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Local Men Confess to Robbing Several Homes

Delbert Cox and Temple Powers were arrested near Rowena Saturday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Fisher and brought to Ballinger and lodged in the county jail. Monday morning charges of carrying a pistol was filed against Powers and both men were charged with burglary.

County Attorney Roy Hill took a complete statement from both the men which implicated them in a number of robberies of private homes here in recent weeks.

Cox first made a complete confession and after he had signed the written instrument Powers made a statement saying that everything contained in the statement by Cox was true so far as he knew.

The arrest occurred near the home of F. D. Hoelscher Saturday afternoon after the pair had been discovered by a brother of Mr. Hoelscher as they ran from the house. As they fled across a field, Mr. Hoelscher, plowing nearby, shouted at them, and Powers is alleged to have pulled a gun and stated that they had no time to talk. Later Deputy Fisher arrived and gave chase and after firing several shots the youths surrendered and were brought here where the above charges were filed.

In his confession Cox said since returning here from the penitentiary he had found work scarce and wages small and that it had been a problem to live. He and Powers began associating and discussed the matter of entering homes to obtain groceries and other necessities.

Prior to their arrest at the Hoelscher farm Saturday Cox and Powers stated they had visited the Bernard Batts farm home where they entered and took a suitcase and some women's clothing.

The pair admitted they entered home of Melvin Patterson, in Wilke Terrace about one month ago and after finding no one at home took a large amount of groceries which they divided and carried to their homes.

Details were given concerning the robbery of the Homer Carsey home several weeks ago when a hat, underwear, wrist watch, and a number of other articles were stolen. Powers said the pistol taken from him at the time of his arrest belonged to Mr. Carsey and that the wrist watch were at his home where he gave officers permission to go and secure them.

The pair admitted they entered the home of Roy Halstead on May 14, taking groceries, a dress, shirts, a flashlight and a number of other articles. Powers carried the flashlight at the time he was arrested.

On May 13 the two men entered the home of O. K. Morgan and took some cans of corn and peas.

The J. H. Parrish place and the Lee Evans farm home were robbed recently but the youths denied having anything to do with these jobs or of knowing

Home Rule Bill Fails in Senate

(By Associated Press) AUSTIN, May 18.—Pushed to a vote in the Senate today the home rule resolution introduced by Senator John W. E. H. Beck failed to procure the necessary two-thirds majority for submission of proposed constitutional amendments. The vote was 16 to 9.

The Beck resolution would allow consolidation of city and county governments in counties of 75,000 population and above.

AUSTIN, May 18.—Oil proration and tax legislation appeared doomed to be consigned to the legislative waste basket today as the result of a motion that the House consider only Senate bills on the third reading. The rest of the session is scheduled to end Friday.

No action has been taken on the motion but should it be adopted it would definitely end the careers of the proration bill and additional tax measures.

No bill on oil proration has been passed by the Senate and all revenue and taxation measures must originate in the House.

Miss Evelyn Shepherd, who taught in the Tahoka high school for the past year, returned home Saturday to spend the summer here. Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shepherd went to Tahoka to attend the graduation exercises and bring their daughter home. Miss Shepherd will be a member of the high school faculty here next year.

Felton Davidson, of Abilene, spent Sunday here visiting friends and attending to business.

G. M. Garrett spent Sunday in Richland Springs and while there made a trip through the famous caverns near that place.

K. V. Northington, city secretary, was able to report back to his job Monday morning after being confined for more than a week with a severe case of chicken pox.

Prominent Banker Shot and Killed

(By Associated Press) BROWNFIELD, May 18.—Morgan L. Copeland, prominent Brownfield banker, was shot and killed today. A gun was found beside his body.

Friends said Copeland had been in failing health for several months.

Nothing about them.

In their statements both men offered to enter pleas of guilty to the crimes which which they are charged.

Many Farm Families Held Their Own or Better in '30

COLLEGE STATION, Tex., May 18.—"Although reduced in income, 50,000 Texas farm families with one or more members enrolled as demonstrators cooperating with county farm and home demonstration agents managed to hold their own or even show a profit last year," declares Director O. B. Martin in the annual report just issued of the extension service, Texas A. & M. College and the United States department of agriculture. "Standards of living as reflected in home comforts, dress, diet or appearance of farmstead, were definitely improved. Perhaps no year in this generation has witnessed so great an advance toward the ideal of living at home," he continues.

Mr. Martin believes that "we are in a critical transition period in which it remains to be seen whether a new agricultural civilization adapted to the changed conditions of the machine age can be constructed out of the wreckage of the old. Since civilizations are man-made and economic institutions only human, the extension service is confident that a better rural civilization

can be built in Texas." Among the important factors leading to better country life he includes cutting cost of production, deriving a larger per cent of the living from home products, price improvement through grading and standardization, and lifting farm living standards.

To this end Mr. Martin declares that "400 county and home demonstration agents, district agents and specialists are rapidly developing farm men and women, boys and girls, into demonstrators who are tackling every phase of farming and ranching and home-making with better methods and bigger ideas. As these demonstrators achieve success in one activity they turn to new fields in a self-education process whose end is a self-reliant, independent, fearless, thinking, rural constituency capable of its own leadership in the struggle for a comfortable, prosperous, cultured country life. This is the aim of extension work, and in its multiplication of demonstrations and demonstrators a modern rural civilization is being reared."

Favored Debutantes and Matrons Ready for Curtsey Before King



Prominent among the 20 American women who are to be received by King George and Queen Mary at Buckingham palace May 19 and 20 are Mrs. Andrew Long of Hickory, N. C. (upper left); Miss Virginia Dawes (lower left), daughter of the American ambassador; and Miss Katherine B. Hiles of Wilmington, Del. (right).

War Veteran is Slain by Spouse

(By Associated Press) NEW ORLEANS, May 18.—Edgar Bouligny, 43, photographer and first American wounded in the World War, was shot and killed today by his wife at their apartment here.

Mrs. Bouligny said she shot her husband as a climax to years of quarreling and threats against her life.

Angelo Prisoners Still at Large

(By Associated Press) SAN ANGELO, May 18.—West Texas officers today continued the search for five desperate prisoners who escaped the Tom Green county jail here Saturday. The authorities had only a few clues to work on.

It is believed here that the quintet separated shortly after they left the jail.

Summer Round-up Here Wednesday

Parent-Teacher Associations of the county have already completed fifteen summer round-ups and to date 257 pre-school children have been examined and record cards made of each.

Wednesday afternoon between the hours of 1 and 3, the local health committee of the Ballinger P-T-A. will hold the round-up here at American Legion Hall and every mother with a child that will likely enter school next fall is expected to have the child present for an examination by a physician and enter their names on the health record cards.

There is no charge for the work and the local association is making all arrangements for the clinic. A large number should be present and those in charge are asking that everyone be on time so that the work can be completed as soon as possible and doctors and nurses assisting in the work may get back to their offices.

As soon as the records are made each mother will be notified of any defects found in her child and these can be corrected during the summer months and the child enter school in September free of any defects that might affect his school work.

Thomas L. Blanton, congressman from the 17th district, spent a few hours in Ballinger Monday shaking hands with friends and looking after business here. He is just home from Washington and declared here Monday that conditions were soon to improve from the money the government is placing in circulation.

Sterling Signs Thirty-five Bills

(By Associated Press) AUSTIN, May 18.—Governor Sterling today signed thirty-five bills, including a measure to give liquor law violators over twenty-five years old the benefit of the suspended sentence law.

Liquor law offenders under 25 are already entitled to suspended sentences.

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Gainesville \$100,000 Fire is Fatal to 2; Five Others Hurt

Julian Trial is Set for June 1

(By Associated Press) LAREDO, May 18.—District Attorney John Valls announced today that the trial of C. C. Julian and his alleged companions, C. C. Boren and Clay Mann, on charges of assault with a prohibited weapon, conspiracy and kidnapping, has been set for June 1 and 2.

The men were indicted in connection with the alleged attack here upon Lamar S. Bolling of San Antonio.

Hunt Extended For Slayer of Federal Officer

(By Associated Press) CLAYTON, N. M., May 18.—Efforts of federal authorities to recover the body of Ray Sutton, slain prohibition officer, and to bring to justice his slayers threaten to become one of the most extensive murder investigations ever conducted by the government.

The quest for Sutton's slayers and the search for his body have been pursued relentlessly since he disappeared from Raton, N. M., August 28. The only trace that has been found since Sutton disappeared was his blood-stained car in an arroyo last October.

A large part of the mountainous area in northern New Mexico was searched by posses and officers soon after the prohibition officers was reported missing. Then the search widened. Arrests for the slaying were made in Trinidad, Colo., Oklahoma City and other cities of the southwest, but no one is now being held in connection with the death.

The government has now begun a more detailed search, while the man hunt continues. Numerous abandoned mine shafts, down any of which officers believe the slain man's body might have been thrown, will be searched and lakes in the vicinity of where the car was found will be drained.

One of the lakes has been drained, and the second—Koehler lake, the largest of the group—was being drained when recent rains began filling the lake faster than it was being lowered. This lake covers 37 acres and was about 27 feet deep when the pumping was begun. It is a supply lake for the Santa Fe.

Officers are prepared to identify the body by dental work.

Honor Student Is Fatally Shot

(By Associated Press) WINK, May 18.—John Willis McMurry, 18, daughter of G. W. McMurry, of Wink, and valedictorian of the senior class of the Wink high school which was graduated Friday, was accidentally shot last night.

Bond Ordered for Alleged Kidnapers

(By Associated Press) AUSTIN, May 18.—The court of criminal appeals today ordered the granting of bail to Currie Caldwell, Jimmie and Doyle Nash, charged with kidnaping Robert Cerf, of Corsicana.

The court held the cast a bailable one since the death penalty could not be given because the act occurred last December, prior to the legislature's enactment of the statute making kidnaping a capital offense.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Forman returned Sunday night from Coleman, where they attended the baccalaureate service of the Coleman high school Sunday.

R. A. Wagner, of San Angelo, was in Ballinger Monday morning en route to Longview and other towns in the East Texas oil area.

L. L. Stroble returned Sunday after a business trip to Austin and other places in south Texas.

Miss Hattie May Dunlap returned Sunday from a trip to New Mexico and Farwell, Texas, where she visited her brother, Sam Dunlap, and other relatives and friends.

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(By Associated Press) GAINESVILLE, Tex., May 18.—Two men were killed and five others injured in a fire here today which destroyed the building housing the Trew Brothers Motor Company and the Kennerly Hardware Company.

The property loss is estimated at \$100,000.

The dead are: H. C. Talley, 37, foreman of the Texas Power and Light Company plant here; and Wayne Williams, 28, railroad telegraph operator.

The injured are: William Block, Erick Giles, Raymond Powell, and Morris Finley, all of Gainesville; and Robert Young, of Marsville. Several of the injured men are in a serious condition.

The men were killed and injured when the front wall collapsed.

Origin of the fire has not been determined.

Mrs. O. F. Sensabaugh and children, of Lubbock, are here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Padgett.

Mrs. D. M. Bradford, Waco, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Roy Allamon, during the graduation exercises of the Ballinger high school returned to her home Sunday, taking with her Miss Maunette Allamon, her niece, for a visit and vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Holman returned Saturday from the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention at Lubbock.

Mrs. Paul Trimmier and sons, Walter and Paul, Jr., left Monday morning for Temple where they will visit for the next week or ten days with relatives.

Wm. Tyler, Miles, was in Ballinger Monday looking after business matters.

County Superintendent R. E. White went to Norton Monday to look after business there in connection with the Norton school.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Lincoxon and Mrs. Will Currie came in Monday from Fort Stockton to visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Black and other relatives.

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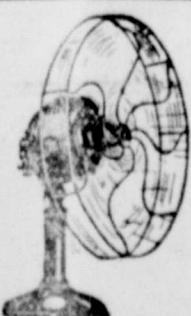
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Ballinger school children began their summer vacation Monday and many youngsters were found on jobs downtown. Others were seen in yards getting their home places in good shape and otherwise starting the vacation season off in a profitable and useful manner. Work during the summer is good for the young students and proves the truthfulness of the saying "all work and no play," etc.

The number of Ballinger homes that have been robbed in recent weeks should be enough to cause every home here to be locked when the occupants leave. Practically every house entered was unlocked and those entering experienced no trouble in getting in and making their raids. People who enter houses usually carry some kind of weapon and even if they were surprised in their raids it would be dangerous for the member of the family discovering them. The safest way is to prevent their entrance as much as possible.

It is getting time for irrigation of trees, lawns and flowers and homes that have beautiful yards will soon see them change unless city water is poured on them. So far this season the water consumption here has been very light due to rains taking care of the irrigation problems and so far little water has been used except for regular home consumption. The hot days are drying out the surface of the ground and all growing vegetation is needing water now.

Newly appointed notary publics are due to take oaths and be empowered, to take acknowledgements on June 1st. Such persons as are appointed have been notified by their representatives and senators and also have received notice to appear at the county clerk's office on June 1st for making the necessary papers. Notary commissions expire in Texas June 1.

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PRE-SCHOOL MOTHERS TO MEET WEDNESDAY

The last meeting of the Ballinger Pre-School Parent-Teacher Association will be held here on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Joe Simmons. Officers of the organization are anxious for all members to attend this last session until the beginning of the next school year.

PUFFY



"Most people stay at home to work and leave to take a rest. But since my job as gadabout is what I like the best, I'll take a brief vacation now by heading straight for home and leave the world to those who only once a year may roam."
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SUNDOWN STORIES



INSIDE THE TEPEE

By Mary Graham Bonner

"You are both like the Indians in some ways," the Little Black Clock told John and Peggy. "Come with me and you shall see why." Of course the children were glad to go with the Clock on another wonderful adventure.

"Are you going to turn the time back for this evening?" John asked.

"Yes," the Clock replied. "We're going back to those days when the Indians lived in this land before the white men came."

In a short time the Clock had turned the time back. They were riding along on a fine horse, and at the end of the plain they were crossing was an Indian tepee.

The Indians greeted them when they went inside. They seemed to understand about magic and were not surprised to see the Clock and the two children.

John and Peggy began talking to the Indian children, who promised them that they would ride races in a very few moments. But first of all they showed John and Peggy their toys, their beads, and the grown-up Indians showed them all that they owned.

Although the tepee was not large, each part of it seemed to belong to one Indian alone, and none of the others touched this one's belongings.

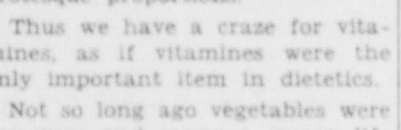
The Little Black Clock now explained what he had meant when he had told John and Peggy they were like the Indians.

"I've noticed how you children keep your things in such good order and that John won't touch Peggy's things and Peggy won't touch John's things without asking."

And John and Peggy were thrilled beyond all words that they were like the Indians.

(Tomorrow—"Raising the Indians")

HOW'S your HEALTH!



Edited by Dr. Jago Goldstein, Academy of Medicine, SPECIAL DIETS

Popular fancy eagerly laws hold of every new item in science and dilates upon it until it assumes grotesque proportions.

Thus we have a craze for vitamins, as if vitamins were the only important item in dietetics.

Not so long ago vegetables were the rage and many a young life was rendered miserable by the parental insistence on spinach.

Now, spinach is a good vegetable, though rather insipid in taste. But it is no elect among the vegetables. It possesses no peculiar virtues that may not be found in other vegetables as well.

The same may be said of diets in general. There is much good to be derived from sensibly planned diets. But the matter is too easily carried to extremes.

Some short while past we quoted in this column the good-natured fun which Dr. Eugene F. DuBois poked at a certain book which pretentiously offered diets for "an adult, male, stock-broker, under nerve strain," for "a traveling man who is liable to suffer from gastritis and chronic alcoholism," for "frail young mothers," "fat middle-aged spinsters," etc.

A number of readers missed the fun and wrote for the name of the book and for the diet lists.

The fact is that these pretentious diet lists carry a good thing too far. They promise more than they can deliver.

For the healthy person, young and old, there are but few diets suitable for different conditions.

For the sick person special diets can with safety be prescribed only upon a first-hand knowledge of the patient's condition.

For those interested in a more

detailed statement of the subject we can recommend "Feeding the Family" by Mary Swartz Rose and "The Newer Knowledge of Nutrition" by Dr. E. V. McCollum.

Hollywood Signs Sounds



By Robbin Coons
HOLLYWOOD, May 18.—(AP)—Movie-making in its progress from a haphazard adventure to an organized, electrified, industrialized manufacture has sacrificed much of its former picturesqueness.

There was a time, you know, when the actors doubled in brass as a matter of course and were not above odd jobs other than their histrionic duties. The leading man would be drafted to construct sets, and the villain would paint the scenery while the director went to the corner grocery and purchased eggs and ham to be cooked for lunch by the leading lady. Then they would shoot a scene, all pitch in and build another set, and so on—one for all and all for the pay-check. It was all care-free and happy-go-lucky and zestfully adventurous.

Rebel

Then along came Maurice Costello from the stage and with ideas of his own about the dignity of the acting profession, who put down his foot firmly on this combination of art and menial labor and paved the road, in a way, for all the privileges the stars of today demand and get. Dolores, his daughter, is one of those now profiting by his bold rebellion in the all-but-forgotten Vitagraph plant.

All of which not-so-sad retrospection (we wouldn't want to see our beautiful screen darlings cooking hash for the prop men nowadays, would we?) is inspired by the set William Beaudine is using for "Penrod and Sam," another of the children's pictures. Beaudine, who has four youngsters himself, revived the old actor-laborer custom by having his principals, Leon Janney and Junior Coghlan, and the rest of the boyish troupe construct their own vacant-lot "clubhouse," the principal set of the picture.

Thus was realism served, and a good time had by all, including Beaudine, who helped.

Gridiron Recruit

On the same set, but not the same subject, you find Russ Saunders, erstwhile Southern California football captain and all-American quarterback in 1929. After two years, during which he dabbled in technical directing on college movies, he has decided to try for a director's job. His first assignment is as Beaudine's assistant on this picture. "I'm going to forget football except as a spectator," he says.

By Richard Massock
NEW YORK, May 18.—Theodore Dreiser lays bare his brooding youth in his newest book "Dawn."

The American novelist who has been so much in the public prints of late, as a result of his slapping Sinclair Lewis and then squabbling with the movie makers of Hollywood, also opens the family cupboard and displays its various skeletons in a document amazingly frank and uninhibited.

His father was a German weaver, who came to America in 1844 and settled in Indiana, after marrying a Pennsylvania Moravian farmer's daughter. His business ventures were mainly unfortunate.

The story of Theodore and his four brothers and five sisters (three other children died) is then a record of poor folks' struggle against small-town odds in the growing middle west.

Eventually the family were reunited at Evansville, where they lived off the bounty of Theo's brother Paul (Paul Dresser, the song writer-comedian) and the latter's courtesan admirer. They wandered to Chicago, then back to Warsaw, Ind.

His adolescence was mooning over the handicaps of poverty and a growing sex obsession. About the flirtations of his sisters, to whom he gave fictitious names, and the scrapes of certain brothers, he is unsparring.

His own sex experiences, beginning with the party game of "postoffice," his social reticence and self-imposed ostracism afflicted his sensitive personality until after his year in Indiana University, paid for by a spinster school teacher.

The book closes with his succession of lowly jobs in Chicago before his newspaper days.

"All Quiet's" Sequel

Erich Remarque's sequel to his "All Quiet on the Western Front" seems to lack the power of his first novel, but that probably will not deter its success.

It is called "The Road Back" and is composed of scenes that followed the armistice and the homecoming of Ernst and his squad of German comrades. Their disillusionment is complete as they try to fit themselves into social conditions, finding profiteers and unfaithful wives, and a jazz-mad generation of youth. One goes mad, another commits suicide, all have their horrible memories.

It seems indeed a peace without glory.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Baptist
Enrollment, 553
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RECORD VOTE COSTS \$5

AUSTIN, May 18.—Every time a record vote is taken on a proposal in the house of representatives of the Texas legislature, it costs the state approximately \$5. The principal cost is printing the record in the house journal, the actual vote on the voting machine costing little.

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DOROTHY DARNIT



By Charles McManus

Mad Pursuit

BY JESSIE DOUGLAS FOX

SYNOPSIS: Jallow Lake's unexpected arrival disturbs his daughter, Nora, soon to move to the family home of her late husband, Nicholas Thayer. But her desire to accept the invitation from Jonathan Thayer, his brother, and Damon, his step-sister, prevents her from leaving when she learns that her father has successfully bought a loan from Jon on a pretext of selling his pictures, which Nora knows are valueless. Nora asks Jon to refuse the money. After the money is sent that issues they find themselves to love. Her happy dream clouds away when Frances, her cousin, develops tuberculosis and young Dr. More suggests that she help take care of Fran's children while she is in a sanatorium. Facing the dashes of her faded hopes, Nora protestingly refuses.

Chapter 25 HOPEFUL HALLIE

NORA hated Fergus More as he stood there in his office judging her, without saying a word. It was a great sacrifice he had asked of her, to assume the burden of the little household from which her coming marriage with Jon was to take her. He seemed to be weighing her protesting declaration that her life was her own and that she must live it.

"I think we'll be able to manage," he said at last, "as you say it's your life and self-sacrifice is only self-indulgence." He ended scornfully.

But when she joined the others in the back yard her very restlessness seemed to permeate the air as though they all knew that something hung over them. Yet Aunt Em was sewing as usual and Hallie reading the paper.

When Fran had put the children to bed she came back to them. The others, Nora knew, had no inkling of what had happened. But Aunt Em's face looked drawn and odd to her. Hallie had been rattling the paper in a nervous way and she began to read aloud in a dry husky voice:

"She came down the stairs that bright May morning, this girl with her heart-shaped face and honey-colored hair."

"That's enough, Hallie," Aunt Em said.

"It's that awful newspaper tripe," Fran said listlessly.

The paper rattled in Hallie's hand; she stared about from one to the other. They looked up surprised.

"I wrote it," Hallie mumbled.

Fran sprang up and leaned over her shoulder.

"But that's not your name! A. A. Standish, Darling, why didn't you let us know about it?"

"I didn't even know it was taken until I saw it in the evening paper," Hallie said, color burning in her pale cheeks. "The story's perfect drivel."

"I thought there was something unusual about it the moment I heard it!" Aunt Em said.

They clustered about her crooked shoulders, excited, forgetting everything but this moment's triumph.

"It's awful rot," Hallie insisted, but her chin was trembling.

Nora read it through aloud while they hung on her words. True as it was, she had not been able to read through the love scene without faltering. But they were not even looking at her or noticing the tremble of her voice.

"It's charming!" Aunt Em glowed.

"How much do you think they'll pay you for it?" Fran asked breathlessly.

"Well, I don't know. Newspapers are so wealthy—probably \$50. Although you often hear of writers getting a thousand."

But when Nora went to look for Fergus he was gone. She met her father coming up the steps, and cried gaily:

"I've been having dinner with Jon. He's a fine young fellow, my girl. I tell you our fortune is made!"

It was true as Fran said, they had found the way out. Nora was exultant. Now Fran could go away. She would come back quite well. And Nora could leave them all knowing that they were happy at last.

In the morning when she woke a fretful rain beat against the windows. She and Fran lingered until the last moment so that they could wait for the postman. There was a letter for Hallie from the Evening Press. Hallie tore it open with trembling fingers. Inside was a check for five dollars.

"They all know now that Fran had to go away to a sanatorium in the mountains."

"Don't you envy me," Fran smiled, "escaping this August heat in the city?"

"You always were a lucky dog," Hallie admitted, but her thin hands were working together.

Aunt Em drew Fergus aside.

"You can tell me, I'm her mother. I'd rather know the truth."

"He told her simply that there was a good chance for Fran's recovery in the mountains. When he had finished she said:

"You must tell her not to worry about us. We'll manage somehow."

But she sat for a long time looking out of the window, her hands for once idle, as she recalled the Fran that had always loved life.

Now that they needed money more than ever, three of Aunt Em's pupils had gone to the country for the summer vacation.

Hallie was working these days with a savage concentration; her eyelids a little swollen as she pounded away on the typewriter late into the hot summer night.

"Look at this," she said, as Nora stopped in the store room.

Hallie held out a letter.

"I am a young girl of seventeen. I love a man one year older but he has not been true to me. I want to ask you shall I forgive him or not?"

She began to read the answer in a peculiarly sardonic voice:

"Dear Child: I too have known the bitterness of love rejected by a faithless heart. But I want you to think first whether you shall hurt him. Think what a woman's heart can do, how it can forgive and forget. And take back your friend into your affections, remembering that he too, dear, is human."

Hallie groaned as she ended.

"Isn't that awful? I ask you, could any human being swallow that? But the woman who runs the column in the pulp paper magazine says that my stuff is so full of human interest!"

When she went upstairs Nora found Fran packing.

"How splendid they are!"

"You're just beginning to see," Fran said looking up, and ended, "I'm going tomorrow."

"Oh Fran!"

"I want to tell you, Nora—I've saved enough money to carry them until I get back. Don't look at me like that! I'm not going to die. I can't—don't you see—" Fran choked, "for I have to come back to the children."

Second Annual Cowboy Reunion To Open June 25

(By Associated Press)
STAMFORD, May 18.—Pioneers of the saddle and range, hardy cowmen, owners, hands, chuck wagons, old time fiddlers and a roster for, as well as by, cowboys have been announced as component parts of the second annual Texas Cowboy Reunion here June 25, 26 and 27.

Arrangements for the different features of the three-day program are well under way, according to W. G. Swenson, president of the sponsoring organization. A contract will be let soon for the erection of a permanent two-section grandstand and also for a large pavilion for meetings and for the old-time ranch dances given each night of the show.

Reports coming from over Texas and adjoining states to Col. R. L. Penick, chairman of the invitation committee for the pioneer cattlemen's part of the program, reveal that the 300 old-timers who registered for the reunion last year, will have at least that many more of their number here at the coming program to renew old acquaintances and friendships and make the affair more enjoyable.

The rodeo program each day of the reunion will be up to the standard set last year when 98 actual working cowboys entered and participated in the different contests. President Swenson and John Selmon, arena director, have a large number of requests for the rodeo program and the rules under which the contests will be staged. The complete information is now ready for distribution.

Rodeo contest performances will be given this year at the afternoon program and also in the evening.

Last year tow of the most attractive features of the reunion was the group of ranch chuck-wagons brought here from some of the large cattle raising operations in West Texas and the old fiddlers contests. Both these will be offered this year and the chuck-wagon part will be considerably larger in all probability, as the owners of a number of ranches not represented in that department last year have indicated that they will send wagons this season.

H. F. Jackson chairman of the fiddlers contest committee is re-program and is expecting to receive inquiries about his part of the program to hold the contest in sections in order to care for all who enter.

"We want all the early citizens of West Texas to know that this reunion is theirs," declares J. C. Watson, secretary of the organization. "The original idea on which we started the Texas Cowboy Reunion was to provide an occasion for the men and women who came out here in the early days and started civilization on its march through this section, to bet together and enjoy the society such as enjoyed and learned to appreciate during pioneer days."

"The program is planned and put on for the benefit of those who saw actual service in the saddle on West Texas ranges before 1885—those are the ones eligible for membership in the association. However, people of all occupations and ages found much of interest here last year, and we think they will do the same again June 25, 26 and 27 of this year."

We want the pioneers to let us know what they would like to have included in the program and we will be glad to supply them with complete information about our arrangements."

CHOOSE FERTILIZER SUITED TO PLANT, SAYS SOIL EXPERT

(By Associated Press)
MANHATTAN, Kas., May 18.—For best results with fertilizer, select it with regard to the part of the plan where rapid development is desired, urges E. B. Wells, soils specialist at Kansas State Agricultural College.

Lettuce, asparagus, onions or celery may be aided with a little nitrate of soda or ammonium sulphate, taking care to keep these away from the foliage unless an abundance of water is supplied at once.

Slower-growing vegetables such as beets, carrots, peas and beans may have fertilizer containing 3 to 5 per cent nitrogen, 6 to 8 per cent phosphoric acid and 4 to 6 per cent potash.

Flowers thrive best on well-rotted manure as a rule, except that sweet peas or blossoms coming from bulbs do better on steamed bone meal.

Mrs. E. E. King and Miss Hortense Holt spent the week-end in Rule visiting with relatives and friends.

Georgia Banks Aid Farmers to Gain Stability

(By W. J. Davis)
ATLANTA, May 18.—Farmers and bankers of Georgia have joined hands in a three-year program designed to stabilize economic conditions in the state and place farm financing on a level with other businesses.

Backed by the Georgia Bankers association and the Georgia State College of Agriculture, the plan is in no sense an experiment. It has been tried out in several counties over period of 10 years. The results were so satisfactory that this year a state-wide program has been attempted with a majority of the 161 counties participating.

After a thorough study of farm problems in Georgia, the state was divided into four sections, planned so as to include counties of a similar agricultural trend. Briefly, the plan is this: Banks will extend credit only to farmers who agree to a specified farm program, involving diversification of crops to include as much food and feed crops as possible, and reduce to a minimum the acreage usually planted to cotton, tobacco or other strictly cash crops.

Bankers of the state summed up the situation in a resolution stating that "the future prosperity of Georgia farmers is largely regulated by their ability to produce their own feed and food, with cotton and other cash crops as a clear surplus."

The bankers recognized as one of their major problems "the promotion of farm financing methods . . . that require of their farmer-customers a program that will first take care of the consumptive needs of the farm, and second, provide more than one cash crop."

The program recommended, based on a one-horse unit, is: "One-half acre devoted to home garden—keeping vegetables growing in season the year around."

"One acre in sweet potatoes; one-fourth acre in sugar cane (this may be varied in sections unsuited to it); fifty laying hens—producing most of the feed consumed; one milk cow—two or more when you have necessary feed; two good brood sows when feed is available."

"Five acres in cotton in 1931. Not over ten acres to the plow under MOST FAVORABLE conditions."

"Fifteen acres in corn, planting velvet beans and peas in corn; five acres in peanuts for feed purposes; five acres in grain crops—rye, oats, wheat, cattail millet, etc.; 5 to 10 acres in improved permanent pasture, seeded to carpet grass and lespedeza."

If a farmer has more than one horse or mule, he will multiply the acreage outlined by the number of work stock.

Bankers have obligated themselves to make available for farmer customers pedigreed seed for the planting of at least a seed patch in order to supply better seed for 1932, and to finance the purchase of summer legume seed and other hay crop seed to insure an adequate supply of hay and forage for each county's needs in 1932.

It is hoped by the time the

MILES HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE SUNDAY NIGHT

The home of Fred Rogers at Miles was completely destroyed by fire Sunday night. The blaze was discovered at about 11:15 and when the fire fighters arrived the interior was aflame and beyond saving.

The Rogers family left Miles Sunday afternoon about 5 or 6 o'clock to spend the night with a relative in San Angelo. Two boys and girls returning from San Angelo about 11 o'clock discovered the burning home and rushed to town to give the alarm.

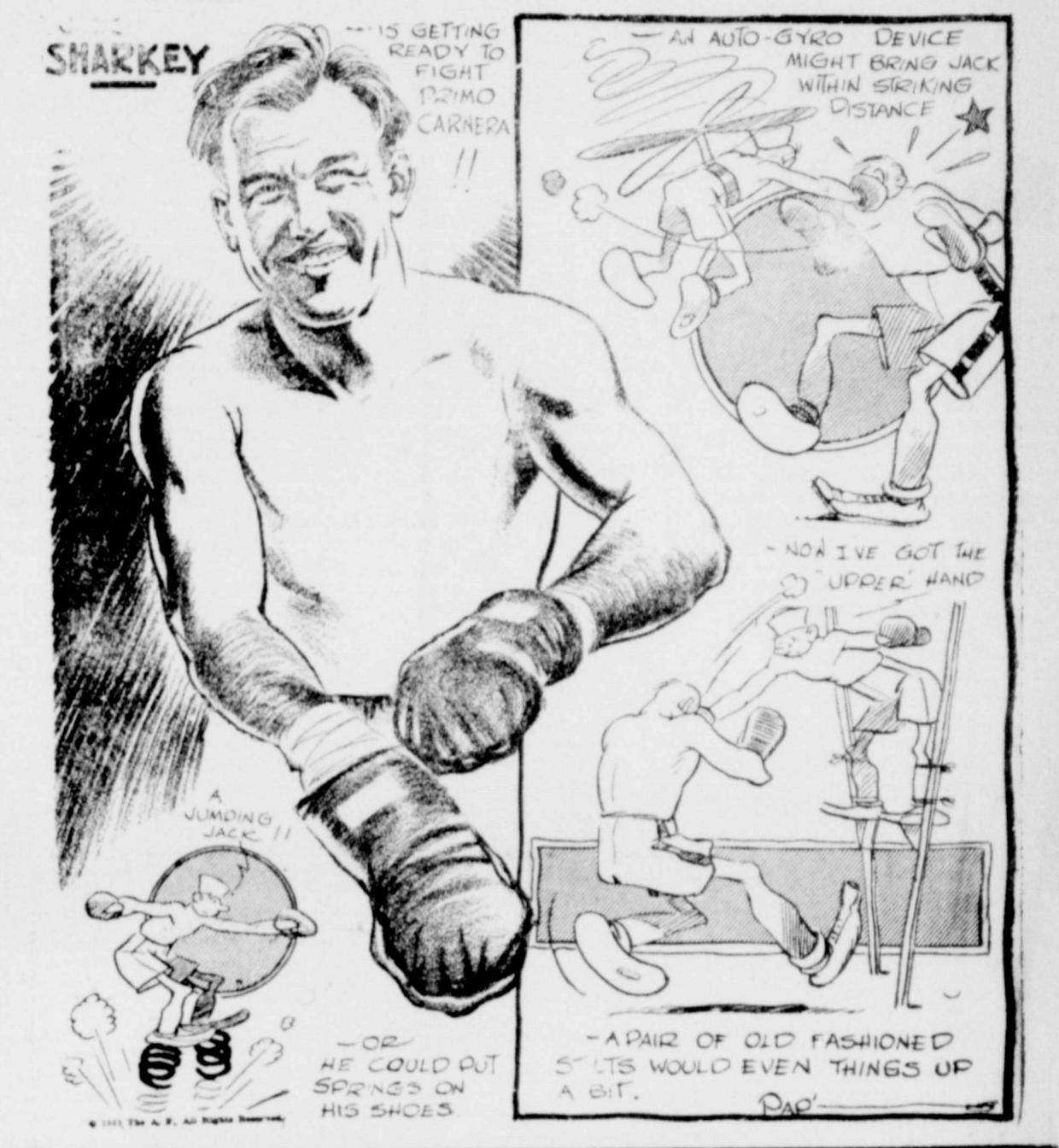
The home was a modern five-room and bath frame cottage and was said to be beautifully furnished. Nothing was saved and the loss is estimated to be about \$5,000.

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"CRACK-PROOF" LONGER-LASTING GREENWOOD'S SERVICE STATION

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Cochran and family left Monday for Denton where they will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Cochran have made their home here for several years and have won a place in the community and church life of Ballinger that will be hard to fill.

Timely Tips



Businesses Which Help Build City

King-Holt Furniture and Undertaking Company

On September 5, 1921, E. E. King and associates purchased the T. S. Lankford Furniture Company here. Mr. Lankford was a pioneer furniture dealer in Ballinger and for years the store had been operated in the location where the King-Holt store is now found.

Since coming to Ballinger Mr. King has completely remodeled the building, putting in modern display windows and arranging the first floor into one of the best display rooms to be found in this section of the state. The store uses more than 2,500 square feet of floor space and on same is shown everything for the modern home, including electric refrigerators, oil and gas ranges and heaters, floor coverings and porch and yard furniture.

The third floor of the building has recently been completely remodeled into a modern funeral plant. Here preparation rooms, office, a large and spacious chapel, casket and clothing display, and private family rooms, are found. On this floor also are found suites of furniture for the buyer who likes to see how the pieces look in a room.

This firm also operates a complete repairing and upholstering department. Furniture of every kind is rebuilt, refinished and re-upholstered, with satisfaction guaranteed on every job.

E. E. King, manager of the store, is a real town booster and since coming to Ballinger has done his share in civic, religious and educational movements. He is at present a member of the county board of education, and in recent years has served as president of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce, the Rannels County Fair Association, with the Red Cross and Salvation Army, etc. He is now serving as an executive member of the Boy Scout council and is a willing worker on any public move.

The store is located on South Eighth Street, opposite the post-office, where a cordial invitation is always extended for a visit. King-Holt's slogan is "Let the Home Come First," and selections from its stock of merchandise will make any home more attractive and comfortable.

This ad is one of a series, contributed by the Farmers & Merchants State Bank in behalf of businesses which help build Ballinger. 14-31d

Geologists Plan to Map Big Bend Area

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, May 18.—Texas' last frontier has at last fallen under the hand of the scientist.

Geologically speaking, the Big Bend country was the last of the frontiers.

Now University of Texas student geologists have gone into this land made famous by Judge Roy Bean and his "law west of the Pecos."

In that part of Texas there have remained many unsolved geological problems.

The reconnaissance mapping of the area is a difficult one. Two of the wildest and most inaccessible regions of Texas are to be mapped. One of the projects is

the tableland through which the Rio Grande cuts, forming the grand canyon of Santa Helena. The east face of this region of the Mesa de Anguilla drops sheer two thousand feet and its upland is without water and uninhabited.

The Sierra de Carmen, another difficult and uninhabited range of Rio Grande country, strays east of the Chisos mountains.

Wild Ducks Are Incubated
CLARENDON, Tex., May 18.—A local hatchery recently placed in the brooders its second batch of wild mallard ducks for the season.

A leader is clipped in one wing which keeps the birds from flying. The operation does not otherwise cripple the wing.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Holt visited with relatives and friends in Rule over the week-end.

Want Ads

Rates and Rules
Two cents per word first insertion and no advertisement accepted for less than 25 cents. All subsequent insertions 1c per word each insertion.

All classified advertisements must be accompanied by cash unless advertiser has a regular account with the paper.

No classified advertisement accepted on an "until ordered out" basis. The number of times the ad is to run must be specified.

WANTED—500 Gallon Buckets (no molasses buckets wanted). Will pay 3 cents each delivered at my berry patch Friday evening, May 22nd. Mike C. Boyd.
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WANTED—Dependable person to handle Watkins products in Ballinger, customers established, excellent earnings. Write in own hand writing, J. R. Watkins Co., 86-15 Kentucky Street, Memphis, Tenn. d-11-8-25

Society

Miss Eugenia Suber Becomes Bride of Neil McAlpine

Miss Eugenia Suber, younger daughter of Mrs. P. L. Barron, of Bryan, became the bride of Neil G. McAlpine, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. L. McAlpine, of Dallas, Sunday morning at 9 o'clock in the pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lynn on Seventh Street.

Elegant simplicity characterized the ceremony held in a pretty floral setting with the Rev. E. W. McLaurin, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating clergyman. Relatives and close friends of the bridal couple were present.

An archway entwined with mock orange blossoms and pink sweet peas, against an embankment of lacy ferns, gemmed with bridal blossoms formed the background for the wedding. Pink roses, gladioluses and fern were used with Queen Ann's lace to give additional floral beauty to the entire reception suite.

Miss Maude Clemmons, of Spur, niece of the groom, gave the wedding music from Lehengrin for the entrance of the bridal couple and also played an accompaniment for Miss Grace Marchison, who sang "I Love You Truly." During the ceremony Miss Clemmons deftly played "Liebestrom" by Liszt.

The couple, unattended, were met at the improvised altar by the Rev. McLaurin. Miss Marjorie Lynn held the bride's bouquet while the words of the impressive double ring service were being spoken.

The bride was wearing a frock of a rich blue chiffon with a deep yoke of beige lace and carrying a bridal bouquet of Sweetheart roses and maiden hair fern. For going away she wore a modish ensemble of green with accessories of beige.

Mr. and Mrs. McAlpine left immediately for a short wedding trip to San Antonio following which they will be at home at 901 Seventh Street.

Following high school work done at College Station Mrs. McAlpine attended Baylor College at Belton. She has taught for two years in the Ballinger primary school and has endeavored herself to all with whom she has come in contact.

Mr. McAlpine is a member of one of Ballinger's best known pioneer families. He lived here during childhood and moved to Dallas with his family where he finished his school work. He returned here to become connected with the firm of McCarver & Lynn where he is still employed.

Out-of-town guests for the wedding were: Mrs. E. L. McAlpine.

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Mae Marsh Heeds Young Daughter's Plea, Returns to Films After 3-Year Absence



Mae Marsh, lovely heroine of some of D. W. Griffith's earliest pictures, shown at right with Marguerite, 3, youngest of her three children, is returning to the screen, from which she retired in 1923. Inset shows her as movie fans knew her before her retirement.

By Robbin Coons

HOLLYWOOD, May 18.—Her little daughter's pleas as well as an attractive contract are responsible for the return of Mae Marsh to the screen that made her famous.

"It's true that Mary's persistent urging influenced me to come back," says Miss Marsh, who deserted the films nearly ten years ago for the career of marriage and motherhood.

Miss Marsh, a slim and attractive young mother, with the same red hair and the old mischievous twinkle in her eyes, is returning to play the mother role in "Over the Hill," a new version of the silent film classic that starred Mary Carr.

The wife of Louis Lee Arms, former newspaperman and now a short-story writer, she has three children—Mary, 11, Brewster, 9, and Marguerite, 3—whom she now considers old enough to be left in other hands during her working hours at the studio.

of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McAlpine, of Spur; Mrs. Pauline Clemmons and Miss Maude Clemmons, of Spur; Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Dyke, of Dallas; W. H. Buchanan, and Miss Marguerite Buchanan, of Bryan; T. G. Suber, Mrs. P. L. Barron, and R. C. Barron, of Bryan; Mrs. H. M. Lucas, of Grand Prairie; Mrs. Geo. F. Liggett, Fancher and Dan Liggett, of Grand Prairie.

Chicago Visitor is Honored.

Mrs. F. M. Pearce and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce paid pretty compliments to Mrs. C. W. Brown, of Chicago, on Wednesday and Friday of last week when friends were bidden to one o'clock luncheons in the Frank Pearce home on Eighth Street. On Wednesday forty-two games were the luncheon aftermath and on Friday bridge games were played during the early afternoon hours.

The pink, deep rose and lavender shades of the sweet peas used with maiden hair fern to center the small tables, were reflected in the dainty menu served in three courses. Ice cream moulded as roses was served with angel cake iced in pink and decorated in the deep rose shade. Rose minis

"I took Mary to see a revival of 'The Birth of a Nation,' and she was delighted," said Miss Marsh. "You were so sweet and pretty mother," she told me afterward. I'm awfully glad you jumped over the cliff and didn't let that bad man get you."

"Then Mary began telling me I should go back to pictures, because she wanted to be able to tell her schoolmates that her mother is a screen star and not just a has-been."

Miss Marsh was married 12 years ago, and retired to private life in 1921, but returned to make "The White Rose" for D. W. Griffith, the director who discovered her, in 1923.

In the years since that picture, she has had numerous offers to resume her career, but refused them all because she wanted to devote her whole time to her children and home.

"When I retired," she says, "it was for good. I had no thought of a come-back, no mental reser-

were lavender and pink. Pink carnations, snap dragons, petunias and roses were used with Queen Ann's lace for room decorations. The chosen colors, in art, adorned place cards and all game accessories.

Mrs. Brown is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Pearce. She has visited here a number of times and it is always a distinctive privilege to her friends here to renew friendships.

Mrs. Swann is Club Hostess

The attractive home of Mrs. G. A. Swann in Wilke Terrace was given a floral adornment of roses and honeysuckle on last Thursday afternoon when bridge club members and a few friends were her guests at the usual three tables.

Mrs. Bill Denny received the high score award in the club and Mrs. J. N. Ogbourne as guest Mrs. Joe Beck was consoled for her losses.

Others playing were: Misses W. R. Denman, J. J. Beck, F. T. Wright, J. D. Motley, W. S. Wood, Lawrence Grier, Tommy Lewis of Waco, Brendon Wilke, and J. A. Schnable.

Be wise and advertise.

Lyon Named Head of District Eleven

The executive committee of football district 11 of the Inter-scholastic League met in Coleman Saturday for the purpose of organizing and attending to other business. Practically all the schools in the district were represented at the meeting and all business was completed in perfect harmony.

H. C. Lyon of Ballinger was elected chairman of the executive committee for the coming season. This is the second time in three years he has headed the league committee in this district and his election was unanimous Saturday.

Others members of the committee elected were W. E. Whitten, Brady; J. R. Lock, Santa Anna; P. J. Agre, Paint Rock; and J. F. Roundtree, Lampasas. Alternates elected were R. M. Wedgeworth, Bangs; and L. H. Huff of Colman.

All sessions of the committee this year will be held in Brownwood as that town was selected at the meeting on account of it being centrally located and easy to reach. The next meeting will be on September 12 at which time each school will submit their tentative schedules for the coming season which will be inspected by the committee. The final meeting on this matter will be called on October 1 at which time all schedules will be made final. In case any school at that time has not arranged a round robin schedule the committee will cancel and arrange such games as are necessary to make the schedule comply with state requirements.

The district will be divided as last year into an eastern and western division. The western division will be composed of Melvin, Eden, Paint Rock, Miles, Winters, Santa Anna, Coleman, Bangs, Millersville and Ballinger. The eastern division of Brady, Rochelle, Goldthwaite, Richland Springs, San Saba, Lometa, Cherokee, Lampasas, Lohn, Mullen, Zephyr and Brownwood junior high.

Each division will play a round robin schedule and the winners in each division will compete on Thanksgiving Day for the district championship prior to inter-sectional games. Schools of 150 or more scholastics will pay a fee of \$3 and under 150 a fee of \$1.

Each school in the football race next year will arrange for their officials and fixed fees paid them for officiating at games. The question of nothing but Saturday games was discussed but the matter was left optional with each school as to what day games are to be played.

The only game matched by the Ballinger school at the meeting was the opening game of the season with Paint Rock to be played on September 18th.

R. B. Creasy was ill Monday and confined to his home, but expects to be back at his place of business within a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce have been confined to their home on Seventh street suffering with a minor illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nance of Brady spent Sunday here visiting with relatives.

SQUEEZING REDUCES WEIGHT—OF METALS

(By Associated Press)
SCHENECTADY, N. Y., May 18.—It may not be news to Hollywood slyphs, but when metal is squeezed it loses weight.

Considered as a reducing expedient, there is a catch in this method. Nearly all the lost weight returns when the strain is removed.

Experiments showing weight losses sometimes of one part in 130,000 are reported to the American Association for the Advancement of Science by Peter I. Wold and Earle M. Blusbee of Union College. The cause is not explained.

Gem Paper Cups at Ballinger Printing Co.

South Carolina's sweet potato crop will be greatly increased this year.

Tennessee horticulturists urge better yields of cabbage on reduced acreage for more profits.



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