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FOUR COUNTIES NOW UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Traylor Rally Friday To Attract Thousands

Officers of the Traylor-for-President Club met here late Saturday afternoon to perfect the program for the rally to be staged for the candidate here Friday night of this week. Judge B. B. Stone, of Fort Worth, will be the principal speaker of the evening and a number of other personal friends of Mr. Traylor will be heard in three-minute talks.

Judge Paul Trimmer, president of the Ballinger Traylor club, will preside over the meeting, which will open with the band concert. It is expected that Frank Scofield, of Hillsboro, will open the rally. Mr. Scofield was the first speaker at a recent rally at Hillsboro when the first club to advance Melvin A. Traylor for the presidency was formed in Texas. John Q. McAdams, of Winters, a personal friend of the Chicago financier, and former president of the Texas Bankers' Association, will take part in the program, and other prominent citizens of Rowena, Coleman, San Angelo and Abilene will be invited to deliver three-minute talks.

Judge Overton L. Parish was selected Saturday to introduce Judge Stone for the principal address. The local committee this week will complete other details for handling a large crowd here Friday night. Whether to erect a speaker's stand and temporary seats is being considered by the committee, and loud speakers may be installed to allow all the audience hear the speakers. In any event the crowd will be well taken care of and a cordial invitation is being broadcast to all Runnels county and West Texas citizens to gather here for this great political rally. The program will be short and to the point. Already a number of West Texas towns have signified intentions of sending delegations here for the rally and later will stage similar gatherings to push interest in the movement that is now sweeping all of Texas.

Plainview Girl Is Being Sought

(By Associated Press) AMARILLO, Aug. 17.—Officers all over the Panhandle today are hunting Margaret Locke, 15, of Plainview. The girl disappeared late Friday after visiting a friend's home. She is believed to have been kidnaped or to have run away.

A girl answering the description of Miss Locke was seen with a man in an automobile at Vernon Friday night.

SHERIFF SENTENCES BOYS TO ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL

(By Associated Press) PAMPA, Tex., Aug. 17.—Nine consecutive Sundays at Sunday School," was the sentence Sheriff Lon L. Blansett assessed against nine boys whom he caught playing poker. The sheriff took the law in his own hands when he learned that the boys were from 14 to 18 years old, and that 45 cents comprised the stakes.

Teachers' Salaries Cut

COLEMAN, Aug. 17.—At a recent meeting of the school board at Santa Anna all teachers in the schools of that city were given a salary reduction of approximately 10 per cent. The superintendent's salary was reduced about \$35. Salaries of grade teachers were cut \$5 per month and reductions were made in high school teachers' salaries.

Wisconsin produces more than 30 per cent of the nation's condensed milk products. The state manufactured 758,681,000 pounds in 1929.

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

\$720,000 Oil Company will Make Tests on Runnels Lease

Border Towns Seek Midnight Closing

(By Associated Press) CORPUS CHRISTI, Aug. 17.—Roy Campbell, district collector of customs, announced today that customs officials had asked Seymour Lowman, assistant secretary of the treasury, to leave the international bridges at points between Brownsville and Lareda open until midnight daily.

The bridges at eight towns on the Rio Grande are closed at 9 p. m. nightly beginning last Saturday.

Border town merchants are protesting that the closing interferes with trade and diminishes Mexican good-will.

Suspect is Held for Johnson City Killing

(By Associated Press) AUSTIN, Aug. 17.—One man is being held by Travis county authorities and Blanco county officers are hunting another for the slaying Saturday near Johnson City of T. L. Gray, of Phoenix, Arizona, formerly of Austin. No charges have been filed.

Gray's body was found on a road. Apparently he had been shot and thrown from an automobile. He was on his way to visit relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Smith and daughter, of Commerce, came in Monday to visit with their son, Neal Smith, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tucker, of Jermyn, spent the week-end here visiting relatives and friends.

Dallas will have the home offices of a \$720,000 oil producing and refining company. It was assured Wednesday when definite information regarding the Centennial Oil & Gas Company, for which a charter was issued at Austin on July 23, was made public.

The Centennial Oil & Gas Company has holdings of 13,668 acres of land in Runnels, Coleman and Taylor counties. Five producing wells are at the present time supplying about 1,000 barrels of oil per day and an indeterminate amount of gas. A sixth well will be started in about two weeks.

The initial program of the company consists of the establishing of a refinery on the property to take care of their own products. Contracts for this plant are being negotiated at the present time. Contracts to supply gas to various neighboring towns are in the process of being completed, while 2,000 feet of gas already being supplied to an Oklahoma utilities concern.

Officers of the company are C. M. Smithhead, president; W. H. Shook, vice-president; and H. H. Tucker, secretary. These three men, with William F. Tyree, make up the board of directors.

Stocks of no par value have been issued to a total of 34,000,000, all of which are subscribed and paid. There will be no stock for sale to the investing public. The franchise tax of the company was \$720,000.—Dallas Journal.

The above company with holdings in this county is expected soon to start some deep tests for oil and gas here, seeking high gravity oil. As will be noted in the preceding dispatch there is no stock for sale and local people

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Cotton Acreage Regulation Asked

(By Associated Press) COLUMBIA, S. C., Aug. 17.—Congressman Hampton P. Fulmer today proposed a congressional act to regulate next year's cotton acreage. He suggested that the federal farm board take over the present crop, the farmers pledging to plant no cotton next year and congress regulating the next crop under the welfare clause in the constitution making the pledge enforceable.

Fulmer termed the plan to plow up every third row absurd.

3 Electrocutted For Killing Man

(By Associated Press) BELLEFONTE, Penna., Aug. 17.—Frank Cantilla, Frank Powell, Carl Crow and Joseph Parsi, bootleg liquor gangsters, were electrocuted here today for the killing of Louis Hoffman, three years ago.

Henry Todd, of Dallas, came in Sunday for a few days visit here with his mother, Mrs. S. L. Todd.

C. E. Tindall, of Shamrock, is here visiting with his father, J. M. Tindall.

K. V. Northington, city secretary, is back on the job after being away for the past two weeks attending the national guard.

Roy Reeder returned the past week-end from St. Louis and other places where he has been buying goods for the store here.

No Damage Here from Earthquake

Ballinger people were aroused Sunday morning at 15 minutes before 6 o'clock when strong earthquake tremors were felt in the city. Coming at a time when most of the people were sound asleep many did not feel the quivers of their homes, but a great many were awakened by the shaking of their windows and dishes.

The tremors were strong enough here to start people making inquiries and within a short time other towns were heard from which were also aroused over the earth tremors.

Valentine received the most severe tremors which were followed by a number of lesser ones. The people there were awakened from their sleep and most of them rushed into the streets before the heavier shocks which cracked buildings and caused considerable damage. At Comanche Springs, flowing 60,000,000 gallons of water daily, spouted muddy water from the earth for an hour after the first shock was felt.

Word from Ballinger people in Alpine stated that the tremors were strong there and that many fled from buildings in fear that they might fall. Ft. Stockton reported a number of buildings cracked and other damage done. Taylor was the most eastern place reporting the tremors Sunday morning.

China is Seeking American Wheat

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—The Chinese nationalist government today informally asked the United States government how much wheat is available on credit for flood stricken areas along the Yangtze River.

The amount of wheat required in the terms of the purchase was not specified. Distribution of food has been difficult in previous famines in China but it would be easy to transport grain up the Yangtze.

Dempsey Seeking Divorce at Reno

(By Associated Press) RENO, Nev., Aug. 17.—Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion prize fighter, filed suit here today for divorce from Estelle Taylor, motion picture star, charging mental cruelty. The couple was married in 1925.

Dempsey alleged in his petition that Estelle tried to sell him a house he gave her as a wedding present for \$100,000, but he refused the deal.

Mrs. O. F. Sensabaugh and children have returned to their home after a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Padgett.

Be wise and advertise.

WEATHER FORECAST

(By Associated Press) West Texas—Partly cloudy, showers in the extreme west portion, tonight and Tuesday. East Texas—Partly cloudy, showers in the northeast portion, tonight and Tuesday.

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Quiet Efficient Service. Lady Assistant
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Poultry Raisers Adopt New Contract at Meet

A mass meeting of poultry raisers from the southern part of Runnels county met here Saturday afternoon with several hundred attending the session at the county courthouse. The meeting was called for the purpose of studying the new contract and attending to other business looking towards reorganization and continuing business with pooling and shipping poultry and especially turkeys.

Geo. Deen called the meeting to order and presided. C. W. Lehmburg was called upon to give a report of the past six years work of the association in this county. Mr. Lehmburg in beginning his report declared that the association in the past six years had made the members good money and gave the following figures as the actual records of the association which shows the profits per pounds on all turkeys shipped through the association.

In 1924 the report showed to have made members 4 cents per pound over the regular market. In 1925, 5 cents; 1926, 4½ cents; 1927, 5½ cents; 1928, 7½ cents; and 1929, 2 cents. The report showed an average of 4½ cents per pound profit over a period of six years.

community committees whose duty it will be to canvass the poultry raisers and secure signatures to the new contract.

Another meeting of all poultry raisers will be held here at the court house on Saturday, August 29, at which time an invitation is extended to all raisers in this and adjoining counties. The poultrymen here Saturday expressed themselves as well pleased with the condition of the turkey crop at this time and believe that the grade will be better in the county this year. C. W. Lehmburg stated that it would be impossible to place an estimate on the number that might be handled by the association this year before the meeting here on the 29 at which time many contracts will have been signed.

The new contract, which is now being printed by the Ballinger Printing Company, is a life time contract with the option of the raiser withdrawing at anytime after the first year. It makes it necessary that he deliver at least one crop to the association and then if he so desires he may withdraw by giving notice to the president by June of the following year.

It was voted Saturday that the name would be changed from the Mid-West Marketing Association to the Runco Association. Contention in the minds of many raisers in account of the name of the marketing association being the same as a number of poultry houses in this section was the cause of this.

The association has had as high as 753 members at one time.

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Europe's War Trained Fliers Menace U. S. Laurels at Races

(By Associated Press) CLEVELAND, Aug. 17.—The United States will defend its laurels against Europe's finest in this year's national air races.

A flock of the world's most expert pilots has been recruited by Lieut. Alford J. Williams, America's exponent of speed, and will go aloft each day during the races which will be held at the Cleveland airport August 29 to September 7.

Williams was sent abroad to enlist international competition. Ernst Udet, who during the World War was known as "The Wasp" but now has the peacetime title of "The Flea," will be Germany's official representative, according to promises obtained by Williams.

During the war Udet had the habit of flying about alone and dropping down on allied squadrons, shooting down a total of 62 planes. Now he spends his time hopping over Europe.

The British Air Ministry has delegated Flight Commander R. L. R. Atcherly to attend the races and has granted him a leave from his duties with the Royal Air Force.

Atcherly flew 332 miles an hour to help the British team win the Schneider cup in 1929.

Air race headquarters said he might bring with him one of the Royal Air Force's new "mystery" fighting ships, reputed to have a cruising speed of 200 miles an hour.

From Italy will come Mario de Bernardi, who established a world's record of 318 miles an hour in 1928 and won the Schneider Cup race at Hampton Roads, Va., in 1926. Poland has promised Capt. Boleslaw Orłowski, of Warsaw-Tokyo non-stop fame in 1926.



The finest of Europe's pilots will take part in the national air races at Cleveland August 29-September 7. On the left is Ernst Udet of Germany. Center photo shows Mario de Bernardi of Italy. Major James Doolittle (upper right), 1925 Schneider cup winner for the United States, has come from racing retirement with promise of a plane entry capable of 300 miles an hour.

to include Miss Winifred Spooner of England, who finished third in the 1929 King's Cup race around Britain, Thea Rasche and Antoine Strassman of Germany and Mrs. Keith-Miller of Australia. Canada, Mexico, Latin-America, France, Spain, Czechoslovakia and Sweden are among other nations who have been invited to send pilots and planes. One of the outstanding American contenders will be Major James H. Doolittle, former Schneider cup winner, who will enter a plane for which a speed of from 275 to 300 miles per hour is claimed. The world's record of 278.48 miles per hour is held in France.

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Some Ballinger people who failed to feel the earth tremors here Sunday morning are regretting the fact. A slight shake may be all right but personally we like the steady action of old Mother Earth without any extra thrills thrown in.

Rains in the county Sunday night and early Monday morning were light but farmers here Monday morning reported enough to be of some help to crops. The precipitation was not heavy in any spot but coupled with the change in weather will help crops to mature.

After the rally here Friday night it will be seen just how many local people are really in favor of the nomination of Melvin A. Traylor for president on the Democratic ticket. At his first home in Texas, Hillsboro, a recent rally brought many thousands together to express their approval of the plan to put this favorite son in the presidential race. The same is expected here Friday evening and already many from a wide area in West Texas have sent word they would be here with large delegations. Traylor's many friends in this section are enthusiastic in their efforts to put him in the White House.

Three weeks of vacation remain for Ballinger school boys and girls. Regular classes begin September 7 and parents are urged to have their children ready to enter. Warnings have been issued that none can attend this year who has not been vaccinated against small-pox and parents are asked to have this done immediately so no ill effects will be felt after the beginning of school. A few have visited physicians and are carrying sore arms as a result but many others have not done so. Inspection will be made by the city health officer during the first week of school and anyone without a scar will be sent home.

MRS. BOWMAN OPERATED UPON AT TEMPLE MONDAY

A telegram received here shortly before noon Monday from Rev. T. E. Bowman at Temple stated that Mrs. Bowman was operated upon there at Scott & White Sanitarium Monday morning. She stood the operation nicely but had not revived from the anesthetic at the time the telegram was sent.

Mrs. Bowman has been in bad health since coming to Ballinger and a trip through the clinic there showed that she was badly in need of a major operation. She left here for Temple last Monday and was placed under treatment at the institution for the past week to be built up and made in good physical condition to stand the operation.

M. H. Cannon, of Eastland, Ga., is here this week visiting with L. B. Barker. Mr. Cannon is a cousin of Mr. Barker's.

Read today's news in The Ledger today.

SUNDOWN STORIES



THE HORSES' TREAT

By Mary Graham Bonner

It seemed strang to have gone back home after seeing the old vessels and hearing all about the doldrums and the trade winds, and when John and Peggy met the Little Black Clock at the end of the garden path they walked along with him until they came to a country road.

From there they visited an apple orchard and the owner invited them to take an apple apiece.

The apples were very large and very delicious. After they had eaten all that they could but were still holding what was left of the apples the Little Black Clock took another turn and they found a taxi awaiting them.

The Little Black Clock motioned to them to get inside, and soon they had left the country scene and were approaching a big city.

The taxi stopped in the traffic and the children looked out of the window and saw two enormous horses pulling an enormous wagon.

"Could we give the rest of our apples to your horses?" Peggy suddenly asked the driver.

"They'd like them a lot," the driver answered.

Each horse ate the rest of each of the children's apples, and they ate so slowly and chewed them with such great delight.

"Haven't horses dear, lovely faces!" said Peggy.

"I like our time to live in better than any other, for we have airplanes and horses and automobiles," John said.

The traffic moved on. Now the taxi was taking them back home again, and the Little Black Clock was promising a very different kind of adventure for the next evening.

(Tomorrow—"Mid August")

HOW'S your HEALTH



Edited by Dr. Jago Gaidoson, Academy of Medicine

WHEN THEY WON'T EAT

The most common reason children refuse to eat their food is that they have learned by experience that such contrary behavior makes their parents anxious.

Their refusal to eat makes the children centers of agitation and procures the notice they desire. But there may be other reasons.

Certain foods may not, as we say, agree with the child. Eating them may result in the children's developing a rash, diarrhea, headache and a general feeling of illness.

The child may, therefore, be justified in refusing a food article, even though this be milk or eggs, certain forms of bread or crackers and the like.

Another reason for the child's refusal to eat certain foods is that somehow, and in a manner unknown to the child, the food has become associated with unpleasant sensations.

Just as ice cream is associated with parties or holidays, so too, by accident, certain other things may be associated with unpleasant events.

The child may then refuse a food article, but be unable to give any more illuminating reason than "I don't like it."

In general, it is a mistake to force food upon a child.

It is not difficult to differentiate between the refusal which

Soft Rock for Hard Concrete, That's Engineers' New Rule

(By Associated Press) LAFAYETTE, Ind., Aug. 17.—

Possibilities of greatly extended use of concrete for highways and other building purposes is revealed with the announcement that Purdue University has found a stone softer than that heretofore accepted as good can be used in concrete mixtures.



S. C. Hollister

In most cases this softer stone actually has produced stronger concrete than is obtained with the flint-like stone generally accepted as standard.

The idea that good concrete requires hard gravel or rock has existed ever since the making of concrete became general. Engineers and others gathered the idea from the hard rock used as railway ballast.

Experiments in the civil engineering laboratory at Purdue University, however, have shown this belief to be questionable.

These tests showed that softer stones, which will absorb water but still withstand the weather, makes stronger concrete than rock so hard as to be impervious.

In the laboratory of Prof. S. C. Hollister there are sample concrete slabs made out of sand,

star who is heralded as the films' prize find of the year. Myrna Loy and Humphrey Bogart are also featured in this Fox drama which Alfred Santell directed.

The story which was adapted from the stage play "Squadrons," tells of a young officer in the Royal Flying Corps, who meets and falls in love with a beautiful girl only to find himself facing a court martial when the girl is charged with being a spy.

In the second class the rejection is consistent; the same article will be rejected every time, but the child will, at the same time, accept other articles of food without fuss.

(Tomorrow—Mother as a Nurse)

MOVIES

"Body and Soul" Recalls Ghost Pilot of World War

During the unfolding of the plot of "Body and Soul," Fox Movietone drama, now playing at the Palace Theatre, a thrilling aviation sequence is introduced.

As a young American ace hops off, under orders to shoot down an enemy balloon, his buddy vaults into the plane and rides with him. In accomplishing their errand, one of them is killed and the surviving flier lands the ship just inside the British lines. After propping the dead aviator's body up in the cockpit, he sends the plane back over the enemy lines with its ghost pilot.

A similar incident occurred during the World War. The Illustrated London News of July 13, 1914, recorded it under the heading, "The Cruise of the Dead," as follows:

"One of the most astounding incidents in the history of British aviation is the story of the combat airplane that flew itself, after an encounter with six enemy planes over the allies' lines during which the pilot and the observer were instantly killed.

"The machine was not damaged in the fight and flew uncontrolled in wide circles, drifting with the wind, until its gasoline supply was exhausted when it glided to the ground without serious injury fifty miles from the scene of combat."

"Body and Soul" features Charles Farrell, popular screen idol who was voted "King of the Movies" in the recent popularity contest. Playing opposite him is Elissa Landi, sensational European screen and Broadway stage

BORDER PATROL ADDS 11 MEN IN LAREDO AREA

(By Associated Press) LAREDO, Tex., Aug. 17.—

Eleven new United States Border Patrol inspectors, three to fill vacancies and eight additional inspectors, to augment the force of the Laredo district under Assistant Superintendent W. R. Alford and Chief Inspector H. P. Brady, bringing the force from 36 to 44 inspectors, have reached Laredo, with the exception of two men who will arrive within the next few days. The additional clerk is also here to assume his duties with the border patrol.

The patrolmen sent to the Laredo district are a part of the 225 additional patrolmen who are being placed along the Canadian and Mexican borders. Eight additional patrolmen also are being sent to the Brownsville section and eight to the Del Rio section, making a total of 24 for this district. All vacancies in the three stations are also being filled by new inspectors assigned to the place.

BEAUMONT MOTOR COP IS ASSIGNED NEW DUTY

(By Associated Press) BEAUMONT, Tex., Aug. 17.—

Chasing speeders and sometimes criminals, forms a regular part

redo district are a part of the

of motor cops' duties here, but it remained for Motorcycle Officer Johnnie Burrell to institute a new kind of chase. He went owling. Residents called Officer Burrell to remove from society one swamp owl which it was feared had one of its big eyes cast toward the henhouse. Officer Burrell obligingly rescinded, but it was not until he had chased the owl seven blocks that he could put him on the spot and deliver a perfectly aimed bullet. Loose leaf ledger sheets and bill heads carried in stock at the Ledger office.

South's Speedy Boy

By Pap

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your **CLASSIFIED "AD"**
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The Daily Ledger

PUFFY

Now Puffy and Sun remove the wheels and on their planes instead. They fit a pair of runners like the ones on Santa's sled. Upon their feet are furry shoes, upon their heads fur caps—In Lapland—if you'd see them there—you'd think that they were Legs.

DOROTHY DARNIT

By Charles McManus

Want Ads

Rates and Rules

Two cents per word first insertion, 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.

LOST—Lady's small purse on streets of Ballinger or on Maverick road, contained eye-glasses and two \$1 bills. Finder please return to Ledger office. 17-1td.*

FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished apartment. Phone 222 or 406. 13-9td.*

WANTED—Reliable party to handle Watkins route in Ballinger; customers established, excellent pay. J. R. Watkins Co. 30-18 Kentucky Street, Memphis, Tenn. d-10-17-24

WANTED—Maize to head and feed to cut. Can take feed as pay. W. W. Killam. d-13-15

Poultry Raisers—

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In this county and membership this year is open to anyone in this territory that desires to join and market their flocks through the association.

Plans have been made to form Runnels, Coleman, Tom Green and Brown counties into a co-operative association that will pool their birds and ship together in larger quantities, with one standard for inspection and thereby receive a better market and operate as a less expense for overhead. Other counties are anxious to enter a marketing plan of this kind and a number of meetings have already been held and most of the details arranged.

The members here Saturday were very enthusiastic over the new contract and its clauses and are anxious to get to work signing members for this fall.

AND NOW—Black Cardboard at no extra cost, 8-ply 13c per sheet. Ballinger Printing Co.

Sheep Herders Win Easily Over Locals

The San Angelo Sheep Herders got their revenge on the Bearcats here Sunday afternoon by defeating the local team 12 to 1. The game was practically sewed up for the Sheep Herders all the way and the visitors continued to hit the ball hard until the contest was over.

"Zip" Lee took the mound for the visitors and pitched a good game of ball all the way, getting in danger only one time during the entire game. Hardy, working for the Bearcats received poor support and was pounded all over the park.

A third game will be played here on the last Sunday in this month to decide the three-game contest which now stands with a win for each team. The local management has announced that Abilene will be here next Sunday afternoon to entertain the team. The Abilene team is one of the fastest in this section and a good lineup will be arranged for the first game this year between these two teams.

Admission has been cut to 25 cents for everybody and will remain at that figure for all remaining games. The crowd Sunday was small due to a number of other events happening at the same time here.

11,234 AMERICAN TOURIST CROSS BORDER TO MEXICO

(By Associated Press)
LAREDO, Tex., Aug. 17.—A total of 11,234 American tourists from all portions of the United States crosses the border at Laredo into Mexico during the first six months of 1931, or from January 1 to June 30, according to the official report of the Mexican consulate in Laredo.

In addition to these tourists 3,878 more is to cross at Laredo during July. Few went farther into the Mexican republic than Saltillo, with more than 95 per cent going to Monterrey, while a few others went only as far as Sabinas Hidalgo and points near Nuevo Laredo.

KEEPING UP WITH WEST TEXAS

Irrigation of 70,000 acres in the vicinity of Winters and Bronte, will be made possible by building a reservoir on the Colorado River near Robert Lee. The project is well advanced.

Irrigation is to be tried in Roberts county in the Panhandle of Texas by a number of farmers in the Red Deer valley who have drilled wells and installed electric power pumps.

Dalhart's school enrollment increased twelve per cent in 1931 over 1930.

Railroad construction in West Texas continues with the granting of a permit to the Fort Worth & Denver authorizing the construction of two branch lines in Gray county from Pampa.

Old Cordova salt lake in Crane county, Texas, a royal Spanish grant when Texas was part of Spain is being made a commercial producer of salt by the building of a plant employing thirty people. In early days ranchers raked the salt into piles with wooden rakes and hauled it off by wagonloads for their cattle.

Farmers of Ochiltree county, Texas, are planning to use wheat for fuel this winter finding it cheaper than coal at its present price. Special type grates are being obtained for the purpose.

A Knox county farmer harvested nine thousand bushels of wheat on three hundred acres this season.

The Chamber of Commerce of Spur, Texas, contributed to placing Dickens county cotton on a tenable basis by shipping in and distributing 6,500 bushels of pure bred cotton seed.

The cotton mills at Post, Texas, are running on full time schedule for the first time in two years, employing 200 people with an annual pay roll of \$250,000.

The Struve Cheese Factory at Abernathy has doubled its output since April this year and is now receiving 4,000 pounds of whole milk daily from farmers.

Two hundred and twenty-five carloads of wheat were shipped from Floydada in one month this season.

Swisher county, Texas, is contesting with Coleman, Crosby and Baylor to see which can first liquidate its Federal Production loans advanced drought stricken farmers. The contest is in line with the program of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to get West Texas loans promptly repaid.

The telephone system of Tunka, Texas, is being completely rebuilt at a heavy expenditure.

A coliseum building costing \$75,000.00, seating 35,000 people and to be dedicated by President Ortiz Rubio of Mexico during the Amarillo Tri-State Fair this fall is to be erected at Amarillo.

A twenty mile electric power line carrying 13,000 volts is under construction between Vernon and Thalia, Texas.

West Texas farmers in the wheat areas are fattening thousands of head of cattle with ground wheat which is the cheapest possible feed under present prices.

To promote living-at-home and the conservation of food grown on Nolan county farms, the

Sweetwater Board of City Development owns six canners which are loaned to farmers for canning spinach, peas, corn and other vegetables common to that section.

Contract for the construction of a federal building at Ft. Worth costing \$1,017 has been awarded.

Several carloads of bred gilts have recently been shipped into Johnson county for the purpose of increasing the hog population to consume the cheap feed crop.

A \$75,000.00 brick plant began operation recently in Mineral Wells.

The College of Industrial Arts, Denton, boasts a library of 42,000 volumes and added four hundred the past year.

With the completion of paving on State highway 30 in Haskell county early this fall, the entire highway from the Red River bridge entering Texas near Burnett, south to San Angelo, passing through Wichita Falls, Seymour, Stamford, Abilene and other West Texas cities will be permanently paved.

A federal building and post-office costing \$130,000 is to be built at Sweetwater on a site purchased seventeen years ago for that purpose.

The Texas and Pacific Railway Company has just completed the construction of a \$30,000.00 passenger station at Sweetwater.

Ten additional miles have recently been added to the twenty-one miles underground in Carlsbad Caverns near Carlsbad, N. M.

A large Guard Armory costing \$30,000.00 is to be built at Clovis, New Mexico.

An oil refinery with a daily capacity of 300 barrels of gasoline is under construction at Fort Stockton.

The Pecos Valley of Texas leads the United States in production per acre of green beans. One hundred fifty-five bushels per acre were harvested from the first picking this season with an estimate that twenty-five per cent more will be gathered on subsequent pickings.

San Angelo, with a total of \$2,750,000 in its four banks boasts the largest bank deposits of any city between Fort Worth and El Paso.

\$720,000 Oil—

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will not be enlisted to help organize the corporation. The Dallas men are reported to be financially able to conduct any tests they desire and believe that in this section some day will be found plenty of oil that will seal for a premium because of its gravity.

The exact location of the holdings in Runnels county has not been announced but is believed to be in the northeastern portion bordering Coleman and Taylor counties. When oil is found in sufficient quantity the Centennial company intends to establish its own refineries, gas lines, etc., and dispose of all its products.

The company is said to be seeking no publicity nor outside assistance for any developments contemplated.

Mrs. Leonard Stallings left Saturday for Brownwood where she will visit with her parents for several days.

Mrs. Ben Miller, of Boise, Idaho, is visiting with Miss Agnes Glover. Mrs. Miller has many friends here.

Receive Work Order For Hog Creek Span

A work order was received here Monday morning from the state highway department for construction to proceed on the Hog Creek bridge in Concho county. G. M. Garrett, resident engineer in turn informed contractors on the span, the McClung Construction Company, which is now moving machinery to the location and will begin operations very shortly.

The Hog Creek bridge is to be built on highway 4 at the south edge of the city limits of Paint Rock. This span is considered a very much needed improvement. It will be of cement construction, 228 feet long and 17 feet above water in the center of the stream. The eight-girder bridge will have two abutment bents and seven intervening bents. When completed traffic can proceed uninterrupted in rainy weather when the creek sometimes reaches high levels.

In this county, Brown & Root who hold the surfacing contract on highway 4 from Ballinger to the Concho county line, are making good progress. The base will soon be finished, only lacking a portion of the second course from the old Brady road two miles south of this city to Strong Avenue. When this is completed all the base will be ready to receive the topping treatment known as "triple A."

Brown & Root's rock crusher is being operated on full time and the material has already been placed along the side of the highway from the Concho county boundary this way. This rock is to be used with the asphalt in the topping.

White Brothers, who have the grading contract on highway 23, between Ballinger and Talpa, are making good progress and more than 70 per cent of this work has been completed.

The Austin Bridge Company, which is building draining structures on highway 23, will complete the contract sometime in September it was said Monday.

The final condemnation hearing in Coleman on five tracts of land to be traversed by highway 7 was held Saturday, and all land needed for the right-of-way will soon be ready for grading.

Mrs. W. E. Branch was called to Brownwood Monday to the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Lewis Roberts, who is critically ill and not expected to live.

Mrs. Alice Chapman and Miss Ida Mae Voelkel visited in Brownwood over the week-end.

Coleman Business Men Here Tuesday

Coleman business men will en-vade Ballinger Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock for a visit here with local people. The trip from that city is being sponsored by the Kiwanis Club and a telephone call here Monday at noon completed arrangements for the trip to Ballinger.

J. D. Motley stated that the meeting would be held on the court house lawn at 3 o'clock and every local person who can is urged to be present there at that hour to meet the men and women from Coleman and assist in giving them a rousing reception. The nature of the visit was not explained in the call here Monday. The Coleman caravan of cars will also visit in Rowena and Miles before coming into Ballinger in the afternoon. They will remain here for about one hour and depart for a stop at Talpa and Valera on their way home.

With the Coleman delegation will be the Coleman municipal band under the direction of Jimmy King and a concert from these musicians will be heard prior to the starting of the speaking program. The delegation will be welcomed by a local speaker and the meeting turned over to them to use as they please.

Coleman county will stage its annual fair this fall and it is thought that the visit here will be partly in the interest of that event.

Remember at 3 o'clock to assemble with other citizens on the court house lawn to welcome the caravan of cars loaded with Coleman boosters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pratt and family are spending their vacation in Mexico. Mr. Pratt is an employee of the Community Natural Gas Company here.

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