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Runnels county could use a few days of good warm sunshine. The growing crops have plenty of moisture at the present time but could stand warm weather which would give them a chance to begin a fast growth. The nights so far have been so cool and many persons are still using fires each morning for a short time until the chill is dispelled. Crops are doing fine and prospects are as good as they have been here for many years.

All Ballinger people are urged to secure tickets and attend the banquet to be given here on Thursday night honoring men who have worked for this county in Red Cross and farm loan work. These men for more than three months have given of their time and energy without compensation and the only reward coming to them will be the thanks and appreciation of the public. Few people realize the tremendous job it has been to look after this work. Their task was neither easy nor pleasant. It is always hard to turn anyone down when they are seeking aid and yet in many cases during the last few months these men have had to take the unpleasant responsibility of saying "no" to those seeking funds with which to purchase food. A certain amount of money had to be accomplished the needs of the people of this county and through the standing of this board more money was secured than was expected from the Red Cross. Their work has been done efficiently and those who were responsible for the work to be honored at this banquet. The least anyone can do is to attend and hear the program which will be extremely good and not long or tiresome.

Ballinger Boy Scouts now have a home and a meeting place of their own. Their building has been completed on the bluff overlooking Elm creek and the city park and the interest of the boys in their work has been increased by this innovation. These Scouts are becoming more efficient each year and parents of those who have belonged since the organization was started here are realizing the great good that the training does for boys. One father remarked here this week that his boy could do many things that he could not accomplish before, especially before the public, due to this training and he expressed himself as believing it is the best possible training a boy can receive. A town that makes an investment for these boys can be sure of receiving a big dividend in making better citizens for tomorrow. There is only one thing lacking in Scout work in Ballinger. Instead of one good troop there should be at least six. The boys of Scout age will soon be out of school and their entire days will be filled with idle play. The Scout work will give them something instructive to do and would take a large part of their time which would be directed play and yet educational.

SUNDOWN STORIES



MONARCH BUTTERFLY

By Mary Graham Bonner

Peggy and John and the Little Black Clock were seated on the old stump in the garden—at the beginning of the magic path on which the Clock led them to many strange and interesting adventures in the present, past and future.

"Oh, what a beautiful butterfly!" Peggy exclaimed as she saw a big brown butterfly with black trimmings and white dots flying along.

"Come over here, Monarch, and let me introduce you to my two friends," the Little Black Clock said.

The butterfly flew over to a blade of grass near where they were sitting.

"These are my friends, John and Peggy," introduced the Clock. "Good springtime and good summertime," said the butterfly. "I always like to say good springtime or good summertime, rather than good morning or good afternoon because it is at these times that I arrive."

"Tell them about yourself," the Little Black Clock urged.

"Certainly," agreed the butterfly, "but first I must find a nice milk-weed plant." The butterfly flew off, returning after a little while.

"Yes, Mrs. Monarch is attending to the home. She has found a splendid milkweed plant and she has put the eggs upon its leaves. They'll hatch out soon. Perhaps you would like to meet her, and maybe you'll see the dear little caterpillars if you stay around long enough."

Peggy smiled at the thought of anyone speaking of caterpillars as "dear little caterpillars," but then she knew from their point of view they must be very nice little creatures.

"We'd love to meet her," Peggy said.

"And I'll turn the time slowly forward," said the Clock.

(Tomorrow—Dear Little Caterpillars)

HOW'S your HEALTH



Edited by Dr. Jago Goldstein, Academy of Medicine

SURGERY IN TUBERCULOSIS

Next to the heart, which begins to work even before the individual is born, the lungs are the most active organs in the body.

As long as there is life in the body they contract and expand from 14 to 20 times each minute.

Like the heart, too, they respond to increased physical effort by a proportionate increase in the rate and intensity of movement. Emotional strains and disturbances have a like effect on the heart and the lungs.

When an individual develops tuberculosis it becomes important to rest the lungs, for rest, good food and fresh air are the "cure" of the disease.

Of these, rest is the most important and in many ways the hardest to achieve.

The sufferer from tuberculosis is usually put to bed and kept there as long as his disease is active. This in itself rests the body and the lungs. But at times more rest for the lungs is required, and then we may have recourse to surgery.

In the surgical treatment of tuberculosis of the lungs surgery is employed for its indirect rather than its direct effects.

Thus, while in acute appendicitis the appendix is surgically removed and the disease literally ended right then and there, in tuberculosis of the lungs whatever surgical procedure is followed is not designed to remove the diseased part, but rather to assist

the body in better mustering its defense forces against the tuberculosis process.

There are several different operations performed in the treatment of tuberculosis of the lungs. Whichever one is chosen depends upon the condition of the patient and the stage and form of his disease.

But no matter which operation is performed its ultimate objective is primarily to secure added rest for the lung affected and to help the body's inherent healing process.

(Tomorrow—Rest in Tuberculosis)

In New York Theaters

By Mark Barron

NEW YORK, May 5.—(P)—That deathless love that enslaves men to one woman flows through Henri Bernstein's "Melo," newly arrived from Paris. It has the speed and consistency of syrup and, it might be added, the taste. To employ that commodity further, it can be said that the performances, with two exceptions, are pretty sticky too.

The chief trouble with M. Bernstein's melodrama, apart from the fact that it is rather old-fashioned, is its talkiness. It is about as verbose as a reality prospectus, and too often no more amusing. The author seems hard to convince that a triangle, the form of his theme, has only three angles.



FAKLE LAR-MORE

Complicated Love
Marcel, Europe's petted concert violinist, dines with his old friend, Pierre, and over the liquor wins his wife, Romaine. Thenceforward the play is a compendium of the tried deceptions of illicit love.

The infatuated wife, pledged to her violinist, attempts to poison Pierre, but he exhibits astonishing resistance to her destructive potions. Four weeks of absorption of these drugs leaves him with high irritability and recurrent headaches, but sturdy enough to respond to a strange doctor's antidotes.

Crazed with fear of detection and love for the violinist, Romaine throws herself into the Seine. The final scenes reveal the husband, unaware of Romaine's homicidal crusade, and the despairing lover united in love for the dead wife. It might have been told, if told it had to be, in about one-twelfth of the wordage.

One Bright Star
Edna Best, as the love-racked wife, delivered a genuinely gallant performance, but her chief supporters were quite luckless. Basil Rathbone's was a part which required him, a violinist, to wear a velvet lounging jacket. The lines were of the sort to expect from a public darling thus jacketed.

Earle Larimore, the husband, had a part which seemed to have been moulded with a cold chisel. He was licked from the start. Harry Davenport played a bit brilliantly.

Too advanced for its audience of nine years ago, Pirandello's "Six Characters in Search of an Author," has returned to town. It is a fantastic tale of the efforts of a weird family to enact their home tragedies on the stage.

The play's return is important chiefly for the introduction of Broadway of Eleanor Phelps, a beautiful stranger of whom you will doubtless hear lots next season.

Paul Guilfoyle, as the sinister brother, is, as always, a thoroughly good actor.

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Tax System is Much Discussed By Legislature

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, May 5.—Texas' tax system has been one of the larger lights in the legislative limelight this session.

Proposals to reconstruct the state tax system have ranged from a plan to make a minute study of the workings of the system to move to abolish the state ad valorem tax, exempt homesteads from taxation, and to tax the intangible assets of 15,000 corporations doing whole or part time business within the state. Legislative reconstruction work has also included proposals to tax pipelines, natural gas, cigarettes, peddlers and the motor carriers.

Out of the revenue raising plans advanced, the cigarette and natural gas production levies are laws. Both branches of the legislature sanctioned them, and the governor added his signature. They will become effective 90 days after adjournment of the legislature.

It is estimated that two levies will direct \$8,000,000 in revenue into the treasury. Half of the funds from the cigarette levy will go into the school fund.

Both houses have heard this session about plans to exempt homesteads from state ad valorem taxation. Proponents said they wanted to encourage home ownership in this state. The plans to lift the burden of the state ad valorem tax from homesteads goes hand in hand with a plan advanced by Senator DeBerry of Bogata to abolish the entire state ad valorem tax levy. Abolition of the state ad valorem tax would call for the disposition of a state income tax, more than one legislator has predicted.

Pending before the legislature is a resolution by Senator Oneal of Wichita Falls which proposes a survey of the state tax system. Oneal explained there was a general demand in the state for a fair and just equalization of taxes. He stated the growth of industries, and the change in conditions of other industries and taxable values necessitated a careful study of conditions as they now exist to the end that taxation might be equalized.

While the legislature enacted emergency legislation to bring relief to Texas tax payers in 1931, inaugurating for a trial the split tax payment plan, the permanent plan advanced by Senator Oneal is yet a matter of pending business. Under the original Oneal

Scanning NEW BOOKS

By Richard Massock

NEW YORK, May 5.—(P)—Anthony H. G. Fokker ... Lydia E. Pinkham

The gap between them is wider than the universe. But one is hero, the other heroine, of different biographies that have one common point. Both are rollicking success stories.

"Tony" Fokker's autobiography has been written in collaboration with Bruce Gould, New York aviation reporter, and is an excellent example of the American success story, although Fokker and his book are entitled "Flying Dutchman."

Famed Airman
The inventor and manufacturer of airplanes admits he is a self-made man. The book is evidence it spins along with the man whose life was paced by his airplanes.

Fokker was born in Java, son of a Dutch coffee planter. When his father retired, the family returned to Haarlem, Holland. Tony was a dunce in school. But he had a mechanical bent and invented his first airplane at the age of 19.

The prophet-without-honor proverb applied in his case, and Germany was the first to recognize him. In 1913, three years after his planes' invention, they were flying over the western front in raids on the allies, whose airmen came to call themselves "Fokker fodder."

The war made Tony a multi-millionaire. The Germans tried to force citizenship on him and did make him an unwilling soldier. At the end of the war he smuggled out six 60-car trainloads of contraband planes and motors which, under the treaty terms would have been destroyed.

Now Fokker is in America, an extremely active manufacturer. He has had many accidents, but still is addicted to stunt flying.

Women's Friend
"The Life and Times of Lydia E. Pinkham" is a satirical biography by Robert Collyer Washburn.

Lydia Estes was born in Lynn, Mass., in the year the sea-serpent visitation. That appeared to be an omen, for she later was to fight the demons of slavery, rum and women's weakness.

Washburn regards her as an

important feminist, one of the first of her sex to establish a business that flourishes to this day.

The formula had come to her from a machinist, who thus wiped out a \$25 debt to her husband. For 10 years she brewed the stuff in her kitchen and dispensed it free to her neighbors. One day a son suggested that it be sold, to relieve the family poverty.

The first years of the industry, after its start in 1875, were hard. Two of the sons, Will and Dan, died young from the overwork of peddling the compound.

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CATTLE THEFTS IN TEXAS ON INCREASE, SAYS RANGER

(By Associated Press)
UVALDE, May 5.—There is more stealing of livestock in Texas today than I have known of during my years as a peace officer which began in 1892," declares Ranger Captain Light Townsend of Del Rio at Uvalde recently.

Captain Townsend was in Uvalde with two of his men filing charges against butchers who violate the butcher bill. This bill has been on the statute books for years but has not been enforced, he said. He has already filed two cases alleging violation of the law in Uvalde. This law, requires that the butchers must keep a record of all butchered animals and that they must make a bond.

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DOROTHY DARNIT

By Charles McManus

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YES HE WAS LAID UP IN BAD SHAPE
DOCTOR GUESS TOLD ME HE'D HAVE YOUR FATHER ON HIS FEET IN A WEEK. HOW DID HE SUCCEED?
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HATCHEL CLUB TO PRESENT PLAY NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT

Hatchel club members will present a three-act play in the Hatchel high school auditorium Friday evening at 7:45, to which the general public is cordially invited. "Her Honor, the Mayor," is the title of the interesting play which contains a full modicum of humor.

The small admission of ten cents will be charged adults, and children will be admitted free. Receipts will go to the club women to be used in their regular activities.

After ribbons, adding material sales pads at

Issues Warning on Incendiary Fires

The state fire insurance commission is sending out letters to police and fire departments over the state explaining the change recently made in the arson law. An amendment passed by the legislature and signed by the governor on April 27 makes arson punishable by from one to five years in the penitentiary, and defines what is an attempt to commit arson.

The amendment was offered because of the large number of such cases being reported. The last report of the state fire marshals, from 425 towns, showed 1,294 fires of incendiary origin, which caused a total loss of \$3,474,943. The commission has no way of ascertaining information on this class of fires in towns which have no fire marshal. A large number of other fires were of the "unknown origin" type, and in some instances evidence points that they were willfully set on fire. Following is the letter from J. W. DeWeese, state fire insurance commissioner:

"Arson—Burning for Profit—is a dangerous form of crime, practiced not only against the insurance companies, but against society, for it is the people who pay the cost of fire, and it is my opinion that the enactment of this recent act by the legislature, further defining the offense of an attempt to commit arson, will greatly reduce the number of arson fires in Texas in future years, and I am certain the offending parties will be unable to escape punishment in the future as they have in the past. In this connection, as fire insurance commissioner of Texas, I want to sound a warning to the effect that the state fire insurance department will lend its assistance in the investigation of all arson fires so far as it is possible for us to do so, and we will insist on prosecution to the full extent of the law in every case. "It is the duty of the local fire marshal to make, or cause

to be made, a thorough investigation of all fires that occur in their respective communities, and I respectfully request that the performance of this duty in the future, and wherever the evidence warrants the matter should be presented to the grand jury for action and when an indictment is returned the local fire marshal should use his best influence in securing an early trial of the offending party, or parties."

Society

Class Members Entertain Wives

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. King on Broadway was the scene of gayety last Friday evening when members of Mr. King's Sunday school class entertained their wives with a party.

The first feature of entertainment was a musical program with Miss Rosa Crockett and Chester Taylor in piano duets, and Mrs. Elmer Shepperd in a vocal solo with Mrs. J. H. McClain at the piano.

After this were such contests and games as make any evening one of pleasure and fun. As a reward for their guessing ability James Wear and Mrs. Henry Doss were each presented with a doll.

At a late hour delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to Messrs. and Mmes. Elmer Shepperd, J. H. McClain, James Wear, L. H. Fry, A. O. Bartlett, M. L. Taylor, Henry Doss, L. B. Rudder, Melvin Patterson, Burns Holt, Pete Woodson, Ed Meaders, E. E. King, Miss Rosa Crockett, Chester Taylor, James McClain, and Bobby Bartlett.

Dr. J. W. Blasdell who was recently operated upon at the Halley & Love Sanitarium, is reported to be doing nicely.

HATCHEL NEWS

The farmers are making use of the pretty weather this week and quite a number are planting cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Smith, Silver

Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wood and family of Old Runnels and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. King and family of Ballinger spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Michaelis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mathis spent Saturday night with S. H. Mathis.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Voelker took dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker.

W. S. Caudle had a serious accident Wednesday, a can of lye exploding in hot water, burning his face and eyes badly. He is slightly improved at present.

Mrs. Mord Tucker has been on the sick list for several days.

Little Corine Graves, daughter of E. Graves, had an attack of appendicitis Saturday.

Mrs. Reed Gasset is suffering with appendicitis.

We had a fine singing Sunday night and everybody is invited to come next Sunday night and help us try out our new books.

The women's club will stage a play Friday night, May 8. This will be a three-act play titled "Her Honor, the Mayor."

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PAVED HIGHWAY WILL DRAW MEXICAN TOURISTS
 (By Associated Press)
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PARTY WILL DIG FOR REMAINS OF MASTODON
 (By Associated Press)
 PADUCAH, Tex., May 5.—Professors and students from Texas Technological College at Lubbock

will come to the farm of J. O. Wade in Cottle county to dig for the bones of a mastodon which Wade believes are buried there.

Wade recently found what appeared to be a knee joint from a mastodon, and he wired the college group that he believed the entire skeleton of the animal was available. The bone found by Wade was in excellent state of preservation.

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