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## Certified Seed will be Exchanged at 3 for 1

A deal has been completed here that places certified cotton seed within reach of practically all the farmers in this county who act at once. An agreement has been made between David Bagley of the Texas Seed Breeders Association and the Ballinger-Winters oil mills whereby farmers can exchange any kind of gin-run seed for certified seed at the ratio of three bushels of gin-run seed for one bushel of certified seed. All that is necessary is for the farmer to take his seed to one of the mills and exchange same for pureline certified seed.

State certified seed sells for \$1.50 per bushel delivered and this means that farmers would get \$31.25 a ton for their gin-run seed, which is considered an excellent proposition. Letters are being sent to all community chairmen in this county with the request that they place the proposal before the farmers at once. The letter also suggests announcements at schools and to use other means to put the proposition over as quickly as possible.

Stocks of state certified seed are running low and unless local farmers act quickly the supply may be exhausted. For the past six weeks "better seed" meetings have been held in all sections of the county in an effort to interest farmers in bettering their cotton staple by planting as much of good certified seed as possible. The movement met with success and many bushels of seed were bought for planting, but scarcely any farms were planned to be planted in pureline seed exclusively. It is believed that the arrangement herein outlined will enable farmers of Runnels county to increase their plantings of better staple cotton and without being out any cash at this time.

Every community chairman in the county has the full details of the exchange offer. Just how long the proposal will remain open is not known as the better seed may not hold out until all farmers come in to trade, but those who take immediate advantage of the offer are assured of plenty of the certified variety on the three-for-one exchange ratio.

## SING-SONG GIRLS SHOT BY CHINESE AS SPIES OF REDS

HANKOW, China, April 3.—The once meek and badly-treated little sing-song girls have become a menace to the state.

Chinese military officials say that a competent unit of the intelligence sector of the communist organization in China has been organized among these gaudily robed entertainers.

In Pingkiang, a strategic point in Hunan, a number of the women admitted that they had been sent there to act as spies, and had extracted military secrets from officers of the Nanking armies which are trying to rid the country of bandits. They admitted further that these secrets had been passed to the reds.

The women were lined up and shot. General Ho Chien, governor of Hunan, also warned his officers and soldiers to stay away from sing-song houses under penalty of death.

But the old lure of wine, women and song proved too strong for some of the soldiers. Even young officers, found in forbidden company, were summarily executed, despite appeals of seniors.

The number of sing-song houses in the garrison towns of Hunan has decreased sharply, but the commanders of the Nanking forces are keeping close watch of every strange practitioner of "the world's oldest profession" who comes into the district.

## Man Gets 15 Years For Slaying Wife

AUSTIN, Apr. 3.—A jury here today convicted and assessed a fifteen-year sentence against Tom M. Carpenter, 47, on charges of murdering his wife, Minnie, last December.

Carpenter, an apple vendor, confessed to shooting his wife through the head but offered evidence alleging temporary insanity.

The jury received the case yesterday.

## Ad Valorem Tax Amendment Fails

AUSTIN, Apr. 3.—The ad valorem resolution failed of final passage in the Senate today, failing to receive the necessary two-thirds majority.

The resolution proposed to amend the constitution, repealing the state ad valorem tax after January 1, 1933.

## INVESTMENT SCHOOL TRAINS HEIRESSSES TO GUARD FORTUNE

BABSON PARK, Fla., April 3.—Rich young American women now may marry the chauffeur or fortune-hunting nobleman with a greater degree of impunity than before.

A college for the conservation of the fortunes of young heiresses is opening its fourth season here. For many years Roger W. Babson, economist and statistician, has been assembling facts and making deductions concerning business.

Mrs. Babson decided that wealthy young ladies should know something about these things if they desire to remain wealthy.

So Webber College, named in honor of Camille Grace Webber, infant granddaughter of the Babsons, was founded. A beautiful building was constructed here at the Babson winter home. A score or more of wealthy girls are in attendance.

Lessons in the best methods of making investments, selecting securities, business usages and other practical subjects are the majors, though the usual "finishing" courses such as languages, arts, social graces and sports are given attention.

The number of farms in Louisiana increased 19.2 per cent in the past decade.

## No Ledger Saturday; Issue Sunday Morn

There will be no Ledger Saturday afternoon but a larger and better paper will be delivered to your door Sunday morning by breakfast time. The Ledger, wishing to cooperate with the special campaigns beginning here Sunday, has devoted an entire edition to Clean-Up Week, Milk for Health Week and Go to Church Easter Sunday.

Each of these three projects will be covered completely in the Sunday morning edition. The ministers of the town will have special articles in the Sunday morning paper on their work now before the congregations and a page will be used by merchants urging people to attend worship Easter Sunday.

Milk Health week is completely explained in the edition with a lengthy article prepared by the dairy inspector of the city of Ballinger and advertisements from most of the leading dairies and milk dealers of the town urging the use of more grade A milk as a food for health.

The clean-up campaign which will be conducted in this city from April 5 to 11 is outlined. Special telegraph news and feature articles on these subjects will be used in the paper to make it interesting.

Don't forget to look for your paper Sunday morning as soon as you are up. The carrier boys will leave the office early and the entire town will be covered within a short time. The papers will be placed in a convenient place on the porch or in the front yard where it will be easy to slip out and get them before breakfast.

Remember Saturday night that the Ledger will not be delivered and do not phone to see what is the matter. The force will be on duty until late Saturday night and will give all news until midnight and perhaps after. On any occurrence in Ballinger after 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon, we will appreciate a phone call to 27 and details on the event. It is difficult to gather local news at night unless our friends cooperate with us.

## Planes Carrying Many Women Out Of Quake District

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Apr. 3.—Leaving behind the scenes of desolation, 200 wives and children of United States marines today were evacuating Managua for Corinto in air line and naval planes.

The excitement caused last night by reports of the approach of bandits to loot this earthquake wrecked city was reduced today with redoubling of the guards.

## Railroad Agent is Held in Slaying

HOUSTON, Apr. 3.—J. J. Helms, special agent of the Southern Pacific railroad, charged with murder, was released on \$2,500 bond here today as the result of the fatal shooting in the company's yards last night of G. J. Fuller, a wanderer from West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania.

Helms said Fuller was shot accidentally after the agent had ordered Fuller off a freight car and the men had tussled.

## Oil Proration Hearing Resumed

AUSTIN, Apr. 3.—C. V. Terrell, chairman of the state railroad commission, announced the calling of a meeting of the commission this afternoon to resume consideration of the proration problem.

The old proration schedule, due to die Wednesday, remained effective but does not include the new oil field in East Texas.

A concentrated drive against the wild plum tree has been started by the Georgia board of entomology.

## Official Indicted In Merger Case

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Apr. 3.—The grand jury here today indicted Rogers Caldwell, president of Caldwell & Company, of Nashville, Tennessee, on charges of false representations in the merger negotiations of his company with the Banco Kentucky.

## Julian is Charged With Kidnaping

LAREDO, Tex., Apr. 3.—An additional charge of kidnaping was filed today against C. C. Julian, California and Oklahoma oil man, in connection with the alleged attempt yesterday to rob L. S. Bolling, San Antonio business man, of \$50,000.

## DISEASE KILLS FIRST VICTIM IN 30 YEARS

ROCHESTER, England, April 3.—A rare skin disease, which last caused a death in England more than 30 years ago, brought death to George Douglas Dow here. Medical evidence at the inquest showed that the cause of death was pemphigus, almost always fatal.

His widow said Dow complained of a scratch on his thumb. An ulcer formed and the infection spread.

Pemphigus is a skin eruption in which large blisters occur.

Read today's news in The Ledger today.

## Hold Obsequies Of Educator Today

WICHITA FALLS, Apr. 3.—Funeral services were held here at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon for Dr. J. W. Cantwell, 68, who died yesterday from pneumonia.

Dr. Cantwell, who was superintendent of the city schools here, once was president of the Texas State Teachers' Association, former president of Texas A. & M. College, and former superintendent of the Fort Worth schools.

## Waco Business Men To Visit Tuesday

A special train carrying a number of Waco business men will arrive here Tuesday, April 7, for a one hour stop with Ballinger people to get acquainted and promote friendship. The members on the special train will be composed of Waco wholesalers, manufacturers, jobbers, educational institutions and professional men.

The train will leave Waco on April 6 and for several days will tour in different sections of Texas. They will arrive here from the east at 1:40 Tuesday afternoon and will remain here for one hour. During their stay they wish to call upon Ballinger business men and as far as possible, request that all local business heads remain at their business houses where they can be found.

W. V. Crawford, vice president and general manager of the Waco Chamber of Commerce, in a letter to J. D. Motley stated that the trip is purely for business reasons and that no entertainment is wanted or expected. Mr. Motley stated that nothing would be attempted other than to send a committee to the station to meet the visitors and escort them to town where they will be turned free to visit and conduct their short visit as they desire.

The letter also expresses regret that only one hour can be spent in Ballinger but the trip is being made hurriedly so that all places on their schedule can be made as quickly as possible. It is not yet known how many people will be on the special but a long train of about seven coaches will be operated.

This is the first visit to be made here this year by larger cities sending representatives into their trade territory. Such trips are common in the summer months, and near fair time, when special events are being advertised. Ballinger people are asked to stay close to their offices on Tuesday at the hour named for the visit so that every courtesy can be shown the Waco visitors.

## Illinois Bank is Robbed of \$10,000

MUNDELEIN, Ill., Apr. 3.—Four men held captive the cashier of the Mundelein State Bank all last night, then tied up his wife and two children. After forcing the cashier to open the bank's vaults, the bandits escaped with \$10,000 loot early today.

Millions of Letters by Air ATLANTA, April 3.—(AP)—Approximately 58,500,000 letters and mail packages have been carried on the planes of the Eastern Air Transport System operating from New York to Atlanta and Miami. The company began carrying mail for the government three years ago.

Buy your printing at home.

## WEATHER FORECAST

West Texas—Fair and colder in the north portion, frost; freezing in the Panhandle tonight. Saturday fair.

East Texas—Partly cloudy, colder, and frost in the northwest portion if clear tonight. Saturday partly cloudy and colder in the southeast portion.



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## Caliche Plant is Built on Highway

Brown & Root are opening caliche beds on the side of highway 4 seven miles south of Ballinger, and within a few days will be ready to take out material for hard surfacing of the roadway. Some machinery has already been moved to the location and plows are breaking the surface of the ground preliminary to removing dirt.

Tents are being constructed, filling stations erected and other work towards establishing a camp where a large number of men will be employed, done. The material at this location is very fine and it found near the top of the earth. Truck men will haul the caliche to the highway for the road base.

A section of the highway is closed at this time for ponding work and barricades have been erected for about a mile. The part closed is served by a convenient detour and no interference to traffic will be experienced on account of work. As soon as the roadbed is wet and in good shape the barricades will be removed and travel routed via the highway again.

Construction will begin on this section of highway 4 at the Concho county line. The work probably will begin late next week or as soon as additional equipment arrives and is moved to the starting point.

Potatoes for Washday LONDON, April 3.—(AP)—Blue potatoes are being sold by many London green-grocers. The tubers are called "Congos," but the demand is small.

About 21 pounds of milk are required to make a pound of butter.

## Roman Tombs in Vatican

VATICAN CITY, Apr. 3.—(AP)—Thirty ancient Roman sepulchres have been discovered in the heart of the papal city during the digging of a new approach to the Vatican gardens. Workmen made the first discovery, and Commodatore Nogara, curator of the Vatican museums, directed completion of the excavations.

## Says Dallas Kidnaping For Publicity Purposes

## Capone Freed of Vagrancy Charge

CHICAGO, April 3.—Alfonse Capone, Chicago hoodlum leader, was cleared of vagrancy charges today by the state's prosecutors who announced they could find no policemen intimate enough with Capone's activities to testify to his affairs.

Capone, smiling, and free of any state charges, walked from the court building with his escort of detectives.

## School Bills are Signed by Sterling

AUSTIN, April 3.—Governor Sterling today signed the East Texas malarial control and the Frost independent school district bills.

The malarial bill calls for an appropriation of \$50,000, while the Frost tornado disaster bill carries \$14,727.

## 42 TOURNAMENT AT CITY HALL TONIGHT

The Boy Scouts-Camp Fire Girls 42 tournament will begin tonight at 7:45 in the city hall and every citizen of Ballinger is cordially invited to attend. This entertainment is sponsored by the two organizations to raise money which will be equally divided between them. The funds will go to the two treasuries to be used in improvements at the new city park.

Each player will pay 25 cents for the privilege of taking part in the games and witnessing a brief program by the boys and girls. Camp Fire Girls also will sell candy. No prizes will be offered. Plenty of tables and chairs have been arranged to care for about 80 couples and more will be provided for if necessary.

Mrs. J. H. Patterson, of Houston, is the Easter guest of her mother, Mrs. N. J. Morgan.

### OUR FORMAL OPENING EASTER SUNDAY

It is with pleasure that we announce our readiness for business in our new location, where we have exerted our every effort, have spent much money and have left no stone unturned to give Ballinger her best and most elaborate eating house.

In presenting to Ballinger and Runnels county citizens this new institution, it is with a sense of pride that we attribute our success thus far to the loyal support and patronage to these friends.

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### Eat Your Sunday Dinner Here

and inspect our new establishment from front to rear and acquaint yourself with the various improvements which have been made for your convenience.

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The famous painted rocks in Concho county whence the city of Panit Rock received its name may be a thing of the past when the new railroad is built from San Antonio to San Angelo.

All help and assistance possible has been given farmers this year to plant a certified long staple cotton. Campaigns have been conducted in most West Texas counties in which farmers have been shown the advantages of raising a longer staple cotton and receiving more for the product.

The possibility of the state school fund being lowered from \$17.50 to approximately \$14 per capita is bringing a protest from school people and others interested in the advancement of the schools of this state.

Ballinger Floral Co. has Easter Lilies, Hydrangeas, and other plants. 1-3d-1w

SUNDOWN STORIES



MOTHER O'POSSUM'S WAYS

By Mary Graham Bonner

"My babies are still without hair," said Mother Opossum after John and Peggy and the Little Black Clock had sat down, "but later on they will have splendid fur."

"But they will not leave my pouch until they are quite good-sized. In fact, they will not leave until there really isn't any room for them any more."

"They will learn—as all opossums do—to pretend they are lifeless when danger is near. "But you mustn't think they are cowardly because of this. Oh, no, indeed, but they will not take any foolish chances."

"You will notice that I have a snout something like the snout of a pig, but that doesn't bother me. I am not very clever, and none of the other members of the family are."

"We will eat anything at all, vegetables, chickens—almost anything."

"We go marketing at night, for we like the night time best of all. The day time we consider best for sleeping."

The children looked at the hole beneath the stump of the tree where this opossum family made their home, and they saw other opossum homes in holes in other trees.

Then the Little Black Clock asked some of the opossums if they would show John and Peggy how they "played dead." All the opossums came forth and suddenly dropped down to the ground.

They looked so limp and lifeless that John and Peggy could hardly believe they were really alive.

Then they all got up again, and said they must really go to sleep, as it was daytime, and that they hoped John and Peggy would not think they were rude.

The children and the Little Black Clock left them then and the Clock said that they would now go and visit a whale!

HOW'S your HEALTH



Edited by Dr. Jago Gulistan, Academy of Medicine

BURNS A burn is a dangerous injury and, though it may cover a relatively small area of skin, the outcome is not infrequently fatal.

For that reason an apparently superficial burn often taxes the physician's skill, our latest studies having shown that the body as a whole is affected by burns.

The treatment of burns is too frequently thought of in terms only of the effected part or place. "What shall I put on the burn?" is the first question.

While this is important, systematic care and treatment having in mind the whole body are as vital, if not more so, than the attention given the burned area.

Local treatment in burns aims to allay pain, preserve the skin and burned areas, prevent infection and promote healing. The specific treatment depends upon the type of burn, whether, for example, it is wet or dry, and upon the reaction of the body to the injury.

In general burns should be disturbed and handled as little as possible. If there is clothing around the burned part, it should be cut away rather than drawn off. The skin should not be broken through, if it is still intact. If there is a skinless surface, it may be sprayed with a mild solution of tannic acid. It is best to leave the handling of blisters to the physician.

Burns, like injuries, shock the body. The person burned should therefore be placed in bed and should be kept from undue physical strain. Prompt medical attention is essential to safeguard life, as well as to reduce the risk of disfigurement in the healing process.

Because burns cause the body to lose an astonishing amount of fluid, the blood becomes concentrated and a whole chain of evil consequences follows. To compensate for this the burning victim should take as much fluid as possible.

Flood Control Project on Mississippi Brings Winter Work to Thousands

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, April 3.—(AP)—The gigantic job of protecting the Mississippi's banks against floods has proved a boon to employment this winter, thanks to a prolonged drought.

Thousands of workers on the federal government's flood control project have been kept at work because of lack of rain has held the river at low level, says Col. Ernest Graves, member of the Mississippi River commission.

Army engineers have set out to master the Mississippi once and for all, and the task of course has brought work to thousands who might otherwise be out of jobs.

Some are employed by contractors building levees, sinking protective mats of concrete and dredging channels. Others benefit indirectly through orders for material used in the flood control.

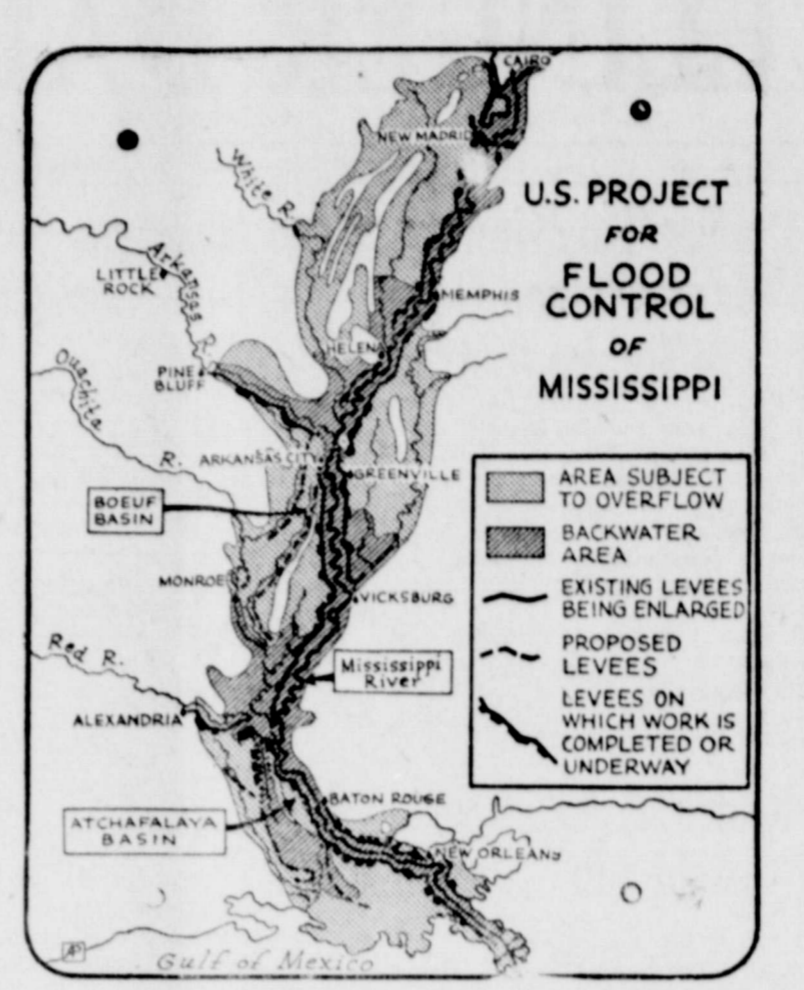
More than \$100,000,000 has been spent for wages and materials out of the \$325,000,000 assigned for flood control after the disastrous high water of 1927.

Last year about 60,000,000 cubic yards of earth were placed in levees. Before the job is finished half a billion cubic yards of earth will be moved, twice as much as was shifted in building the Panama canal.

Engineers are not planning to keep the Mississippi strictly within the straight and narrow limits of the levees, however. When it goes on a rampage the river will be allowed to spread—but only where the engineers want it to spread.

Instead of threatening the streets of New Orleans, the river will be "detoured" around the city. The detour is to be finished this spring.

It is a gigantic spillway, large enough to carry more water than flows over Niagara Falls. Flood waters tumbling through it will flow harmlessly into Lake Pont-



Areas affected by the government's flood control projects along the Mississippi are shown by this map. More than \$100,000,000 of the \$325,000,000 allotted for the job has been spent.

chartrain behind the city, and from there to the Gulf of Mexico. The Boeuf and Atchafalaya basins, two lowland areas bordering the Mississippi on the west farther upstream, also are to divert flood waters if necessary.

Auxiliary dikes are planned to protect lands near them. Specially-designed barges are spreading great sheets of concrete slabs along the levees under water almost as easily as linoleum is laid on a kitchen floor.

The slabs, four feet long and a foot wide, are wired together and sunk to protect the banks from erosion. Larger slabs, four feet by six, are laid like shingles along the shore.

More than 1,000 miles of levees are being raised, strengthened or rebuilt. They are about 300 feet thick at the bottom, 30 feet high and taper to a width of ten feet at the top.

Levees often are built several miles back from the low water limits of the river so they will not be eroded by the current, and to give the river more room to spread in flood time.

AROUND THE WORLD

Rotary Invades Poland WARSAW.—(AP)—Poland's first Rotary Club has been formed here with 22 members. Other clubs are planned for Wilno, Poznan, Lwow, Krakow and Lodz, and Poland will then join International Rotary.

Try to Save Children TORRES NOVAS, Portugal.—(AP)—This community has leased the local movie house in order to show on the screen how to rear children, thus checking infant mortality, which is blamed chiefly on ignorance of hygiene.

Air Stamps Valuable LONDON.—(AP)—Six trans-Atlantic air mail envelopes and stamps sold here for \$2,500. A 1927 DePinedo 60-cent black, rarest of Newfoundland air stamps, was bid in for \$1,125, and an Alcock "First Atlantic Flight" of 1919 brought \$350.

New Wrinkle in Suits BALBOA, C. Z.—(AP)—The newest wrinkle in men's wear for the Canal Zone are suits made of flour sacking, which can be had at government commissaries. They tailor, launder and wear well and are cool.

Rubens Home a Museum ANTWERP, Belgium.—(AP)—Municipal authorities have served a moving notice on the present tenants of the home of Rubens, master Belgian painter, so that the old house can be turned into a museum.

HATCHEL NEWS

There was a good attendance at church Sunday.

John Bryon Estes, Jr., is visiting in New Mexico and Old Mexico.

Miss Hazel Fulton of Ballinger, visited Miss Bobbie Estes and they attended the county meet together.

Mrs. Bob Nutt of Winters, spent a few days last week with Mrs. Ralph Vancil and Mrs. Bill Mathis.

L. M. Bales and daughter, Mrs. Ethel Ratliff and Miss Edna Guin, spent Wednesday with Mrs. W. W. Wiggall at Bryant.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan of Winters were among those that attended church Sunday.

We are sorry that Mr. and Mrs. Reed Gassett's baby is very ill with a tumor, hope she will be

CAPITOL News

By Charles E. Simons (Associated Press Staff Writer) AUSTIN, April 3.—Who will be the next speaker of the Texas house of representatives?

Despite the fact that the session of the 42nd legislature is but little more than half over, several members of the house were angling for the next speakership. Others were boomed for the office by friends.

Expected to be among the leading contenders are Phil Sanders of Nacogdoches, chairman of the powerful appropriations committee; Lee Satterwhite of Odessa, former speaker of the house, and Dewey Young of Wellington, chairman of the revenue and taxation committee, another of the powerful house committees.

Fred Minor, speaker of the 42nd legislature, has given several of the members a shot at running the house temporarily. Some of them have been highly successful in keeping the body of 150 men in line, while others have become entangled puzzling points of order.

Representative Mathis of Houston, declared he wouldn't mind being speaker if the members would refrain from raising points of order to keep the chair in hot water. Another thing that bothered the Houston member while in the speaker's chair was parliamentary inquiries. Mathis is one of the members that does not aspire to the speakership.

Friends of Sanders have indicated they will organize a "Sanders for Speaker" club before the end of the present session. Sanders was regarded as the unofficial first lieutenant of Speaker Minor and exhibited diplomacy in keeping the appropriations committee in line on the emergency appropriation bills passed by the house. Several assaults against the bills were successfully warded off by Sanders.

Young has been a member of the legislature four terms and has gained considerable appreciation during that time.

With Young and Satterwhite both candidates for the job, it probably would split the West Texas delegation, both being from West Texas.

Although he has given no indication of his desires, Coke Stevenson, a West Texan from Junction, was regarded as another prospective speaker of the house.

The house got a real kick out of a recent showing made by Representative Van Zandt of Toga, blind member of the house, while occupying the speaker's position.

Van Zandt steered the legislative course with a strong hand and battled through numerous bills in the brief time he occupied the throne.

He experienced no difficulty in naming the members who addressed the chair, exhibiting an uncanny power to pick out voices, doing it with the same ease most people pick out faces. Van Zandt also had little trouble in voting members who were not at their desks to vote on the machine and who simply called out from any part of the house, "Vote me aye, Mr. Speaker."

Van Zandt faltered only once and had to resort to his parliamentarian to tell him who was voting from the floor.

well soon. Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Bales spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Furgerson.

Mrs. J. C. Bloxom was operated on at the sanitarium Friday. At last report she was resting nicely.

Mrs. H. Tierce was shopping in Ballinger Wednesday.

There are several cases of chicken pox reported in the community.

Misses Ruby Guin, Hedwig Michaelis and Alma Rayon spent the week-end with Mrs. W. H. Schlyer of San Angelo.

Mrs. McElrath of Coteman, is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Reed Gassett.

Willard Hunneycutt has been absent from school for several days on account of a sprained ankle.

W. S. Caudie and C. T. Michaelis made a trip to Cisco Monday and purchased some selected Hollywood strain eggs for setting purposes. Mr. Michaelis bought six hundred to further improve his flock, although he has among the best in the county.

We sure have been having some winter weather which has greatly damaged the gardens and we

REPORTER. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tyree entertained the young folk with a party Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Thompson spent Monday and Tuesday in Abilene visiting Mr. and Mrs. Otis Harber.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Forgey visited Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Beaty and family, of Bronte, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Tyree spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dean, of Spring Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tyree and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Forgey attended preaching at Mann Sunday night. Rev. Cole was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Forgey Sunday night.

Leonard Laxton is spending this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Laxton.

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PUFFY In his hotel a Porcupine a visit pays to Puffy—He only stays a minute, but he thinks it's long enough. "Don't hurry off," says Puffy, and his words—how they resound! As our hero has his little joke by adding: "Stick around!" (Copyright, 1931)



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# Deaths

Mrs. G. G. Gann  
Mrs. G. G. Gann, 36, of Leaday community, died after a four weeks' stay in the Halley & Love Sanitarium, at 3 p. m. Thursday.  
Mrs. Gann was the daughter of Fogg Coffey, of Leaday. She is survived by her husband and 10-year-old son. Other survivors are: S. H. Coffey, Roswell, N. M.; J. W. Coffey, Logan, N. M.; Mrs. W. A. Gafford, Mrs. George Gann, and Hays Coffey, Leaday. Another member of the immediate family is P. G. West, also of Leaday, who has lived with the family for the past thirty-five years.  
The body was taken overland to the Fogg Coffey home by King-Holt Co. undertakers. Rites were to be conducted by a Coleman minister at 3 p. m. Friday.  
Eat at Hopper's, Club Cafe, N. 3-8td-15x-1

**BLANTON NEWS**  
Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. were well attended with good lessons reported.  
The senior B. Y. P. U. had a social Tuesday night at the home of R. L. Boothe. All reported a good time.  
Mr. and Mrs. Malone and Mr. and Mrs. Elkins spent Sunday at Charlie Toungett's.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Boothe attended church at Crews Sunday.  
Miss Maud James has been visiting friends at San Angelo the past week.  
The children of Blanton school were given the Shick test Friday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cope visited in the J. A. Foreman home Monday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Toungett visited at Oxien Tuesday.  
The B. A. U. class and intermediates and juniors all met at A. W. Malone's Friday night in a very enjoyable social.  
Bro. Tierce will preach at Blanton Sunday.  
Mrs. J. P. Boothe, Mrs. Cope and Mrs. J. A. Foreman attended the quilting given at Mrs. H. F. Boothe's last Wednesday. Two quilts were finished during the very pleasant meeting.  
The study course will begin Saturday night, April 10, at Blanton.  
Blanton school will be out in two weeks here and a play is planned to be presented at the end of the term.  
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**BENOOT NEWS**  
Grafton Brookshire spent Thursday night with Curry and Gordon Brookshire.  
Miss Margaret Smith, of Ballinger, spent the week-end with Miss Lurine Brookshire.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Werner and daughter, Clara, spent Sunday in the O. C. Cox home.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Hoffman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Stagner spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hoffman.  
Miss Laura B. Gibson spent Saturday night with Miss Leota Odum.  
Mrs. Walter Wood and children, of Lawn, and Mrs. Lockett and children were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Brookshire Saturday night and Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gibson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Clayton.  
W. D. Lewis and family were winter visitors Sunday.  
There will be an Easter egg hunt at the school house Friday afternoon. The community is invited.  
Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Rampy and son, L. B. Jr., visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Donaldson Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Parker were Coleman callers Monday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kelly called in the Joe Hoffman home Sunday afternoon.  
The club met with Mrs. A. J. Pullin Tuesday with all members present.  
Little Mary Ruth Hill is on the sick list this week.  
Mrs. A. N. Hoffman and Mr. and Mrs. Stagner spent Monday in the W. T. Hill home.  
Mrs. W. T. Hill spent Wednesday with Mrs. Arch Brookshire.  
Mrs. Dietz and Mr. and Mrs. Sed Dietz were Benoit callers Sunday.  
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## Musical Program By Senior Class

Members of the senior class of Ballinger high school occupied the Friday morning assembly period with the rendition of a few musical numbers, and a considerable amount of hilarity at the expense of various favorites.  
Harley Davis was called upon to be sponsor for the program, and act as official "clown" for a day. He responded nobly, and did not voice over five vigorous protests to the effect that such an act was an imposition on his present good nature that his past conduct should excuse him from. He seemed, however, to be exceptionally well acquainted with the privileges of a sponsor, and promptly yielded all responsibilities to the committee itself which was headed by Margaret Guion.  
The program was as follows:  
1—Piano solo: "Sweet Jennie" and "Loveless Love," both by Cleta Vee Gill  
2—Reading: "Too Many Parties and Too Many Pals," by Rosa Crockett and Louise Shepperd.  
3—Violin duet: "Down the River of Golden Dreams," by Lynette Spreen and Edna Gerhardt, with accompaniment by Zeida Spreen.  
4—Vocal solo, by Davis Sims.  
5—Reading: "Pants," by Louise Shepperd.  
6—Vocal trio: several selections by Howard Carr, John D. Harvey and Felton Wright.

The last combination proved to be very popular. The audience enthusiastically demanded an immediate return, and clapped until several were granted. The trio at last managed to outwit their tormentors, get the stage door unlocked and make an exit.  
As several minutes of the period remained, A. F. Ligon called upon Cleta Vee Gill to play until dismissal.

**WILMETH NEWS**  
T. J. Rampy, Henry Rampy and D. E. Harris have returned from a visit in Bell county.  
Darrel Harkins has returned from Fort Worth, where he had been attending a business college.  
Doyce Moreland spent a few days with relatives at Paint Rock last week.  
Ethel Baker, of Independence, was a visitor here Sunday.  
King Barker entertained the young people Saturday night with a "tacky" party. All who attended reported a very nice time.  
H. K. Dickinson, who had been seriously ill, is reported to be improving.

**CAROLINA'S RADIO SCHOOL AIDS PUPILS WITH LESSONS**  
RALEIGH, N. C., Mar 26.—A 12 weeks' radio school by the state department of education will supplement the public school program in North Carolina.  
The course is intended to offer suggestions, project material, bibliographies and references for the students.  
Citizenship programs will be given on Mondays, science on Tuesdays, social studies on Wednesdays, art, music and literature on Thursdays and Fridays.  
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## Many Dead Birds At Ravens' Roost

The raven roost on the John Lee Simmons place south of Ballinger where a poison campaign has been conducted by Floyd Dawson of the U. S. Agricultural Department is about broken up and many dead birds remain as evidence of the success of the campaign.  
About two weeks ago the work was started when meat baits were placed at the roost to attract the birds and get them started to feeding there. Later a large quantity of poisoned corn was placed on the ground and within a short time a large amount of the grain was consumed by the birds.  
The ground is well covered with dead ravens at present and many have gone to other places to die. The roost is broken to some extent, while a large number still come there at night to roost.  
Workers are considering other means of combating the large numbers of ravens in this county and some other method of poisoning likely will be tried within a short time. The plan of farmers scattering poison grain as they plant their crops may be used later to get rid of birds left from the larger campaigns and to prevent them from eating seed grain on the farms.  
The birds are more numerous this year than ever before but so far have congregated in certain communities where most of them roost and feed. It is believed, however, that later they will feed far away from their roosts and practically the entire county will be injured by them.  
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**CEREMONIES MARK AIRPORT OPENING**  
MARSHALL, Tex., Apr 3.—CITY and county governments, the chamber of commerce, service clubs, and the American Legion post are cooperating in arrangements for the dedication of Marshall's municipal airport Saturday and Sunday, April 4 and 5.  
Local and visiting planes will engage in racing and stunt flying. A flying circus will be a feature.  
Two 3,000-foot runways and 2 500-foot runways have been constructed on the 230-acre field, three miles east of the city, and tile drainage has been laid. There is a private hangar and a service station at the port and a municipal hangar is to be erected. Land for the field was bought at a cost of \$20,000 raised by city warrants, and \$5,000 has been spent on improvements.  
The first name of Attorney Freitas of Stockton, Cal., is Law.

## City Cafe's Formal Opening Announced

At Easter time the earth generally is blest with all that is new, fresh and beautiful to look upon and in this particular Ballinger and Runnels county are fortunate because they have much of spring crops, flowering shrubs and beautiful lawns, lovely meadows and the birth of spring.  
In celebrating the occasion the City Cafe will have the formal opening of its new place of business in the Weeks' building, where elaborate decorating without stint or favor has been indulged in for several weeks.  
The new cafe building, with the new and refinished fixtures presents a scene of beauty, a haven of rest and place with appeal to all who seek well cooked food to appease a sluggish appetite. In presenting this new cafe to Ballinger, the proprietor, L. L. Stroble, with his corps of assistants have worked long and untiringly in an effort to give not only the very best, but also a beautiful and appealing place.  
In announcing readiness for business, the management does so with a sense of pride and cordially invites the public to inspect the plant from front to rear, and particular attention is called to the various decorations and added touches that are calculated to be pleasing to the eye and restful to a weary traveler.  
Attention is called to the announcement of the formal opening in another column of this paper and the menu published should appeal to the most particular.

**MRS. LYNN IS BIRTHDAY HONOREE**  
Mrs. H. W. Lynn was the guest of honor at a delightfully planned surprise birthday dinner, when Mr. Lynn assembled a group of friends at the Central Hotel on Sunday at noon.  
At a long table in the banquet room guests were seated. A birthday cake of unusual beauty centered the table. On it burned twenty-six tapers—one for each year Mrs. Lynn has been in Texas.  
Two gorgeous pot-plants furnished the floral decoration for the banquet table.  
Following the delectable meal interesting talks were made by Mr. Lynn, Mr. C. R. Stephens and Mrs. G. M. Vaughn.  
Those included by Mr. Lynn were: Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Lucy Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pyburn, Nancy Pyburn, Mr. A. H. Van Pelt, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn, Miss Northcutt, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Trimmer and sons, Paul, Jr., and Walter, Rev. and Mrs. E. W. McLaurin, Mr. and Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. M. C. Smith and Miss Mary-att Smith.

**MRS. KIECHLE IS HOSTESS AT PARTY SERIES**  
The lovely spring party series given by Mrs. Fred Kiechle in her attractive Fourth Street home was an outstanding event of the Easter season.  
Bright colored wild flowers used in graceful combinations together with orchard blossoms and snapdragons gave beauty and fragrance to rooms where tables were elaborately appointed in an Easter theme.  
On Thursday afternoon five tables of forty-two were in play; on Friday afternoon bridge players found places at five tables, while on Friday evening forty-two games again furnished diversion at eight tables.  
A salad luncheon plate was passed on each occasion, with Easter rabbits accompanying the plates as individual guest favors.  
Mrs. R. E. Terry, Jr., of Dallas, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Grier for a few days.  
Ballinger Floral Co. will have roses for Easter 1-3d-1w  
Durham, N. C., many miles from the sea, is one of the state's largest ports of entry, customs receipts doubling in 1930.  
The first name of Attorney Freitas of Stockton, Cal., is Law.

## Society

Preaching was held at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning and evening.  
Mr. and Mrs. D. Cameron, Jr., of San Saba, visited relatives here Saturday night and Sunday.  
Mrs. W. F. Gilmore and children, of Hobbs, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hood and children, of Fort Worth, are visiting in the S. P. Hale home.  
Miss Mabel Brown, of Snyder, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. C. E. Brown.  
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hollinger, are visiting her sister, Mrs. Willis Head, of Bangs.  
Miss Irene Griffin, of Novice, is visiting Mrs. R. W. Courtney.  
W. J. Sayres and Charley Kennedy were Brownwood visitors Monday.  
Miss Myrtle Tate and Miss Curtis Gregory, teachers at Rock-

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wood, spent the week-end at Talpa.  
Mrs. J. E. M. Hunt is on the sick list this week.  
Mrs. W. B. Wright and children, spent the week-end with her husband in Durant, Oklahoma.  
Henry Knox, of Waco, is visiting friends and relatives in Talpa this week.  
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Charlotte, N. C., in 1930 had 34 homicides, equivalent to 41.6 per 100,000 population, as compared to Chicago's rate of 14.5 per 100,000.  
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