight home near Winters at 2 o'clock for Ballinger, arriving here shortly before time for the funeral. Interment will be made in Evergreen Cemetery.

Undertakers from the Higginbotham Funeral Home are in charge of arrangements.

# VALLEY CITIZENS RECEIVE THANKS FOR CABBAGE

(By Associated Press)  
McALLEN, Tex., Mar. 21.—Marion, Ark., has sent thanks to McAllen for a carload of cabbage sent there for distribution among the drought sufferers.

"You will never know," wrote W. A. Koser, chairman of the Crittenden county, Ark., chapter of the Red Cross on behalf of the city, "how much those cabbages were appreciated."

"Our drought sufferers were being supplied with bread, meat and molasses by the Red Cross, but they were needing green food. And then there came that car of cabbage, just like a gift out of Heaven."

**Urges Early Lamb Sale**  
URBANA, Ill., Mar. 12.—(AP)—W. G. Kammlade, of the college of agriculture, University of Illinois, says that if the 1931 lamb market is anything like that of 1930 and most previous years, farmers will pocket the most premium by getting early lambs ready for sale before July 1.

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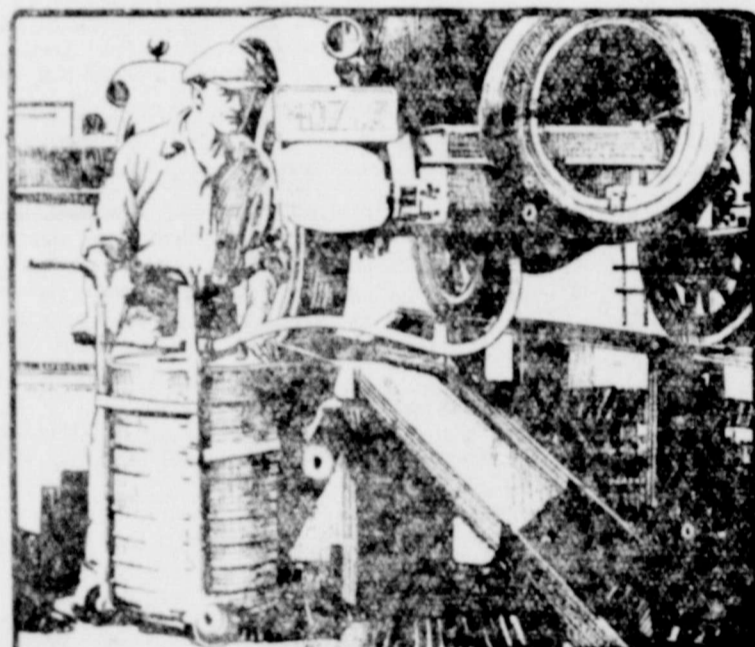
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# PALACE LAST DAY

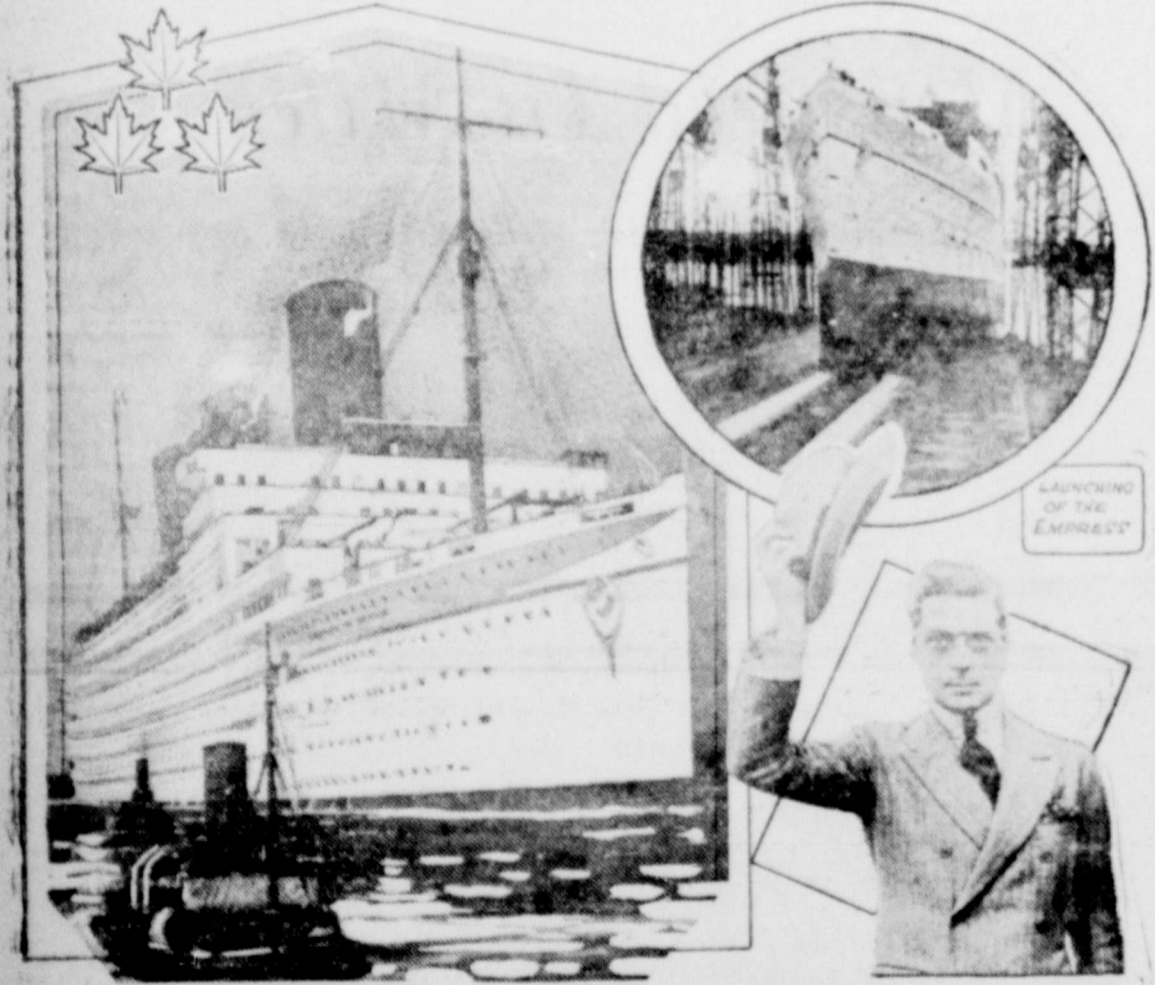
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# Maritime Circles Awaiting "Empress of Britain," Largest Liner Built in Great Britain Since War



Maritime circles and the traveling public generally are awaiting with no little interest the advent next May of the new 42,500-ton Canadian Pacific liner "Empress of Britain," now undergoing her last few finishing touches on the Clyde. The maiden voyage of this newest ocean greyhound had been set for June 17, from Southampton and Cherbourg for Quebec, but so rapid has been the progress of the last stages of her construction and decoration that the Canadian Pacific Steamships recently announced that she will sail on her initial westbound transatlantic crossing on May 27—four days earlier than originally intended. The Empress of Britain, which carries first class, tourist third class and third class passengers, from present indications will be booked to capacity for her first trip in both directions and her maiden voyage from Southampton is being regarded as a social event of outstanding importance.

Launched by the Prince of Wales on June 11, 1930, the Empress of Britain is the largest liner to be built in British shipyards since the great war, and because of her speed, size and appointments, is considered the last word in ocean travel. Capable of a speed in excess of 28 knots, she is expected to make a strong bid for the blue ribbon of the Atlantic, as the St. Lawrence route via Quebec to Europe is shorter than from other Atlantic ports. The Empress of Britain is fitted with the largest swimming pool afloat, and she will be equipped with ship-to-shore telephone service and other modern conveniences. An outstanding feature of this great vessel is the fact that all her first-class staterooms are outside rooms, and because of their size are called apartments. Her public rooms have been decorated by such celebrated artists as Frank Brangwyn, Edmund Dulac, Sir John Lavery, Sir Charles Allom and W. Heath Robinson. Because the Ball-Louvre ventilation system, combined with these large outside apartments, makes her an ideal vessel for cruising tropical waters, she has been chosen to make a round the world cruise, sailing from New York Dec. 9, 1931, for a voyage of 128 days. She thus will become the largest and fastest liner ever to circle the globe or to negotiate the Panama Canal.