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Cotton Drops \$1 On Acreage Report

Right-of-Way Secured In Concho for No. 4

County Judge O. L. Sims, of Concho county, was in Ballinger Wednesday conferring with Resident Engineer G. M. Garrett on highway business. Judge Sims has been devoting most of his time recently to securing right-of-ways for highways Nos. 4 and 9 through Concho county and is getting the first stretch ready for work to begin.

Judge Sims said he had secured the last deed for the roadway from the Runnels county line to the Concho River, just north of Paint Rock. A small portion of the ground, from the river to Paint Rock, must yet be secured. This is less than a mile and most of it has already been secured with the exception of a few lots whose owners are unknown. He declared these probably would be cited and condemned to complete the right-of-way through the city limits of Paint Rock.

Some difficulty is being experienced in securing the right-of-way on highway 4 from Paint Rock to Eden. Much of this has been deeded to the county, however, and also on highway 9 which traverses Concho county between San Angelo and Brady.

W. O. Woolsey, general superintendent for Brown & Root, has been here for the past several days going over work being done by his firm from Ballinger to the Concho county line. He stated that since the new material plant had been opened that caliche work had been slowed down some and he did not expect that part of the construction to be finished before the middle of August. A crew will be on hand at that time to start the topping and this work will be pushed. Mr. Woolsey said he was satisfied with the progress being made here, that the difficult part was already completed and that the base was in excellent shape.

Both contractors on highway 23 between Ballinger and the Coleman county line, at Talpa, are making good progress at this time, working large crews on the grading and drainage structures.

\$35,000 Fire at Eden Will Start Building Causeway at Creek

Eden suffered a fire Tuesday afternoon which destroyed three business buildings valued at \$35,000. The blaze is thought to have originated from defective wiring at about 1 o'clock Tuesday morning and by the time an alarm was turned in it had gained considerable headway. The Armour Drug Store, Applewhite Grocery and the J. F. Day Dry Goods Company were all destroyed but each firm carried insurance to cover their losses.

The Eden fire department worked faithfully on the three buildings afire and kept the blaze from spreading to other stores. A high wind was blowing from the north and made the work of saving other buildings harder. The three stores were constructed of rock and the walls are not thought to be damaged much and all records of the firms were saved.

The loss of the Day Dry Goods Company was placed at about \$12,000, being the heaviest losers in the fire. Their stock was badly damaged as well as the drug store stock. Diaz Day, manager of the drug store was severely burned in removing the records of the store from the burning building.

This was the first major fire since the purchase of a new \$5,000 fire truck by the City Commission at Eden and firemen and citizens were delighted with the performance of the new pumper.

It was thought that all three business firms will be reopened as soon as quarters can be arranged for housing them adequately. The Armour Drug Store will be set back on their lot seven feet in order to allow the proper width of the street at that place which will be required for highway No. 4 through that street.

3 Dentist Offices Robbed of Gold

Three dentists in Ballinger are minus their gold used in making bridges and crowns and whoever worked the town is gone and left no clues. Dr. E. C. Baskin discovered that his office had been robbed when he needed some gold to use on a job and found his box was empty. He stated that he had kept the gold in his office in the same place for years in the same box and it was the first robbery he had ever had since entering the profession.

A short time after the discovery of the first office being robbed other dentists made investigation and the offices of Dr. S. B. Raby and Dr. C. W. Cheatham were also losers of all their stock of gold. Dr. Baskin lost about \$20 worth of gold which he uses in construction work and the robbers left a glass full of junk gold nearby containing as much as \$20 or more which they did not take.

Local dentists are unable to figure why this was left unless the thief was being pressed for time and anxious to make his getaway. Drs. Cheatham and Raby each lost between \$30.00 and \$35.00 worth, but in these offices all the junk gold and every other kind was taken not leaving any old crowns or fillings that had a value.

The thief left town without paying a visit to the offices of Drs. Boelscher and Stumey and they were the only workmen here that had a supply of gold to work with until more could be obtained from supply houses.

A number of robberies were reported at San Angelo and Abilene the past week-end and it is thought by officers and the dentists that someone passing through the country was making a practice of stealing gold from dental offices.

Former Clerk Plead Guilty to Forgery

AUSTIN, July 8.—Claude Ray, of Gilmer, former district clerk of Upshur county, pleaded guilty in district court here today to five indictments for forging state witness fee certificates.

The former official was sentenced to two years on each indictment, the last three sentences running concurrently so he will serve only four years. The maximum sentence in each case was assessed.

Ray was indicted after a Senate finance committee had investigated such situations in various part of the state.

Crews Alexander, of San Angelo, was here Wednesday to attend the Rotary luncheon and make up his attendance.

E. A. Clousmiter, of New Braunfels, spent the week-end in Ballinger looking after business.

Prison Murder Probe is Started

ANGLETON, Tex., July 8.—The grand jury today began an investigation of the killing of Jim Sneed, guard at the Retrieve state prison farm, Monday.

Two convicts, Jim Merriman, of Houston, and Jack Perry, of Hempstead, are accused of shooting Sneed in an attempt to escape.

92 Today



JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., July 8.—John D. Rockefeller celebrated his 92nd birthday in excellent health at his Pocanoco Hills estate.

Band concerts, fireworks and distribution of dimes were omitted and the celebration was limited to the immediately family.

The famous multimillionaire played golf and took an automobile ride.

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Projected Record Span at Golden Gate Will be Painted Gold to Match Setting

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Texas Fliers Start Tokyo Trip With Good Takeoff

Two Mexicans Must Die, Says Governor

AUSTIN, July 8.—Governor Sterling said today that unless new information was received he would not interfere with the execution of Nicandra Munoz and Victor Rodriguez at Huntsville Friday.

The two men were convicted in Hidalgo county of killing Bert Ellison, federal customs officer.

Munoz and Rodriguez were recently given a twenty-day reprieve to see if the courts wished to act on the claim that the attorney for the defendants had no license to practice. No action was taken.

Border Rail Line Sale Authorized

WASHINGTON, July 8.—The interstate commerce commission today authorized the New Orleans Texas & Mexico Railway Company to acquire control of the Rio Grande & Eagle Pass Railway.

The latter line operates in Texas along the Mexican border.

Two Killed in Dallas When Car Hits Pole

DALLAS, July 8.—I. L. Burt, 34, was killed, and Miss Lorene Cole, 24, was fatally injured when the automobile driven by the girl hit a telephone pole as she turned a street corner.

Miss Cole died later in a local hospital.

Experts Will Meet In London July 17

LONDON, July 8.—The British government today announced that experts representing the world powers on the Young plan and the Hoover moratorium would meet here July 17.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. McClain returned Monday night from Stockdale, where Rev. McClain had been conducting a revival for the past two weeks. He reports much rain in that section and that everyone is busy shipping one of the largest watermelon crops in the history of that county. One hundred and twenty-five carloads were shipped the last week the local pastor was there, with no market on Saturday. The melons are bringing a good price and the yield per acre this year is fine.

WEATHER FORECAST
West Texas—Generally fair.
East Texas—Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday.

NEW ORLEANS, July 8.—Cotton declined approximately a dollar a bale today immediately after the issuance of the government estimate that the area under cultivation on July 1 was 41,491,000 acres. This figure was ten per cent less than at the same date last year when 46,078,000 acres were reported. The acreage picked last year was 45,091,000.

The average estimate of private agencies recently gave the reduction at 11 per cent.

COLEMAN COUNTY FAIR DATES SET OCTOBER 21-24

Unless something unforeseen happens to cause an alteration in plans the third annual Coleman county fair will be held this year the last week in October, from the 21st to the 24th. The decision was made Monday morning at the annual meeting of officers and directors.

Howard Kingsberry, of Santa Anna, retiring president of the association, presided at the meeting.

The annual election of officers resulted in the naming of Leman Brown of Santa Anna as president; Chas. Wilson, vice-president; Sim O'Neal, secretary-manager; and E. C. Edens, treasurer.

C. V. Robinson, county farm agent, will continue as superintendent of grounds and the newly chosen steering committee is composed of S. H. Gray, chairman; Chas. Wilson, W. C. Gay, A. L. Pearce, Mrs. J. A. B. Miller and J. C. Smith. The steering committee is a very important one in that it will have charge of selecting carnival attractions and entire arrangement of the program.

The county, from a standpoint of providing exhibits, is in better shape to stage a successful fair than it has been since the organization three years ago. Agricultural products are better than they have ever been, home demonstration clubs are larger and better exhibits, cattle are fat and poultry will be in prime condition.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

Dr. J. G. Douglass and R. W. Earnshaw went to San Angelo Wednesday afternoon to look after business.

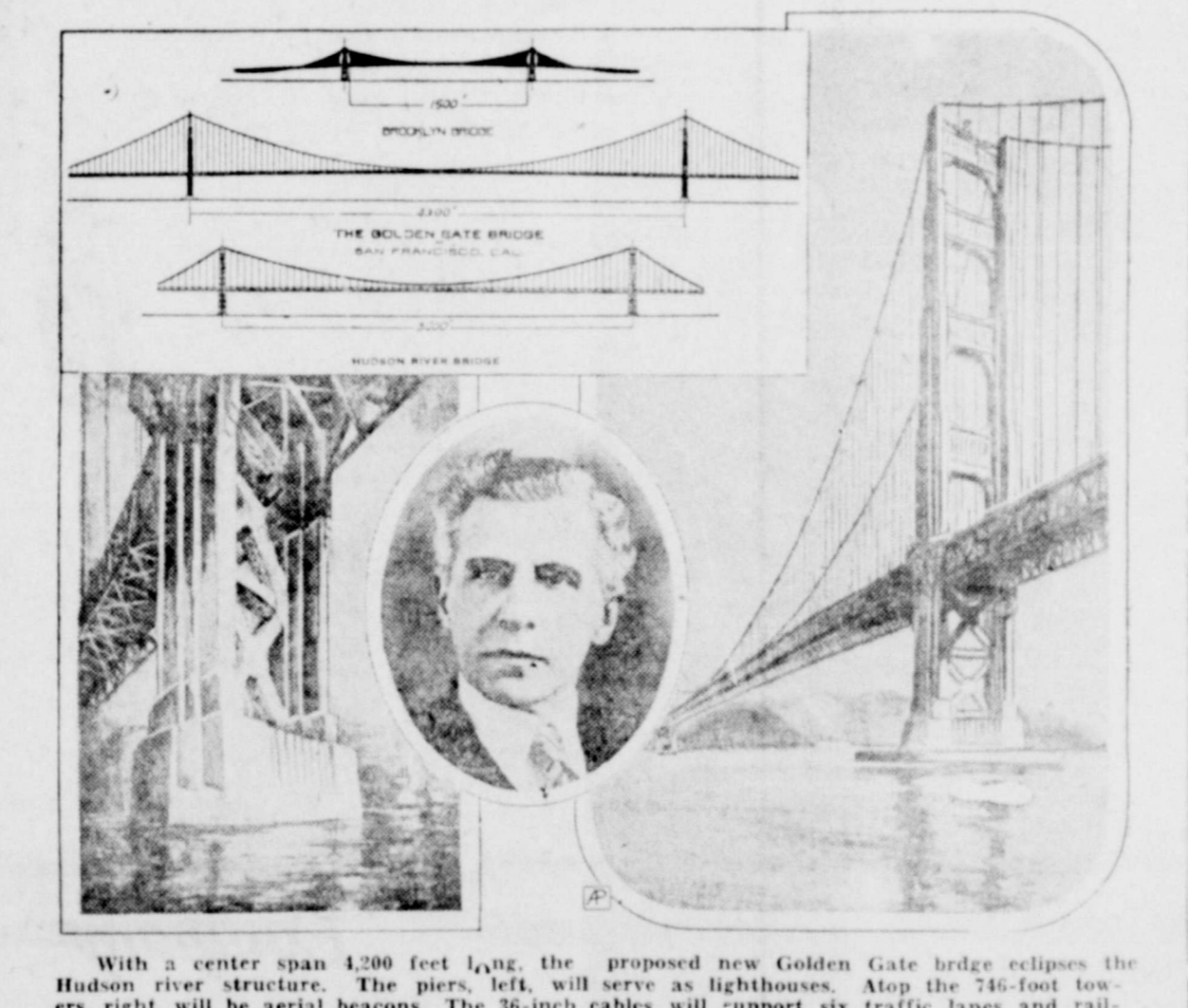
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The statements of Ballinger banks on June 30 showed each in good condition with combined deposits of \$899,175.48. This is low when compared to that of recent years...

West Texans will have a hard time seeing all the county and community fairs this fall. Dates have been set so thick that it is impossible for some not to conflict...

The announcement that the right-of-way has been secured in Concho county from the Runnels county line to Paint Rock is good news and may mean that the first contract for actual construction in that county may be let on that stretch...

There have been a number of automobile crashes here recently with but little damage done and no one hurt, caused by motorists backing out from the curb and into a vehicle coming down the streets...

Pay to See Countryman Hero OAKLAND, Cal., July 8.—(AP)—In three fights, Jose Santa, giant Portuguese, drew "gates" that out-totaled all boxing programs for the better part of a year here previously...

Mrs. M. C. Smith and daughter, Miss Maryatt, left Wednesday afternoon for Gainesville, where they will visit relatives for several weeks.

HOW'S your HEALTH



Edited by Dr. Lago Goldston Academy of Medicine

SUNBURN As many will bear witness from their own painful experiences, sunburn can be, and often is, a serious matter.

Apart from the local pain, sunburn may give rise to systemic conditions such as headache, fever, nausea and diarrhea.

While the beneficial results from slow tanning due to exposure to sunlight are desirable, severe sunburn it not. The logical thing to do, therefore, is to protect the skin against powerful actinic rays.

This may be accomplished in a number of ways, for example, through the use of parasols or sunshades, wide-brimmed hats, etc.

The skin may be further protected through the application of a greasy cream containing 15 per cent of zinc oxide or bismuth subnitrate.

Sunburn, like all other burns, may be in one of three degrees. In its simplest form, that is, the first degree, the skin is red, hot and painful, but there are no blisters or blebs formed.

Simple treatment for this condition consists in applying over the inflamed area a thin coating of linseed oil, olive oil or cold cream followed by talcum powder.

When the burn is of the second degree, that is, when blisters are formed, relief may be found in the application of cotton compresses soaked in iced milk of magnesia, carbon oil or iced normal saline solution, made by the addition of a half teaspoonful of baking soda to a glass of water.

If large blisters form, they may be punctured at the edge of the raised skin, but care should be taken not to pull off the elevated skin. The inflamed area may be treated with iced solutions as suggested above.

In sections where the elevated skin has been torn off, cold cream or oils may be applied.

If the sunburned victim shows

constitutional symptoms such as severe headache, fainting, palpitation of the heart, etc., medical assistance should be secured.

CLOTHES WRINGERS USED NOW FOR SHELLING PEAS

A "new wrinkle" on shelling peas for canning is being advanced in this county at the present as a result of the heavy canning campaign being carried on by almost every farm family. Several persons have tried shelling peas by running them through an ordinary clothes wringer and it works.

An electric wringer or the old type hand wringer will do the work. The rollers of course must be loosened and can be gotten to the right tension by experimentation. Just start the end of the pods of the peas through the rollers and the wringer does the rest.

In this manner one person can shell as many peas as several persons can shelling by hand. One case reported in the county was that of a family of four who shelled four bushels of peas in 45 minutes and had only about a pint of peas that were crushed so badly they could not be used.

Canning activity is still at high tide in the county and families in most every section are putting up more food for future use than ever before. People along the highways say every automobile that passes seems to be loaded with empty cans. One concern in Brownwood Monday sold 5,000 cans and other firms are reporting large sales of cans daily.

TEXAN GETS DECORATION 13 YEARS AFTER WAR

NACHOGDOCHES, Tex., July 8.—Thirteen years away from the fury of the world war, Rufus R. Warren, state highway department foreman here, just has been decorated for serving with gallantry and distinction in that conflict.

Warren, a private in headquarters company, 360 infantry, 90th division, was awarded the Croix de Guerre by the French for bravery on the Argonne front on November 1, 1918. He got the D. S. C. in 1920.

About New York



By Richard Massock NEW YORK, July 8.—(AP)—

Broadway is getting blowster, if that is possible.

One can hardly see the scintillating signs for the hodgepodge of jewelry auctions, pitch men, Coney Island buses, ice cream sandwich peddlers, pineapple drink stands and lunchrooms offering all you want to eat for 60 cents.

No wonder the Broadway Association is trying to get ballyhoo spiels off the pavement in front of the movie houses. Looks like it's going the way of the Bowery. But it always will be Broadway. Almost annually some prideful merchant wants to change the name of the Bowery because of that street's reputation, but sentiment blocks him.

Wall Street, for that matter, is the pitch men's bazaar. The sidewalk hawkers vend about every jingly trifle imaginable, including 10-cent watches, styptic pencils, shoe-strings, dancing dolls, assorted fruit and sentimental recitations of the Dan McGrew school.

The newest carnival novelty is a rubber razer, a balloon that emits a Bronx cheer when it is blown up and then squeezed. Its irreverent razzberry was heard in the Metropolitan opera house at least once this spring and corner loafers on Broadway giggle as they use it to give passersby "the bird." Just Main Street cutups.

Star Dust

Lily Damita carries a photograph of one Marjory Lawrence, English novelist, as a lucky mascot. Her first personal triumph was in the author's "Red Heels."

It pays to be insurance agent to Broadway stars. John J. Kemp sees all the new shows in rehearsals.

Those women who are advertising their ages in a soap testimonial are no braver than Marlene Dietrich, who allows herself to be photographed with her five-year-old daughter, Maria.

Gloria Swanson's daughter must be a big girl now.

Apreros of the controversy over Dr. A. A. Brill's psychoanalysis of Abraham Lincoln, a psychiatrist said that some of his fellow phobia finders even analyze each other.

Wasn't it Ambrose (Bitter) Bierce who said: "What is called gratitude in a dog is merely an anticipation of future beefsteak?"

Foreign Correspondence

Mateel Howe Farnham, the novelist of the Kansas Howes, postcards that "Spain is as peaceful as Westport and everybody is happy over the republic; we are in the midst of a fiesta celebrating the victory over the Moors!"

Westport, of course, is that Connecticut colony of writers, artists and actors, adept at throwing gay fiestas.

Helena Rubenstein's husband is Edward Titus, publisher of the Paris literati, and Elizabeth Arden is Mrs. Thomas Jenkins Lewis. In case you didn't know.

Luella Page, Earl Carroll's new dancer, as well as Mary Lewis, Lydia Robert, Frances Williams, Nancy Carroll and the Dodge

Twins, got her start in a Fanchon and Marco movie presentation unit. Proving nothing whatever, except that the route now is from Hollywood to Broadway.

SOUTH BALLINGERITES CELEBRATE THE 4TH

Citizens of South Ballinger celebrated the Fourth of July on the Colorado River on the Lon Munsey place. A large number attended, not only from the community but some from other sections. Among the visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. Homer Brown, Mrs. Jack Cook and son, of Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Midgley and Miss Baxter, of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Brown, of Ballinger; and Mrs. Compton and daughters and Carl King, of Hagan.

All loltered and talked under the beautiful shade trees until noon, when a most delicious lunch was spread. Iced tea and lemonade were served with the lunch. One wit was heard to remark, "Of all the cakes and pies, how I do wish my b— was as big as my eyes."

The crowd broke up in the afternoon, hoping to meet many times in the near future on such occasions.

PARK DANCES BANNED

(By Associated Press) SAN ANTONIO, July 8.—As the result of numerous protests filed from various parts of the city, all park dances in San Antonio have been banned by the city commissioners. The action followed immediately upon a heated meeting of nearly 300 persons in the council chamber.

Missouri Program Scraps 500 Risky Grade Crossings

(By Associated Press) JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., July 8.—Seventy per cent of the 731 grade crossings which menaced Missouri motorists in 1922 have been eliminated as a result of a highway department program.

Many were cut out by relocation of roads, others by grade separation structures. Railway companies co-operated in the building of these.

U. S. highway 40 now has but one grade crossing between the eastern and western boundaries of the state. On route 66 from St. Louis to Springfield, a distance of 221 miles, there also is but one grade crossing, a switch track near St. Louis.

Likewise, on the 198-mile concrete stretch between Hannibal and St. Joseph a single grade intersection remains.

Calling Cards, printed on short notice. Phone 27, we do the rest.

Businesses Which Help Build City

Harwell Motor Company R. L. Harwell established the first exclusive automobile house in Ballinger on December 9, 1913. A building was rented next door to the City Drug Store on Eighth Street and Mr. Harwell unloaded a solid carload of Fords here to the surprise of many local business men.

At that time automobiles were for the rich alone and the masses considered such a luxury far beyond their means. For this reason business men who had never studied the automotive industry and its possibilities were of the opinion that it was out of the question for a man to make a living selling motor vehicles in a section of West Texas where there were few able to own them.

When the business was first established here the territory consisted of Runnels, Concho and Coleman counties. After operating for a few years a separate agency was established for Coleman and Concho counties and that portion of the territory removed from Mr. Harwell's. He remained in his first location for several years, developing business forcing him to move to larger quarters.

In 1921 Mr. Harwell constructed his own building, a large, modern structure covering four full lots, 120 feet deep. The new building has floor space of 16,800 square feet, large show room, offices, parts and accessories department, drive-in filling station, tire repair department, wash racks, and large up-to-date machine shop, well equipped.

The year 1919 was probably the best in the history of the firm, the only hindrance being inability to secure Fords to fill orders. During the fall of that year there were times when the local agency was as many as 250 orders behind on deliveries. Many cars were sold here by individuals at a premium.

The model of the Ford was radically changed in 1927 and for nearly a year no cars were received here for sale.

Mr. Harwell has developed a great business here, entering it at the time when automobiles were becoming a necessity in the operation of modern business. In addition to the time devoted to his private business Mr. Harwell has not neglected to work for his town, and has served in many important capacities. He has been an untiring worker in the chamber of commerce, Rotary club and other organizations and has aided in putting over many successful projects.

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

Condensed Statement of Financial Condition of FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK (TEXAS) At the Close of Business June 30, 1931. Table with Assets and Liabilities columns.

Advertisement for West Texas Utilities Company. Text: 'You'll Really Enjoy Housecleaning The Modern Electrical Way'. Includes an illustration of a woman using a vacuum cleaner.

Cartoon titled 'PUFFY' featuring a pig character and a horse. Text: 'Well, Mrs. Duck's the barbecue rider; that I now decide. Says Master Puff, "Hop on the horse and see how well you ride." "Okay with me," says Mrs. Duck, "but I shall need a lift. The Frog has all the hops you know, and he won't work this shift."

Cartoon titled 'DOROTHY DARNIT' by Charles McManus. A sequence of panels showing a boy and girl talking. Text: 'BLAU! YOU BETTER STOP DIGGIN' UP THE YARD.', 'DOROTHY! COME TO ME.', 'BAH!', 'YES MAMA!', 'I WANT YOU TO STOP TEASING DANGER.', 'I NEVER DID A THING TO HIM.', 'HE DUG A HOLE AND NOW HE WANT'S ME TO BRING IT IN THE HOUSE.'

By Charles McManus

EXIT by Harold Bell Wright

SYNOPSIS: Pierre, seeking Ann's runaway husband, Bruce, reaches the desert camp where Bruce and Colorado Bill are hunting gold.

Chapter 33 TWO DISCOVERIES

PIERRE arose and, keeping his eye on his companion, and his weapon ready, moved to Bruce's side and carefully searched the dead man's pockets, transferring everything that he found to his own pockets.

"Dig a grave!" the other exclaimed looking at Pierre. "I'll be damned if I'll do any such fool thing."

"You'll die if you don't," Pierre retorted coolly, raising his weapon. "But think of the exertion in this heat!" protested the other.

"As well might the man have protested to an inanimate machine," Pierre Donovan forced him to do his bidding. While the other toiled with pick and shovel, Pierre sat on guard.

It was a gruesome scene—the desolate surroundings, the dead body, the murderer forced by the fear of death to dig a grave for his victim; the outwardly impassive and implacable watcher with his weapon ready for instant use.

The man's task was perhaps half completed when suddenly with a startled cry he saw his pick and shovel go down on his knees. Pierre, thinking the man's action a ruse to throw him off guard, did not move.

"I've found it!" he yelled, waving his arms. "To think that it was right here all the time! We've been walking over it—sleeping over it—we've made fires and cooked over it!" He roared with laughter; he danced a wild jig; he threw his hat in the air; he was mad with triumphant joy!

"Come here, boy," cried the man; "come here and see!" "I'm not interested," Pierre returned coldly, still thinking the man's action a trick to entice him within reach. "Go on digging!"

For a minute the man looked at Pierre dumbly—he had forgotten the situation. Then he roared with laughter. "I'll say I'll go on. You poor fish! I've struck the lost Mother Mountain lode!"

"You're wasting your energy," said Pierre. "Finish the grave so we can be on our way."

The man gazed at Pierre as if dumfounded that any one could be so stupid. Then he said sarcastically, "I suppose you know gold when you see it!" and tossed a piece of the white quartz at the young man's feet.

Pierre did not even pick up the piece of quartz. "I tell you I am not interested," he said. "Go on with your digging."

"Do you realize what this strike means?" cried the other. "Do you realize that there's millions in this vein, the richest ever discovered? Are you human or are you a bloodless dummy?"

"I used to feel things," said Pierre. "I guess I'm dead—I'm sure that something in me is dead."

The other was quick to take advantage of what seemed to be a change in Pierre's mood. "I think I know what you mean, boy," he said in a tone of kindly sympathy.

"The Presbyterian meeting closed Sunday night. Everyone who attended enjoyed the good singing and preaching."

Miss Geneva Martin is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Yates Martin at Oyster, Texas. Miss L. C. May, of Glen Cove, was a Talpa visitor Tuesday evening.

and Mrs. A. V. Livingston and Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Givens attended the funeral of William G. Baker of Coleman, at Mt. View Sunday.

Misses Irene Mae Richey and Helen Davenport, of Brownwood, spent the week-end at Talpa.

Rev. W. F. Smith filled his regular appointment at Crews Sunday morning. The meeting of the Crews Methodist Church will be Sunday, July 8, at Holiday, Tex., will do the preaching.

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Hoskins spent Saturday and Sunday at Stanton.

Steve Brown, who underwent an operation at the Coleman hospital last week, returned home Monday.

Mrs. McClendon is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Robert Bouldin.

Miss Hazel Sayres, of Coleman, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sayres.

Hopper's Cafe—Open all night.

FARM BRIEFS The first cucumbers sold at Wauchula, Fla., this season brought \$10.55 per crate.

Georgia farm land is valued at \$10 per acre less than pre-war values by the U. S. bureau of agricultural economics.

Though E. D. Kelley, of Mt. Holly, N. C., has 40 cows, he has grown more feedstuff this season than he can use.

A group of duck-raising farmers near Springfield, O., have provided steam-heated quarters for their fowls.

Wisconsin dairy plants manufacture enough ice cream annually to provide three gallons for each person in the state.

Calcium arsenate dusts or sprays are recommended to control the Mexican bean beetle.

It is estimated that Illinois farmers will produce more than 20 per cent of the commercial soy bean crop this year.

Hens in South Carolina demonstration flocks returned a net profit of 25 cents to their owners in one month.

A yield of 761 pounds of seed cotton per acre was obtained at Tifton, Ga., when fertilizer was used, where only 313 pounds had been grown before.

Ferries Free to Stranded HENDERSON, Ky., July 8.—Laws regulating operation of ferries require that stranded motorists be carried free of charge when they can show that they are without money.

Be wise and advertise.

Atlanta Sees "Second Jones" In 7-Year-Old Golf Prodigy

ATLANTA, Ga., July 8.—Another Bobby Jones from the same city?

Atlanta golfers admit it neither is rhyme nor reason to hope for such a phenomenon, but nevertheless point to accomplishments of Gene Dahlbender, jr., a 7-year-old prodigy of the links.

Young Dahlbender, son of a sporting goods representative, shoots a 54 over the local Ansley Park nine-hole course. Par on the course is 34.

Already young Dahlbender is recognized as Atlanta's premier juvenile golfer.

In this respect he already is one year up on Jones, for it is recalled that Bobby won his first "kid" tournament when he was 8 years old.

Bobby began playing when he was 6. Gene started swinging golf clubs when he was 4. Last year was his first attempt to play a regulation golf course.

Two of his golfing feats at Ansley Park accomplished with surprising regularity include driving over the first ditch on No. 1 hole requiring a 75-yard carry, and the playing of a 110-yard pitch shot onto the green of No. 3.

These are considered accomplishments even by the better of Atlanta women golfers who play the course.

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Shires' Chew Shinks "Gabby One" in Minors Drops Publicity Antics

MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 8.—Art Shires is wearing his chewing tobacco in the other cheek now—and he's no longer concerned with whether it's the biggest chew in the league.

The conceit, loquacity and cockiness which made him "good copy" for the papers, but "bad medicine" for his bosses in the big leagues, have been put away, with excellent results to his playing in class AA baseball.

Bosses, fans and critics of the Breds are convinced, now that the former "Whataman" has settled down to serious pastime, that the mannerisms which gained him columns of publicity, but no advancement with the Chicago White Sox and Washington Senators, were not inherent in him, but merely assumed for purposes of attracting attention.

That he did the latter is now baseball history. It is also history that in the long run his actions rebounded to his disadvantage and his exit from the major leagues caused few tears.

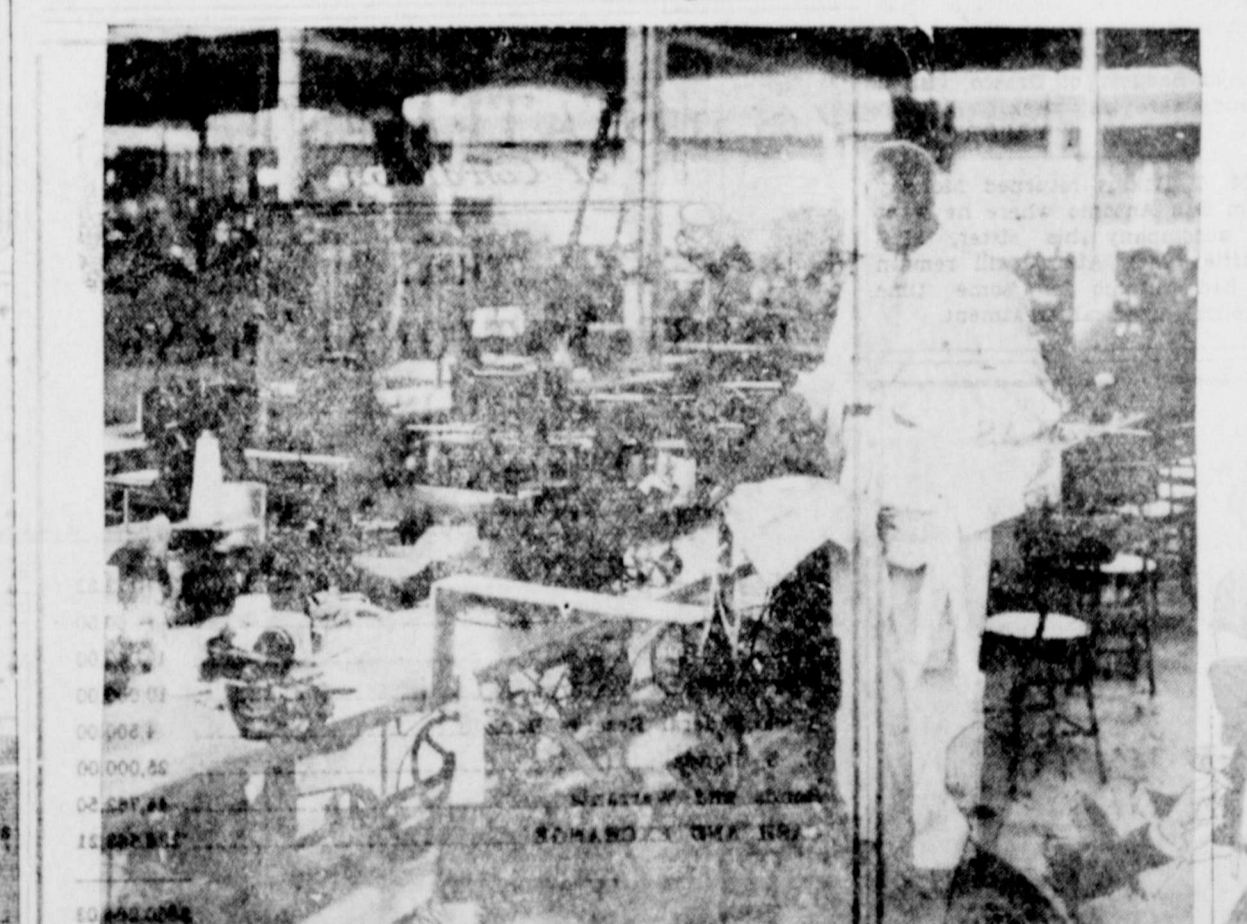
With the Milwaukee club Shires' conduct has been more than docile, and his playing has shown a corresponding improvement. He is fielding well, hustling all the time, doing his best to maintain harmony on the club, and for the first month of the season was batting over 400 most of the time.

The one-time "great one," in his own well-publicized opinion, has apparently found that the fans judge by results rather than words, his bosses say. And he's giving them the results.

U. S. STANDARD WEIGHTS AND MEASURES FOR TEX. AUSTIN, July 8.—Plans for adoption of United States standards for testing weighing and measuring devices are being made by the state department of agriculture, according to M. S. Fraze, chief of the weights and measures division. A law requiring the adoption of United States standards for Texas was passed at the recent session of the legislature.

Enforcement of the law was expected to save Texas farmers several thousands of dollars by preventing "shrinkage" due to faulty scales.

Commissioner of Agriculture Joins All Cotton Clads; Urges Cotton Clothing Be Worn



Dallas, Texas, June 30.—Commissioner J. E. McDonald of the Texas Department of Agriculture, practicing what he preaches in the "Use More Cotton" campaign, is shown here among the machines of the Pool Manufacturing Company plant at Sherman, the Southwest's largest garment manufacturer, inspecting one of Pool's all-cotton ensembles for men. The Commissioner is, himself, clad in get-up similar to that made famous by Gov. W. H. (Alfalfa Bill) Murray of Oklahoma, and Col. Bill Talbot, of Dallas, and Ex-Gov. Dan Moody, and other prominent Texans; coat, trousers, shirt, tie, socks, handkerchiefs, all-cotton. Doubtless the nether garments are cotton, but nobody thought to ask the Commissioner about that. Belt and shoes are the only exception.

Commissioner McDonald's Sherman stop was between engagements at Cleburne Friday, where he spoke to the Texas Club on "Using More Cotton," and at Waxahachie Saturday night, in a swing through the section urging wider use of cotton and other products of Texas farms and factories. Every employee in his department at Austin wears cotton clothing, the Commissioner stated, and he is urging others to do the same. He was a prime mover with a dozen other high state officials in sponsoring "cotton commencements" in public schools last spring, a movement expected to result in many schools adopting standard cotton regalia for future occasions. "I am astonished at the size of the plan, and the volume and variety of the Pool products," Mr. McDonald said. "While I had known of the Pool Company as one of the major garment factories of the State, I had no idea of the immensity of the business or the number of people afforded employment. "Texas people should demand Texas products," he added; "then scores of such plants, employing thousands of persons, would be consuming millions of bales of Texas cotton. The Commissioner points out that in the past Texas has shipped out cotton at 10c a pound and bought it back in finished shirts at \$3.00 a pound. "Let's buy Texas manufactured shirts," he exclaimed, "and keep that difference of \$2.90 in Texas to be divided among Texas laboring men, farmers, mechanics, and manufacturers."

DISCOVER OLD TUNNEL IN HEART OF CITY Millersview Coming Thursday for Play

SAN ANTONIO, July 8.—Discovery of an old tunnel leading from an adobe house being razed in San Antonio by a drainage ditch has brought to light the plans of a Texas pioneer to ward off attacks of raiding Indians in the early days of the state.

The house, now almost in the heart of the city, at one time was on an isolated goat ranch. The tunnel, running underground about 50 feet from the cellar of the house, intersected an old irrigation ditch dug by the Franciscan friars centuries ago.

It is supposed that residents of the ranch house, when besieged, slipped through the tunnel to the irrigation ditch to replenish their water supply. The tunnel also formed a means of escape under cover of darkness.

H. C. Locke, of New Braunfels, was here over the week-end, visiting local nurserymen and inspecting floral companies located here. Mr. Locke is in the nursery business at New Braunfels and does his business in this territory.

Manager Winfield Wood stated Wednesday that he was trying to secure D. W. Turner, of Norton, to aid the locals in this tilt, and that if McMillan could not catch he probably would get a receiver from the same place.

Corbitt, local slow ball artist, will get the call for the heavy duty against the Millersview aggregation. Corbitt went most of the route against the Menard nine here last week and was effective against that powerful bunch of hammers. He has been warming up daily his control is better, and he should experience little trouble with the down-the-river lads.

The remainder of the local team will be about the same as has been seen in action in other games this summer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE BALLINGER STATE BANK

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Resources include Loans and discounts, Loans secured by real estate, Other bonds and stocks owned, etc. Liabilities include Capital Stock, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, net, etc.

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF RUNNELS. W. C. P. Shepherd, as President and Sam Baker as Cashier of said Bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 8th day of July, A. D. 1931. Gertrude Woods, Notary Public, Runnels County, Texas. CORRECT-ATTEST: E. F. Batts, W. B. Dankworth, T. B. Saunders, Directors.

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MAY HARD SURFACE ROAD

COLEMAN TO TAYLOR CO.

A hard-surfaced road for Coleman county, connecting this city with the Taylor county line near Navice, seems assured now that the Coleman county commissioners' court has agreed to furnish a right-of-way that will meet requirements of the state highway commission.

Chairman Ely of the highway department was notified last Saturday of the court's action by Secretary Sim O'Neal of the chamber of commerce. Mr. O'Neal had been advised by Mr. Ely that unless a definite answer could be given by the court regarding the right-of-way the commission could consider the proposition closed and give the money to some other county willing to meet requirements.

Acting upon the statement of Mr. Ely a committee of citizens went before the court Wednesday of last week to discuss the matter. The court gave the committee no definite answer, but promised to consider the matter and make a decision later. Friday night the committee was notified of the favorable action and Mr. Ely was notified.

The greatest obstacle confronting the court is cattle underpasses at the G. William Baker farm. One is deemed necessary and another has been suggested and recommended by the jury of view.

The project is one of the most important that has been undertaken in the county in several years. Its completion will give the county an all-weather road to the north. The highway has been improved and hard-surfaced from the Taylor county line to Abilene, but from Navice to this city it is almost impassable in wet weather.

It is believed the contract for the construction of the highway will be let at an early meeting of the commission. There still remains some preliminary work to be done, but it will not require a great deal of time. Elimination of some of the crooks and turns in the highway and widening of the right-of-way will materially shorten the distance between Coleman and Abilene.—Coleman Democrat-Voice

DENTAL OFFICE THIEVES GET \$85 WORTH OF GOLD

(By Associated Press)
BIG SPRING, Tex., July 8—Thieves have gone on a prospecting expedition in Big Spring.

A dentist reported \$85 worth of gold, used in dental structures, had been stolen from his laboratory by someone who entered through a transom.

Two nights later two more dentists, in other office buildings reported thefts of the same precious metal.

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MOVIES

Greta Garbo Has Alluring Role in "Inspiration," Modern Story of Gay Paris

Greta Garbo will be seen at the Palace Theatre today and tomorrow in "Inspiration," an original story written for her by Gene Markey and directed by Clarence Brown.

Robert Montgomery has the leading male role and an imposing supporting cast includes Marjorie Rambeau, Lewis Stone, Beryl Meyer, Judith Vosselli, John Miljan, Edwin Maxwell, Cesar Apfel, Joan Marsh, Zaida Sears, Karen Morley, Owen Lee, Paul McAllister, Arthur Hoyt and Richard Tucker.

It seems that in her latest vehicle Miss Garbo returns to the so-called type of role which made her famous in silent films. She is seen as an artist's model who becomes the toast of Paris as a result of her amorous fascination, unfettered with the admiration of wealthy admirers, she falls in love with a young provincial student who is already engaged to be married. The desperate strategies by which the impassioned model attempts to win over the young student, together with a subsequent unexpected turn of events, make up the plot.

Inasmuch as the story is laid in modern times, Miss Garbo will again be seen in luxurious present-day fashions. M-G-M even promises a number of new Garbo "outfits" without which no Garbo picture would be complete.

The picture, incidentally, is considered to be staged with unusual splendor, the scenes ranging from a dazzling bohemian studio champagne party to sequences in a number of colorful cafes and garden restaurants.

Early Texas Trail-Breakers Face and Overcome Terrors in Great Cow-Drive

The conquest of unknown regions which Columbus achieved in 1492 was rivaled in a good many respects more recently by the pioneers of the Southwest in 1887 when they attempted to establish a trail from Texas to the railroad terminus in Kansas.

The first caravan traveling from the southern part of Texas to the middle-western United States faced fearful odds. The terrors of Indians, carpet-baggers, floods and wild animals are described in Emerson Hough's "The Conquering Horde" starring Richard Arlen, which comes to the Palace Theatre Friday for two-day run.

Like Columbus, the first caravan had no guide save the compass and the stars. None had ever been over the trail. Those first few who had attempted it had never returned to tell the story.

In "The Conquering Horde" the first journey from the Southwest to the North is told upon the screen as it actually occurred 61 years ago. The true story of the hardships and suffering of the brave band was so thrilling that it required no change to achieve the supreme in drama.

The adaptation from the original Emerson Hough story was written by Grover Jones and William Slavens McNutt, veteran team of talkie story writers.

Edward Sloman, director of many movie hits, was the director of "The Conquering Horde."

Miss Winnie Polk has returned from Abilene, where she had been visiting for the past week with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Conda Wylie and Mrs. J. F. Currie have returned from Menard, where they visited friends a few days.



PALACE

TODAY and THURSDAY

SHE WAS THE TOAST OF PARIS!

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Overs May Attend Local School Free

The Ballinger school board met Tuesday evening for the purpose of transacting business demanding its attention. One of the first items of business attended to was the accepting of the resignation of Mrs. O. D. Worshy as fifth grade teacher who has moved with her husband from here to New Mexico.

Applications were considered and Miss Velma Parrish was elected to fill the vacancy. Miss Parrish is well known here, a graduate from college with a B. A. degree and has had five years of successful teaching experience. She will assume her duties here on the opening day of the fall term of school.

The local board discussed the new ruling on students over 17 attending school as overs. This ruling of the supreme court recently was to the effect that no student over 17 could attend school in this state without the payment of tuition and that where they are transferred the state will not allow tuition to the school they are attending.

The board here passed an order allowing students living in the Ballinger Independent school district free schooling until they are 21 years of age. In other words students living in this district there will be no chance from here before and all children from 6 to 21 may attend the Ballinger school free. This will apply however to those living in the district only.

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WILMETH NEWS

Edward Low, of Big Spring, is visiting relatives here.

H. K. Dickinson and family were visitors in the old Runnels community last Saturday.

A. B. Badgett and Miss Hazel Brown were married last Sunday. They are making their home in the Drasco community. We all wish them a long and happy life together.

Willie Bell and Eula Mae Vardin visited their parents this weekend. They are attending Simmons University at Abilene.

Billie Weathered was a visitor in Ballinger Saturday.

Joe Witt, of Oklahoma, has been visiting relatives here.

Lloyd Badgett, of Drasco, visited friends here last week.

M. C. Atkins returned Monday from San Antonio where he went to accompany his sister, Miss Orville. Miss Atkins will remain in San Antonio for some time receiving medical treatment.

Water Receipts Are Good in June

The monthly financial statement for June at the condition of the City of Ballinger showed the water department doing a good business and making a nice cash gain for the month. Water receipts for the month of June amounted to \$1,582.39 with disbursements for labor and other expense of operation of \$918.83. This gives the department a net cash gain for the month of \$663.56 and of the expense \$159.80 was for improvements and would increase the gain for the month to \$824.81.

Daily consumption is increasing and the pumping plant is being kept in operation practically all the daytime to supply the customers with service. Unless rains fall within a short time the city business will far exceed the daily consumption as all yards and gardens here are being irrigated daily to keep them growing and in good condition.

The total amount of bank deposits in all funds and of cash on hand at the close of June amounted to \$42,385.35 with all sinking funds being cared for and in good shape.

The city finances are in good condition with both the water and sanitary departments showing a good cash gain for the past month. Tax collections are very slow now and will remain so until October at which time unpaid taxes will become delinquent. This makes the receipts in the general fund slow at this time of year. During June \$359.27 was expended by the city on street improvements here.

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SEVEN FINES ASSESSED IN JUSTICE COURT

Justice of the Peace Carl Wilson had a busy day in his court Tuesday when a total of seven fines was assessed, three against men and four against women. Most of the fines were fixed after pleas of guilty were made by the defendants.

Two local boys received fines of \$10 and costs for drunkenness. Two women were fined \$5 and costs for disturbing the peace, while two others drew fines for affrays. One man was assessed a fine of \$10 and costs for an overloaded truck. The last named defendant lives in San Angelo.

Doyle Hill, Tulane boxing champion, who failed to make his football letter last fall, may get a chance at the team in 1931.

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Milk Sanitation is Heard by Retarians

The Rotary attendance at their luncheon Wednesday was practically perfect with only two members absent. A number of out of town visitors were here making up their attendance which swelled the number to larger than usual. The menu Wednesday was a cold lunch and was enjoyed by everyone present.

E. Shepperd was the vocational speaker Wednesday and brought a very interesting short message on insurance. He took up the history of the business showing that the form of insurance started back in the fifth century when judges assessed people a tax to take care in cases of calamity or disaster. The first known form that resembles the present day insurance was inaugurated in the 16th century when financial leaders following the great London fire realized that they must protect their fortunes in some way.

Mr. Shepperd spoke of the various types of insurance explaining how each worked and also explained a number of clauses which are conflicting to most patrons.

Dr. R. F. Zedlitz was the speaker on the program Wednesday and talked to the members on the milk ordinance and proper enforcement of such. He talked of the first forming of the standard milk ordinance and of its adoption in Texas in 1924. Since that time 100 cities have adopted it and Ballinger has been operating under it for about two years with much being accomplished in that time.

The speaker outlined many of the stipulated requirements for the selling of Grade A milk explaining in detail the sanitation watched in the barns, houses, with the milkers, cows and bottles.

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RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$297,172.82
Overdrafts	60.50
Banking House	40,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	10,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	4,500.00
U. S. Bonds	25,000.00
Bonds and Warrants	44,762.50
CASH AND EXCHANGE	238,568.21
Total	\$660,064.03

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	67,938.82
Circulation	25,000.00
DEPOSITS	467,125.21
Total	\$660,064.03

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IMPROVEMENT SHOWN IN HASKELL COUNTY FARMS

RULE, July 8—According to a survey of Haskell county farms recently completed, a substantial increase was shown in the amount of livestock on farms for the year 1931. Not only was there an increase in number but there was a decided improvement as to quality of livestock kept. A number of farms are being improved by modern farm practices, such as terracing and the use of barnyard manure.

On the fifteen farms surveyed, 22 hogs are being kept this year as compared to 17 last year. Two thousand nine hundred twenty-five chickens were raised this year and 2,190 last. The dairy cow population has increased from 59 to 74. The amount of garden acreage has increased from 10.33 acres to 15.25 acres in 1931. Only two farms kept bees but these had increased the number of hives from 15 to 22. Practically all of the farms surveyed are being improved by terracing. 313 acres having been terraced this year on the above farms. Flocks of chickens have been culled and cattle tested and vaccinated.

A twice-a-week air service has been inaugurated between Juneau, Alaska, and Seattle, Wash., a distance of 900 miles.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Garrett returned to Ballinger Wednesday following a honeymoon trip to El Paso, Carlsbad Caverns and other points, after their wedding at Winters last Thursday. They are at home on Broadway where a furnished house was awaiting them.




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