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"Undercover" Man Is No-billed by Grand Jury

Willie Henderson, alias Hall Elsterling, charged in Brown county with accepting a bribe, was released at Brownwood Monday afternoon when the grand jury investigating the case failed to bill him, and District Attorney C. L. South ordered the sheriff's department of Brown county to release the dry agent from jail. Henderson came to Ballinger Monday night and reported to Sheriff W. A. Holt of this county, where he is subpoenaed as a state and federal witness in a number of prohibition violation cases.

Henderson was arrested in a Brownwood hotel Friday night after he is alleged to have taken a bribe of \$50 from Charles Winans of this city, to not appear against Winans in two cases in Runnels county.

According to information given a reporter for The Ledger by District Attorney South, Henderson acknowledged taking the money offered him by Winans and stated that he had orders to accept any bribe offered him. The Brown county grand jury went into the case thoroughly Monday but failed to establish enough evidence to warrant an indictment, in their opinion, and reported a "no-bill" in the case.

An examining trial was held at Brownwood Saturday following the arrest and a lengthy statement was taken from Winans regarding the preliminary transaction in which the Ballinger man told of holding a telephone conversation with a man at Brownwood who asked him to come down there. That after consulting his attorney here, who in turn conferred with State Ranger R. E. McWilliams, he went to Brownwood twice during the day, on the last trip carrying the money in 15 bills, the numbers of which were recorded here, and gave them to Henderson in the elevator of the hotel. That it had been arranged that if the agent accepted the money he was to leave the elevator with his hat off, which he did, and the man was arrested and the bills found on his person. The statement given by Winans was in detail and gave the denomination and number of each bill given to Henderson. After reducing the statement to writing, the following signed the article after being sworn and testifying that they had heard the testimony of Winans and that said testimony was substantially correct insofar as they respectively were connected with said matter. The names signed to the statement were: R. E. McWilliams, M. H. Demman, Frank C. Dickey, W. E. Hallmark and Charlie Winans.

Henderson is a state's witness here in seven or eight liquor cases and has been served with papers to appear here when the next grand jury is in session to testify for the state.

With the exception of District Attorney South local officers offered little comment on the case Tuesday. In a telephone conversation with Judge South at Coleman The Ledger was informed that no other indictments would be filed by his office and that the matter would stand as it is so far as he was concerned.

FLAPPERS DON'T RATE ON JAPAN AIRLINERS

(By Associated Press)
TOKYO, March 24.—Girls have displaced male stewards on airplanes, plying between Japan's principal cities.

More than 200 of them answered the want ad of the Japan Air Transport. Some were of the flapper type, with western model suits, silk stockings and high heels, but the ones who got the jobs were those clinging to the rainbow-hued costumes of old Japan.

Hoover Praises Island's Progress

(By Associated Press)
SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Mar. 24.—President Hoover, standing before Porto Rico's native leaders, addressed the islanders, praising their progress and acknowledging the grave problems confronting the territory.

Chief Justice Toro, replying, said the hopes of Porto Ricans had been fully justified by President Hoover's administration.

Statewide Proration Before Commission

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, Mar. 24.—The question of whether the new East Texas oil area should be prorated was shunted aside temporarily here today as the state railroad commission first took up the issue of statewide proration.

East Texans objected to further proceedings until the central proration committee should submit recommendations for the new district as well as from other areas.

R. R. Penn, of Dallas, chairman of the central proration committee, said the figures of the recommended allowable production would not be ready until late today or tomorrow.

State railroad commission chairman, C. V. Terrell ruled that prorationists might offer witnesses to show the need for proration to prevent waste.

Hall County To Pave 12 Miles

MEMPHIS, Tex., Mar. 24.—(AP)—Bids for paving a county highway between Memphis and Lakeview, 12 miles west, will be opened by the Hall county commissioners April 25.

Construction is scheduled to begin in May and end in time for the fall harvest season.

Be wise and advertise.

Veteran Actor Dies Suddenly

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 24.—Robert Edson, veteran character actor of stage and screen, died here today from heart disease.

Edson was one of the first stage players of note to identify himself with picture productions.

Slayer of Youth Ready for Trial

(By Associated Press)
BEAUMONT, Mar. 24.—A jury was completed here today to try A. B. Johnson on charges of fatally shooting Otis Lee Adams at Port Arthur January 17.

The murder of Adams was a sequel to the fatal shooting of Johnson's daughter, Elizabeth, 17, who was mysteriously killed while sitting in an automobile in front of the Methodist Church of Port Arthur three weeks earlier.

Adams, a married man estranged from his wife, had been going with the Johnson girl.

Witnesses having been excused until tomorrow, court adjourned until then.

Road Machinery Arrives Tuesday

One car load of road machinery arrived here Tuesday for Brown & Root, contractors for the surfacing of Highway 4 from Ballinger to the Concho county line. The machinery is being held at the Santa Fe tracks awaiting arrival of representatives of the contractors.

W. O. Woolsey, general superintendent for Brown & Root, is expected here this week to start the work off and place a man in charge of the local operations. A work order was received here about a week ago and time will start against the contractors on April 2, giving them 135 working days to finish the job.

In the car of machinery received here was a large roller and grader and other equipment to be used in the work. Other machinery is expected with a fleet of trucks which will likely come overland.

So far as the county and state are concerned work can start at any time and all concerned are anxious to complete the job as soon as possible. As soon as Mr. Woolsey arrives, announcement will be made regarding the beginning of the work, labor needed, office location and other matters that many are inquiring about daily.

Hawks to Assail Europe's Air Speed Marks

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Mar. 24.—Frank M. Hawks is well named; like the hawk, he is noted for rapid flight.

In his teens, he dreamed of fame as an actor, today, just turning 34, he has made fame as the fastest commercial flier.

Voted America's outstanding aviator for 1930 by the Ligue Internationale des Aviateurs, he won the title in a conquest of speed with a trim, hoodoo-challenging monoplane licensed 1313.

With this monoplane, he plans to sail March 31 for Europe, to extend to new fields the speed for which the team has become famous.

This team of the skies in 1930 flew from New York to Los Angeles in 14 hours, 30 minutes, 43 seconds, and returned in 12 hours, 25 minutes, 3 seconds.

Scores of flights between other cities followed, setting informal records, until the last five months of the year the team had reeled off 25,409 miles in 136 hours and 19 minutes of flight.

Hawks' saga of speed is his practice of what he has preached—that speed is the primary value of aviation. His only deflection from this sermon was a transcontinental glider flight which he ventured into "because gliding contains all the fundamentals of flight and therefore provides a stimulus for flying as a profession or sport."

Hawks, as a schoolboy in Long Beach, Calif., became "air-minded" on a pretense. He got his first flight by posing as a newspaper reporter to a barnstorming aviator. When the secret came out,



FRANK HAWKS

the pilot used the boy as a ground assistant.

When the United States entered the world war, Hawks was a sophomore in the University of California. Twenty years old, he left his classes for military aviation training, learning to fly at Love field, Dallas. He acted as an instructor until discharged with rank of captain.

For five years he was engaged in commercial aviation in the United States and Mexico, flying payrolls for oil companies and barnstorming. In 1927 he became aviation superintendent for the Texas company, and last year was given the title of aeronautical advisor.

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Youth Kills Bride of One Week; Turns Gun on Self

Bandits Use Banker's Car To Escape With Money

Republican Leader Favors Wet Plank

(By Associated Press)
DALLAS, March 24.—Eugene Nolte, of Seguin, Texas, state chairman of the Republican executive committee, while here today said he favored sending a delegation from Texas to the Republican national committee next year which would vote for a platform plank advocating the repeal of the eighteenth amendment.

McGill Jury Bill Killed by Senate

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, Mar. 24.—The Senate today killed the McGill bill to permit ten jurors to hear cases in civil district court by voting against the minority report favoring the measure.

Senator R. W. Cousins, of Beaumont, in opposing the bill said he believed it was time to stop tampering with the jury system.

Be wise and advertise.

Aged Woman Dies In Flames of Home

(By Associated Press)
LAREDO, Mar. 24.—A candle left burning near a piece of sacred statuary in the observance of a Lenten religious rite caused a fire today in which Mrs. Petra Sandoval, 80, lost her life when her home burned down.

The woman's body was found in the debris.

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

(By Associated Press)
BROWNWOOD, Mar. 24.—Melson Wakefield, 19, shot his bride of a week and himself to death here this morning. The wife, 16, was the daughter of Shelby Crast, of Brownwood.

Mrs. M. E. Wakefield, the youth's mother, told physicians and officers who arrived after the shooting, that she heard shooting in her son's bedroom. She said she ran into the room, but as she entered the boy turned the shotgun on himself.

Both the boy and the girl died without saying a word. The cause of the double-tragedy is unknown.

Chas. Cohen, of San Angelo, was here Tuesday attending to business and looking over road and bridge construction plans in the office of Resident Engineer G. M. Garrett.

John Harvey, instructor in Ballinger high school, left Monday afternoon for De Leon to visit and attend to business Tuesday.

Buy your printing at home.

WEATHER FORECAST
(By Associated Press)
East Texas—Fair and cooler in the south and east portions, probably frost in the northwest portion tonight. Wednesday fair in the north portion, partly cloudy in the south portion.
West Texas—Fair and cooler in the south portion tonight, Wednesday partly cloudy and warmer in the north portion.

Runnels Leads In 1930 Cotton

The final cotton crop for Runnels county in 1930 amounted to 32,567 bales. This amount is far short of the 1929 crop when 43,210 bales were ginned in this county.

Runnels county led all counties in West Texas by several thousand bales again last year and maintained the record of the greatest cotton county in West Texas. The crop was cut far short last year and with normal conditions a new county production record would likely have been set.

Nueces by far led all counties in the state for 1930 with a production of 148,442 bales. A number of other counties exceeded 70,000 bales which was about a normal yield for other years. The largest increase for any county in the state was shown by the report from Schleicher with 2,152 bales for 1930 against 1 bale in 1929.

Most West Texas counties revealed a big loss in 1930 from 1929, some going down more than one-half. The loss in Tom Green county was the smallest with 7,682 in 1929 and 7,755 in 1930. Other West Texas counties reported ginnings as follows:

County	1930	1929
Jones	16,302	24,650
Llano	1,302	1,171
McCulloch	11,908	22,070
Menard	620	871
Nolan	8,327	10,645
San Saba	5,337	9,064
Taylor	15,008	21,102
Tom Green	7,682	7,755
Brown	5,033	7,600
Coke	5,010	5,819
Coleman	11,464	25,562
Comanche	4,140	6,049
Concho	9,394	16,411

G. M. Garrett went to Eden and Paint Rock Tuesday afternoon on highway business.

London is to have a second news-reel theatre, following success of the first.

Bond Issue Tabled By Senate Votes

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, Mar. 24.—The Senate voted today to table, subject to call, the \$200,000,000 state highway bond issue resolution.

Senator Clint Small, of Wellington, previous to the vote, charged proponents of the resolution with "attempting to ram it down the throats of the people."

Other sharp and acrimonious debate was cut off by the voting.

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Farmers are starting a war against crows in this county before time for them to do any dangerous work to crops and seed planted. The number of the birds in the county caused an alarm to be sent out that brought special workers here to look into the matter and start a campaign to kill the pests. To make the campaign successful all farmers in the county bothered with the birds should be in the campaign and poison should be put out at about the same time.

West Texas boys have been given a warning not to fly kites around power lines. The electric lines of high voltage are dangerous and fatalities may occur under certain conditions with kites becoming entangled in the electrified wires. Kite flying in all sections is just now reaching its height. In some West Texas cities kite flying contests are being conducted and handsome prizes being given for home made kites that fly highest. These attractions are proving successful in getting large numbers of entries and crowds to watch the contests. The coming week such an event will be staged in Brady for McCulloch county boys and girls.

The matter of passing a law requiring drivers of automobiles in this state to have license is encountering hard opposition and now appears doubtful of becoming a law at this session of the legislature. Some call it an "outrage" and various other names are applied to bills asking drivers' license law and making rigid requirements for those entrusted with a car on state highways. The purpose of the bills being presented is to safeguard the public and have some way of taking driving privileges away from those who are careless and continually in wrecks.

Ballinger voters are reminded that two important elections are to be held here in the near future. The first on April 4 to elect three school trustees to complete the present board and on April 7 to elect an entire city commission. It appears that both the present commission and the three retiring members of the school board will consent to reelection and may be the only names on the ticket. If this be the case it is no reason for people failing to vote. Indifference of voters in non-contested elections is dangerous and any faction or race could at the last few minutes of voting time poll sufficient ballots to carry an election and those who paid no heed to the call for the election would regret their carelessness. Regardless of whether there is opposition or not, go to the polls and cast a ballot and make those willing to serve feel that you are their friends and bind them in their work.

Alabama produced 16 per cent of the bauxite and a smaller percentage of the asphalt mined in the United States in 1929.

PUFFY



The very first of native Siamese our hero meets Turns out to be a Honey Bear that's crazy over sweets. "I'm fond of honey, too," says Puffy, "and I'm not Siamese—So, where a sweet-tooth is concerned, I guess the world agrees."

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SUNDOWN STORIES



BAND WAGON

By Mary Graham Bonner

The Little Black Clock and John and Peggy were having a splendid time flying along on their next adventure, and, although their pilot drove the plane swiftly, they could look out and see the clouds, the other planes and the air hotels.

It was fun when the Clock's magic turned the time ahead like this. They stopped at one of the air hotels and had some refreshments and when they got back in the plane they found there was a band in the plane too.

There were all the usual players—even the drum major, and all were splendidly dressed in uniforms of red with gold trimmings and brass buttons.

As they flew along they began to play. It was the most thrilling experience either of the children had ever had.

They could not understand what it meant. Where were they going and why were they having this fine concert?

The Little Black Clock could see that they were puzzled, but he did not say a word.

They were asked to suggest some of their favorite pieces, and the band at once played them.

At last they landed again and while they got out the band stayed in the plane.

"The band," said the Little Black Clock, "wanted to give you a concert, for they said that boys and girls never hear all they wanted to hear of band music."

"They had just finished a concert at one of the air hotels when they heard about our trip and asked if you'd like a special concert of your own."

"That was why they asked for your favorite piece. It was just a special treat."

"It certainly was a treat," John said.

(Continued—"The Secret Drawer")

TEXAS U. CO-EDS USE ALL COTTON POSSIBLE

(By Associated Press)

AUSTIN, March 24.—Co-eds at the University of Texas are doing their bit to increase the consumption of cotton and eliminate as much as possible the surplus of the South's greatest product.

The Mortar Board, senior women's organization at the university, has gone on record favoring the use of cotton garments over silken and other types of clothing.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION INJURES DEL RIO MAN

(By Associated Press)

DEL RIO, Tex., Mar. 24.—Because he volunteered to investigate when a stick of dynamite failed to explode, Ernest Morriquin, 32, is seeking to save his eyesight through expert medical attention.

Morriquin was injured when the dynamite exploded as he attempted to pick up the charge, which had not functioned on schedule. The accident occurred on a highway project between Bracketville and Spofford.

PALACE LAST DAY



SCANDAL — to one woman it means disgrace but, to the pretty ex-Follies girl, it means freedom. She takes the dangerous road to romance. See why!

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HOW'S your HEALTH?



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ACUTE APPENDICITIS

Surgical procedures in diseases involving the abdomen have been highly developed during the past 20 years.

In many ways operations have been rendered more safe and less crippling, but the surgical treatment of acute appendicitis does not appear to have fully shared in this general advance of modern surgery.

The mortality rate from acute appendicitis is too high. Too many of those who develop the condition die from it. In various localities the mortality rates range from three to ten per cent.

The problem extends beyond the confines of surgical technique and touches the public at large.

It is universally agreed that when a case is seen within 24 hours of the time of onset it should be operated upon. Early diagnosis is more important than refinements of surgical treatment, but unfortunately, largely depends upon how promptly medical help is secured.

One of the great difficulties is that since grandmother's time we have been taught that the sovereign remedy for general abdominal pain is "a good dose of castor oil." This is possibly the worst procedure in acute appendicitis.

Also, too many think only of the classical onset of appendicitis, pain and rigidity in the right groin, forgetting that this appears in not more than a third of the cases.

Quite as often the onset of acute appendicitis is marked by a pain located above the umbilicus. Occasionally the pain covers the entire abdomen. It is only when the peritoneum which lines the abdomen and its organs becomes involved in the region of the appendix that we have a more direct reference of pain to the right groin.

Much progress in the reduction of appendicitis deaths could be made if we all learned that the treatment of abdominal pain is to put the patient to bed and send for a doctor.

Shrimp Output Heavy

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24.—(AP)—The production of shrimp in the United States has amounted to more than 100,000,000 pounds annually in the last few years.

MOVIES

Laughs Promised in "Up the River"

"Laughter," says John Ford, "tones up the nervous system, adds lustre to the eyes, increases the vitality and improves digestion. It fools your creditors, reassures your landlord, impresses your boss, and wins your girl friend. I'm all for it."

So saying, the noted director put the finishing touches on his latest screen offering for Fox Movietone, "Up the River," took a good laugh himself and went home for the day.

For "Up the River," which opens at the Palace Theatre tomorrow for two-day run, is said to be one of the funniest feature talkies ever made. It features Spencer Tracy, Claire Luce, Warren Hymer, Humphrey Bogart, William Collier, sr., and Joan Lawes.

Screen Classic "The Big Trail," Accurately Pictures Life of Pioneer Era

When Raoul Walsh's "The Big Trail" opens its engagement of three days at the Palace Theatre next Sunday it will show an accurate, truthful and authentic portrayal of a mighty surging wave of humanity that came from the East into the West a century ago. Obviously and quite expectedly there will be among the thousands who will see and hear this mighty Fox Movietone many who will question little incidents in it, so let it be said here and now that every occurrence in "The Big Trail" is based on authentic fact.

For example, "Breck Coleman," the leading male character, enacted by John Wayne, is a boy born on the trail who has lost his parents and who spends much of his time with the Indian tribes by whom he is greatly respected. From the age of five he has been a wanderer, a fur trapper, scout and hunter.

His main reason for joining the wagon train as a scout is his admiration of "Ruth Cameron," a member of the pioneer band, played by Marguerite Churchill, and also because he feels that the murderers of his benefactor and friend are either with the wagon train or will catch up with it.

When the trail reaches the point where the pioneers are in danger from the Indians "Breck's" counsel is always to palaver with the redskins rather than fight with them. Several times he is seen leaving the wagons, and advancing to where the smoke from Indian teepees indicates danger. And on each of these occasions an Indian brave is seen advancing to meet him. In these sequences the careful observer will note that "Breck" staggers forward in a zig zag course, giving the impression

that he has poor control of the animal. But this is not so. Historical record shows that the zig zag course is a peace sign similar to a flag of truce. When the scout and the Indian meet the first thing they do is to lay down their arms simultaneously.

Hal G. Everts, who wrote the story for "The Big Trail," is an authority on the old and new West, and his complete knowledge of incidents and customs such as the one mentioned above was of great value to Director Walsh in making the picture.

In addition to John Wayne and Marguerite Churchill, the cast which is made up of 93 actual speaking roles, features El Brendel, Tully Marshall, Tyrone Power, and David Rollins. Over 20,000 extra players in addition to 725 Indians were employed in making this epochal Fox Movietone.

Radio Announcement

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300 RESERVES ORGANIZE

(By Associated Press) AMARILLO, March 24.—This city's police reserve of 300 ex-service men has been organized into eight divisions, with a captain in charge of each district, making them available at a moment's notice.

In case of emergency, it is necessary now for the police sergeant to call only the eight captains. The 300 men can be mobilized within 30 minutes, it is said.

Turks Rush for Divorces

ISTANBUL, March 24.—(AP)—A "moral" crisis resulting from Turkey's heading social revolution is blamed by newspapers for an epidemic of divorce. Local courts handed down decrees in only 178 of the 1,121 cases filed last year.

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By Percival Christopher Wren, Author of MYSTERIOUS WAVE

SYNOPSIS: Dr. Charters would like to "re-arrange" John Wayne... thereby ending the trouble he has caused in the nursing home...

Chapter 20

A DIVIDED MONASTERY

THE cold, blue eyes of Mr. James bored into the brown hair of the girl...



"You're being a snarling cur," Charters told James.

"You know, Marjorie Lauderdale, the pretty girl in number 25..." "Sure, I know the girl, all right..."

"Now we can only carry on by perfect teamwork, trust and confidence, honesty, and straightforwardness..."

Shadows of "Big Money" Deals Cloak Lawyer's Murder in Baffling Mystery

EDITOR'S NOTE—Details of some of the most prominent mystery deaths of recent years have been gathered by Associated Press staff writers...

By Sherman J. McNally

ST. LOUIS, Mar. 24.—(AP)—Out for a Sunday morning canter on May 1, 1927, Judge Sam Hodgdon of St. Louis county pulled up his horse...

The "something" proved to be the body of a man, half propped against a clay bank and pierced by six bullets.

Thus was the curtain raised on one of the most baffling murder mysteries this community has ever encountered—the slaying of Clifford M. Hicks...

The investigation which followed covered a period of months bringing men and women from many walks of life to police headquarters.

First and most sensational of the disclosures was the revelation that Hicks, only 28 years old, had become financially involved to the point where he owed \$207,000...

A finance company operated by Hicks had been credited with bank deposits of nearly \$3,000,000 in the five months before his death...

He had told his wife that his life had been threatened and that he intended to leave town. He is known to have spent most of his last days desperately attempting to raise money.

Partly because of a trip they made to Clifford Hicks' office early on the morning of May 1, before the body had been discovered...

Glenn admitted removing papers from his brother's office and destroying them, but claimed they were of a personal nature and that Clifford had asked that they be burned in case "anything happened."

A few days after Hicks' death, the bank in which he had been a director closed its doors.

To resolve doubts of the victim's identity, arising from rumors that the killing was a gigantic insurance fraud, Hicks' body was exhumed. Glenn Hicks and Davis, after questioning were released.

This, coupled with the marked reluctance of several business associates, creditors and members of the family to testify, brought matters to an impasse.

Chief of Detectives Robert Kaiser believes not one but several of the witnesses could still clear up the mystery if they would.

"But there was too much money involved," That's his explanation.

Did Hicks take his own life? Was he killed by gangsters for "holding out" the proceeds of spoils he had marketed? Or did supposedly respectable associates, learning of his plan to "dun out" on them instead of committing suicide, take matters into their own hands? Except by chance, the law may never find out.

They Might Change Jails

WILLARD, O., Mar. 12.—(AP)—Even hoboes have their rights, and those who are lodged in jail here are demanding theirs. They have complained because occasionally the dances held in the community hall over their quarters are so noisy they can't sleep.

The museum division of the Birmingham, Ala., library reports that 316 different species of birds are found in Alabama.



Out for a Sunday canter, Judge Sam Hodgdon's horse shied suddenly, disclosing beside the road the body of Clifford M. Hicks (above) promising young St. Louis attorney, Glenn Hicks (below), a brother, was held for a time but later released. The widow is shown below.

An American In Paris

By Adelaide Kerr

PARIS, Mar. 24.—(AP)—The Parisian Parade, which draws its participants from both drawing room and garrets, is hailed as the most cosmopolitan in the world. Here are a few who march in its procession day by day:

Jean—He is a chauffeur on the boulevards.

His spare minutes, waiting for fares, are spent studying English grammar with the hope that some day he may have a cafe which caters to American customers.

He pilots his cab through congested boulevard traffic mumbling the conjugations of English verbs, interrupting himself now and then to hurl anathemas at a rival chauffeur who has crowded him to the curb.

Paris Poverty

Madame X—She is the granddaughter of one of Napoleon's...

captains and the last of her family. Her home-made hat of rusty black is draped with a limp crepe veil.

You'll find her every night at a little restaurant on the Left Bank dining for 16 cents on a bowl of soup and a baked apple. They give her extra large portions there, run with a footstool when she appears and wrap up her napkin when she has gone so she won't have to pay an extra sou for a fresh one next time.

Buckley McGurrian—He is an American artist from California. His painting is done on wood (three-ply veneer) because he grew bored with the laborious process of painting on canvas.

He worked 10 hours a day when he came to Paris, because he was afraid if he didn't make his mark as a painter, he would have to paint salad oil advertisements. He hates salad. His work is known now, and he has cut his schedule to four hours a day.

He's a Veteran

Baptiste—He has been a waiter for 64 years. Today at 79 he is still carrying trays in a little restaurant on the Avenue Jean Jaures near the slaughter houses.

On market days he works from seven to seven, and his employer declares he can serve 80 people just as quickly as he did 50 years ago. He remembers when a dinner cost 13 sous.

Andre de Fouquieres—He is Paris' "arbitrer of elegance." His waistcoats are the envy of all Europeans and the knot in his evening tie the despair of every American.

No Parisian social function is complete without his presence and his advice. His seating arrangements for formal dinners have saved the social prestige of many a distracted hostess.

BOENIT NEWS

We have had quite a few northers, since last writing, which were followed by sandstorms.

Mrs. O. C. Cox had as her guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Green, and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Rampy.

Mrs. George Williams' parents from Arizona are visiting her this week.

Henry Rampy and Miss Ethel Baker, of Wilmett, visited Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Rampy Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Clifford Parker's brothers and families, of San Angelo, called on her Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Edwin Vogelsang spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gressett.

Mr. and Mrs. Stagner, of Amherst, are visiting friends and relatives of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Robinson, of Snyder, spent the week-end with Mrs. A. N. Hoffman.

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night. All reported a nice time.

Mrs. Pryor Martin and little daughter visited her parents this week-end, also Buster Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Odom and daughter, Leota, called on the Hill family Sunday afternoon.

Misses Leona and Faye Hill spent Thursday night with Miss Aileen Williams.

REPORTER

VEGETARIAN FIGHTER HAS UNBLEMISHED RING RECORD

BATON ROUGE, La., Mar. 24.—The only meat relished by Paul Marx, captain of the Louisiana State University boxing team, is the kind that has fists.

Marx is a vegetarian. To prove that he has the right principle he points to his record of never having lost a collegiate boxing bout.

He likes lettuce, tomatoes and whole wheat bread and drinks about a quart and a half of milk daily. Marx comes from Crowley, La., heart of the rice belt, and consequently adds liberal quantities of rice to his diet also.

He says he has not tasted meat in five years.

Be wise and advertise.

FARMER TERRACES 150 ACRES WITH 60c MACHINE

McLEAN, Tex., March 24.—At a cost of 60 cents, John E. Price, farmer near McLean, built a machine with which he terraced 150 acres of land.

Price found most of the equipment he needed scattered about his farm. This consisted of two boards, 2x8 inches, 12 feet long, several short boards for braces, and a long bolt. He spent the 60 cents for a 12x12 piece of timber which he used for a moie board. The terracer was V-shaped. Price plowed two rows to mark off his terrace and then pushed the dirt into place with his home-made contraption. With the aid of a sulky plow and three

mules he terraced the 150 acres in 100 hours.

Not counting labor and feed, the job actually cost him less than a dollar.

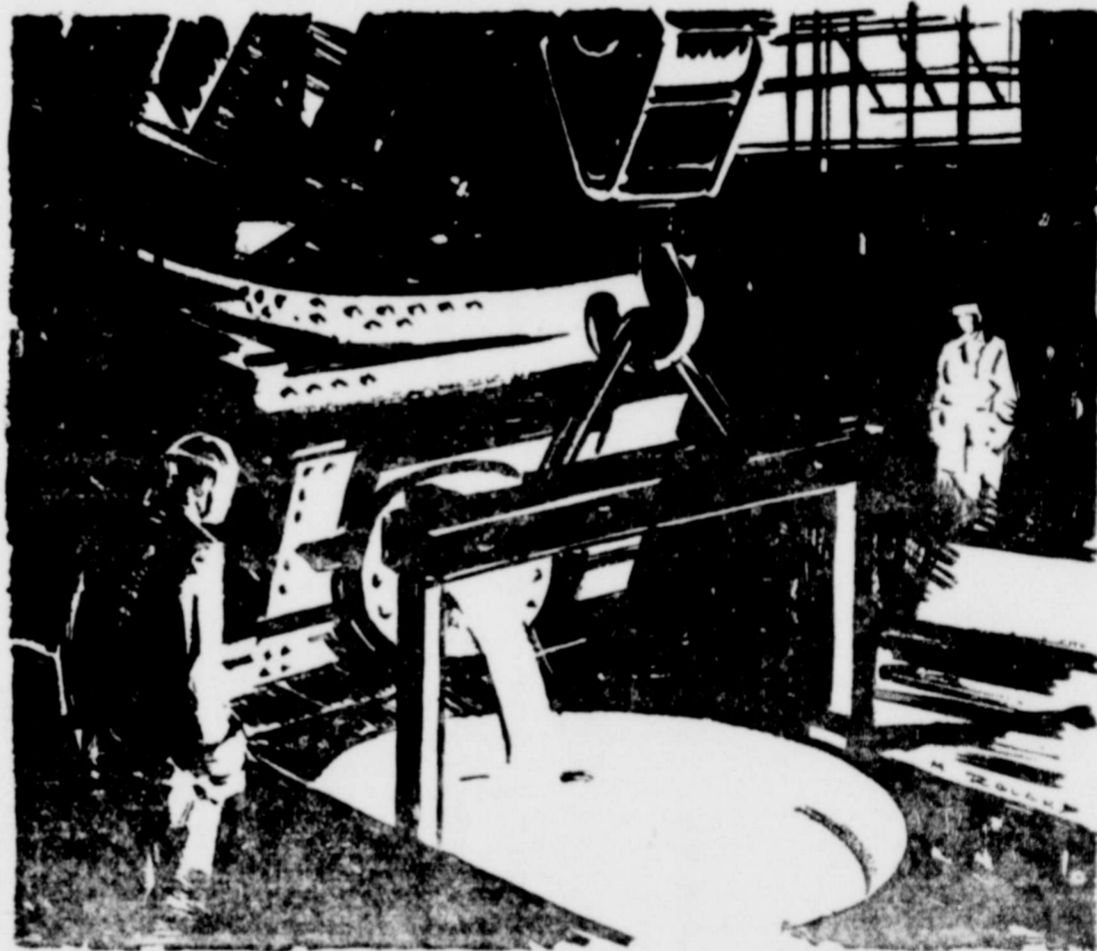
TWO FULL TERMS AT TECH SUMMER SESSION

LUBBOCK, Mar. 24.—Two full terms have been announced to be held as usual during the summer session of Texas Technological College. The first term will open June 9 and close July 18. The second will open July 20 and close August 27.

A replica of Fort Nashborough has been erected on the Cumberland River at the foot of Church Street in Nashville, Tenn.

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Color Blindness Is Chapel Theme

Tuesday morning at the devotional period Rev. J. H. McClain made a clear, interesting and instructive talk to the high school students upon the necessity of distinguishing between right and wrong in life.

He opened by explaining briefly the importance of not being physically color blind, and then applied this principle allegorically to moral color blindness. Some of the subjects classified under scope of this head were: a high sense of personal honor, a thorough conception of one's moral duties, and a just treatment of one's fellow man.

In conclusion Rev. McClain pointed out the many pit falls which beset the path of all people in regard to this subject, and gave what he considered the only guides along the way namely the word of God and the word of Jesus Christ.

OLD-TIME LUMBERJACKS VANISHING IN MINNESOTA

(By Associated Press)
DULUTH, Minn., Mar. 24.—The lumber industry, which for 20 years ranked in importance next to iron ore in northern Minnesota, is fading.

This winter only a small number of lumber "jacks" went into the lumber camps, and the shipments for 1931 will be negligible. In 1930 lumber shipments from northern Minnesota were slightly more than 500,000 board feet. For a score or more years the season's shipment was 400,000,000 board feet from the Duluth-Superior harbor.

Saw-log camps continue to flourish in the Far West and South, but lumbermen in Minnesota cannot compete with that trade, they declare. Most of the lumber in Minnesota is manufactured into boxes, barrels, clothes pins, matches and pulp-wood products.

California will spend \$1,000,000 this year in its fight on predatory animals.

Alabama farmers ship between 6,000 and 8,000 carloads of truck crops annually.

SIDE AND BACK

Lady Had Suffered So Much Pain Was Almost Desperate. Says Cardui Helped Her.

Denison, Texas—"Before I took Cardui, it seemed like I had tried everything for my health was wretched," writes Mrs. Nannie Davis, of 418 W. Woodard Street, this city. "I was in bed most of the time," explains Mrs. Davis, "suffering so much with pain in my side and back, and weakness. I was so discouraged, I was almost desperate. I knew there ought to be something to reach my case. I only weighed about 110 pounds. My eyes were hollow and I looked awfully bad."

"A good friend told me about Cardui. After taking my first bottle, I felt better, but I kept it up until I had taken four bottles, and now I am well, have no pain in my side or back, and feel like a new woman. I can work most of the time, and feel fine."

"For three years, I have been free from pain. That is why I recommend Cardui."
If you are run-down, nervous, or suffer every month, take Cardui, a medicine used by women for over fifty years. As your health improves, you will share the enthusiasm of thousands of others who have gained Cardui for the benefits they have felt after taking it.

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Local Implement Firm Will Exhibit First Grain Reaper



Kirk & Mack will stage a program here on April 10 celebrating the centennial of the McCormick reaper. All day will be used in staging the program which will include lunch, lectures and a number of moving pictures. A full-sized working production of the 1831 reaper will be on display here that will attract many. The start will be at 9:30 in the morning at the show rooms of the Ballinger firm when all visitors will be asked to register.

Announce Three For School Board

The names of Tom Caudle, Horace Murphy and A. J. Thorp were announced by friends Tuesday for reelection as school trustees. These men have been serving on the board and complete present terms this year. Mr. Caudle has served for a number of years and has been president of the board. He has been a valuable member of the board during construction of buildings and other moves, friends say taking much interest in all school matters including extra-curricular activities. Mr. Thorp was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of O. C. Sykes a few months ago and Mr. Murphy recently was appointed to take the place made vacant by H. S. Strain. Both are declared to be thoroughly in sympathy with all school affairs and capable of rendering excellent service as board members.

The three named, above have been certified to the board secretary and will be printed on the ticket to be used here Saturday, April 4, when trustee election is held. The Marshall Northington building adjoining the J. C. Penney Company store, has been secured for the place for holding the election. All ballots will be cast there.

FIREMEN RECEIVE \$10 CHECK FOR GOOD WORK

The Ballinger Fire Department received a check for \$10 Tuesday from Mr. and Mrs. Sam Behringer as a token of their appreciation for the work of the firemen Saturday afternoon when Mr. Behringer's house on Tenth street became ablaze.

The department made a quick response and soon had the fire under control. Mr. Behringer in his letter stated that the check, he realized, did not cover the cost of the department in answering the alarm but with it was a vote of thanks for the excellent work.

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Poisoning Crows Begun in County School Plays are Given Good Hearing

Floyd W. Dawson, U. S. exterminator of rodents, C. W. Lehmburg and party left Ballinger Tuesday morning for the Simmons farm near Bethel where they will begin the poisoning of crows in this county. Several old horses have been contributed to the party to use as bait and the men in charge of the work planned to slaughter a horse the first thing Tuesday morning and place many baits in the section of the Simmons farm where thousands of crows are said to be roosting. Several other places will be visited in this county where crows are to be found in great numbers and the work carried on until every section infested by the pests is covered with poison. Mr. Dawson mixes the poison and uses a government formula that has given perfect satisfaction in other places and one which the birds eat readily.

So far in this county there has been very little for the crows to damage and the effort is being made to kill them off before planting season starts and the crows begin destroying much of the seed placed in the ground. The roost on the Simmons farm is considered one of the biggest in this county while another very bad spot is to be found near Miles on a farm where the birds congregate for a roost. Both sites will be visited by the exterminator and poison will be planted convenient for the birds to get.

Any farmer in the county who is bothered with these birds is asked to get in touch with County Agent Lehmburg and assistance will be given in getting rid of these birds before planting begins. A formula for the poison can be obtained here and complete instructions for making the baits and placing them in districts inhabited by the crows.

Read today's news in The Ledger today.

A large crowd attended the dual performances given by the Abilene and Ballinger high school one-act players Monday night at the high school auditorium. The curtain rose on the first play, "Confederates," shown by the Abilene troupe at 8 o'clock. The production was saved from mediocrity by the excellent acting of Miss Meeta Young who played the part of a Southern belle, almost to the point of perfection. Miss Young has been engaged in amateur theatrical work for several years, and her acting shows a degree of stage sophistication and charm which can only be gained by experience.

The Ballinger player presented O'Neil's "He" almost immediately after the curtain fell on "Confederates." The showing was undoubtedly the smoothest and most polished which they have as yet given. Both leads were definitely better than they have been at any previous performance, and a number of the minor characters were improved since the last presentation of the play.

Contrary to previous announcements no admission was asked, although at the start of the program a chance was given to all who wished to make a free will offering. A. F. Ligon, director and producer of "He," stated today that the crowd responded generously and slightly more than made up the amount necessary for the royalty payment. He further added that he wished to publicly thank the people of Ballinger for the aid, both financial and otherwise, which has been given his guild.

WINGATE NEWS

The Primitive Baptists held their regular services Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Dalton did the preaching.

Mr. Hising and son, of Santa

SPEECH ARTS STUDENTS ON ROTARY PROGRAM

Rotarians who attend the regular luncheon Wednesday will have the opportunity to hear Miss Nona Diltz and members of her class in a program. Miss Diltz will bring delightful numbers to the club Wednesday and a large attendance is expected to hear this treat.

Miss Diltz is head of the speech arts department of the Ballinger high school and has a large class of talented pupils under her. She will select several of the best numbers possible for the luncheon program.

Anna, visited in this community last week-end.
Mrs. S. H. Wood is spending a few days in the Oxien community with her daughter, Mrs. C. E. McMillan, and family.
Miss Tiny Wood spent Saturday night with Miss Bill Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wood had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McMillan and son, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wood and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wood and son and J. B. Denson.

J. B. Denson spent Saturday night with Arvil Lee Wood.

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people home are forgotten half an hour after taking a few of these remarkable tablets. So are the little nagging aches that bring fatigue and "nerves" by day, or a sleepless night.

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