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Cotton Acreage Reduction Law is Explained by Hill

Roy L. Hill, county attorney, gives below the outstanding features included in the new cotton acreage reduction law passed by the last session of the legislature. Many people in this county are interested in this law, the attorney general's rulings on same, methods of enforcement, etc. Mr. Hill has endeavored to present in concise form the provisions of the act in a manner that everyone can understand them:

"Ballinger, Tex., Dec. 7, 1932
"Troy Simpson
"Editor, The Ledger
"Ballinger, Texas
"Dear Sir:

"In response to your request for detailed explanation of the new cotton acreage law, and in view of the fact that I have just received sufficient information to give you this discussion concerning the subject matter of such an important matter as this law, to the citizenship of this county, I will give you herewith a construction that has been placed on this law by Honorable Morris Cheek, assistant attorney general, under date of November 4th, 1931, and I will add thereto such other information as I have available. Due to the length of this particular act, and the that a great many of the farmers are familiar with its terms, and the space required for such discussion, I will not state the law, but will only refer to such provisions as are applicable to conditions at this time.

"In the first place a cotton grower who has land in two counties is not entitled to consider this total acreage as a basis for determining the per cent of cotton he is to plant in 1932, that is, this is based on the total acreage planted in 1931, that is to say the thirty per cent applies to the cultivated land in each county. The law governing this is stated as follows:..... any person, association or persons, firm, corporation or joint stock company, being the owner, or lessee, or occupant of any separately owned tract of land in this state, or the agent of the owner thereof, or any person or persons interested herein to plant, cultivate, or harvest on the said separately owned land during the year 1932,..... any crop of cotton, or other soil exhausting plants, excepting feed crops for man and domestic animals, or either, in excess of thirty per cent of the area of such separately owned tract of land which was in cultivation in planted crops during the crop year of 1931,....."

"You will observe by reading the above section that the unit for determining the acreage is 'any separately owned tract of land in the state.' This expression is defined in the last paragraph of section 3, to-wit:..... 'The words 'separately owned tract' shall be held to include any tract or two or more tracts of land in the same county, in whole or in part, owned in fee simple, or by tenants in common, or for life, or as lessee for a term of years, or any other title including a right of possession and or control, and a 'separately owned tract,' as herein defined, shall constitute the unit for determining the per cent of planting as authorized by this act.'"

"In this connection I will quote you from the attorney general, as follows:..... 'It will be seen, therefore, from the above that the unit for determining the per cent of planting, as authorized by the act, is the total amount of land and/or leased or rented in a single county. The per cent of planting authorized is based on the total acreage owned, leased or occupied in a single county, and disconnected tracts of land located in another county are not entitled to be taken into account.'"

"Another question has been propounded to the attorney general, which particularly applies to the manner of farming in our county, and due to the further fact that numerous questions of like character have been propounded to me recently, I will set out the question and a part of the attorney general's ruling in full. The question is, 'The act makes it unlawful in 1932 to plant cotton in excess of thirty

Ready to Issue '32 Auto License Plates

Automobile number plates and licenses for 1932 have arrived at the office of W. A. Forgey, county tax collector, and since December 1, he has been authorized to receive money for these new licenses. There are about 6,000 motor vehicles in this county and every one must bear a new plate by January 31. Members of the collector's staff are ready to give car owners quick service if they come before the rush.

The numbers for this county for 1932 start with A75-151. The background is dark green with white figures in relief. One number is for the front of the car and the other for the rear. A number of motorists have already bought new plates but will not be permitted to place them on their automobiles until the last of this year.

Mrs. L. L. Ballew, of Bronte, bought the first license issued in the county and since that time several hundred have been issued by the collector.

New car registrations for the month of November were small, only seven cars and one truck being registered. Ford dealers reported two sales and five Chevrolet trucks were registered here. One Chevrolet truck also was registered.

Mr. Forgey stated that his office was now ready to receive any kind of taxes that are due the county and state. Receipts have been prepared and the employees of the office are anticipating a big rush for the next two months. Next year being a big political year, the payment of poll taxes is expected to run high so that citizens of this county will have the right to vote in all elections.

Collector Forgey is maintaining a large staff of highly experienced clerks so that the best of service can be given the tax payers when they visit his office this fall.

BALDWIN WOULD APPLY TARIFF IDEA TO SLANG

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Dec. 7.—Stanley Baldwin wants to raise a protectionist barrier against American slang in England's speech.

"I hope you will not think I am transgressing into politics when I say that one of my reasons for being a protectionist is that I may banish the American language from this country," he said at the dedication of a new school.

"Our language is being reformed on the model of the captions of Hollywood films and we must guard our mother tongue against this pernicious vulgarization."

Sam Behringer returned Saturday from Shreveport, La., and other points in that section.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pirie, of Paris, spent the week-end here visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stobaugh left Monday afternoon for Austin to be at the bedside of the former's mother who is very ill.

Charles Coombes has been confined to his home for the past few days with a light case of flu.

J. D. Futch, special agent for the Santa Fe, attended to business in Ballinger Monday.

Mrs. Minnie Tyson, of Moore county, N. C., adds \$400 to her annual income by making rag rugs from scraps saved at home.

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Miller to Preside Over Court Here

The second week of district court opened here Monday when Judge O. L. Parish gave the oath to those summoned for petit jury service for the weeks. The jury was called for 10 a. m. and by noon excuses had been heard, the jurors sworn in and a number of civil cases set for hearing this week.

At noon Monday Judge E. J. Miller of the 35th judicial district arrived to preside over the court, hearing cases in which Judge Parish was disqualified. Monday afternoon he took the bench and set cases in which Judge Parish cannot preside, expecting to hear them Monday and Tuesday, after which he will return to Brownwood to take over his regular duties.

Practically all the week is expected to be devoted to hearing civil cases, there being a heavy list of these cases. Attorneys were numerous here Monday, getting their cases set and the approximate time arranged for them to start.

Jurors accepted for the week included: L. M. Bowden, C. D. Eubank, B. M. Batts, E. E. Adams, Walter Brian, N. S. Wright, S. D. Childress, A. O. Bartlett, S. A. Hemmeline, Dan Moser, Bob Stokes, F. L. Bates, R. L. Young, Owen Dorsey, A. B. Davis, P. R. Dietz, D. J. Goetz, Elmer Dorsett, W. B. Dunlap.

If Judge Miller does not dispose of all cases in which Judge Parish is not qualified to hear they will exchange benches again Thursday with Judge Parish going to Brownwood to open 35th district court.

FLIERS WILL REVERSE OLD TRAFFIC RULES

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Left-hand turns may be the bugaboo of motoring but they'll be the rule of aviation.

An amendment to air commerce regulations, effective December 1, makes circling of airports to the left or counterclockwise, the standard practice.

Special permission will be given to fields where conditions require circles to the right alone or right and left circles at different times. A display of letters "R," "L," and "X" has been prescribed to convey the information to airmen over airports allowed to depart from the regulations.

W. A. Bridwell and Dr. A. S. Love left Saturday on their annual deer hunt in the Kerrville section.

Carl Henslee, of Winters, after being on duty in district court here the past week, returned to his home Friday afternoon when the grand jury concluded its sessions.

PALACE

Wednesday and Thursday

HUSH MONEY



A man's past is his wife's.
A woman's past is her own.
with **JOAN BENNETT** **HARDIE ALBRIGHT**

Talking Comedy

Goodfellows Start Fund for the Needy

Goodfellows, Christmas is just 15 days distant. For many years no one in Ballinger has passed that holiday without having a visit from Santa Claus and already volunteers are remembering that there will be need of help if some children have the happiness this Christmas that they deserve.

Last year seven big trucks were loaded high on Christmas eve and a large number of families were aided. Groceries in large quantities, enough for a big Christmas dinner and for a week or more, candy and nuts for the children, fuel for those shivering with the cold and much warm clothing were distributed to the poor. Children received many toys donated by more fortunate kiddies to the Goodfellows' supply and every home in the city celebrated Christmas.

No canvass has been made here this year but there are doubtless many who will need aid if there is any Christmas in their homes and it is up to those who wish to be Goodfellows to volunteer and send in a donation. This paper will accept contributions and the money will be used by the Goodfellow committee without a cent for promotion or overhead expense.

John Weeks Earnshaw is the first Goodfellow for 1931. A check for \$5 was received some time ago from this young man, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw, who will do his share of spreading cheer. H. J. Zappe was the second to make a volunteer donation, handing in \$3, and at the same time volunteering his services in any way the committee can use him.

Be wise and advertise.

Grand Jury Completes Work After Finding Forty-six Bills

County Council to Meet Saturday

Runnels county council of the P-T. A. will meet at 2:30 p. m., Saturday, December 12, in American Legion Hall.

Mrs. J. H. Herndon, of Miles, president of the council, urges that all associations be represented and bring reports of their activities.

Visitors are welcome to council meetings. The following program will be carried out:

- Congress prayer
- P-T. A. song
- Business
- Health report by Miss Addie Alexander
- Tuberculosis seal drive, Mrs. A. B. Legate
- Report of state convention, Mrs. Thomas Head, San Angelo, recording secretary of the district
- Solo, "A Little Child Shall Lead," Mrs. Frank Pearce
- Report of chairman and associations
- P-T. A. song
- Social hour, Ballinger P-T. A. hostess.

Miss Sarah Elkins, of Simmons University, Abilene, was here over the week-end, visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Karmany.

Tom Caudie attended to business in Abilene Friday afternoon.

The Runnels county grand jury completed its deliberations Friday afternoon, reporting to Judge O. L. Parish and Judge J. F. Sutton. The report showed the finding of forty-six indictments, the largest number for this county in several years. Liquor law violations and robberies lead the list of crimes, however, a number of other offenses were reported.

Details of the cases and names of defendants are not available at this time as some of those charged have not been arrested.

Following is the grand jury's report: "To the Honorable O. L. Parish, Judge of the 119th District Court:

"We, your grand jury impaneled on the 30th day of November, 1931, for the fall term of the above court, herewith submit our report.

"We have been in session three days. We have examined twenty-two witnesses and have faithfully inquired into all violations and infractions of the law called to our attention.

"We have found forty-six true bills, thirty-eight of which are felony cases and eight misdemeanor cases. Twenty-seven indictments were presented to the court, Judge John F. Sutton presiding, on December 4th, 1931, and we hand you the balance of those indictments herewith.

"It is our pleasure to report

that we find the sheriff of Runnels county and his deputies are rendering the public a faithful and efficient service and are bringing law violators to justice in practically all cases which come to their attention. Recognizing that absolute enforcement is impossible, we find that the peace officers in the county in most cases are keeping faith with the public in a commendable manner.

"It is our pleasure to report that we have received the most efficient and helpful aid in the discharge of our duties from the district attorney, Eugene F. Mathis, and county attorney, Roy L. Hill. We want to especially commend Mr. Mathis, district attorney, for his faithful work in the grand jury room.

"We want to especially commend County Attorney Hill for the manner in which he presented his cases to the grand jury. His work in preparing his cases and statements has saved us considerable time and the county much expense.

"It has been a pleasure for us to have served as grand jurors under the Hon. O. L. Parish, district judge of the 119th judicial district, and we desire to thank him for his kindness and willingness to help us in this discharge of our duties.

"Permit us to express to your

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Program

Visit of Santa Claus to Ballinger

Saturday, December 12th

The welcoming committee has been joined by the Ballinger high school pep squad who will act as a unit in greeting jolly Old St. Nicholas when he arrives Saturday. He will be met at the landing field and a coach drawn by six horses will bring him to Ballinger, the cavalcade arriving at the intersection of Eighth Street and Hutchings Avenue at 2:30 p. m.

The coach will be escorted down Broadway by the Ballinger Band and the girls pep squad which will parade through the city playing and singing.

Santa will stop between the First National and Farmers & Merchants State Banks where he will greet the children of the county for a few minutes. All the program aside from the parade will be presented then.

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All Ballinger stores are acting as headquarters for Santa Claus this year. He has left with them Gifts for Every Member of the Family that will delight the recipients. Visit these stores and see the great array of gifts they have for one friend to give another—for relatives to exchange—also

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per cent of the area of such separately owned tract of land which was in cultivation in planted crops during the crop year 1931. Will it be a compliance with the law for a farmer to plant in 1932 cotton on the same land which was planted in 1931, by reducing the number of rows to thirty per cent of the number planted thereon in 1931; or does the law require that an entirely different portion of the land be planted and cultivated each year, regardless of the spacing of the rows?

"The attorney general's comment on the question propounded is in part as follows:

"It is my opinion that the act requires that entirely different portion of a given tract be planted in cotton each successive year. The intent of the law was undoubtedly in part to permit the resting of the land during alternate years."

"This provision, it seems, makes clear the fact that crops must be rotated and that the same land can not be planted to cotton by any subterfuge of row spacing on the same land. Quoting from a part of the attorney general's opinions on this same question, he says: 'It is not to be presumed that the legislature intended to enact a vague and unenforceable law. It would be impossible to demonstrate that a stalk of cotton in 1932, or any succeeding year, is planted in the exact spot that the cotton was planted the preceding year. Even if such demonstration were possible, to place such construction on the act would nullify the obvious intent of the legislature to rest the lands of this state by setting up a system of rotation insofar as cotton is concerned, so that the same land will not be planted in cotton two successive years. The purpose and spirit of the law can not be evaded by the subterfuge of changing the space of rows in an attempt to come within its provisions.'

"The attorney general has in effect held, and I think correctly, that land that was not cultivated in any crops during the year 1931, or new land that has never been cultivated at all, may be planted in cotton in 1932, and in this connection, and answering a question of similar nature, the attorney general states: 'The per cent of land allowed to be planted in 1932, being based on land which was in cultivation in 1931, must necessarily have reference only to land which was in cultivation in planted crops in the year 1931. Lands not culti-

vated in 1931, in my opinion, may be planted entirely in cotton in 1932."

"The attorney general has, among other things, held that land situated wholly within an incorporated city or town, whether platted or unplatted, also come under the provision of this act."

"Another question which has been propounded to the attorney general, 'May a person plant cotton in 1933 on the same land on which he planted it in 1932? May he plant it in 1934 on the same land on which he planted it in 1933?' His answer is as follows:

"Section 4 of the act makes it unlawful for cotton, or other soil exhausting plants, excepting feed crops, to be planted on any land in this state in 1933, on any land on which cotton or soil exhausting plants were planted or grown during 1932. This would seem to be an express prohibition against any land being planted in 1932. There is an exception, however, to this absolute prohibition for the year 1933, which appears at the end of the first paragraph of section 3, and reads as follows: 'Provided, however, that as to the year 1933, no person shall be denied the right to plant as great a total acreage of land to cotton and/or other soil exhausting plants except food crops for man and domestic animals or either, as would have been permissible during the year 1932.'

"Further quoting the attorney general's answer, he says:

"If possible the law should be construed to give effect to every provision thereof. And the absolute prohibition against planting land in 1933 in cotton which was planted in cotton in 1932 must be construed so as to give effect to the proviso quoted. It is to be noted that most of the other provisions of the act relate to land and not to persons, but that the proviso appearing at the end of section 3, is a personal right accruing to the benefit of each person who had the right to plant cotton in 1932, based on land in cultivation in planted crops in 1931. Naturally, to carry out the intent of the law in 1933, each person should be required to plant as much of his allowable cotton acreage as possible on land which was not planted in cotton in 1932. This proviso applies to 1933.' The attorney general holds in a lengthy opinion concerning this particular section of the law, that for the years 1934 and succeeding years, it is made unlawful to plant cotton on land previously planted."

"Another question which has been answered by the attorney general, and which is particularly

applicable to our section of the country, and is of vital concern to those who are farming, will now be set out just as given and answered.

"Does the law mean that farmers can plant in 1932 and 1933, only thirty per cent of the cotton crop of 1931, or does it mean thirty per cent of all cultivated lands of 1931, which were planted in all other crops, such as corn, sorghum, milo maize, yams, gardens, etc.?"

"The attorney general answers the above question as follows: 'Under the provisions of this law, a person may plant in 1932 thirty per cent of the land area of a separately owned tract of land which was in cultivation in planted crops during the crop year of 1931. The area in cultivation in planted crops is not restricted to land which was in cultivation in cotton. It would include the land which was in cultivation in all of the products enumerated in the question, but would not be limited to such products. All the land which was in cultivation in 1931 in planted crops should be considered to determine the total number of acres which may be planted in cotton in 1932, and one may legally plant thirty per cent of such total area in cotton during 1932.'

"It will be seen, therefore, that the unit for determining the amount of cotton to be planted in 1932 is thirty per cent of the total acreage in cultivation."

"Another question of vital importance has arisen where a man owns or rents land in two different counties, or where he has two or more farms, and the manner in which he handles his cotton production. This is well explained in another question submitted to the attorney general, which I will give you just as submitted."

"Where a man either owns or has rented more than one farm, must he plant thirty per cent of each farm in cotton, or can he plant all of one farm in grain or anything he wants, and plant thirty per cent of his gross acreage in cotton on one farm?"

"The attorney general has answered the question submitted in this manner:

"A person is entitled to consider his gross acreage in each single county as a unit for the year 1932. Accordingly, so long as he does not exceed his total allowable acreage of cotton in that year, to-wit, thirty per cent of his total acres in cultivation in planted crops in 1931 in that county, he may in 1932 exercise his discretion and judgment as to where he wishes to plant his cotton. He is not entitled, however, to consider land which he owns or leases in another and differ-

ent county. The land in the second county must stand on its own feet and must be considered as another unit."

"In concluding his opinion the attorney general, I think, very thoughtfully added this paragraph to his opinion:

"It seems to me that the administrative agencies of this state should endeavor to be lenient and to deal sympathetically with the problems of those who are called upon to subscribe to the terms of the law, and where there is an evident intent to comply with the provisions of the same, although there may be a technical violation due to misunderstanding, that resort to the penal provisions of the law should be indulged in as the last and extreme measure."

"The law provides as a penalty for the violation of this act, a sum of not less than \$25 and not more than \$100 for each acre of land so planted in excess of the limit allowed by law. Any citizen of this state, or the county judge of any county, or the commissioner of agriculture of the state of Texas, may, by proper proceedings, procure an injunction to stop a possible or threatened violation as well as also to collect the penalties provided herein."

"Section 10 of said act makes it the duty of each and every person rendering land for taxes for the year 1932, to state in said rendition the total number of acres in cultivation in 1931, and the same procedure shall be had in 1933, and so on. Such rendition shall be sworn to. The law further gives the tax assessor ample power and authority to administer such oath as may be necessary to secure this information, and for each wilful failure and neglect to secure this information by the assessor, he is penalized \$50. Section 12 declares any and all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed."

"I have endeavored to bring out in this opinion and comment thereon, such questions as I feel are of most importance at this particular time. As the act is very lengthy and a detailed discussion of the different phases of this particular law is practically impossible in a statement of this nature, the most essential parts of the law have been mentioned, and commented upon in this particular instance, and due to the fact that this nature of legislation is rather a new venture in legislative enactment, and a little difficult to understand; it of itself is an extreme usage of the

police powers of the state, and I shall be glad at any time to go into any phase of this enactment, with whatever explanation I am able to give to anyone interested."

"Very truly yours,
"ROY L. HILL."

Posted

This is to notify the public that my place is posted against hunting and all forms of trespassing. Persons violating this will be prosecuted.

E. C. Pape
8-11

Local Creamery On Sound Basis

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Runnels County Cooperative Creamery a complete reorganization was made and the institution reorganized to establish it as one of the strongest in the state. One member of the board in referring to the condition of the institution stated that like all other business enterprises the creamery had suffered from the recent depression, but contrary to rumors it was not in a failing condition.

W. B. Currie, president of the board, declared Monday the business had never had a better opportunity since its organization than at the present time and that with the right kind of patronage it could be made the most valuable institution in Ballinger to people of this territory."

In the recent meeting the directors expressed faith and confidence in the business, in public appreciation of the plant, and eliminated any uncertainty regarding its finances."

Members of the board stated without hesitation that they believed the establishment had never received the patronage it was entitled to and that they did not believe the people generally understood its importance to the community. It is one of the most modern plants of its kind in this section of the state and is being operated under excellent management on an economical basis. To prove a paying proposition all that is needed is support from the citizens, most of whom are stockholders in the organization."

The creamery is here to fill a specific place and those responsible for its existence are ready to serve in whatever way they can. Home owners own the plant and home people should be interested in making it a success.

members of the board feel. At the present time the plant is enjoying a fair business and will strive to increase buying from producers and in selling its products to the public.

PRE-SCHOOL P.-T. A. TO MEET WEDNESDAY

The Ballinger Pre-School Parent-Teacher Association will meet Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Joe Simmons. This meeting is being called this week instead of the third Wednesday in the month because of conflicts on the latter date. All members are requested to be present and anyone desiring to join the organization will be welcomed.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce visited in San Angelo Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Chastain and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Metz and daughter, of Orange, California, spent the week-end here, visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Chastain and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chastain.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lynn and children went to San Angelo Saturday to attend to business.

Scouts Hike to Indian Graves

Boy Scout troops 29 and 30 under Scoutmasters James Parrish and R. F. Zedlitz enjoyed the hike and supper on the W. T. Routh place last Friday evening. Twenty-five boys took part in the hike.

The troops were directed to an Indian mound by G. W. Dunlap. Excavation of the mound was started and will be finished at a later date.

The scoutmasters were elated over the attendance and the new members, 4 of whom were present. It is hoped that the membership of both troops will be to capacity by Christmas.

Next Friday afternoon all scouts will meet at the home of Scoutmaster Parrish and hike to the hut where patrol rooms will be assigned and work done on the grounds and house.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Coombes and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, of Stamford, spent Sunday here with Charles Coombes.

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A part of the Christmas celebration all over the land is the dinner built around a turkey. This section of Texas this year is furnishing these birds for many tables of the East and poultry dealers are busy buying, dressing and shipping turkeys to metropolitan centers for Christmas. The market here has been slow due to the rainy weather and condition of the roads, but all those handling poultry expect a heavy run within the next few days when most of the remainder of this year's crop will be sold.

Ballinger has a reputation that reaches over the entire South as a city where all business interests and the entire citizenship cooperate on progressive moves. No town can have a better reputation for after all the people make the town and the reputation gained is the effect of years of shoulder-to-shoulder work on the part of the citizens. Last week a Dallas business man who owns property here made the statement publicly that Ballinger was in the best condition of any little city he knew of and attributed this to the complete understanding of the people and the wonderful cooperation.

People living in the north-eastern portion of the county have been forced in some instances to place guards along roads to keep trespassers from entering their land and destroying cedar trees. Most land owners do not object to a person cutting one tree for Christmas, (yet they are entitled to pay for same), but some poachers have gone in, cut a tree and then found another they liked better and before they left a dozen or more trees were felled to the ground. Cedar land is valuable to the owners and no persons has the right to trespass and destroy property. Respect others' rights and when a cedar tree is wanted make arrangements with the owner.

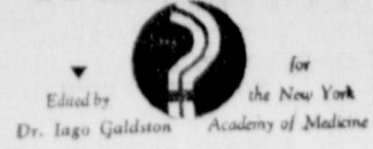
Christmas show windows were opened here Saturday night and Sunday and others will be decorated and displayed this week. Christmas trees will arrive this week and will be placed along the sidewalks before Saturday when Santa Claus makes his first appearance in Ballinger. Leaders are urging every Ballinger firm to exact every energy this week to create the most extensive Christmas spirit in the history of Ballinger, believing that crowds will be attracted here for their gift shopping. A number of managers have already decorated the interior of their stores in the spirit of the season and homes are beginning to reflect the season, trees being decorated in yards, lights placed in windows and a hearty welcome shown everywhere for Christmas and Santa Claus.

WANT AD FINDS MONEY 1 HOUR AFTER PUBLISHED

Last week C. Cunningham of this city came to The Ledger office to place a want ad in the paper for his last purse which contained \$90. Thursday afternoon, just one hour after the paper was distributed, a phone call stated where the money could be had and within a short time Mr. Cunningham was in possession of his pocketbook again and a firm believer in advertising.

Want ads pay bigger dividends than most any investment and when one loses something, has something for rent, for sale, trade, or wants to "swap," a small classified will invariably do the job, without worry, without commissions, and at very low cost.

HOW'S your HEALTH



FACE ACHE

We commonly speak of headache to indicate pains in the head region, and we might with equal warrant speak of face aches.

For the region of the face is also subject to a variety of pains, which, like headaches, may be due to one of many known and unknown causes.

The classical face ache is facial neuralgia, due to a disease process affecting the so-called facial nerves.

Pains in the face may, however, be due to other conditions, notably to diseased teeth.

Decayed teeth, badly fitting bridge and dental repair work may give rise to very severe pains in the face region.

An unruptured lower wisdom tooth or decay in the lower last molar may cause ear ache and pain in the neck and shoulder. The remedy lies in the province of the dentist.

Incidentally, when an emergency arises and a decayed tooth gives much pain relief may be found in cleaning the cavity and painting the exposed surface with a solution made up of equal parts of camphor, carbolic acid and oil of cloves.

A swab made by twisting a bit of absorbent cotton around the end of a match stick or applicator may be used.

Infection in the sinuses may also cause face pains. In mild cases the region over the cheek bone or eye may be involved. In more severe forms the pain may extend over the entire face.

More rarely face pains are of purely physical origin and then form part of a complicated picture of emotional and psychic disturbances.

Most face pains yield in some measure to warmth. A simple and effective way to apply it is by exposing the affected side of the face to the heat radiating from an old style carbon filament incandescent lamp.

Sedatives should be used only on order from a physician to avoid forming injurious habits.

PAINT ROCK WATER RATE IS MISQUOTED

In a recent issue of this paper an article was published on water rates for towns in this section of the state. The information was obtained from the Texas League of Municipalities magazine in which it was stated that Paint Rock had a rate of \$2 per 1,000 gallons.

F. W. Williams, secretary of the Paint Rock Chamber of Commerce, informs that this was a misstatement; that the minimum charge there is \$2 but for 2,000 gallons and that the rate is really \$1 for 1,000 gallons, just half that quoted.

The Ledger is glad to make this correction and assure our friends at Paint Rock that it was just an honest mistake with no intention of misquoting the figures in any way.

The municipal water supply at Paint Rock comes from a lake created by a dam on the beautiful Concho River. This dam and vicinity furnish a favorite spot for fishermen and tourists, many visiting there on Sundays and holidays for outings. The water is of splendid grade and the supply abundant for a town much larger than Paint Rock.

L. J. Campbell has accepted a position with the Jesse Barber Shop and is now on the job with this shop.

Robert Bruce returned Friday from Big Spring and Abilene, where he had been attending to business for several days.

MOVIES

Amos 'n' Andy on Palace Screen Beginning Sunday

A city of impatient fans, steeped in the lore of Amos 'n' Andy from countless nights of radio listening, meets its idols on the talking screen next Sunday afternoon.

"Check and Double Check," presenting the radio stars in their first great feature picture, comes to the Palace for a three-day run, showing Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

A story of Harlem, built around the same characters and situations made familiar to every American by radio broadcast, is the material out of which Radio Pictures shaped the Amos 'n' Andy picture. The air stars are themselves supported by a "white face" cast including Sue Carol, Irene Rich, Ralf Harold, Charles Morton, Edward Martindel and Rita LaRoy.

The rich comedy and compelling pathos which has won the heart of millions by radio holds first place in the screen production, with Morton and Miss Carol providing an undertone of romance. Madame Queen, Ruby Taylor, Kingfish and all the other character creations of Amos 'n' Andy are upon the screen.

The same painstaking care with which Amos 'n' Andy shape every episode in their adventures via radio, was given by Director Mel Brown in the production of "Check and Double Check." Aimed directly at the millions already captivated by radio, it has done the seeming impossible and spread their popularity even farther.

Joan Bennett Portrays Life as She Lives and Sees it

To portray life one must have lived, felt and fought life—which serves to explain why the screen characterizations of Joan Bennett, who is co-featured with Hardie Albright in the Fox drama, "Hush Money," opening Wednesday for two-day run at the Palace Theatre, are always so true, so sincere.

Late 1928 found Joan Bennett pretty much out of sorts with the world. Not yet eighteen, she was already a wife and a mother. She was alone, with absolutely no one to look for financial support as she had haughtily separated from her youthful husband, taking their child with her.

But the traditions of the stage—she is the granddaughter of the late Louis Morrison, noted Shakespearean actor, and daughter of Richard Bennett and Adrienne Morrison, present day legitimate stage stars—said she must carry on. All that she had learned from life of self discipline, courage, fortitude, self reliance, she had need of in these dark months.

Fortunately for her in this crisis, her father came to her rescue and gave her the leading feminine role in "Jarnegan," the play he was producing and starring in at that time. "Jarnegan" was Joan Bennett's first public appearance and both she and the play were an immediate hit with the theatre-going public.

Soon after came an opportunity to go to Hollywood as George Arliss' leading lady in the screen version of "Darsell." With the release of the picture, critics all over acclaimed her. Following "Darsell" came roles with Ronald Colman in "Building Drummond," Harry Richman in "Pat in the Park," John Barrymore in "Moby Dick" and Edmund Lowe in "Scotland Yard."

Sidney Lanfield directed "Hush Money," with Myrna Loy and Owen Moore heading the supporting cast.

NO SLEEP, NO REST, STOMACH GAS IS CAUSE

Mrs. A. Cloud says: "For years I had a bad stomach and gas. Was nervous and could not sleep. Adverts told me of all stomach trouble and now I sleep fine." J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

Patronize our advertisers.

Camp Fire Girls to Have House Opening on Friday

The public is extended an invitation to visit the new home of the Ballinger Camp Fire Girls, next Friday evening, December 11, from 6 to 9 o'clock.

The new house is situated on Santa Fe land at the base of the bluff overlooking City Park and its substantial construction of field-stone and Spanish design blends perfectly into the surroundings. The entire citizenship, as well as the Camp Fire organizations, should be proud of the building.

At a meeting called by Mrs. K. V. Northington, local director, on Tuesday, December 1, plans were completed by the guardians for the "open house," and a resolution of appreciation was passed for the help and support of all those who contributed to the successful completion of the beautiful structure. In particular to express the gratitude and admiration of the Camp Fire organizations for the unselfish and untiring efforts of the chairman of the building committee, Bruce Creasy, in starting and finishing that which at times seemed impossible.

The report compiled by Mr. Creasy and submitted to the meeting follows:

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HIGHWAY ENGINEERS VISIT HERE MONDAY

State Highway Engineer G. B. Gilchrist, of Austin, and District Engineer A. F. Moursund, of San Angelo, were here Monday morning consulting with Resident Engineer G. M. Garrett. The officials were inspecting highway construction in this section and transacted other business relative to work which will start in the near future.

The superintendent for the Jensen Construction Company, of Iowa, arrived here Monday. This company has the contract for the construction of the bridge across the Concho River on highway No. 4 in Concho county, but the superintendent will make his temporary home here.

SENIOR CLASS HERE RECEIVES '32 RINGS

Seniors of the Ballinger high school received their 1932 class rings Monday. The rings are beautifully designated with the Bearcat emblem on the side of the ring and the numbers 1932 underneath the head.

Later in the spring selections of diplomas and invitations for graduation will be made.

Harry Tom King, of Abilene, was in Ballinger Monday attending sessions of district court.

Advertisement for West Texas Utilities Company featuring a photograph of a woman in a kitchen and text: 'THIS CHRISTMAS Give Mother an Electric Range—and Happy Hours of Freedom. Just think of being able to give Mother happy hours of leisure each month... hours that can be spent in reading, entertainment and recreation. Wouldn't that be a wonderful Christmas gift? You actually can give her these priceless hours of freedom—by buying her a modern Electric Range! Quick, Cool, Efficient and Automatic, this Electrical Servant will lift from her shoulders all those tiresome cooking tasks that have been absorbing her time. With Electric Cookery all she does is prepare the meals—the new Hotpoint Electric Range, with its automatic Time and Temperature Control, does all the "cooking." Day in and day out, this remarkable Electrical Servant will be a reminder of the love and thoughtfulness that provided leisure hours of joy and happiness. Let us explain the many Hotpoint advantages, and the Convenient Payment Plan. Do you know that your increased use of Electric Service is billed on a surprisingly low rate schedule... and adds only a small amount to your total bill? West Texas Utilities Company

Advertisement for CARDUI: 'Restless, could not sleep. There were days when I felt like I could not get my work done. I would get so nervous and 'trembly' I would have to lie down. I was very restless, and could not sleep at night. My mother advised me to take Cardui, and I certainly am glad she did. It is the first thing that seemed to give me any strength. I felt better after the first bottle. I kept it up and am now feeling fine.'—Mrs. T. R. Gibson, Fort Payne, Ala. CARDUI HELPS WOMEN to HEALTH. Take Theiford's Black-Drainage for Constipation, Indigestion, and Biliouness.

Advertisement for TEXACO GREENWOOD'S SERVICE STATION: 'FUNERAL DIRECTORS Dignified and Thoughtful Service Ambulance KING-HOLT'

Advertisement for Relieve PAIN Quick: 'Relief follows quickly after you take one or two Dr. Miles Anti-Pain Pills. Take them when you have Headache, Simple Neuralgia, Muscular Aches and Pains. There is nothing that I can so highly recommend as Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills. They are pleasant to take and quick to act.'—Mrs. Fura C. Walker, 609, 621-623, ANTI-PAIN PILLS.

Comic strip 'DOROTHY DARNIT' by Charles McManus. Panel 1: Dorothy is carrying a stack of plates. Panel 2: She says 'DID YOU HEAR WHAT MAMA SAID DARNIT?'. Panel 3: She says 'OOH LOOK! THE PLATE IS STANDING BY ITSELF!!'. Panel 4: She says 'LOOK OUT DANGER!'. Panel 5: She says 'THERE IT GOES!!!'. Panel 6: She says 'SAVED!'. The comic is signed 'CHARLES McMANUS'.

Saturday, December 12th 2:30 P. M.

Who will Be in Town
Afternoon at 2:30

women of Runnels county. His stop here will be
National Bank and he will remember the kiddies who are

Bring the Kids
to See Santa



the useful merchandise for every member
of the family. All stores will be decorated
Saturday—Christmas trees along the side-
walks will be ablaze with colored lights and
show windows will be piled high with
dazzling gifts to help solve your shopping
problems.

Santa Claus Exists

as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and everybody knows that they
abound, and give to our life the highest beauty and joy. For the purpose of offset-
ting the experience of passed depression let's join hands in restoring fully love and de-
votion by generously remembering our loved ones this Christmas Season, by acknow-
ledging the truth, that Santa Claus does exist as certainly as love, generosity and de-
votion exists.



Gifts Selected Here are Gifts that Last

KING-HOLT

FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING CO.

GIFTS

Our Store is Filled With Suit-
able Gifts for All the Family.
Inspect them and let us help
you with any gift problem.

J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

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Extends Every Good Wish
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MANY BEAUTIFUL AND
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CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

Make this a Practical Gift
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Bettis and Sturges

Wishing You a Merry Christmas

Make Your Christmas Dollars Go
Further at

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Gifts for the Entire Family

Saturday Proclaimed "Santa Claus Day" By Mayor of Ballinger

WHEREAS The happy hearts of little children rejoice
in Santa Claus and

WHEREAS Older people thrill with the Love, Peace,
Happiness and Good Will which the Spirit of Christmas
creates and

WHEREAS The Ballinger Chamber of Commerce has in
its progressive, initiative, preservative and liberal
ambitions, sponsored the movement which will across the
interest of our entire community and countryside, and

WHEREAS Santa Claus has accepted an invitation to
come here on a pre-Christmas visit, and

WHEREAS Citizens have undertaken together, acting in
harmony and in true spirit of the love of Little Children to
hold a great civic reception and parade, on this day, never
may be come our festive guest, now

THEREFORE, I, W. C. McCarver, Mayor of the City of
Ballinger, Texas, by the powers, authority and prerogative
to be vested in all men do proclaim:

THAT SATURDAY, December 12, in this current year
shall be and hereby is named

"SANTA CLAUS DAY"

AND I CALL UPON ALL those who believe in Santa
Claus to welcome him; I call upon all who love children to
devote themselves on this occasion that the laughter and
joy of little ones may ring in our streets until the canopy
of Heaven's dome will reflect the wondrous love revealed in
our midst.

WHEREUPON, I have set my hand and the great Seal
of our City has been affixed.

DONE officially, in the year of our Lord, 1931.

(Seal) W. C. McCarver Mayor

OLD SANTA KNOWS

You can find many useful Gifts at our
Store. Come let us make a sugges-
tion.

KIRK AND MACK

Tell Santa You Want

A Ford for
Christmas

A Present for the Whole
Family

Harwell Motor Co.

Authorized Ford Dealers

Welcome Santa Claus

This organization is happy to extend a
warm welcome to Santa Claus. We be-
lieve in him and the kindness of his
presence this year makes our world glad.

W.C.C.

Ballinger Chamber
of Commerce

Bring the Children to See
Santa Claus

He Will Be in Ballinger

Next Saturday

Farmers & Merchants
State Bank

as Shopping Early

AUS SATURDAY

PARADE AT 2:30 P. M. SATURDAY

to Ballinger to greet the children from all parts of

cal Gifts are Sure to Please

exas Utilities
Company

COME TO BALLINGER SATURDAY

Be One of Great Crowd Here to Greet

SANTA CLAUS

Our Store is Full of Excellent Gifts and a Visit Will be a Pleasure to You and Us.

Weeks Drug Store



Higginbotham's Great Prosperity Sale

Is In Full Blast Saving Hundreds of Dollars for Those Taking Advantage of It.
Sale Continues to Dec. 19th. Come, Buy---and Save Money

Deaths

Mrs. Tom M. Marsh
 Mrs. Tom Marsh, 52, died in a Wichita Falls hospital Thursday night at 10:50 following an extended illness. Mrs. Marsh was taken to the hospital some time ago when her health failed. She had resided in Ballinger for many years where she reared a family and took an active interest in church and lodge affairs.

Survivors include decedent's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Freeze, Graham; husband, T. M. Marsh, Ballinger; two sons, Ray and Lester; daughter, Miss Winnie Gene; four sisters, Mrs. Edna McFadden, Graham; Mrs. Bessie Funderburgh, Lamesa; Mrs. Jean Roberson, Eastland; Mrs. Lela Adams, California; four brothers, Jim and Ben Davis, Colman; Ben and B. C. Freeze, Graham.

Funeral services were held here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Church of the Nazarene with Rev. W. Lawson Brown officiating. The Rebecca and Odd Fellow lodges were in charge of interment.

Flowers were handled by Mrs. Gladys Walker, Mrs. Opal Stroud, Mrs. Ruby Hampton, Nora Talley and Mrs. Vivian Thompson. Pallbearers were: O. T. Burton, I. D. Thompson, Phillip Stroud, Sam Hutchins, J. P. Spranger and W. C. McCarver.

The body was brought to the Higginbotham Funeral Home where it was held until Saturday morning when it was removed to the family residence. Higginbotham undertakers were in charge of arrangements.

Grand Jury—

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honored sir, the honorable district attorney and the honorable county attorney, our faithful and efficient bailiffs and other court officials our appreciation of the assistance they have rendered us. "Respectfully submitted, this, the 4th day of December, A. D. 1931.

"CARL HENSLEE,
 Foreman
 "R. W. EARNSHAW,
 Clerk"

Texas and California are the only states among the 10 agricultural leaders which receive a larger proportion of their total agricultural income from crops than from livestock.

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 up" basis. The number of times the ad is to run must be specified.

LOST—OR STOLEN—Trailer, with green boat and fishing supplies, on highway near Ballinger, Monday morning. Notify Carter Bros Poultry Farm, Abilene. Liberal reward. 11-*

FOR RENT—Furnished south apartment. Phone 98. 8-11

FOR SALE—Farmall Tractor with Cultivator; used two years. Price \$600. Mrs. L. L. Ballew, Route No. 2, Bronte, Texas. 27-4t*

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment. Call 284. 24-6t

WANTED—Your Cream. We pay cash on delivery and sterilize your can. Runnels County Creamery. 27-15w

More than Two Hundred Attend Football Banquet

One of the most successful social events of the year was held here Friday evening at the Central Hotel when the Rotary and Lions clubs joined by fans of the city were hosts to the football team, pep squad and band of the Ballinger high school. The attendance ran upwards of 200 and a delicious turkey menu was served the large crowd present.

Adding to the program was the music of the high school orchestra under the direction of Miss Katherine Todd, which played selections while the crowd assembled and during serving of the menu. The renditions by the orchestra included the stirring tunes heard along the sidelines at grid contests the past fall, one of which was "Peruna," all given novel arrangement. The applause of the large crowd was proof of its appreciation of this musical organization.

Two long tables running the entire length of the dining room were spread and some twenty-five were served at private tables in the main dining room. Speakers on the program and their guests were seated first and these were followed by the entire football squad and coaches at special seats. Next came the pep squad, which occupied seats at one side of an entire table, the band, and last the fans and club members who took any unoccupied seats remaining.

Following the singing of "We Will Be the Same Old Bearcats," and the invocation by Rev. E. W. McLaurin, the menu was served.

Toastmaster Troy Simpson took charge of the program at the end of the serving, introducing the speakers and special entertainers. Harry Lynn took on "The 1931 Record." Mixing humor with statistics and in his usual pleasing manner Mr. Lynn gave a complete record of the team for the season, showing that in conference games the Bearcats had scored a total of 75 points to their opponents' 9. He complimented the substitutes for their work during the season just closed and the two coaches who developed them into one of the

Businesses Which Help Build City

DeMerville Plumbing Company
 R. W. DeMerville came to Ballinger 39 years ago and with the exception of a few years in San Angelo and El Paso has made this his home ever since. For fifteen years he was connected with the Hall Hardware Company here in the service department and thirteen years ago entered business for himself.

He opened the DeMerville Plumbing Company here in 1918 on Hutchings Avenue, continuing in that location for several years until moving to his present location on Seventh Street where he is still operating. When he opened for business he employed C. L. Armstrong and still has "Son" in his employ.

This company employed the largest force in its history when natural gas was first brought here. For several months a large staff of skilled workmen was used in piping houses and installing fixtures and Mr. DeMerville did his share of this business in Ballinger.

In addition to doing a complete plumbing business the company does a large business all over this section in sheet metal work, sells Semster and Wood-Manse windmills, handles Franklyn and Sunshine hot water heaters and sells other plumbing supplies. Many windmills and sheet metal tanks have been installed by the firm on farms and ranches in this section.

Every job done by this company must be right in workmanship and on this service a large part of its success has been built. A large per cent of best and largest plumbing contracts in this city have been done by the DeMerville company and long experience makes it capable of estimating and completing any type of job.

Mr. DeMerville's 39 years of citizenship in Ballinger has made him known all over this trade territory and his honest business policy has called for repeat work.

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Georgia Farmers Increase Crops by Shrinking Acreage

(By Associated Press)
MOULTRIE, Ga., Dec. 7.—The "shrink" system of farming pays—and pays even in hard times.

Georgia farmers, and especially those of Colquitt county, whose agricultural plan attracted national attention last year, have found that if fewer acres are tilled the farm has "shrunk" somewhat—as to land under cultivation.

But fewer acres can be tilled with less work and expense, and Colquitt farmers have found they can make more on fewer acres than on the bigger area because of the concentrated effort and fertilization and attention generally.

Colquitt county produced more cotton this year than ever, though the acreage had been reduced. Greater volume of at least four or five other crops was also produced on fewer acres.

Colquitt's plan for diversification of crops has been copied in many southern states, and inquiries have been received from all parts of the nation. Commenting on this year's work in the county, a Colquitt farm leader said:

"Diversification seems to interfere very little with cotton production. We had this year about the largest watermelon crop we ever had. We had as much tobacco as we ever had, and possibly more.

"We had the biggest peanut crop in history. The corn crop was as large as usual, and there was a large potato crop with a lot of hay that followed oats. It did not prevent the growing of cotton, though it meant that the cotton must be made on fewer acres than we used a few years ago for the same sized crop."

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Boys Garner Street Gold

CUYABA, Matto Grosso, Brazil, Dec. 7.—(AP)—After each heavy rain here barefooted boys search unpaved streets for placer gold. One foreign dentist gets all the gold he uses from these youngsters. The city is in a country formerly worked as a placer field.

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McIntire, Nelson and Batts, backfield, and McAdams, manager.

Mrs. Robert E. Bruce gave two readings of a humorous nature that delighted the crowd. These were the only entertainment numbers to vary from the theme of football.

The annual banquet officially closed the season here for 1931 and the only other event will be the awarding of sweaters to all boys eligible for letters.

Tom Caudle made a financial report for the team, showing the season closed with approximately \$500 in the treasury with sweaters yet to be bought. Mrs. E. W. McLaurin spoke of the spirit of the pep squad and band and of their part in winning games and in giving the fans their money's worth. Capt. J. D. Reneau made one of the best talks of the evening on "Our Fans," declaring the entire team joined with him in expressing appreciation of the loyal men and women who fought with them from the sidelines. Jimmie Jewel Taylor, pep squad leader, spoke on the high school spirit, and clearly demonstrated how the students feel towards the institution and the clean fight spirit of the Bearcats. Her statement, "We had rather lose playing clean than to win by any other method," climaxed her talk and drew full applause from the fans. Coach Sterling Prince spoke in a business-like way on the 1932 prospects. Coach Prince stated that fifteen men were being lettered this year and of that number eleven would return to open the season. He gave his probable starting line-up for the first game next year which was the same that played the last game of the season this year. He referred to a few obstacles that must be overcome, however, declaring that grades for the remainder of the year could prevent a great football machine for 1932. Letter men announced by Coach Prince included the following: Reneau, Evans, Hutchinson, and McCarver, ends; Brown, Middleton and Morgan, tackles; Lynn, center; Straley and McWilliams, guards; Flynt, Williams,

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Sweden's Bachelor Girls Dispute Old War Theory

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 7.—Though Sweden has not had a war for 117 years, there is a surplus of nearly 200,000 women.

Statistics show that single men between 25 and 50 number 340,000, whereas unmarried women between 20 and 50 number more than 531,000.

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