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## Special House Committee Favors Olsen Acreage Bill

(By Associated Press)  
AUSTIN, Sept. 11.—The special House committee appointed to draft a cotton acreage bill, had prepared a report today which recommended the Olsen bill, restricting the acreage for the next two years to one-third of the cultivated area, and advised the tabling of all other measures, including the Long no-cotton plan. The report will be made formally in a few hours.

Representative Victor Gilbert, of Cisco, plans to introduce the Long plan from the floor of the House. The Senate agricultural committee continued hearings on several bills. Senate proponents of reduction favor a measure similar to the Olsen bill. Senator Clint Small, of Wellington, declared that proponents of the Long plan were hoping for a delay to increase the chances for that proposal. Opponents of restriction claim the Olsen bill is unenforceable. The Senate reversed itself this afternoon and agreed to take pay for the special session.

## Service Clubs In Joint Session

Ballinger Rotarians and Lions heard an excellent program Friday at their joint session which entertained them and also created better understanding and fellowship. The clubs met together on the regular Lions Club day at their invitation for the joint session with the Rotary Club furnishing the program. R. T. Williams, in charge of the program, introduced a male quartet in a couple of numbers and Jimmy and Johnnie, black-face comedians were heard in a skit of jokes and songs. Both numbers were given a good reception and hearty applause.

Edgar McClelland, of Junction, spoke briefly to the clubs expressing greetings from his town and club and complimented Ballinger upon gaining former citizens of that town here in school, athletics and civic work. He said that they were still raising good people and sending them out to other sections as missionaries.

Sterling Prince talked to the club members on the football prospects here for the coming year. Mr. Prince stated that he was not overly optimistic and that several positions had to be filled yet but that the boys were being trained to win and lose like gentlemen. He also stated that he was not discouraged over the prospects and that there was plenty of good material on hand to make a team from. H. C. Lyon announced the faculty-patron party Friday night stating that it was for everyone and that in the past it had been misunderstood. He urged all club members to attend Friday evening.

A number of visitors were present Friday and the dining room was practically filled for the meeting.

On next Wednesday the Rotarians will have a speaker from San Angelo, who is the son of the president of the University of Mexico and he will talk on international affairs. All members are urged to be present for that program which is being staged by E. W. McLaurin.

## ORDER GUARDS TO KILL STRAY DOGS AT COLLEGE

(By Associated Press)  
LUBBOCK, Tex., Sept. 11.—After seven prize lambs had been so badly injured by stray dogs that it became necessary to kill them, W. L. Stangel, head of the animal husbandry department at Texas Technological College, posted guards on the grounds with instructions to shoot all dogs seen on the college farm. Some of the lambs were being groomed for exhibition at fall fairs. It was the third attack dogs have made on the college livestock. Three lambs were killed last spring, and before that time dogs had entered the livestock pens and chewed the ears of some of the show cattle.

A 54-inch woven wire fence surrounds the livestock pens.

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## Judge Confirms Julian Indictment

(By Associated Press)  
OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 11.—Federal Judge Edgar S. Vaught today confirmed the report that C. C. Julian, oil promoter, had been indicted for mail fraud. The judge declined to say if others were indicted in connection with the same case.

Julian and several associates made bond when charged here recently.

## NATURE AS KILLER TWICE AS DEADLY AS WAR WEAPONS

(By Associated Press)  
LONDON, Sept. 11.—Old Mother Nature is about twice as efficient in disabling mankind as the most scientific weapons, according to the British medical service.

Disease caused two-thirds of the more than 11,000,000 casualties suffered by British forces in the war. There were nearly half a million cases of malaria in Macedonia and more than six times as many men died of malaria than were killed in action or died of wounds.

Cholera and typhus in Egypt and Mesopotamia did their bit, and common ailments added thousands to the hospital lists.

Of the sick and injured, 93 per cent eventually returned to some form of duty, as against 82 per cent of the wounded.

The surprisingly low figures for mortality from gas are accounted for by the fact that many gassed were listed as killed in action.

More than 90 per cent of gas victims got back into the war.

Edgar McClelland, of Junction, spent a few hours here Friday visiting friends and attending to business. Mr. McClelland is publisher of the Junction Eagle, president of the Heart of Texas Press Association and president of the Junction Rotary Club. He took lunch with the local Rotarians Friday in their joint meeting with local Lions.

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## Camp Fire Girls Have Choral Club

The Camp Fire Girls of Ballinger are rapidly becoming a promising group of choristers under the inspired leadership of Miss Edith Miller. The club was organized during August and has already made considerable progress and will soon be ready for a public appearance in harmony singing.

Over thirty girls are now on the active membership of the club and music has been received for regular rehearsals.

Among those who have registered in the club to date are:

Mary Faye Wardlaw, Laura Edith Miller, Dorothy Wooten, Helen Routh, Billie Teague, Elva Sykes, Sybil Cox, Kathryn Atwell, Ruby Schmickie, Helen Thompson, Lavene Caffey, Mary Ruth Reese and Elizabeth Motley. Marjorie and Dorothy Lynn, Eleanor Williams, Bobbie Marie Avey, Eula Mae Clark, Jodie La Raine Morrison, Teddy Wardlaw, Bernice Morley, Marcella Fryar, Ethel Hull, Lolita Morrison, Myrtle Mollie Horn, Mary Lou Creasy, Kathryn Bell, Melba Hash, Edith Wellhausen, Wesley Jane Reese, Cordelia Lynn. Mrs. Reese's Group (a new group forming) are Evelyn Teague, Jane Flint, Betty Lou Ogbourne, Gloria McGregor.

This club was formed with the motive of becoming better acquainted with the Camp Fire songs, written for two and three part singing, and also to act out the several songs with motions. It is to be hoped the girls will be able to give a presentation of the work at the County Fair to be held in October and at the official opening of the Camp Fire Hut now under construction.

Later the club will be presented in musical plays and operettas, revues, etc. Only active members of the Camp Fire Girls are eligible for membership.

## Gandhi Expects British to Grant Self Government

(By Associated Press)  
MARSEILLES, France, Sept. 11.—Mahatma Gandhi, landing in Europe today for the first time in fifteen years, said the British government is facing such staggering domestic problems that it is not likely to refuse India self government.

A refusal, the mahatma declared, would mean a renewal of the civil disobedience campaign and boycott of British goods.

Frenchmen stared at Gandhi's thin cloth. He told the customs inspectors he had no tobacco, alcohol, firearms, or narcotics—nothing but spinning wheels, goat milk, loin cloths and a reputation.

The mahatma's companion, the pandit Balaviya, 70, had only mud and water from the River Ganges. He makes sacred images from the mud.

## Order Issued to Curtail Drilling

(By Associated Press)  
AUSTIN, Sept. 11.—The state railroad commission today made a change in its East Texas oil production order in an attempt to curtail drilling. After noon Tuesday, one well only will be allowed to be drilled on every twenty acres.

The present order allows 225 barrels daily per well with but few restrictions on location offsets near the border lines of leases.

## School Openings are Planned for County

The next school in the county to open is at Wingate on October 5. The Wingate school, one of the largest rural independent schools of the county, employs seven teachers. It has one of the best equipped buildings in the county and a large student body.

R. O. Martin is superintendent of the Wingate school this year. He comes to Wingate from Blackwell, where he taught last year. The other members of the high school faculty, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Crisswell, are from Content, and have had several years' successful experience in this county.

Other members of the faculty are: Miss Eugenia Baskin, Miss Gladys Lehman, Mrs. Lula Hemmeline and Miss Irene McNeil. These have taught at Wingate prior to this term and are resuming their former duties there.

The Rowena school opened Monday of this week, and the Miles school will open next Monday, September 14. The Norton school held sessions for six weeks but is now suspended to allow the children to help pick the cotton crop. The term will be resumed there on October 19. This plan is believed by the trustees to be a way out of a difficulty in an agricultural section. Heretofore the enrollment has been light in some of the rural schools for the first several weeks after opening until a major portion of the crop was harvested.

A number of the schools made preparations last spring for booths in the Runnels County Fair this year. County Superintendent R. E. White believes that excellent displays will be made by the Crews, Bethel, Hatchel, Norton and Maverick schools, and perhaps a number of others. These schools gathered materials for show purposes last year, at the close of school, and displayed them at the interscholastic meet at Winters. The purpose of this

## Income Tax Bill Asked by House

(By Associated Press)  
AUSTIN, Sept. 11.—The House today voted to ask Governor Sterling to submit a state income tax measure to the legislature at this session. An amendment would be added to the whole subject of revenue and taxation.

It is reported that the governor has prepared a message submitting taxation for limited consideration.

The House wishes to consider the reduction of appropriation bills and state expense also.

Representatives F. C. Weinert, of San Juan, and Albert Barron, of Sherman, are joint authors of the income tax resolution.

## HALL COUNTY FAIR TO OPEN OCTOBER 7TH

(By Associated Press)  
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 11.—The Hall County District Fair will be held in Memphis October 7 and 8. Splendid agricultural exhibits are expected, according to Bill Kesterson, fair president, and the 4-H clubs, home demonstration clubs and the schools will participate. Premiums will be awarded in all departments.

Auto racing will be the feature entertainment attraction. A free gate will be introduced.

## Helen Practices Hard

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 11.—(AP)—Mrs. Helen Wills Moody, six times women's national tennis champion and holder of the English title on numerous occasions, believes in the old adage "practice makes perfect." She practices four and five times every week, mostly with men opponents.

## Broadcast Sermon From Here Sunday

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock services from the First Methodist Church of Ballinger will be San Angelo. Arrangements have been made for the telephone line during the one hour broadcast free and the equipment in the studio here at King-Holt Company will be moved into the church late Saturday afternoon and made ready for the broadcast from 11 to 12.

The program is being presented and dedicated especially to the patients at Carlsbad Sanatorium and radios will be turned on in that institution to hear the morning service from here. Equipment will be tested at an off period Saturday and everything will be set for the Sunday service here.

The choir at this church prepared the musical program at their rehearsal Thursday evening and Rev. T. E. Bowman will bring the sermon Sunday. The service will be arranged to last exactly one hour so that the entire program will be on the air.

Ballinger people are urged to attend the service Sunday morning and not stay at home to hear it over the radio set.

was that displays could be made at the county fair even though the schools were not open.

## British Make Drastic Financial Budget Cuts

(By Associated Press)  
LONDON, Sept. 11.—Premier Ramsay MacDonald in opening the debate today on the government's drastic economy bill before the House of Commons said the procedure by orders in the council without waiting for parliamentary approval is necessary for a speedy solution of the financial crisis. He promised to use the method only one month.

Chancellor of Exchequer Phillip Snowden's emergency taxation measures took effect today. Most government employees from cabinet ministers to policemen will receive a cut in pay on October 1.

## Former University Head Dies Today

(By Associated Press)  
AUSTIN, Sept. 11.—Dr. Sydney E. Mezes, former president of the University of Texas, died in Pasadena, California last night, according to word received here today. Mezes, the author of several books, was a brother-in-law of Col. E. M. House.

Dr. Mezes who succeeded David F. Houston as president of the state university, later became head of the College of the City of New York. He was offered the post of federal commissioner of education, but declined it. In 1918-19 Dr. Mezes was a member of some of the special commissions concerned with the peace conference in Europe.

## NON-GAMBLING AMERICAN PUTS GAINS IN POOR BOX

(By Associated Press)  
MONTE CARLO, Sept. 11.—A public collector, making his monthly trip around the principality to empty the poor boxes found an envelope in the box in front of the casino.

The envelope contained \$1,100 in French francs and this note, written in English:

"Please see that this money goes to those who are really needy. My wife and I object to gambling but as long as we were on this trip we decided to risk five hundred francs. The enclosed is what happened within an hour. Is that a record?"

The signature was simply "New Yorker."

Four Presidents in One  
RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 11.—(AP)—With his election as president of the First North Carolina State College summer school, Frank W. Gorham achieved his fourth presidency. He is chief executive of the state student federation, the engineers' council and the Wake county club at his school. When the next term opens he will be a major of the R. O. T. C.

## WEATHER FORECAST

(By Associated Press)  
West Texas—Generally fair tonight and Saturday.  
East Texas—Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday.

## Two Terrific Hurricanes Sweeping Caribbean

### Borger is Rocked By Big Explosion

(By Associated Press)  
BORGER, Tex., Sept. 11.—An explosion of 1,000 quarts of nitroglycerine at the magazine of the American Glycerine Company, a mile south of Borger, shook the town and shattered many windows today.

The cause of the blast has not been determined.

Nobody was hurt so far as known.

Three other magazines, located nearby, were not affected.

The explosion was felt at Skellytown, 16 miles away.

Explosives in the magazine destroyed were valued at \$3,000.

## FLOW OF MEXICAN LABORERS CONTINUES

(By Associated Press)  
EL PASO, Sept. 11.—Flow of Mexican laborers from the United States to Mexico continued during July. Figures released by Mexican immigration authorities show 2,167 Mexican repatriates entered Mexico through Juarez during the month while 252 Mexicans were deported from the United States. Business depression in the United States and inducements by the Mexican government are reasons ascribed for the movement.

## PLANE BUILDING IN 1931 SHOWS BUT SMALL DECLINE

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—Producing 1,906 airplanes in the first half of 1931, American manufacturers fell but 78 units below the mark set in the same period in 1930.

Civil aviation had the greatest appeal, 1,069 airplanes being built for this field, including 750 monoplanes, 277 biplanes, 40 autogiros, and two helicopters.

Mrs. Allan Mason and little daughter came in Thursday from Littlefield to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Smith.

## Two Hurricanes in Caribbean

(By Associated Press)  
Two hurricanes in the Caribbean area. One person is reported killed and 150 to 200, including several American priests, injured. Hundreds left the scene of the storm's damage, and at least half the population of Belize, British Honduras, are homeless.

At least one was killed and much property damage was done at San Juan, Porto Rico, by the other storm which now sweeping toward Haiti. The disturbance is expected to reach Santo Domingo tonight.

Radio communication with Belize has been severed. San Juan also is cut off from the rest of Porto Rico.

The number of dead and the damage at Belize is difficult to ascertain at this time.

The navy department at Washington ordered a marine corps plane to leave Managua, Nicaragua, for Belize, 400 miles distant, with \$2,500 worth of medical supplies.

The U. S. mine sweeper Swan is sailing from Trujillo to establish radio communication and furnish relief for the stricken inhabitants.

## BOY REBUILDS AIRPLANE NOW SEEKING LICENSE

(By Associated Press)  
ASHEVILLE, N. C., Sept. 11.—Brian Barber, 17, looks forward to his eighteenth birthday, September 28, with interest.

That's the day he'll be examined for his ability to fly. He thinks he'll pass, too, for he has had 250 flights alone, and about 35 hours aloft.

All these were taken in a plane he rebuilt, with the help of his 15-year-old sister.

His father, and yes, even his mother, have flown with him.

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**SUNDAY STORIES**



**THE MILK PLANE**

By Mary Graham Bonner

The cows were milked and John and Peggy were given fresh drinks of milk, and it was warm and nice just as it always had been in the old days.

They certainly wanted to see the milk plane.

And now it came along and landed just where they ever were, health officers closely watch all epidemic diseases and are usually effective in their efforts to curb them.

In order to avoid contracting a disease to which one is both susceptible and exposed, it is essential to know how the disease spreads.

Unfortunately, we do not definitely know how infantile paralysis is spread. We know that it is caused by some living organism, too small to be seen under our most powerful microscopes.

We know also that the virus of infantile paralysis can be found in the intestines, windpipe, mouth, nose and throat of those who are ill.

Also, the virus occasionally can be found in the nose and throat of persons coming in contact with infantile paralysis sufferers, though these persons need not suffer from the disease.

Those sick, or suspected to be suffering from infantile paralysis, should be strictly quarantined. No one but those attending the patient should be allowed to come in contact with him.

All utensils and other objects that come in contact with the patient should be disinfected.

All homes should be screened and guarded against insects.

Dust should be suppressed, milk should be pasteurized and food articles should be guarded against contamination.

Children should be kept away from crowds.

Common drinking cups should be avoided.

If a child develops suspicious symptoms he should be put to bed and a physician called at once.

(Tomorrow—"Air Delivers")

**SAYS FAIR PROFIT CAN BE MADE FROM ALFALFA**

(By Associated Press)

QUANAH, Tex., Sept. 11.—That alfalfa can be threshed and a fair profit made from the sale of the seed has been demonstrated by O. O. Gillian on an experimental tract on his farm three miles northeast of Quanah.

Gillian has a tract of about 30 acres of alfalfa each year for hay, but this year left an acre to go to seed and threshed it.

From this one acre he gathered five and a half bushels of seed, and has the straw left for hay.

Alfalfa seed sells for \$8 to \$10 a bushel.

Gillian said that usually a special attachment has to be bought for threshing alfalfa, but he made a workable attachment for the combine out of 30 cents' worth of screen wire and the threshing was a simple matter.

(Tomorrow—"Home Canning")

**INFANTILE PARALYSIS**

In a number of the eastern states, and particularly in New York city, there are many infantile paralysis cases.

With today's widespread traveling extension of most epidemic diseases is hastened. However, to compensate, our quarantine practices are better than they ever were.

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**CONVICTS "WISE CRACK" ON PAYING FOR MEAL**

(By Associated Press)

JASPER, Tex., Sept. 11.—A little fun now and then seems to be relished—even by men on the way to gray walls at Huntsville for a long term.

When Sheriff A. G. Maxwell started to the penitentiary with Claude Woods and Wayne Castor, convicted Kirbyville bank bandits, and S. C. Elkins, check "artist," he stopped in Trinity for dinner. The meal finished, Castor remarked to Elkins:

"Give the lady a hot check for the meals."

Retorted Elkins: "Bank robbers are supposed to have lots of money. You pay."

having a fine time doves plentiful in the annual Parent-Teacher Association party at the County Club tonight and meet the members of the schools faculty. The program has been arranged to provide wholesome fun and entertainment.

Coleman schools showed a big increase in opening day enrollment this year. Over 1,000 pupils were enrolled and the number in the high school was greater than last year. This speaks well for the educational system there and the interest of patrons and children.

Payment of taxes that will become delinquent October 15 is very important to the schools of this county. The schools will be cut short unless taxes are paid up to normal both during October and on the first of 1932. For the sake of the children who attend the schools every citizen of the county should strive his best to pay all his taxes.

San Angelo is starting early and looking to the caring for the needy in that city this winter in a new way. A canning campaign is being conducted and vegetables and meats will be stored to feed the hungry who apply to the charity board for help. Advertisements published in the newspapers ask for donations of edibles to be canned and stored in the city's pantry for use this winter. This move is a fine one for any community and in addition to feeding the hungry has the advantage of saving vegetables which would otherwise spoil.

For a number of years McCulloch county has operated a public library for use by the entire county and many people have cooperated in making it fill the needs of all the citizens, and especially the school children. A check-up shows the schools use the library a great deal, many pupils taking out books to help them in their education. The Ballinger schools have a fair library but many rural schools in Runnels county need books badly and a county library would be an incalculable asset.

A white Leghorn hen owned by W. J. Shuford, of Hickory, N. C., laid 11 eggs in 18 days, all containing double yolks.

**Sam Behringer's Birthday Party NEXT SATURDAY, SEPT. 12**

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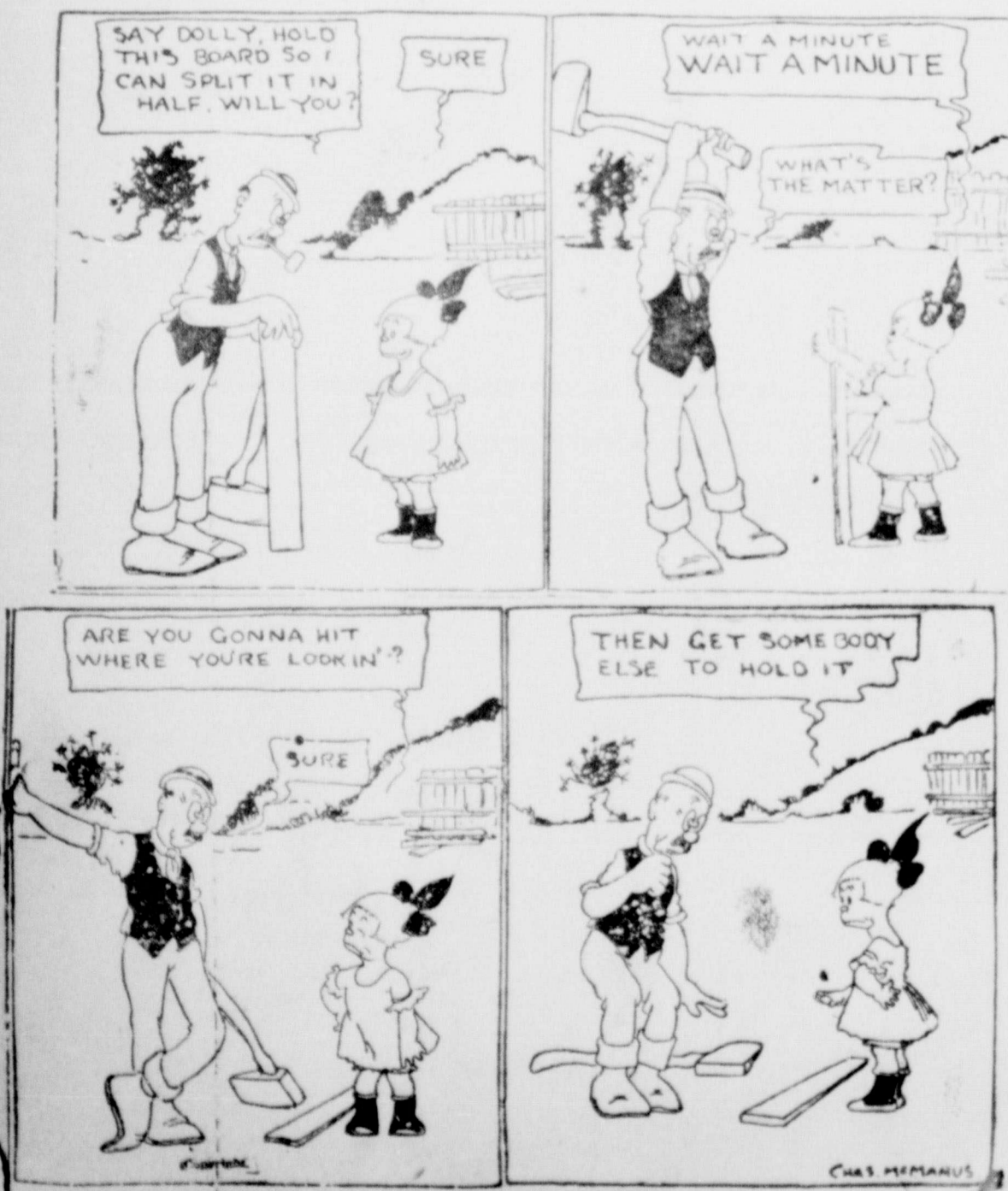
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The party will start promptly at 8 p. m., and all those attending will be given places at 42 tables for several games. Those present are requested to intro-

duce themselves during the evening so all teachers may learn the names and faces. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the games and the entire evening devoted to pleasure.

Joe Forman spent Thursday in Brownwood, attending the special meeting for Methodists of this district.

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CHAPTER 15

GAMBLING ON TOPE

"I DON'T know, Munson, I honestly don't," Peak said. "I might, of course, follow your suggestion. I might rush out to Sam, tell her that all is discovered, cast her for my life, and take the next boat for the far east."

"That would be the dramatic thing to do, but I'm not going to do it. It wouldn't help Sam a bit. He shook his head. "No, I'll admit that you've given me something to think about, and I'll promise to think about it. Beyond that I can't go."

"No!" Freddy inquired heatedly. "Then I can go further. I can take Sam with me to Kansas City!"

Peak looked at him. "Can you?"

Freddy shrugged. "No," he admitted bitterly. "I can't. As a matter of fact I telephoned Sam just before I came here and she wouldn't talk to me. Said that she and I were through for good."

Peak said: "I'm sorry, Munson. I honestly am."

There was more talk but it came to nothing, and in the end Freddy went away.

So Sam was in love with Freddy Munson. That was the explanation Peak had been hunting for. She was in love with one man and engaged to be married to another. No wonder she was pale and so obviously unhappy.

Peak smiled grimly and tossed a pencil on the desk. "Well, Abbott," he remarked, half aloud, "there's your answer. And what a pretty little answer it turned out to be!"

Peak Abbott decided to say nothing to anybody about Freddy's brief but important visit to the city.

Sam's behavior in the days that followed was something of a revelation. It was obvious that she must have called upon much of her reserve courage in order to rebuff Freddy when he telephoned, and it was equally obvious that, having rebuffed him, she must be suffering keenly.

To Peak, who watched her with a keen understanding of what she must be feeling, it seemed that her acting was almost perfect. She treated him and everybody else, as though nothing whatsoever had happened, and at the end of two weeks he was forced to admit that he had seen but one tiny ripple of a smile possibly be a mark of Freddy's swift passage across the surface of things.

Sam had once more brought up subject of their wedding date. "Well, young man," she demanded severely, "when do you think you'll get around to doing your duty?"

Peak smiled. "I suppose, in your way, you are asking me when we are going to be married."

"Yes," she nodded firmly. "How about next month?"

"I don't see how I could get away for a honeymoon," said Sam. "You're kidding me, aren't you?"

"I wonder," Peak said. "You're trying to give me plenty of time to get my mind in spite of the fact that I keep telling you it won't be long."

Peak looked at her. "Why are you in a hurry, Sam?"

She said slowly, not looking at him, "I've never seen you that way before. Why are you so nervous?"

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things so much easier for you." "Love hasn't hurt me, Sam. Quite to the contrary." "Yes it has!" Her denial was swift and almost fearful. "Don't you think I know what you are going through, Peak? I can't make up my mind whether I'll hurt you most by keeping you to your bargain or by letting you go. I wish you'd help me."

"That's easy. Let me stick to my bargain. I'm a gambler, Sam, and I'm gambling everything on the hope that some day you may come to care about me. It may be a poor bet, but at least it's a bet."

Sam did not again refer to the subject of the wedding date, and Peak was content to let the matter rest. He knew that it would never have been mentioned at all except for Freddy's telephone call. Sam's determination had been shaken by that telephone call, and she wanted to do something irrevocable; something that would forever deprive her of the right to change her mind.

By the middle of the last week in March Fourth Aldersea made good his promise to Eugene Frye. He named a definite afternoon for her to come to tea at the stable, and he performed the distasteful task of explaining the situation to Sam.

"I hate having to drag you into it," he confessed nervously, "but I don't see what else I can do. She buys a lot of books from me, and she has helped me in other ways."

"Of course," said Sam soothingly. "I'll probably enjoy myself thoroughly."

Fourth was grateful for Sam's sympathetic attitude in advance, but he was more than grateful for the way she treated Eugene Frye when that lady finally put in her appearance at the stable.

In the beginning it seemed that things were certain to go badly. Eugene, in an expensive but badly-chosen afternoon dress, was nervous and ill at ease.

Sam, Fourth discovered, was more than equal to the occasion. Before Fourth had time to realize exactly what was happening the two ladies were chattering across the tea table as naturally and as animatedly as though they were friends of long standing.

Fourth marveled, gazing at Sam with a new respect. He was tremendously relieved and was his cheerful vacative self again.

"You didn't know that I was an inventor, did you?" he demanded suddenly of Eugene.

"Why, no!" cried the widow. "Are you really an inventor? I'd love to hear about it."

Fourth needed no more encouragement and he proceeded to set forth, in detail, the story of his electrical circuit breaker. He told the tragic conclusion, in a minor key. Fourth had taken his invention to the leading manufacturers, and one after another they had denied him recognition. They all admitted the undeniable excellence of the device, but they all, with biological stubbornness, maintained that it would be impractical for the commercial field. Its complications designed would make its manufacture prohibitively expensive.

"All of which," Fourth informed the widow Frye solemnly, "was absolute nonsense! But what could I do? I did not have the capital to form a manufacturing company of my own. I could not get the capital. The result, Mrs. Frye, was that the best circuit breaker the world will ever see lies rotting on a shelf—all because of the lack of a few miserable dollars!"

Eugenie's thoughts were obvious. She listened intently to everything that Fourth said, and when he had finished she asked a few pertinent questions. How much would it cost to manufacture these circuit breakers? For how much could they be sold? Would he mind showing her a model of the device?

Fourth was more than glad to oblige. He went to a cupboard in a corner of the room and brought to light the child of his brain. Then he set out upon a complicated explanation of its various points of superiority.

In the midst of it all there was an unfortunate interruption. Sam, who had wandered over to the front window, saw an automobile turn in at the stone gates and start up the drive.

The car stopped at the front door and Sam heard footsteps on the gravel.

The knob was turned and the door swung slowly open. Sam gasped.

(Copyright, Freeman Lincoln)

Trouble comes through the door. The door is open. Sam collects herself for a crisis.

Read today's news in The Ledger today.

SPORTS

The Winters Blizzards open their season tonight, playing on Cowboy Field, Abilene, with Snyder as the opponent. The Winters team is regarded here as the strongest contender for honors in district 11 this year, looking at it on paper at the beginning of the season. A flock of huskies makes a combination hard to beat.

The Bearcats went into scrimmage for the first time Thursday afternoon and the players performed like veterans but minus some snap and fast hitting. This should come a little later when some of the candidates decide to play football and leave the selection of the team to the coaches. Ballinger high has the material for a fast charging line if it is developed but much improvement must be made.

Prince and Davis are giving every man a chance for the position he wants to play and it will likely be after the Paint Rock game before a first string team will be placed on the field. Every boy on the field has a chance, according to the coaches, and it's up to the best as to who will play.

"Sad" Sam Jones, former full-back here, has moved to Abilene and will help the Eagles struggle for a state championship this year.

Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas, County of Runnels.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Johnson County, of the 2nd day of September 1931, by J. P. Seroyer, District Clerk of said Johnson County, Texas for the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-three and 31/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgement, in favor of T. B. Crutcher in a certain cause in said Court, No. 14147 and styled T. B. Crutcher vs L. M. Livingston, J. J. Hinkle and L. M. Hinkle, placed in my hands for service, I, W. A. Holt as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did, on the 7th day of September 1931 levy on the undivided interest of J. J. Hinkle and L. M. Hinkle in and to the following described property, situated in Runnels County, Texas, to-wit: The southwest quarter and the south half of the northwest quarter of Section 81, Certificate No. 81, C. T. & R. R. Co. Survey, and beginning at the southwest corner of this survey, the same being the southeast corner of a tract conveyed to C. T. Skidmore; thence east 950 varas, the southeast corner of this tract; thence north 1425 varas; thence west 950 varas to the west line of the survey and the east line of the Skidmore tract; thence south 1425 varas to the place of beginning, the said judgement also being a foreclosure against L. M. Livingston, and levied upon as the property of J. J. Hinkle and L. M. Hinkle, and that on the first Tuesday in October 1931, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said L. M. Livingston, J. J. Hinkle and L. M. Hinkle, as aforesaid.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Ballinger Ledger, a newspaper published in Runnels County.

Witness my hand, this 10th day of September 1931.

W. A. HOLT, Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas. 4td-11-18-25-2

BEAUMONT'S FIRST FIRE TRUCK STILL IN SERVICE

(By Associated Press) BEAUMONT, September 11.—The fire department's first piece of motor-driven equipment, a combination truck purchased in August, 1911, has just rounded out its twentieth birthday, with a record of more than 6,000 fire alarms answered.

One accident has marred the record of the old truck. On Christmas day, 1914, it collided with a fire truck from another station, and its driver was killed. The truck has answered more alarms than any two others in the city's service, and it is estimated the distance covered by the vehicle is approximately 15,000 miles.

Day and night, it still is among the first to reach a fire, and many more years of service await it, firemen believe.

Read today's news in The Ledger today.

appointments at church. Rev. McClain, pastor, Rev. Riddle, of Paint Rock, and Rev. Golden were here for the afternoon services at the Baptist church, when three of the members were ordained as deacons of the church.

The social in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hedrick Shelburn Friday night was enjoyed by a large crowd. All report a delightful time and left hoping Mrs. Shelburn will entertain again soon. Delicious punch and sandwiches were served.

Barney Nunley is spending the week with his sister, Mrs. W. P. Johnson at Bronte.

Mrs. Claude Goodwin was brought home from the Ballinger sanitarium last week. Her many friends are wishing for her to be well again soon.

Miss Winnie Mae Van Nort entertained the senior B. Y. P. U. with a social at her home Friday night. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served and enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. R. D. Martin and children, of Maverick, also a daughter, Mrs. Chester Fowler, who has just recently returned from California, spent the day Sunday visiting in the home of Tom Crockett and family.

Rev. Cole and family visited in the homes of E. Koneig, D. R. Goodwin and Frank Woods the past week-end.

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guests Payne. Mrs. Arthur Fuller spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Summers and Mrs. Duggar. Mrs. and Mrs. G. C. Avent and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Payne of Crews. Miss Mona Avent spent Sunday with Miss Maggie Ruth Hayward. "REPORTER"

Communities to Meet. RALLS, Tex., Sept. 11.—(AP)—A county-wide community program, with a dozen communities over Crosby county participating, will be held here some time soon, M. G. Hardgrave, president of the chamber of commerce, announced. The date has not been decided.

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**WANTED**—In the market for oats at all times. H. B. Mayfield, 10-21d-11w.

**WANTED**—Used Coleman Gas Heater. Call 261. 9-3td-\*

**FOR RENT**—South bed rooms, 205 Ninth Street. Phone 1375. Mrs. George Pearce. 31-10td

**LODGE SEES GAIN IN EYES BLINDED TO SPIRIT WORLD**

(By Associated Press)  
WESTON—SUPER-MARE, England, Sept. 11.—Human eyes are mercifully closed to the realities of the spirit world. Sir Oliver Lodge told the National Free Church council, else people should be overwhelmed.

"We would have no time for our business or our daily work," the veteran spiritualist said, "were we not encased with matter and our eyes closed."

Sir Oliver said science was gradually beginning to recognize the existence, not of a spiritual world, necessarily, but of a universe which had no appeal to the senses and was not material.

"I hold that life exists in space and utilizes matter for its own purposes and operates matter so that the material body does certain things. Matter does nothing except to go where you put it. It is quite enough—I go further—it has no energy."

"If you smash a loud speaker you destroy the machine, but not the other waves. I am a loud speaker at the moment, and if you bring a hatchet to my head you destroy my mechanism, but that is all."

"Life and the mind do not stop when the machine has stopped. I do not suppose it began when the machine began. Every real thing is perpetual," he said.

**"CHARGE" ACCOUNTS OF CAMBRIDGE MEN LIMITED BY VARSITY**

(By Associated Press)  
CAMBRIDGE, England, Sept. 11.—Cambridge University students, among other things, are being taught not to go into debt and tradesman dependent upon student patronage are portended.

Posters warning every tradesman in town that the merchants must report to college authorities every student in their debt for more than \$25. One firm neglected to do so and was "blacklisted."

Under the rules any student caught dealing with this firm will be dismissed from the university.

The debt, resulting in the firm being barred from student business, was \$30 for taxi hire which the student spent entertaining his sweetheart.

**\$50,000 Spells Trouble**  
DAYTON, Ky., Sept. 11.—(P)—Winning \$50,000 has its drawbacks, William Coyle, who held a ticket on Sandwich, third horse in the English derby, has discovered. Besides being swamped with salesmen of all varieties, Coyle returned home the other night to find burglars had visited him.

makers are united for the first time in Mark Twain's "A Connecticut Yankee" in which Will Rogers is starred by Fox Film.

Mark Twain, one of the world's greatest humorists in his day, has his modern counterpart in Rogers, who ranks as the greatest living American humorist and comedian.

"A Connecticut Yankee," which will be seen and heard for three days, commencing Sunday afternoon, at the Palace Theatre, has long been considered one of the world's greatest satires. In the new version of the famous Mark Twain classic, Rogers starts out as a small town radio dealer. He delivers a battery to a mysterious mansion on the hill one stormy night. The owner of the house hopes to tune his huge radio set in on sound waves which have been battling around in the ether since the beginning of time. He tunes in on what appears to be King Arthur's Court. There is a terrific flash of lightning and Rogers wakes up in the sixth century, right in the middle of the Round Table.

He narrowly escapes burning at the stake and then, through his native Yankee sagacity, becomes the Prime Minister. He introduces many novel improvements in the scheme of life of the ancients, including a service station for armored knights where they may be washed, polished, oiled and their rivets checked in a minute's time. Efficiency. That's the word. Other novel improvements, too numerous to mention, enliven the kingdom and Rogers soon becomes the Big Shot of Camelot.

His many improvements bring many screamingly funny situations and finally, Sir Sagamore, jealous of Rogers' popularity, challenges him to toast in the big tournament. How Rogers overcomes the burly knight is entirely too funny to spoil by revealing the hints.

Rogers is surrounded by a capable supporting cast, which includes Maudie O'Sullivan, Frank Albertson, Myrna Loy, Mitchell Harris, Brandon Hurst and William Farnum.

**Tombay Mizzi Green Shows Boys Face in Film**  
Most little girls wish at some time or other, that they were boys.

For that reason, Mizzi Green, who after all, is only ten years old in spite of her sangroid and savoir faire, has found the screen role which she deems her favorite. It is in "Forbidden Adventure," the Paramount comedy-satire on life in Hollywood and Europe which is showing today and Saturday at the Palace Theatre.

Mizzi's part calls for her going about disguised as a boy part of the time in the picture. When those scenes were made, she outdared almost every one of the 25 boys on the set—climbing over a wall, crossing a ten-foot pole of water on a two-by-four running and chinning herself—and "skinning the cat."

J. B. Clark returned Thursday from Temple where he had received treatment in the Santa Fe hospital.

Seldon Robinson left Wednesday afternoon for Kerrville, where he will enter Schreiner Institute for the coming year.

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Home Killed, Steaks lb.  
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Rib Roast lb **10c** - Chuck Roast lb **12c**  
Fancy Sliced Bacon, lb. **25c**

Randolph Compton, formerly connected with Piggy Wiggly, is now associated with Reno Mackin in his meat market. He will be pleased to see his former customers at his new location.

**MACKIN'S MARKET**  
At J. M. Jones Grocery  
Phones 107 and 107

Community Natural Gas Company received its gas from the Lone Star Gas Company from the main line through a measuring station. This station is located on the Abilene highway a short distance north of the city limits. This station measures in cubic feet all the gas that is consumed by the Community Gas Company in this city. In addition to this station there are three regulator stations here that keeps the pressure even to the consumers.

Gas used here comes from Coleman and Brownwood fields but in case wells there should fail the system could be switched onto a trunk line and served from other places.

Garland Ranges, Estate Gas Heaters, Brilliant Fire Heaters, Ray-Glo Heaters and Stargas are some of the merchandise handled by the company. More than 40 Stargas plants and equipment have been installed and are serviced through the Ballinger office. Drums are furnished for

As soon as work was started the company created an office and warehouse here and have continued in the same place since opening here. This building serves at present as the office, warehouse and merchandise store rooms.

The company fulfilled its agreement with the city and before

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The Place to Save Money

and an outside foreman, a utility man and a cashier are employed regularly here in addition to special men who work here weeks at a time.

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

**POLYNESIAN WOOD KILLS SAW BLADE: "BUOYANT" AS IRON**

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—A specimen of hardest known wood in the world has been brought to the U. S. National Museum from Niuafoou Island in the Pacific Ocean.

It is a species of Polynesian ironwood and was discovered by Lieut. Henry C. Kellers, a member of the U. S. Naval Observatory expedition that went to Niuafoou last year to observe the eclipse.

The ironwood specimen is so hard it spoiled the edge of a circular saw with which an attempt was made to cut a cross section. After the saw had penetrated only about an inch it was necessary to refile the teeth to continue.

The ironwood is hard because its sap veins are impregnated with crystals of calcium oxalate. It is as if the wood were permeated with tiny pebbles.

The wood sinks in water. It is so heavy that it is needed to carry up shafts five feet long and from eight inches in diameter.

Billie Cordill went to San Antonio Thursday to attend the Barnes circus and visit with trouper friends in the circus band.

Mrs. George Forbus and daughter and Ira Turner, of Happy here at the bedside of their mother, Mrs. John Bass, who is very

**ABDA WARD**  
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Announces the continuation of her classes during the fall and winter.

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**PALACE**  
TODAY - SATURDAY  
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Mens Rubber Heels .50  
Ladies Soles .90  
Ladies Rubber Heels .40  
Ladies Leather Caps .30

L. B. Rudder  
E. J. Cathey  
Bob Carsey

ated with tiny pebbles. The wood sinks in water. It is so heavy that it is needed to carry up shafts five feet long and from eight inches in diameter.

Billie Cordill went to San Antonio Thursday to attend the Barnes circus and visit with trouper friends in the circus band.

Mrs. George Forbus and daughter and Ira Turner, of Happy here at the bedside of their mother, Mrs. John Bass, who is very

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