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## Agriculture in Runnels County Shows Much Progress in 6 Years

A good many reasons can be given why Runnels county, even under the present depressed financial conditions, stands out as one of the most prosperous counties in West Texas.

In the first place the majority of the rural population of the county is made up of industrious, intelligent and progressive farmers of the English speaking, Germans and Bohemians, who are striving to live at home rather than to make money on the farm. A number of these own their own homes.

Although cotton is the leading crop in Runnels county the majority of these men are carrying on a diversified farm program. Poultry and dairy cows play an important part in this program.

Six years ago a balanced farm program was worked out by the county agent, C. W. Lehmburg, assisted by his agricultural advisory board.

The main phases of this program are:

1. To Live at Home—By planting an all year garden, pruning and spraying the home orchard and setting out new orchards, canning and preserving fruits, vegetables and meats.

2. Soil Conservation—By terracing the hillside farms, contouring the more level farms, rotation of crops and the use of purebred seed.

3. More and better cash crops—By cooperative standardization and marketing of cotton, poultry, dairy products and livestock.

4. By the improvement of farm poultry—By using purebred or pedigreed sires, using the better breeds, by culling the flocks closely and by growing more poultry and feed crops.

5. Better farm management—By farm accounting, by manufacturing farm products for the market and home such as canning fruits, vegetables, meats, etc.

6. By organizing community clubs—To provide a program of rural life education.

7. By organizing 4-H boys' and girls' clubs—To teach the farm boys the fundamental principles of agriculture and the best method of livestock growing. To teach the girls the principles of gardening, poultry raising and home science and home building.

This program was inaugurated six years ago and Runnels county is now on the last lap and is running neck and shoulder with the best of the counties in the state, nosing its way to the front in reaching its goal.

In a large number of farm homes in Runnels county there are bath tubs and running water, artificial gas or electric lights, steam pressure cookers kept busy the year round in filling cullars and pantries with luscious canned fruits, vegetables and meats, etc.

During the last six years there has been a wonderful increase in acre production on the farms of the county due to an aggressive soil conservation program carried on under the supervision of the county agent. It might be of interest to give a short history of the progress of this work during the last six years.

Soil conservation work was started in earnest in the county in 1924 when 9,697 acres were terraced. The results were so obvious that in 1925 the number of acres terraced and contoured ran up to 16,570. In 1926 the total area contoured and terraced was 23,578 acres; in 1927, 30,968 acres; 1928, 33,781; 1929, 47,673; 1930, 31,213. Adding to this the acreage terraced in 1931, 30,793 brings the total up to 234,793 acres giving Runnels county the honor of not only having the largest number of acres terraced and contoured in Texas but also gives her the distinction of having more acres terraced and contoured than any other county in the United States.

During the last six years soil conservation in the county has been carried on on a community basis. Terracing schools were held in the various communities, giving training to men and 4-H club boys in the use of the farm level and in the construction of terraces. There are now in the county twelve soil conservation units. Most of these units are organized on a labor saving basis.

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## County Schools Plan Holidays

Runnels county schools are beginning to plan their Christmas holidays and a number have announced that pupils will be dismissed December 18 to December 23, giving a little more than a week in which to celebrate. Others which got a late start will not dismiss until December 23 and will resume the following Monday. Crews and Content have announced dismissal on December 18 for one week.

The Ballinger schools will dismiss December 23 at the close of the afternoon session and will remain closed until January 4, giving twelve days for Christmas. College students will begin to arrive here on December 19 and continue to come in until Christmas eve. A number of social affairs are being planned for and by students during the Yuletide.

Dr. J. H. Haley, of Lawn, and Miss Addie Alexander, district health nurse, gave the first injection of diphtheria serum to 109 pupils in the Content school Tuesday. The second dose will be given on the first day of school after Christmas, December 28. Several other schools will begin immunization campaigns after Christmas and other health programs will be taken up during the winter and spring.

County Superintendent R. E. White reports that the rural schools are operating smoothly with attendance as good as in any previous year at this date. No children are being kept-out of school now on account of crop harvesting and the daily average attendance records are close to the total possible enrollment.

## SIMMONS EX-STUDENTS TO MEET HERE FRIDAY

Rev. J. H. McClain and H. C. Lyon have called a meeting at the Ballinger Baptist Church Friday evening at 7 o'clock, of all former students of Simmons University. Important matters to be presented will be open to the advice of all attending.

## GAS COMPANY LOWERING LINE ON HIGHWAY ROUTE

The Community Natural Gas Company for the past several days has been working a large crew of men here, lowering its line on Park Avenue which will be paved through the city to highway 23. It was necessary to lower the gas main more than a foot a distance of one block between Sixth and Fifth streets on account of the new pavement.

## First "Swap Day" Set for Dec. 17th

The first "Swap Day" will be held in Ballinger Thursday, December 17, according to an announcement made Wednesday by the committee in charge of the details. The place for the assembling of article which will be offered for sale or exchange is the office of the Higginbotham Lumber Company on Strong Avenue adjoining the Batts Chevrolet Company. This location was selected because it offers plenty of room for produce indoors and for livestock in the enclosure formerly used as the lumber yard.

The committee will lend every assistance possible to those desiring to attend this event and bring together those who have anything to exchange or sell.

The following statement made by the committee explains in details the rules governing this trades day:

"Thursday, December 17, has been designated in Ballinger as 'Swap Day', the purpose of which will be to give opportunity to farmers and stockmen of Runnels and adjoining counties to exchange any surplus commodities they may need. The abundant production of 1931 and the extremely low cash market that prevails throughout the state and nation is responsible for an earnest effort being put forth by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce to give assistance if possible to the opening up of the channels of exchange by arranging for a building and grounds to be used without cost. The Chamber of Commerce in sponsoring this move does so only in a spirit of helpfulness and we wish to acknowledge the courtesy shown by Higginbotham Bros. & Company by their furnishing the office building and lumber yard grounds adjacent to the Batts Chevrolet Company where all exchange commodities will be located on 'Swap Day'.

"For the purpose of eliminating complicated rules whereby misunderstandings might be had, the committee in charge relates the plan for which arrangements have been made and states for the information of all interested in 'Swap Day' to bring any commodity desired to exchange, whether agricultural, livestock, poultry or any other item of value. Should you have a surplus of products in such quantity that would prohibit bringing them to town on 'Swap Day' it is suggested that you be present during the day and stand same on the bulletin board to be placed in the building in order that someone else may know of your desire to exchange.

"Remember the simple plan is only to give an opportunity to swap your surplus for something you need without expense to the exchangers."

Mr. and Mrs. David Gregory and children, of Eldorado, have returned to their home after a visit here with relatives.

Miss Mildred Gentry, of Dallas, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gentry, and sister, Mrs. Joe Huffman.

## Vacant Houses in City are Reduced

The weekly report of the city of Ballinger shows only 55 vacant residences, apartments and business houses in the city at the present time. Many residences and apartments have been filled since the first of last month and a majority of those reported vacant are small, undesirable "shacks" on the outskirts of the city.

Parties in Ballinger last week preparing to move their families here for the remainder of the winter stated that houses were scarce and that particularly were furnished houses needed for those moving here for only a few months or a year.

During the past summer vacant houses set a high mark but the number began decreasing about September 1 when school opened and families moved here for educational advantages.

Practically items shown on the weekly report issued from the city secretary's office were more or less routine. Quarantine has been set up for one case of scarlet fever reported. The office staff reported all collections good.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Forson were called to Stanton Thursday morning to be at the bedside of Mrs. Forson's father who was reported dangerously ill.

## Few Goodfellows Respond to Call

So far this year only two Goodfellows have made a contribution for spreading Christmas cheer among the poor. The distribution committee estimates that if the job is done as well as in past years it will require a fund of not less than \$250 and this would be short of other more recent years. The fund last year reached the \$400 mark and many families were care for with this fund.

Eight dollars has been given so far by two people and if the little poor children continue to believe in Santa Claus, the fund must grow rapidly during the next two weeks. Those expecting to give should do so at once as it enables the distributors to formulate their plans better and to take advantage of the best buying.

The plan this year will be similar to that of previous years, practically all the money being spent for groceries, medicine if necessary, and fuel. Kiddies will be remembered with nuts, candy, and fruit. Used toys and clothing will be acceptable donations.

Other West Texas towns have started the Goodfellow movement and large sums have already been contributed in most places to see that no homes are without food and a few joys of

## Thousands Expected to Greet Santa Here 12th

### \$60,000 Damage Suit Up Monday

The case of Mrs. E. A. Ischar et al vs. the West Texas Utilities Company in which damages of \$60,000 and burial expenses of \$500 are sought in the death of Eugene A. Ischar last July, is due to be called in 119th district court here Monday morning. The death occurred in the blacksmith shop operated by Mr. Ischar for a number of years.

Death occurred after decedent had been operating an electric drill in the shop and the plaintiffs allege negligence on the part of the company. A large array of prominent attorneys will represent each side and indications are now that the case will be heard at this time of court.

Following the hearing of this civil case, the regular criminal docket will be taken up with a large number of cases to be heard which were billed by the last grand jury.

H. S. Yeager has returned to his home at Dallas after a few days' visit here with friends.

The committee to welcome Santa Claus announced Wednesday that everything was ready for his appearance. Word has been received that His Highness will arrive here in plenty of time for the parade at 2:30 p. m., and the jolly old gentleman urges that all children be waiting for him as his stay here will be cut short on account of other calls to make in this section.

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<p><b>Ladies' Dainty Handkerchiefs</b> Gift Box of 3 <b>25c</b></p> <p><small>Delicate, wispy, is embroidered, lace and other fancy effects!</small></p>	<p><b>Men's Imported Silk Handkerchiefs</b> 2 in Gift Box <b>49c</b></p> <p><small>Smart, colorful prints that all men like!</small></p>
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**Agriculture in—**

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No terrace demonstration is considered complete until the following four features are carried out: (a) Each demonstration must be carried on over a period of four years. (b) Terraces must be so constructed—24 feet wide at the base and 2½ feet high—that soil erosion is prevented. (c) Terrace lines must be so run that they will store the largest possible amount of water. (d) A workable system of crop rotation must be practiced and accurate records kept on crop production for each year.

Records in the county agent's office show that acre production has been increased from 25 to 35 per cent due to terracing and the value of the land, in building up the soil and restoring fertility has been increased from 33 to 52 per cent per acre.

Another phase of extension work that has done much to make the county more prosperous is poultry improvement.

Six years ago there were hatched and shipped into the county approximately 200,000 baby chicks. At that time there was only one commercial hatchery in the county. Today there are seven commercial hatcheries in the county with the result that the annual output consists now of approximately 750,000 baby chicks. Six years ago, the mortality of baby chicks, due largely to a lack of a knowledge of diseases and a lack of sanitation, amounted to 43 per cent. Today, due to better breeding methods, proper feeding and improved sanitary conditions mortality has been reduced to 12½ per cent. Hundreds of farmers have been taught how to cull their flocks, how to properly breed, manage, and feed their birds for higher egg production. Through the guidance of the county agent, a large number of poultry demonstrators have been able to produce eggs at a cost of 7 cents a dozen.

A splendid piece of work has been done in assisting farmers to produce quality turkeys. Runnels county farmers have held the record for the last few years of producing the best quality turkeys in West Texas. This is largely due to demonstrations in breeding, feeding and management, and to the turkey grading schools conducted throughout the county. The annual cash income from the poultry industry in the county amounts to approximately \$90,000. A few years ago a poultry breeders' association was organized in the county. The purpose of this association is to improve the quality of poultry in the county and to establish foundation stock from which to supply purebred stock to local growers and those of the surrounding territory.

Another source of income that means much to the farmers of the county is the dairy industry. Six years ago there was but very little dairying in this county. Impetus was given dairying by showing farmers how to cull their low producing cows and replacing them with cows of higher butter fat production. A great deal of work has been done along the lines of proper breeding, management and feeding of balanced rations. Under the supervision of the county agent approximately 1,000 head of purebred and registered dairy cattle have been introduced into the county during this period. The county agent has assisted materially in building up the dairy industry by organizing "bull circles," introducing bulls of high pedigree and with a high butter fat production record, thus continually building up the quality of the dairy herds. There are at the present time 32 circle bulls in the county. In order to give the dairy farmers an outlet for their products a cooperative creamery, costing approximately 25,000 was organized. Dairy products of Runnels county have now passed the quarter-million dollar mark.

The sheep industry is another source of income that fits well into a diversified farm program. There are approximately 30,000 head of sheep in the county, producing an annual wool clip of 250,000 pounds of wool. Ranching adds its share to the cash income of quite a few citizens of the county.

A new phase of work that fits well into a balanced farm program is the feeding out of livestock on homegrown feeds. Runnels county is feeding out this

year approximately 30,000 lambs and 2,700 head of beef cattle. Thirty-two feeding demonstrations are being carried on under the supervision of the county agent.

Seed improvement had its beginning in the county six years ago. In 1924, through the county agent, pureline grain sorghums, wheat and oats seed were introduced into the county and placed in the hands of a few practical and progressive farmers. The increase in production and quality over the kind of seed that had been used formerly was so marked that these men had no trouble in selling practically all their output to other farmers in the county and elsewhere. Today there are eight pureline and certified breeders in the county with the result that approximately 80 per cent of the grain sorghums produced in the county are out of pureline and certified seed.

Improvement in cotton seed in this county is outstanding. As a result of this work, started by Mr. Lehmborg six years ago, we have this year 10,000 acres of certified Mebane cotton planted on the "one variety community plan" in the county. Besides this there are 273 certified seed blocks, comprising from 15 to 30 acres a block, a total of 5,467 acres, planted in the county. The buyers are loud in their praise of the fine quality of staple due to this fine piece of seed improvement. Most of the staple out of this seed runs from 15-16 to an inch and more and has meant higher acre production and more money to the grower. One of the leading cotton buyers said the other day, "The improvement in staple in our cotton is worth many times the salary the county agent receives."

Through 4-H clubs in the county approximately 500 boys and girls receive training each year in community leadership in farm and home accounting, in home beautification, in health building, in more efficient production of crops, livestock and poultry and in the building of manly and womanly characters. The average annual productive power of these club members is \$123.77. In dollars and cents this

means an added productive value to the county of \$61,875. A number of the boys who received their start in club work have gone to colleges and universities, preparing themselves for more responsible positions in life. However, the majority of them are remaining on the farms doing their bit to build up the agricultural industry of the county.

The Workers Class of the Methodist Sunday school will serve a chile dinner, pie and coffee in connection with a bazaar, Saturday, December 12, next door to Daugherty Drug Store.

**Society**

**McShan-Smith Wedding**

Miss Claudia Smith became the bride of Raymond McShan on Monday evening, December 7, at 7:30 p. m., at the home of the bride's parents on Seventh Street. Only members of the two families and a few close friends witnessed the pretty ring ceremony performed by the Rev. Claude P. Jones, pastor of the First Methodist Church.

The vows were spoken beneath an arch of ferns and white chrysanthemums. Floor baskets on each side held huge white pom-pom chrysanthemums and pink rosebuds. Other floral decorations about the rooms carried out the pink and white color theme.

As Mrs. Coy Drennan played the wedding march from Lohengrin, the little Miss Gwendolyn Phillips of Winters, daintily attired in pink crepe entered and scattered rose petals from a beribboned basket. Miss Eloise Smith, sister of the bride, immediately preceded the entrance of the bridal couple. She wore a pretty leaf brown frock and carried an arm bouquet of chrysanthemums.

The bride wore a lovely two-piece suit of independence blue with trimmings of cream wool lace. She carried a shower bouquet of rosebuds and maiden hair fern.

Mrs. McShan is the daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Smith and is a girl of unusual accomplishments. She graduated from the Ballinger high school with the 1929 class and was one of its most popular members, taking a prominent part in all school activities. She attended the University of Southern California during the year 1929-1930.

Mr. McShan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McShan and has spent practically his entire life here where he has a host of friends. He graduated from the local high school in 1928 and since that time has been associated with his father in business.

After a ten-day wedding trip to San Antonio and other points in South Texas, Mr. and Mrs. McShan will be at home at 808 Sixth Street.

**MOVIES**

**"Amos 'n' Andy" in Films by Fan Demand**

A million letters from the pens of followers from Portland to Phoenix, from Tampa to Tacoma, were responsible for the filming of Amos 'n' Andy's first talking picture, "Check and Double Check." It marks the first time that a picture has been filmed directly in response to letters from the public.

"We've heard Amos 'n' Andy so much . . . we must see them!" was the substance of the vast flood of mail "Why not put their radio story into a talking picture?"

"Check and Double Check," produced by Radio Pictures, is the result. Ballinger audiences will have their first chance to see the radio favorites next Sunday afternoon when the production opens at the Palace Theatre.

Guided by the fans' preponderant preference to see Amos 'n' Andy in the same characterizations and meeting the same problems that form the basis of their daily radio sketches, the producers have not altered the Amos 'n' Andy that millions have learned to love. Their associated characters also have been retained, with the Kingfish, Mme. Queen and Ruby Taylor, and

**Christmas Program At Baptist Church**

The first local Christmas program of the year will be staged at the Ballinger Baptist Church next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Members of the Y. W. A. will take part in the program which has been arranged and directed by Mrs. J. H. McClain and other leaders.

The program will be in the form of a Christmas pageant to which the public is cordially invited.

No preaching service will be held at this church this Sunday evening, the entire evening program being presented by the young women. The program follows:

**"A Christmas That Was Different"**

Mrs. Lawson, worn out from getting ready for Christmas—Miss Audra Lee Smith

Pauline Lawson, sixteen years old—Miss Verda Belle Allen

Ellen Lawson, eleven years old—Virginia Williams

Mrs. Ray, a neighbor—Miss New Mrs. Richardson, a neighbor—Miss Vhelma Parrish

Mrs. Gleason, a teacher of a mission Sunday school class—Miss Zemma Street

Mrs. Jilson, a poor woman—Miss Lcyce Fowler

Mrs. Jilson's Class: Nora, Wilma Weathersby; Dora, Mildred Street; Carrie, Lucy Dean Harber; Rebecca, Elizabeth Truly; Sallie, Miss Murchison; Cora, Miss Gladys Jones; Eliza, Miss Tittle; Julia, Ennie DeWitt.

(Synopsis of Acts)  
Act 1—A few days before Christmas  
Act 2—Christmas Day  
Act 3—Christmas, one year later.

others playing important parts in the story. That remarkably ramshackle vehicle, the Fresh Air taxicab, makes its first screen appearance and audiences are taken within the sacred lodge room of the Mystic Knights of the Sea.

**Camp Fire House Opening Friday**

Every person living in Ballinger and Runnels county is urged to attend the opening of the Camp Fire Girls' new home here next Friday evening. All summer this home has been under construction and is one of the nicest buildings in the city.

The building is of modified Spanish architecture and constructed of field stone. It is thoroughly equipped and the members hope to have every citizen of Ballinger inspect it Friday. The leaders have charge of the opening and with their young proteges will greet all visitors. A good driveway is available over the bluff near the municipal water plant or those who desire may reach the hut by going below the sanitarium and around the bluff where a fair road leads to the building. Others can park on top of the bluff and walk down to the hut which is only a few steps distant.

The building will be used by the Camp Fire Girls as a place for

their meetings, hikes, suppers and also to receive class instruction required for advancement. A huge fireplace in the building will furnish heat in the winter and electric lights have been installed to make evening meetings possible.

Eight windows in the reception hall give plenty of light and ventilation and a large porch floored with flat stones and a winding rock wall approaching from the road below make the front view of the home exceptionally beautiful. The location of the house on the bluff is above high water mark and on one of the most beautiful sites to be found. It is fringed with trees and vines which have been trimmed away in front to provide a better vista.

Many individuals, firms and organizations have had a part in construction of the hut but only a few have seen what has been built. For this reason the girls and their leaders invite everyone to attend the opening.

Lou Hassell, Rice Institute tackle, labored all summer on a Connecticut farm and worked his way from Brooklyn to Houston on an oil tanker.

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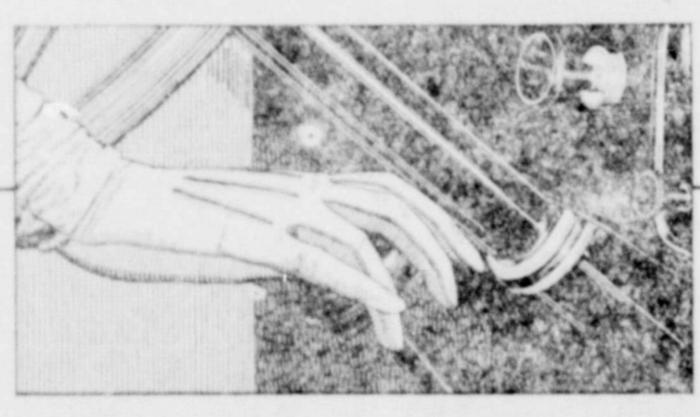
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**BARNETT NEWS**

Mrs. Julius Helwig and of Miles, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Will and Mrs. Lee Howell have to Ballinger where Mr. is employed in a dairy. and Mrs. Roy Tyree and 1 Mrs. Will Tyree visited 1 Mrs. Jess Drake, of the community, last Sunday. and Mrs. Marvin Drake he week-end with Mr. and ck Camp and family. and Mrs. Ernest Gaston and n are planning to leave sday for Sudan where they take home. We will miss from our community. are anxiously awaiting the when Miss Minnie Lea Camp e able to attend Sunday . We are glad she is im-

and Mrs. A. W. Tyree and Archie, and Mr. and Mrs. D. rey visited Mr. and Mrs. J. xton Sunday. s Lornen Sides was the of Misses Thresa and mie Lee Laxton Sunday. uglass Bryan, of Norton, t Friday night with Mr. and Roy Nelson.

rtle Archie Wilbur Tyree is g fine after a rather serious ss. sses Dot, Imeta and Pauline nan spent Saturday with Roy Nelson and little son, J. nk. sses Clemmie Lee and Thresa ton spent a few days last wek t Mr. and Mrs. Dave Forgey.

**SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS**

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Farmer and le daughter, of Hagan, were sts of Mrs. C. H. Midgeley Sun-

Mrs. R. E. Brown and daught- s, Misses Bessie and Corinne, e guests of Mr. and Mrs. ner Melton, of Ballinger, Sun-

Miss Gertrude Van Nort spent iday with Miss Addie Beth ds, of Bethel.

fr. and Mrs. George McMillan l daughter, Willie Mae, spent iday with Mrs. McMillan's ents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. key, of near Crews.

rs. Van Nort and children at- ded church at Bethel Sunday. frs. Lola Boothe, of Eagle nch, spent Friday with her ents, Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Wat-

uston Humble spent the week- at Stacy with his grandpar- s, Mr. and Mrs. Smith. ur community received a fine and we have a good season in crops are looking fine. vertybody in this community eparing for Christmas.

fr. and Mrs. J. V. Smith and e son, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Clark r. and Mrs. Jim Cordell e guests in the Floyd Jones e Sunday.

ae Merry Wives Club has post- ed its meeting two weeks on- unt of the rain.

**WINGATE NEWS**

ev. and Mrs. E. C. Mahurin ated their twenty-fifth ing anniversary by giving a er to the membership of the y Creek Primitive Baptist ch. There were forty-five ent. Everyone enjoyed the ous dinner served, also the service in the afternoon. We for them the best of health many more happy days like one. he party at the Dennie Polk e was well attended and eone reported a nice time. ssa Lois Bishop spent Satur- night with Miss Jewel Bishop. sss Tiny Wood spent Friday t in the home of Mr. and Carl Wood of Winters. r. and Mrs. Bud Timms and lter, Josephine, and Mr. and Ralph Reynolds, of Shallo- r, spent Saturday night with and Mrs. G. W. Timms. and Mrs. Albert Bishop en- ed the young people with

a social one night last week. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Polk spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Mahurin. Paul Hickam spent Saturday night with A. V. Timms. People of this community have been unable to carry on farm work for the past two weeks on account of rainy weather. Mrs. Oscar Timms and little daughter, Florence, of Lamesa, visited relatives and friends in the Wingate and Wilmeth communities last week. We are glad to report that Mrs. Addie Barnett and Mrs. Dement, who have been ill recently are recovering nicely. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wood, of Winters, spent a few days last week in this community. The Wingate school will be dismissed on the afternoon of December 18, for the Christmas holidays, studies being resumed December 28, giving one full school week for holidays. We are very glad to report that the school is progressing fine. The attendance is large, especially in the high school, there not being a sufficient number of seats in the study hall.

**BETHEL NEWS**

Rev. Cole was here Saturday night and Sunday to fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church and had a large congregation Sunday in spite of the cold, rainy weather. Mrs. J. S. Greenhill Jr., who had been in a Ballinger sanitarium, has returned home and is getting along nicely. Miss Elvree Seales, of Paint Rock, attended church here Sunday.

Rev. Cole spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Duke. Mr. and Mrs. Lem Harvey, of Ballinger, were among the number to attend church here Sunday. Several of the turkey raisers marketed their turkeys on the Xmas market this week at a fairly good price. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Huffman and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gentry and Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, of Ballinger; Mrs. Halley Howell and children and Miss Lucille Riley and sister were pleasant visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crockett Sunday.

Mrs. E. Koenig and sons, Albert and Ralph were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Tullos Sunday afternoon. Misses Mozelle Whitworth and Juanita Leonard visited Miss Evelyn Tullos Sunday.

Mrs. Paul Richardson and Miss Ada Simmons visited in San Angelo Saturday. Mrs. Zachary, who is spending

the winter with her daughter, Mrs. John Batts, visited her daughter, Mrs. L. L. Walker, of South Ballinger last week. Several farmers in our community took advantage of the cool weather recently and butchered hogs, which will furnish the tables with plenty of fresh meats, such as sausage and spare ribs. The social given Friday night by the club women was quite a success, a large crowd attending. Eight tables were arranged for progressive forty-two. Frank Wood, who had several different partners, scored highest, and won first prize. Delicious pop-corn balls, home-made candies and fruit were served. A very pleasant time was spent by all attending.

The home demonstration club failed to hold its regular meeting last week on account of the rainy weather and will meet December 17, with Mrs. L. Loke. Everyone is asked to bring a gift for the Christmas grab box. We are expecting a good crowd and a demonstration of the Christmas spirit.

**BENOIT NEWS**

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Clayton and little daughter, Wanda, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Cox and family Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moody, of Ballinger, spent Sunday with Mrs. Moody's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Cox went to San Angelo Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Andy Spreen entertained with a dance at their home last Friday evening. All report a nice time. Miss Vivian Hill has been on the sick list this week but is much improved at this writing.

Mrs. Arch Brookshire and Mrs. Joe Huffman visited in San Angelo Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. George Odem visited in the W. D. Lewis home Sunday, and Mrs. Lewis, mother, Mrs. Clark, is visiting her this week.

Woodrow Cox spent Monday night with Gordon Gressett. Mrs. L. B. Rumpy and son, L. B. Jr., spent Saturday in Miles visiting Mrs. J. A. Donaldson.

**TALPA TOPICS**

Rev. M. M. Sheets filled his regular appointment at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning and evening. Miss Bernice Hale, of Herring, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss True Mae Richey. Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Rucker, of Eola, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodie Tabor and children, of Valera, spent Sunday with Mrs. Tabor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. King. Mrs. Wayne Bennett and Mrs. J. C. Smith visited in Coleman Saturday.

Rev. J. S. Tierce preached at Emanuel Baptist Church Sunday morning. Miss Helen Moore, of Ballinger, spent the week-end in Talpa. Garrett Nalley left Sunday morning for Georgetown, where he will attend school. The Crews basketball team defeated the Talpa commercial team last Friday night. After the ball game a forty-two party was given by the P-T-A. in the Jones building.

Willie Gregory spent Saturday night with Stella Herring.

**DALE TOPICS**

Due to the prevailing rainy weather, farm work in this community has been progressing very slowly. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kruse and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Geahart. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Andre entertained a number of friends and relatives with a turkey dinner Sunday.

Mrs. V. L. Brown, of Ballinger, visited several days with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kruse last week. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tomas, of Winters and Mrs. Charlie Ernst, of Franklin, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Spill and family.

Mrs. Walter Kruse and Mrs. Charlie Adami spent Sunday in Santa Anna with their sister, Miss Hattie Hennigar, who underwent an operation in a hospital there recently.

Misses Faye and Fern Campbell spent Saturday and Sunday in the L. B. Barker home at Ballinger. Dale received another soaking rain Tuesday morning.

**CREWS NEWS**

The sun shone for two or three days last week, but is hidden again by heavy clouds, rain falling intermittently. Rev. Smith filled his regular appointment here Sunday. This is his first service here since being returned for another year, which is his third in our midst. Both he and Mrs. Smith are well liked by the Crews people.

Mrs. T. E. Beard and sister, Miss Verba Eubank, spent the week-end at Putnam, visiting their parents. They were accompanied as far as Clyde by Miss Alma Phipps, who visited relatives there.

R. T. Lucas, who has been ill for some time, is reported to be recovering. Mrs. C. F. White is ill at the present. Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Wilkerson and family, of Bangs, visited relatives and friends here Sunday.

The basketball games at Lawn Saturday were as follows: The girls won, but the boys suffered their first defeat of the season, the score being 21 to 18 in favor of the Lawn team.

The P-T-A meeting for last Tuesday night had to be postponed on account of the rain. Reports are current that Rum Damron, who has been confined to his bed in a Ballinger sanitarium for several weeks, from

the effects of an automobile accident, is very low. Edgar Jayroe spent most of last week in Ballinger, serving as a grand juror.

**HARMONY HERALDS**

Rev. M. A. Quindien, of Winters, will fill his regular appointment here next Sunday at the eleven o'clock hour. The B. Y. P. U. will hold a camp fire program Sunday. Also for discussion will be "John, the Beloved Apostle," both of which should make an inspiring program. Everyone is cordially invited.

Those enjoying the weinie roast at the Truett Billups home Saturday night were: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Worthington, Misses Myrtle and Edith Fowler, Lela and Lula Belle Harper, Faye, Elva and Beulah B. Seales, Vivian White, and Messrs. Jeff D. Harper, Malone Gallant, Tynan Torrence, Wade White, Wallace Worthington and Travis Cummings.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pumphrey and children, of Winters, and Le Verne Seals were guests in the A. Gilbreath home Sunday. Mrs. J. F. White returned home Saturday after spending two or three weeks at Christoval, where she had been under treatment of doctors. Mrs. White is not improved as much as we had hoped and still suffers a great deal.

The Workers Class of the Methodist Sunday school will serve a chile dinner, pie and coffee in connection with a bazaar, Saturday, December 12, next door to Daugherty Drug Store.

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The turkey market has been slow so far but mostly due to bad roads in some sections of the county preventing farmers from coming to town with the birds.

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District court will open here for the third week Monday morning with thirty-six men reporting for jury service. The third week of court will take up the criminal docket with a number of cases set for trial.

Frowning is becoming entirely too common here and unless it is stopped some roving marauder is going to get in the wrong house and an ambulance will be called instead of the patrol wagon.

What is the matter with the Goodfellows in Ballinger? Will the movement which has been a part of Christmas here for the past ten years have to be omitted this year?

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With the possible exception of measles, the public underestimates the seriousness and hazard of no disease more than that of whooping cough.

When going out of doors the children should be so dressed that there will be no danger of their suffering a chill.

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MARIE NEWS

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Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Barron gave a party Friday night and all reported an enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gentry visited in Bronte Sunday evening. J. T. Shelton attended to business at Bronte Saturday.

Miss Maude Brookshire is reported to be recovering from a recent illness.

Clyde Davis, of Maverick, was here Saturday purchasing turkeys for breeding purposes.

Miss Onelta Moreland and Marie Townsend, of Drasco, returned home Saturday after a short visit here.

PROGRAM FOR ADULT B. Y. P. U.

At the Ballinger Baptist Church, Sunday, December 13. Mrs. J. A. Killough, leader. Subject, "The Parable of the Pounds".

"The Disciples' Misunderstanding," Mrs. Ida Radican. "While the Master Tarrys," Mrs. A. O. Bartlett.

"The Rewards of Faithful Stewardship," Mrs. Mattie Holliday. "The Penalty of Unfaithful Stewardship," Mrs. W. T. Weathersby.

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Rural Speakers At Rotary Club

Speakers from rural communities presented the program for the Ballinger Rotary Club Tuesday at the regular luncheon hour. The program was under the direction of the club service committee and Warren Lynn was in charge.

Mrs. T. A. Crockett spoke on the work of the extension service through the home demonstration agent in carrying on various programs by the clubs.

P. R. Dietz, well known for his accomplishments in seed improvement in this county, spoke on the work of the county agent, C. W. Lehmburg, since coming to this county nearly eight years ago.

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**My Pantry**

The following letter written by Mrs. W. W. Mitchell, of Norton third prize winner in the 4-H pantry contest, tells how she accomplished the feat. Mrs. Mitchell's pantry is one of the largest in the county.

By Mrs. W. W. Mitchell

When I was selected by my club to demonstrate a 4-H pantry I felt it quite an honor and determined to do my best at the job.

Canning a supply of a large variety of foods when there is a surplus for use when the supply is scarce and hard to get, was no new idea to me. But I found that I had always done it in a rather haphazard way.

When I studied the matter seriously I found that I had never canned a really adequate supply of foods, so I laid my plans to put up more of certain varieties and a larger variety so that the family would never tire of any one thing.

I found that we need more meat than the suggested budget calls for and I canned thirty-five quarts last spring and used it during the summer. Lately I canned a beef (172 quarts) to use during the coming months. This with the pig I have raised from my garden waste (together with grain), my flock of forty hens, from which we have a good supply of eggs all the year, with all the broilers, fryers, roasting hens and capons that we can use, and a few cans of chicken for emergencies, and the milk from one or more cows which furnish an adequate supply of milk and butter at all times, will supply all the protein foods that we need.

A large part of my pantry is my year-round garden, which I consider quite as important, and lots easier and cheaper to acquire than the large surplus which I have canned. I find that we have had from four to more than twenty varieties of fresh vegetables available for our table every day this year. We have growing now more than a dozen varieties to use through the winter. Some are in the open and some in cold frames so there will be a good supply to draw from. These green vegetables for cooking and eating raw in salads, together with some five dozen cans of leafy vegetables will supply as much of this class of foods as we will need.

Of starchy foods I only have 79 containers, all corn, but we do not care so much for corn, and to

supplement it I have two bushels of wheat cleaned and ready to crack in our own chopper as we need it for cereal and other things. With fruits of all kinds scarce it was this year I felt fortunate to be able to get together 135 containers of eleven varieties, together with four varieties of fruit juices. I shall supplement these with dried fruits and some fresh, especially apples. Also I have 109 containers of tomatoes which we shall use to "stretch" the fruit supply.

My supply of pickles and relishes is rather large, and some fifteen varieties. We have some kind of salad almost every day and use them to add a "different" touch.

Then I have about five dozen containers of other vegetables, and near a hundred of preserves, sweet pickled fruits, jams, jellies, mince meat, etc., which I shall use to make the preparation of balanced meals easier and more interesting.

I find that I bought five dozen jars and three hundred and fifty tin cans. The materials I bought cost \$42.88.

These more than 500 quarts of food in eighty-two varieties, and put up in 709 containers, are the materials that I have on my pantry shelves at this time, and makes no count of the more than 100 quarts which I put up and have used along all the year. For I did not plan my budget to supply food for a given number of months, but to supplement my garden the whole year through. And this is my slogan, "A year-round garden with a bountiful supply of the surplus put in cans, to use along with fresh stuff as it is needed." This is my 4-H pantry—I have put a lot of work into its preparation, and I've had a lot of fun doing it, and I shall enjoy it to the "last can."

The Workers Class of the Methodist Sunday school will serve a chile dinner, pie and coffee in connection with a bazaar Saturday, December 12, next door to Daugherty Drug Store.

**Births**

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Harville are entertaining a new 13-pound baby boy at their home on Ninth Street. The young man arrived Tuesday evening, December 8.

Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Armstrong have returned from a visit to Carlsbad and San Angelo.

Be wise and advertise

**EAGLE BRANCH NEWS**

Farmers in this community are rejoicing to see the sun shine after so much rain and disagreeable weather.

There is some cotton yet to be gathered, although most of the late bolls are ruined on account of so much cold, rainy weather.

We sympathize with the children of Rum Damron, who is in a Ballinger hospital, reported to be in a serious condition. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Most of those going from our community to the plains country to pick cotton have been forced to return on account of bad weather.

Grandpa Pew, the aged father of Mrs. George Miles, has moved into her home to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rowe were guests in the Charlie Owens home Sunday.

Mrs. Wayne Mitchell, who had been spending the fall and winter with her children in Winters, where they are attending school, has returned to the farm.

Miss Frankie Pierce, a former teacher in this district, greeted friends here Saturday.

The P-T A meeting Friday night had small attendance. A short program was presented.

Robert Cotton, former resident of this community and who recently married here, has returned to Levelland to make home.

**MANUAL TRAINING CLASS RECEIVES PAINT AS GIFT**

The manual training class of the Ballinger high school this week was presented with a large quantity of paints and enamels by the Hall Hardware Company. The gift was highly appreciated by the young men in that department and will be used in finishing woodwork manufactured by the class under the direction of Francis Kibler, instructor.

**SCHOOL TAKES OVER PAPER TO RAISE STUDENT FUND**

CRESTON, Wash., Dec. 9.—Creston high school has taken over this town's only newspaper in the hope of reducing the student body indebtedness.

For several years the students have given dances, used athletic department surpluses and probed other income sources without complete success.

Mrs. Inez Creston, business manager of the News, resigned and the owner permitted the students to take over the management. A group will take charge of all local news, advertising and circulation.

**CHURCHES**

**Church of God**

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11 a. m. Young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m.

Preaching service at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, at 7 p. m. C. H. JOHNSON, Pastor

**Ballinger Baptist Church**

9:45 a. m., Sunday school, E. Shepperd, superintendent.

11 a. m., preaching service by pastor 6:00 p. m., meeting of B. Y. P. U.'s, F. D. McCoy, director.

7 p. m., Christmas program by Young Women's Auxiliary 7:00 p. m., Wednesday, prayer meeting, followed by choir practice R. E. White, director.

The Christmas program which will be given Sunday evening will be of interest to all.

A hearty welcome is given to all who will worship with us in all these services. J. H. McCLAIN, Pastor

**First Presbyterian Church**

9:45 a. m., Sunday school. 11 a. m., morning worship. 2:30 p. m., Junior Society. 6:15 p. m., Senior-Intermediate Society.

7 p. m., evening worship. Everyone is welcome to any and all the services of this congregation. E. W. McLAURIN, Pastor.

**Church of Christ**

Eighth Street and Bonsal Avenue Bible school meets at 9:45 a. m. with competent teachers for all classes.

Preaching at 11:00 a. m. by Olan Hicks of A. C. C. Preaching at 7:15 p. m. Ladies' Bible class meets at church building Mondays at 3:30 p. m.

The public is invited to attend any and all these services.

**First Methodist Church**

9:45 a. m., Sunday school. 11:00 a. m., morning worship. 6:15 p. m., Young people's meeting.

7:00 p. m., evening worship. 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, evening prayer.

Visitors will find a welcome at any and all services of this church. CLAUDE P. JONES, Pastor.

**Lutheran Church**

Services in the Episcopal Church

on the corner of Seventh Street and Snapp Avenue, every Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Sunday school and Bible classes at 4 p. m. Able and consecrated teachers in all departments. You are welcome.

GEORGE HEINEMEIER, Pastor

**First Christian Church**

(Broadway and Murrell) Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Scott H. Mack, superintendent.

Wednesday evening prayer service, 7:30.

The church with a cordial welcome.

**Eighth Street Presbyterian Church** Bible school at 9:45 a. m. S. P. Hathaway, superintendent. Worship at 11:00 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:00 p. m. Worship at 7 p. m.

We extend this Bible invitation to all friends: "He that hath no money; come! And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

J. EDWIN KERR, Minister.

**Church of the Nazarene** Sunday school at 9:45 Other services as usual W. LAWSON, BROWN, Pastor

**CHRISTMAS SHOW WINDOW ATTRACTS CROWDS HERE**

One of the most unique show windows ever exhibited here was opened at the King-Holt Furniture and Undertaking Company Wednesday afternoon. The window, with painted scenery for walls, shows a manger scene, with a cow in one corner and a cradle, the mother Mary and the baby Jesus in the crib.

Every detail of the window has been carefully planned, the idea being carried out to perfection. The cow used is one that moves, hay covers the floor, the crib in which the baby reposes is made from rough lumber and the robe of the mother is in perfect keeping with those worn at the time of the Nativity.

Many other excellent windows

are being displayed in the city and visitors here during the next two weeks will find good entertainment in a window shopping tour over the business district. Most of the windows are filled with gift goods, decorated in keeping with the season.

**FLURRIES OF STOCK MARKET CAN'T HURT THESE SHARES**

CINCINNATI, Dec. 9.—Shares of the "Herald," besides soaring in value, continue to pay increased dividends and never have taken a tumble on the "market."

The "Herald" is a real newspaper published by sixth grade students of a school here, with a mimeograph press, city desk and shares of stock.

One dollar was the capital stock, consisting of 20 shares of five cents each. Stock went up to ten cents a share, and the children voted a dividend of two cents. More than \$2 is in the treasury.

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"I have used Black-Draught . . . and have not found anything that could take its place. I take Black-Draught for biliousness, nervousness, indigestion, constipation, and all the ailments that attend these conditions. When I get bilious, I have a nervous headache and a nervous, trembling feeling that unfits me for my work. After I take a few doses of Black-Draught, I get all right. When I begin to get bilious, I feel tired and run-down, and then the headache and trembling. But Black-Draught relieves all this."—J. C. Hendrix, Homerville, Ga.

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SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY

Yams Basket East Texas	95c	Syrup Gallon Pure Ribbon Cane	89c
Compound 8 lb Swift's Jewel	63c	Rice 10 lb. Bag	67c
Bacon 1 lb Sliced, Rind Off	19c	Flour 48 lbs. Light Crust	98c

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**The Southwestern Sewer Co.**

is offering its seven dollar preferred stock to its customers and the citizens of this community.

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**Sale Starts Friday, December 11th, at 2 p. m.**

**Angelo Furniture Co.**

12 W. Beauregard Ave. San Angelo, Texas

**FREE! A Useful Souvenir to First 50 Ladies in Store Each Afternoon Before 2 p. m.**

### Pioneer Stockman Claimed by Death

Leo Mapes, 69, died at his home in South Ballinger Wednesday morning at 7:25 after an illness of several months' duration. This death marks the passing of another pioneer who for nearly 90 years resided in this county, one of the early settlers who had a big part in the development of this section.

Mr. Mapes came to Runnels county in 1884, spending his first night here with a herd of cattle on the site of the city of Ballinger. After remaining here a while he returned to Live Oak county, the place of his birth and married Miss Dora Fox who returned to this county with him immediately following the ceremony to make home.

Decedent was a member of the Old Trail Drivers' Association of Texas which holds annual meetings in San Antonio and also a charter member of the Ex-Open Range Cowpunchers' Association which meets each summer on the L. P. Wood ranch near Ballinger. The last time Mr. Mapes attended a public gathering was at a meeting of the pioneer cowboys last August. He was one of the men who attended the first birthday of Ballinger, June 29, 1886, and witnessed the first sale of town lots.

Mr. Mapes invested in land south and southeast of Ballinger and during the past forty-odd years operated a ranch there. He moved from the ranch in 1920, since that time making home in

### South Ballinger at the place where he passed away. Thousands Expected—

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Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mapes, of whom nine are living, and eight were present for the funeral. The living children are: Mrs. Lena Fritz, Benson, Arizona; Mrs. Laura Rayburn, Dallas; Mrs. Neut Wardlaw, Del Rio; Pryor Mapes, Eden; and Fred. Pat. Harry and Leo Mapes, Ballinger. Mrs. Fritz was unable to be present for the obsequies.

During the early days Mr. Mapes made a number of trips over the trails to Kansas City with large herds of cattle. He is well known by the cattlemen who pioneered here on the open range, many of whom were present to attend the funeral.

Rites were conducted Thursday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Mary's Church, with Rev. H. M. Janvier officiating. Interment was made in the family lot at Evergreen Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were nephews of Mr. Mapes. Following is a list of the honorary pallbearers: E. J. Keen, W. B. Hailey, J. G. Douglass, E. F. Krebs, A. J. Voelkel, R. G. Erwin, Wm. F. Fowler, Thomas Eagan, J. A. Reese, M. B. Wardlaw, Albert Spill, R. W. Bruce, U. E. Hartman, George McMillan, Forrest McMillan, W. C. McCarver, C. L. Baker, Ralph Smith, Horace Murphy, Robert Herring, Harry Thomson, Paul Trimmer, J. Y. Pearce, R. J. Deena, Will Dunlap, Charles Grant, Jake Stubblefield, Fog Coffey, C. A. Doose, Will Doose, Walt Allen, A. J. Thorp, W. R. Clark, Charles Allen, Clinton Penn, George Kerley, Hatton Laxson, E. C. Schott, E. T. Tickle, Andy Herring, George Vaughn, C. B. Wardlaw, Ira L. Sims, Albert Afflerbach, Ignaz Krc, Frank Krc, Louis Afflerbach, John Bigby, W. B. Currie, Willie Stephens, B. C. Kirk, Will Currie, Joe Beck, Oscar Routh, Pat Woods, J. McGregor, Feb McWilliams, A. V. Livingston, A. M. King, Hubert Zappe, Hugh Campbell, Jess Jones, M. Pagies.

King-Holt Company undertakers were in charge of arrangements.

### Christmas Presents

Fine for Christmas presents—an "Aer Sweep" Vacuum Cleaner, Floor Lamps, End Tables, Library and Console Tables, Rugs, all sizes, Bed Room, Living Room and Dining Room Suites. Prices slashed.

L. E. Bair Furniture Co. 11-11

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WANTED—9,999 people to take advantage of this opportunity. No red tape. See the new 1931 model "Aer Sweep" Vacuum Cleaner, value \$17.50. Cleans rugs without injuring them. This marvelous machine requires NO Electricity! For further particulars call at our store. L. E. Bair Furniture Company. 11-11

## Weddings

Watkins-Hubach  
E. C. Watkins and Miss Willie Mae Hubach of the Mann community were married here on Tuesday evening at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. McClain, with Rev. McClain officiating. The couple, popular young people of the Mann section, will make their home there.

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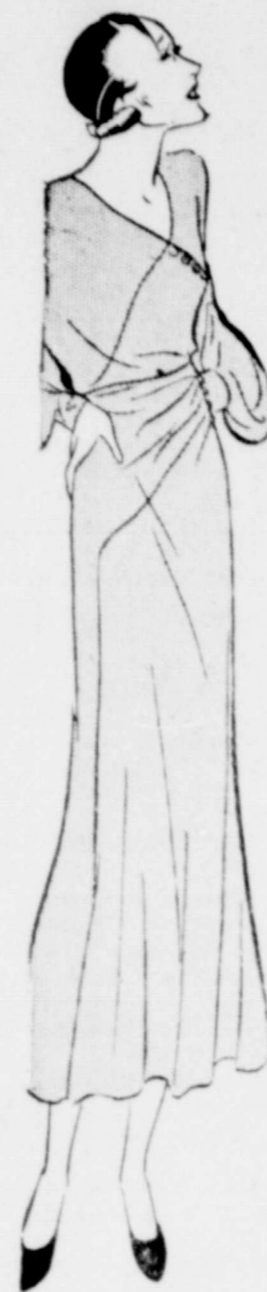
1. Don't turn gas up to a point where the flame goes over the top in open top heaters. This wastes gas.
2. Don't try to heat the breakfast room, or adjoining rooms with the range oven. A small gas heater will do the work better and cheaper.
3. If you keep a fire burning in the bath room, see that it is turned low after the room has become comfortably warm.
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