

Around the World

Spain's Pensioners Unite
MADRID, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Thousands of former army and navy officers, priests and government employees, placed on the retired lists by the republic, have formed "The General Center of Retired Employees of Spain" to protect their interests.

Teach French to Travel
PARIS, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Holding that a visit to the United States is a serious business, the Institute of American Studies here has opened a special lecture course designed to instruct French students in American ways and backgrounds.

Florence Keeps Dim Light
FLORENCE, Italy, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The city council has voted to replace the old street lights with electricity but will install weak bulbs in order to preserve the dim light that for so long has been a part of the city's atmosphere.

Life and Death Memorialized
LIMOGES, France, Dec. 17.—(AP)—This city has erected as its war memorial a monument which commemorates not only the city's soldier dead but its living industries.

A statue representing peace trampling a war beast surmounts the monument. On either side of the shaft a porcelain worker at his potter's wheel and a shoemaker at his bench typify the trades for which Limoges is famous.

Spaniard Writes Opera
BARCELONA, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Manuel Falla, one of Spain's leading composers, is writing an opera based upon the poem "La Atlantida" by Jacinto Verdaguer and containing musical allusions to the discovery of America.

Fewer Guests in Berlin
BERLIN, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Berlin's tourist trade is feeling the hard times. The first nine months of 1930 brought 1,165,900 visitors, the same period this year only 946,000. American tourists decreased from 39,665 to 27,810.

Khaki Okeh at Buckingham
LONDON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—King George, not wanting his young officers to spend their small salaries on fancy court clothes, has told the army that khaki service uniforms will be quite all right at levees and investitures.

Will Explains Enemies of Life
CROVEO, Italy, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Ire and envy are the arch-enemies of long life, says the will of Mrs. Anna Lunghe, who died at 102. The document counsels her three sons, all over 78, to avoid these failings and to eat lots of vegetables.

Mrs. Lunghe's death was the first in this village in several years. Croveo is noted for the longevity of its people and most of the villagers who attended the funeral were near the sixtieth milestone.

Cuba Stiffes Hawkers
HAVANA, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Octavio Zubizarreta, secretary of the Interior, and Ernesto Onetti, secretary of public works, have agreed on measures to protect tourists from the insistence of street hawkers.

Horthy Honors Hindenburg
BUDAPEST, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Admiral Nicholas de Horthy, regent of Hungary, has bestowed honorary command of the third infantry known as the St. Stephen regiment up Field Marshal von Hindenburg, president of Germany.

Fair Pays Buyers' Fare
LEGGIO, Dec. 17.—(AP)—To stimulate American business at the spring fair opening March 5, 1932, the management offers to buyers a refund of traveling expenses up to one per cent of the value of orders.

New Operas in Naples
NAPLES, Italy, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The San Carlo opera house, where Caruso used to sing will open its new season immediately after Christmas. "The Sunken Bell," by Respighi, and "Daphne," by Mule, will be heard for the first time in Naples.

Krupp Works Fix Cars
MUNICH, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The Krupp munition works at Freimann, where the "Big Berthas" were made for the world war, have been taken over by the German federal railways and converted to the peaceful task of repairing rolling stock.

Prince Paints Scenery
STOCKHOLM, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Prince Sigvard, second son of Sweden's crown prince, having studied scenic design, is making the stage sets for a production of Rosland's "Cyrano de Bergerac" at the Oscars theatre in Stock-

Work Soon to Start on Panama Dam That will Check Canal Flood Menace

By William H. Ewing
(By Associated Press)
PANAMA CITY, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Work on Madden dam, the \$15,500,000 project which will provide an additional water supply for the Panama canal and hold in check the roaring floods of the Chagres river, will begin the first of the year.

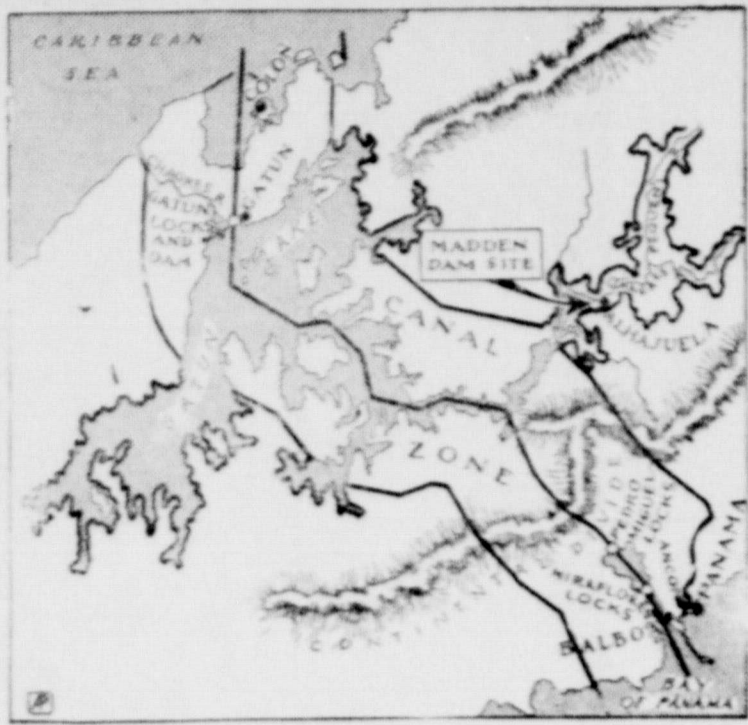
When it is completed in 1936 there will be less danger from the floods such as those which recently filled Gatun lake to the brim and forced suspension of traffic in the waterway until opened flood gates and locks could carry away the surplus water.

The contract for actual construction of the dam at Alajuela, 25 miles inland from the Pacific, has been awarded the W. E. Callahan Construction company of St. Louis and Peterson, Shirley & Gunther, of Omaha, at a joint price of \$4,048,557.

The Madden bill, passed several years ago, appropriated \$15,500,000 for the entire work. Extensive preliminary surveys were needed and as part of this project a concrete road has been built through the jungle to the site of the dam from Balboa.

Because it is mechanical and must raise its traffic of ships as much as 85 feet, the Panama canal consumes water like a huge mill wheel. Passage of an ordinary vessel means that 7,000,000 cubic feet of water must be poured into the ocean.

Gatun lake, the canal's regular



The beginning of the new year will see the start of construction of the \$15,500,000 Madden dam on the Chagres river in the Panama canal zone. The project will assure an adequate water level during dry seasons in Gatun lake, which is part of the canal. Map shows location of dam.

source of supply, is the largest cubic feet a second. Evaporation proceeds at about half that rate in the rainy season when there is less sunshine, the air is cooler and the winds gentler. There has never been a serious shortage of water for the canal but Madden dam will remove all such possibilities.

CALIFORNIA GIRL AIDS PARENT IN PLANT CREATION

(By Associated Press)
DEL MONTE, Calif., Dec. 17.—Miss Elizabeth Bodger, who majored in languages at college, supervises a 200-acre experimental field and finds the foreign tongues she learned are helpful. She directs the Mexican crews on her father's seed farm and interprets foreign correspondence from customers.

Termed by acquaintances a feminine Luther Burbank, Miss Bodger worked with her father in the creation of a dahlia flowered zinnia from a Mexican weed.

A thornless cactus with a flower similar to the species known as the Tiger Lily, which grows close to the ground and creates a hedge shaped like a series of cabbages has been developed to the first stage by Miss Bodger and her father.

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SMART TO BE DUMB IS SECRETARY'S OPINION

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Dec. 17.—A girl can be dumb—stupid even—and still be a crack private secretary. It's essential sometimes, for it's part of the job, according to Miss Frances Stevenson, private secretary to David Lloyd George.

But just being dumb now and again isn't enough. Other qualities a perfect private secretary needs, according to Miss Stevenson, are:

- Ability to suffer fools gladly, but not too long.
- To bring interviews to a tactful end.
- To be discreet.
- And not to look like she knows too much.

NEW ALUMINUM ALLOY HAS HIGH MELTING POINT

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—A new alloy designated as "Manmarco" is the product of a San

Francisco commercial laboratory.

Small amounts of cobalt and rare metals are blended with aluminum to produce a metal declared to weigh only nine per cent more than aluminum yet to have a melting point above 2,200 degrees Fahrenheit.

Having a co-efficient of expansion no greater than that of cast iron, it is claimed to be suitable for making both cylinders and engine blocks for autos and airplanes making possible a reduction in the weight of both types of engines.

OILCLOTH LEAVES TABLE FOR PLACE IN STYLES

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The humble oilcloth, once relegated to the kitchen table, has stepped into the fashion picture. One new black wool frock is designed with short puffed sleeves of supple thin black oilcloth, while a number of others are finished with oilcloth belts.

Buy your printing at home

Crime Only Tenth Of Papers' News, Survey Indicates

(By Associated Press)

MURRAY, Ky., Dec. 17.—Approximately 10 per cent of the news space was found devoted to crime, in 43 newspapers surveyed by the journalism department of Murray state college.

The survey included papers of Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri and Illinois received at the college for one week.

In measuring a total of 127,266 column-inches, the students found that 56.88 per cent of the total space was devoted to advertising.

The divisions and percentages in news space follow: crime 10.31; sports 11.89; economics 12.02; politics 6; social news 8.1; religious matter 2.8; educational material 14.08; catastrophe 2.11; features 21.51; and miscellaneous 11.18.

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A Christmas Feast

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AT BOTH STORES

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We realize these are times of careful buying—that it behooves us all to buy wisely—to shop carefully—and get the utmost for our dollars. So we are opening with this bargain feast, forgetting profits, ignoring cost, thinking only of lowering our big stock before inventory. For 6 days we are going to give values that stand out above all in the merchandise field. So come to Woodroof's to do your Christmas shopping and Save in a Big Way!



Give Gifts this Year that are Appreciated

SAVE THIS — SPECIALS EVERY DAY — COME ONE COME ALL — SAVE THIS

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
8:30 to 9 o'Clock a. m.	10 to 10:30 a. m.	Until All Gone	2 to 3:30 o'Clock p. m.	3 to 3:30 o'Clock p. m.	Until All Gone
Good Domestic, 36 inches wide 2c Yard 10 Yard Limit Big box of odds and ends Remnants, values to 50c 10c Each	Suiting of new Fall designs, extra quality, values to 40c yard, only 12c Yard 10 Yard Limit	Open at 8:30 o'Clock Serim, values to 75c the yard, priced at only 10c Yard 20 Yard Limit	One big lot of Prints 5c Yard 10 Yard Limit	Finest grade of Unbleached Domestic, 36-inch widths, 12 1/2c quality 7c Yard	We will sell our entire stock of Comforts, values to \$2.50, for \$1.00 Each

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Ladies' Rayon Gowns,
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- Handkerchiefs
- Gloves

Our Space is limited. Come and see our Many, Many Bargains!

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TO
CHRISTMAS

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
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- Scarfs, Ties
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98c
Each

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All the wanted styles to go at
\$1.00
Each
Values to \$7.50

BEDROOM SLIPPERS

In solid black crepe, black, green and blue combinations, all to go at

98c
Pair

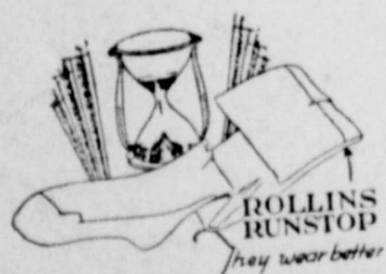


Bankrupt Sale of Reed's Family Shoe Store

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300 Pairs of Ladies' Shoes

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Values in this lot range to \$6.50 a pair. Patents, Straps, Pumps, Reptiles, Combinations and School Girl Oxfords



One Big Table of Children's Shoes and Oxfords, Tans and Blacks, values to \$1.25

69c
Pair



Men's High Grade Freeman Shelby's Oxfords. In this great \$5.00 line all to go at

\$2.93



One big lot of Men's black Oxfords, Goodyear welts, at

\$1.93

BALLINGER Semi-Weekly Ledger

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SUBSCRIPTION BARGAIN OFFER

For a limited time the subscription price of the Ballinger Semi-Weekly Ledger (regular price \$2 per annum), has been reduced to \$1. A whole year's reading for your dollar.

The first snow of the season here Wednesday reminded people of Christmas a little more and delighted the children. When school was dismissed the pupils stamped in the whirling snow and played on their way home, enjoying the big white flakes. Parties arriving here late Wednesday afternoon said rural roads were becoming slick and traffic was being delayed.

Next week there will be a number of families in Ballinger depending for Christmas on the Goodfellows. So far the fund is pitifully low and aid given these families will have to be very limited unless those who are able loosen their purse strings and contribute during the next few days. Pastors of the city this week-end are making a canvass to list all who are in dire need and the committee has announced that money expenditures will be limited to food only with clothing and other gifts being made from whatever is donated. Used toys and clothing are being received at the fire station but few bundles have been sent to date and the need is very great. The local charity board is also out of used clothing and it was hoped that enough could be secured of this drive to take care of all needs here the remainder of the winter. The Goodfellow fund must be closed next Wednesday night, so rush your contribution in as quickly as possible.

Merchants are all set for the final rush of Christmas shopping here next week. Stores still have fine selections of gift goods and a number will remain open at night next week in order to take care of late shoppers, including husbands and wives who desire to shop together after supper. As soon as the Christmas eve business is over stock taking will commence and be completed by the last day of the month when stores have their annual reports ready for inspection by managers.

Rains this fall have not been heavy compared with those of last year but farmers state that a fair season is now in the ground and with other winter rains and snows, prospects for another good crop year will be promising. Many fields of wheat and oats, about the only crops that have been planted recently are up and ready for pasturage now. A still larger acreage will be planted in small grain next spring and a good harvest is possible next summer. Many rural homes have excellent winter gardens now and farmers are planning other crops for next year in accordance with the state cotton reduction law.

This Woman Lost 64 Pounds of Fat

Mrs. H. Price of Woodside, L. I., writes "A year ago I weighed 190 lbs. I started to take Kruschen and now I weigh 126 and never felt better in my life and what's more, I look more like 20 yrs. old than the mother of 2 children, one 19 and the other 18. Every one of my friends say it's marvelous the way I reduced." To lose fat with speed take a half teaspoonful of Kruschen in a glass of hot water before breakfast every morning—don't miss a morning—an 85 cent bottle lasts 4 weeks—get it at J. Y. Pearce Drug Co., Weeks Drug Store or any drug store in America. If not joyfully satisfied after the first bottle—money back.

123-Year-Old Ferry Stops MADISON, Ind., Dec. 8.—(AP)—After 125 years the chugging ferryboat linking Indiana and Kentucky across the Ohio river here has been discontinued following the building of a modern bridge.

Programs for Christmas

The following programs of special interest will be presented in Ballinger during the holiday season. The public is cordially invited to attend them. For only one is there an admission charge.

Friday night, December 18—"The Hoodoo" senior class play at high school auditorium.

Sunday night, December 20—Sacred concert of Christmas music by First Methodist Church choir.

Tuesday evening, December 22—"The Eternal Mail" at high school auditorium by students of Central ward school. Offering to Goodfellows.

Wednesday evening, December 23—Downtown program of Christmas carols by girls glee club of Ballinger high school. Followed by serenade at all places where lighted candle is placed in window.

Sunday evening, December 27—Sacred concert by choir of First Presbyterian Church.

Washington Stamps Are Received Here

Postmaster J. A. Reese announced Wednesday that a complete series of Washington bi-centennial commemorative postage stamps and stamped envelopes had been received by the local postoffice and would be placed on sale January 2, 1932. Stamps have been received in the 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 cent denominations and each differs in some respect.

The Washington bi-centennial is being sponsored in many ways and the postage stamp which will be in use almost exclusively during the first half of 1932 will do much to publicize the event.

The two-cent stamp which is the most commonly used by the public is printed in red and enclosed in a narrow white line border with small ornaments resembling fleur-de-lis in each upper corner. Slightly above the center on either side and extending to the top is a semi-circular panel with the words, "United States Postage" in white Roman lettering on a solid background. Ends of the panel are supported by acanthus scrolls rising from upright ovals in each lower corner. Within these ovals with white edges is the Roman numeral "2" in white on a solid background. At the base of the stamp between the ovals is a white bordered panel with the word "Cents" in white Roman type. In the center of the stamp with a dark background is the likeness of Washington by Gilbert Stuart from a painting made at Germantown, Pa., in 1796, known as the Athenaeum portrait, the original of which is now in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. On a white ribbon below the picture is the name "Washington" in dark Roman lettering. On the raised ends of the ribbon are the dates "1732" (at the left) and "1932" (at the right).

No stamps will be sold here by the postoffice until January 2.

DOCTOR KNOWN HERE DIES AT PETROLIA Word was received here Tuesday of the death of Dr. A. C. Cates, at Petrolia. Dr. Cates married Miss Maurice Truly in Ballinger a number of years ago and has a large number of acquaintances here who sympathize with relatives in the bereavement. Relatives residing here were notified of the death early Tuesday morning.

Utah farmers planted 13,000 trees this year as windbreaks and shelters for crops.

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Old at 40? Beware Kidney Acidity

If you feel old and rundown from getting up nights, backache, low back, stiffness, nervousness, dizziness, headache, burning and bladder weakness caused by kidney acidity, I want you to quit suffering right now. Come in and get what I think is the greatest medicine I have ever found. It often gives big improvement in 24 hours. Just ask me for Crestal (Sole-Tab). It's only 75c and I guarantee it to quickly combat these conditions and satisfy completely, or return empty package and get your money back. Weeks Drug Store

DUCK SEASON IS OVER; HUNTERS GIVEN WARNING

The one-month duck season this year, November 16 to December 15, is over, and during the period hunters were allowed to shoot them very few ducks were to be found in this section. The season was one month shorter than usual this year and hunters were not afforded the opportunity of good hunting days. Most of the ducks come to this region some time after Christmas when cold weather sets in in earnest and the only good hunting months would be January and February. It is now unlawful to kill ducks and violators will be prosecuted.

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U. S. IN 1790 PRODUCED 3,138 BALES OF COTTON

The first available record of cotton production and prices for the United States crop is for the year 1790, when a total of 3,138 bales was produced and sold for an average price of 26 cents per pound, basis upland middling.

Low prices of that day were caused by the tedious hand processes necessary for bringing the cotton into form for use in the spinning wheel and loom. Increased use of the staple, however, brought higher prices with production and prices, as follows:

Table with columns: Year, Bales, Price. Data from 1791 to 1930 showing increasing production and price over time.

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Businesses Which Help Build City

Eubank Floral Company The Eubank Floral Company was opened in Ballinger just one year ago and during that short period has affiliated itself with the progressive firms of the city. The business is conducted at the Eubank home, 905 Sixth Street, where hothouses have been constructed and all the modern equipment of a florist installed. Mrs. E. M. Eubank, in charge of the establishment, is a lover of flowers and has given much study to the growth and care of plants and blooming flowers. Of late she has become an artist in arranging flowers and carries a stock of all kinds of forms for wreaths, etc., suitable for all occasions. A complete stock of cut flowers is stocked so that demands can be supplied on short notice.

Flowers from this popular firm will be arranged and delivered to any address and telegraphic orders received and delivered to any city served by a florist. During the Christmas season the hothouse contains many beautiful blooming plants for those who desire to add attractiveness to their homes. Artificial wreaths are also in stock which are suitable for Yuletide decorations.

Mrs. Eubank invites visits to her house at any time for inspection of the blooming plants, cut flowers and other specialties in stock. The telephone number is 171 and a call will bring flowers quickly.

The floral company has enjoyed a good patronage since its opening for the management is thankful and expresses appreciation to the citizens of Ballinger and territory.

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

Table with columns: Year, Bales, Price. Data from 1865 to 1930 showing increasing production and price over time.

Honeymoon Once Honey Month

AMES, Ia., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Why do we call it a "honeymoon"? Because, says F. B. Paddock, Iowa State College apiculturist, centuries ago it was the custom for newlyweds to serve honey to all guests in their home for a month after marriage.

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. Fern C. Withers DR. MILES' ANTI-PAIN PILLS

Wake Up Your Liver Bile - Without Calomel

And You'll Jump Out of Bed in the Morning Rarin' to Go. If you feel sour and sunk and the world looks pink, don't swallow a lot of salts, mineral water, oil, laxative candy or chewing gum and expect them to make you suddenly sweet and buoyant and full of sunshine. For they can't do it. They only move the bowels and a mere movement doesn't get at the cause. The reason for your down-and-out feeling is your liver. It should pour out two pounds of liquid bile into your bowels daily.

Let's Forget That Little Word "Depression"

With the New Year close at hand, let's buckle down to our respective problems and figure them out using COURAGE AND COMMON SENSE. Our nation and our community will be all right again and each must do his part in the restoration.

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Male Salamanders Changed in Sex by 'Siamese Twinning'

By Howard W. Blakeslee (Associated Press Science Editor)
 ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Four young male salamanders have been caused to assume gradually the structures of females, at the University of Rochester school of medicine and dentistry.
 The sex changes were made by artificial Siamese twinning, an operation joining two salamanders still in the embryonic stage. The method is called parabiosis. The work was done by Robert K. Burns, Jr., of the anatomy laboratory.
 The change to female is something new in vertebrate animals. Hitherto success in the rare sex changes which have been made in a few laboratories upon various small animals, has been confined to converting females into males.
 Even in the Rochester experiments the male dominance remains. It seems to be much easier to change a female into a male than to proceed in the opposite direction.
 At the start one of these twins was a female, the other a male. Seemingly a struggle for ascendancy ensued between the sexes. In 23 instances the male partner succeeded in modifying the female, either causing her to turn into a male or to start to do so, while in four pairs the female gained definite ascendancy and changed the male.
 One case exhibited an even balance, with no definite domination. In this tie there was evidence of possible conflict, for neither party developed altogether well.
 The experiments suggest a chemical influence in the development of sex. This chemical factor is thought to be the hormones produced by the sex glands. These glands, like the other endocrine glands, produce hormones having direct effects upon bodily development.
 Some hormones have been identified as complex chemical compounds, and some have been produced synthetically.
 The hormones appear to operate very early in embryonic life, and Dr. Burns thinks their work may begin even before there is visible differentiation of sex.
 Other experiments show that sex glands transplanted into the body of an animal of opposite sex, are also partly changed to agree with the sex of the host animal.

Dollar Christmas Gifts

Have you thought about a year's membership in my circulating library or a new book as a gift. I take subscriptions to all magazines, new subscribers or renewals. I also have some lovely ornamental pepper plants at reasonable prices. I will greatly appreciate your patronage in my new business venture. Come by and see me.
 THE LITTLE BOOK SHOP
 205 Ninth Street
 Mrs. George Pearce
 8-4t

FRENCH SOCIALISTS ADVOCATE COINAGE OF WORLD MONEY

(By Associated Press)
 PARIS, Dec. 17.—Endowment of the Bank of International Settlements at Basel with regulating powers over currencies similar to those exercised in America by the federal reserve board, is advocated by French socialist leaders as one way of aiding economic development.
 The suggestion made by Deputy Leon Blum, leader of the socialist party, is that the international bank be given power to coin an international money which would be exchanged for various national currencies at fixed rates.
 The object, M. Blum says, would be to re-establish currency values upon their pre-war plane.
 The socialists say this would not in itself assure an upward trend in business, but that it would stop the downward trend.
 What international business needs, the socialists maintain, is a stabilized international money which commerce can depend upon. This is neither inconceivable nor technically impossible, they contend.
 Pasteurized sweet milk is safer.
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HALT GALLERY ORATIONS IN SPANISH ASSEMBLY

(By Associated Press)
 MADRID, Dec. 17.—Former senators and deputies of the old monarchist cortes have been ruled out of order in the debates of the republican constituent assembly on the new constitution.
 The gallery, reserved especially for the former legislators, has been thrown open to the public.
 The disbarment resulted because some of the old-line orators vociferously vented their opinions and verbal battles ensued between gallery and floor.

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

THOUSANDS SPENT ON WINTER HOMES AT FLORIDA RESORT

PALM BEACH, Fla., Dec. 17.—Wealthy Palm Beach home owners have spared no expense in preparing their estates and residences for the 1931-32 winter season.
 Hundreds of thousands of dollars have gone into new homes on the island, and into additions to buildings, landscaping, flower nurseries and seawalls.
 Almost a dozen luxurious new homes have been built during the summer of which probably the most attractive is the new residence of P. H. B. Frelinghuysen of Morristown, N. J.
 Other expensive homes have been erected for Mrs. Arthur Sumers Roach, Mrs. Charles Harrington, and for Vincent Bendix, the latter two from Chicago.
 Maj. Barclay H. Warburton of Jenkinstown, Pa., has spent \$80,000 remodeling his home, James H. Kennedy has spent \$50,000, while H. C. and J. S. Phipps have improved their estates at a cost of \$60,000.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury of Philadelphia, social captains here for many years, had a staff of 25 men working on a plan of beautification at "El Mirasol," their residence.

WYOMING TO MARK TRAIL OF COVERED WAGON TRAINS

(By Associated Press)
 CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 17.—Trails followed through Wyoming by the pony express and the immigrants' covered wagons are to be marked with plaques, so that modern travelers who speed over the same routes nowadays in comfortable automobiles can take note.
 A figure of a pony express rider will be embossed on each of the plaques marking the trail over which William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody, and other famous pioneer mail carriers rode during the years 1860-1862.
 A covered wagon will be the distinctive marking on the plaques which will be placed at intervals along the routes followed by the immigrants.

BRITISH TARIFF TALK DISTURBING FRENCH; THREATEN REPRISALS

(By Associated Press)
 PARIS, Dec. 17.—The possibility that England, France's best customer, may impose a general tariff and ban luxury articles is worrying the French business world, already hard hit by the general economic crisis.
 France exports annually to England goods worth \$270,000,000, and nearly half of them are luxury articles, such as dress

goods, silks, woolsens and automobiles.
 There is much bitter feeling, giving rise to talk of reprisals. England exports \$200,000,000 to France annually, and it is suggested that this country can find other markets in which to buy her wool, machinery, rubber and coal.

VATICAN'S NEW BLESSING GUARDS ALPINE CLIMBERS

(By Associated Press)
 VATICAN CITY, Dec. 17.—A special benediction to bring safety to mountain climbers has been written into Roman Catholic rites.

Pope Pius is said to be the author of the benediction, which is applied to the climbers' implements and contains the following: "Bless, O Lord, these ropes and sticks and picks and all other instruments here present, so that whosoever uses them on arduous precipices of the mountains, amidst ice and snows and storms may be preserved from all accidents, arrive safely at the peak and make a safe return."

Three hundred and eighty bridges will be constructed in Ohio this winter.

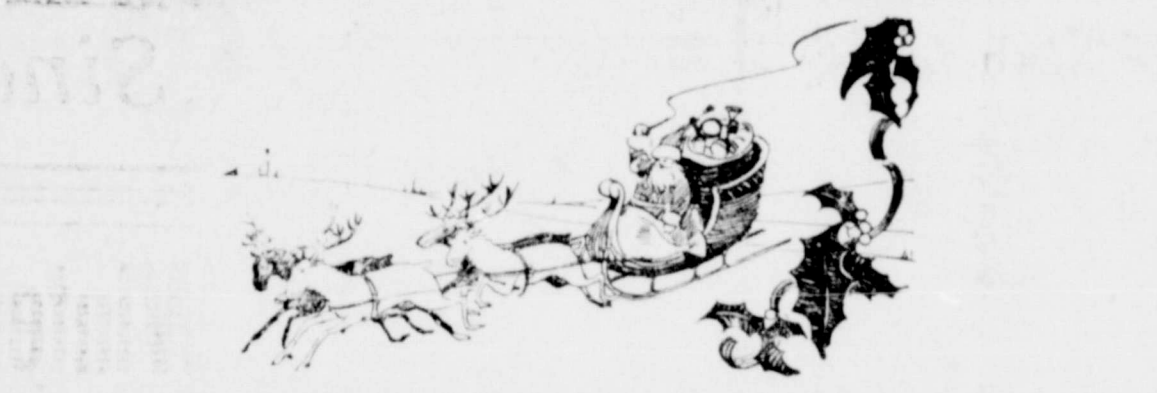


First Methodist Church

Sunday Evening, 7:00 o'Clock
 "Music of Bethlehem"

Sung in the following order by the choir:

1. Prelude—"Tone Poem" Goodwin
2. Hymn—"Joy to the World" Handel
3. Christmas Prayer Rev. Jones
4. "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Wilson
5. Male Quartet—"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" Willis
6. "The Little Old Manse" Wilson
7. "Angels From the Realms of Glory" Stewart
8. "The Song the Angels Sang" Soeichitz
9. Offertory—"Christmas Legend" Maxson
10. "Mary's Slumber Song" Lorenz
11. Reading—"The Angel and the Shepherd" (Ben Hur) Lew Wallace
12. "In Heavenly Love Abiding" Meredith
13. Ladies' Quartet—"For Jesus" Holton
14. "The Silent, Holy Night" Von Berge
15. Violin Solo—"Andante from Fifth Symphony" Tchaikowsky
16. "Singing of Him" Wilson
17. Congregation Stand and Join the Choir Singing
 Silent night, holy night,
 All is calm, all is bright
 Round yon virgin mother and Child,
 Holy Infant so tender and mild,
 Sleep in heavenly peace,
 Sleep in heavenly peace.
18. Benediction Rev. Jones
19. Postlude—"Finale in A" Harris



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CHOCOLATE DROPS 10c
 Delicious Old Fashioned Chocolates make the Xmas sack complete Lb.

BRAZIL NUTS 19c
 New crop Brazils. Add just a few of these to the Xmas stocking Lb.

ALMONDS 19c
 Finest paper shell Almonds Lb.

WALNUTS 23c
 No. 1 grade soft-shelled with Tasty Meats Lb.

Cocoanut Bon Bons 18c
 Heavily crystallized Bon Bons with cocoanut centers Lb.

Orange Slices 15c
 This candy is bright in color and has a fine flavor Lb.

Prince Albert Mix 15c
 A very delicious assortment with different shapes and sizes Lb.

Dandy Mixed 19c
 An assortment with different flavors that will please the kiddies 2 lbs.

Dates 35c
 Buy them in the bulk at a real saving 2 lbs.

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 Stokley's finest flavored Catsup in large bottles. Note this real value. Large Bottle

Country Gentleman Corn 10c
 Stokley's fancy Country Gentleman Corn in No. 2 tins. Usually sold at 15c Tin

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 Fresh, tender, young seven 2 lbs.

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Senior Play Offered On Friday Evening

Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the high school auditorium the senior class play, "The Hoodoo," will be presented. This is a part of the regular senior curriculum here and the school sponsors this play, the proceeds of which will go to help defray commencement expenses.

The offering is under the direction of Miss Nona Blitt and an excellent cast of characters has been selected from the senior class, rehearsed for several weeks until lines and stage business are known perfectly.

- Brighton Early, about to be married O. B. McCarver
Billy Jackson, the heart breaker E. T. Branham
Prof. Solomon Spigot, from Egypt Harry Ringle
Hemachus Spigot, his son Donald Phillips
Mr. Malachi Meek, a lively old man Leland McWilliams
Mr. Dun, the burglar Clyde Simmons
Miss Amy Lee, about to be married Dorothy Bates
Mrs. Perrington-Shine, her aunt Mayola Jacob
Gwendolyn Perrington-Shine, her aunt Estelle Middleton
Dodo de Graft, a dazeline daisy Kathryn Barnett
Mrs. Ima Clinger, a young widow Wayne Byler
Angelina, her angel child Lucy Dean Harber
Miss Doris Ruffles, Amy's maid-of-honor Jimmy Taylor
Mrs. Seriramis Spigot, mother of seven Velma Lampe
Mrs. Longnecker, a teacher Hazel Fulton
Lula, by name and nature Freddie Sue Bloxom
Aunt Paradise, the colored cook Ennie DeWitt
And, Six Little Spigots.

A Santa Claus? Sure, For Court Affirms Him; And He Hasn't Changed a Bit, Judges Rule

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 13. (AP)—Those who doubt the reality of Santa Claus may ponder a decision of the supreme court of appeals of West Virginia, highest tribunal in the Mountain state.



HAMILTON FARON
SANTA CLAUS

Five judges, harking back to their childhood days, took judicial notice of the doubting Thomases and held in a formal opinion, couched in legal phraseology, that despite new modes of locomotion, different industrial conditions and economic changes, Santa Claus remains the same, his eye undimmed and his spirit uncrushed.



Santa Claus is the same old Santa Claus and changed economic and industrial conditions haven't craved the family look from his countenance or cooled his fire for a bit. So has ruled West Virginia supreme court of appeals, which says children not to lose faith in him.

pointed out that the decision was written on a petition for a rehearing, and rules limiting the period in which a rehearing may be sought were disregarded "because time runneth not against Santa Claus or little children."

conference here that an intensive drive will be made to carry the program to farmers of the Southeast in an effort to boost the price of the staple.

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. Sheppard, superintendent. 11 a. m. preaching service by pastor, L. L. 2:10. "Glad tidings of great joy." 6 p. m. meeting of Baptist Training Service, F. D. McCoy, director. 7 p. m. preaching service by pastor. 7 p. m. Wednesday, Christmas tree and short program for Sunday school. We trust that the message of the angels that bore "glad tidings of great joy" may visit everyone this Christmas season. We earnestly urge and welcome you to our services at the church. J. H. McCLAIN, Pastor
Eight Street Presbyterian Church Bible school at 9:45 a. m. P. Hathaway, superintendent. Worship at 11 a. m. "Good Will" the theme of angels and Christian people. Christian Endeavor at 6:00 p. m. Worship at 7 p. m. Christmas carols and a candle lighting service. 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.
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. Everyone is welcome to any and all the services of this congregation. E. W. McLAURIN, Pastor.
First Methodist Church 9:45 a. m. Sunday school. 11:00 a. m. morning worship. 6:15 p. m. Young people's meeting. 7 p. m. sacred Christmas concert. 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. Church of the Nazarene Sunday school at 9:45. Other services as usual. W. LAWSON, BROWN, Pastor. Church of Christ Eighth Street and Bonsal Avenue Bible school meets at 9:45 a. m. with competent teachers for all classes. Teaching and communion service at 11 a. 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. Hagan Baptist Church The Hagan Baptist Church has

preaching each third Sunday morning and night, also the Saturday night before. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. I. M. Turner, superintendent. F. R. COLE, Pastor. MODERN SHOPPERS BUY AS GRANDMOTHER DID (By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Women seem to be developing into shrewd bargainers under the stress of hard times. The thrifty shopping habits of her grandmother are unexpectedly appearing in the long-skirted, rakish-hatted young woman of today. Dr. Julius Klein, assistant secretary of commerce, sees in her a new kind of consumer, an encouraging factor in the present economic situation. "She is not shopping as did her elder sister, and her mother," he says. "She buys like her grandmother, the woman of the seventies, grimly and competently, insistent upon the durability, the usefulness, the economy of things. The homely old virtue of thrift seems to have come back with the re-discovery of millinery of that period."

to spend Christmas with relatives. The play, "Beads on a String," presented by the Wingate Dramatic Club, Friday night, was well attended and enjoyed by all. The senior play entitled "The Red-Headed Step-Child," will be presented soon, the exact date to be announced later.

SMALLER ACREAGE AND BETTER COTTON IS GOAL IN SOUTH (By Associated Press) NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—A double-barrel cotton program will be carried to southern farmers through county agents next spring. It will be directed at curtailment of acreage to lower production, and at a better quality of staple to cope with Russian competition. The plan is that of officials of the American Cotton Cooperative Association and the United States department of agriculture experts who plan to shape their campaign around county agents. It was announced following a

LEFT-HANDEDNESS SHOWS INCREASE, SAYS SCIENTIST (By Associated Press) FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 17.—Southpaws are on the increase, says Dr. George Mendenhall, psychology professor at Midland College here. Mendenhall attributes the increase in left-handedness to the recognition of the theory that children forced to become right-handed after starting as left-handers often become stutterers. Educators, he said, no longer advocate that children be broken of left-handedness. Left-handed children being forced to use their right hands, Dr. Mendenhall says, often start doing something with their left hand, catch themselves, stop and start over, using the right hand. This stopping and starting carries over into the speech act.

Act. I—The law at Mrs. Perrington-Shine's country home. An Egyptian wedding present. Trouble for the groom. Act. II—The library at 8 p. m. A thief in the house. Trouble for Billy Jackson, the susceptible. Act. III—The same library at 11 p. m. Trouble for the burglar. Eloped at midnight. Between Acts I and II—"Modern Maude Muller"—

WINGATE NEWS Rev. Kelly conducted services at the Christian church Saturday night and Sunday. Miss Iwilda Allen surprised the community Sunday by announcing her marriage to Joe Lofferty, of Alpine, which took place last May and had been kept secret. They were married at Carlsbad. The bride, the daughter of Mrs. Mary Allen, had been employed at the Payne dry goods store in Winters for some time. The groom is manager of the Safeway store at Alpine. Mr. and Mrs. Lofferty left Sunday afternoon for their future home at Alpine. Miss Tiny Wood spent Friday night with Miss Hazel Alexander, of Pumphrey. School will dismiss Friday, Dec. 18 for the Christmas holidays and open again Monday, Dec. 23. Most of the teachers are planning

Admission prices for the play will be 25 and 35 cents. Arthur Heywood, of Paint Rock, attended to business in Ballinger Tuesday. Albert Spill and Albert Afferbach, of Winters, were in Ballinger Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Clarence West and baby.

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WANTED—Your Cream. We pay cash on delivery and sterilize your can. Runnels County Creamery. 27-1t*

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS TOO NUMEROUS TO PRINT

Many letters addressed to Santa Claus have been received in the Ballinger Semi-Weekly Ledger's mail box during the past two weeks. As first it was planned to publish the letters but the list grew so fast that it was impossible to print all and so the bundle was made up and given to Santa Claus when he visited here Saturday.

The boys and girls who sent letters to Santa in care of this paper were modest in their requests this year and we hope that every letter is fulfilled and each one gets the things he wants most. Any letters received since Saturday will be forwarded to Santa Claus at the North Pole by special air mail service and will reach the jolly old gentleman without delay.

LONGER WORK DAY WITH NO LOAFING MAKES HENS PAY

(By Associated Press)
 KELLOGO, Iowa, Dec. 17.—One secret of success in raising poultry, B. E. Craven believes, is to put hens on a 12-hour day, and to allow no loafing.
 So at 5 a. m. he turns on the electric lights, to equalize winter days with longer summer working periods.
 He requires that his hens eat enough, and in winter feeds his leghorns alfalfa besides an ordinary grain ration.

Hens laying fewer than 288 eggs annually are sold. Craven says he doesn't want a few exceptionally high producers, but aims at a uniformly high production from every individual in his flock.
 Proper housing, feed, sunshine, fresh air, and plenty of clean water all help poultry—as in the case of human beings—develop to the best possible point, Craven maintains.

Card of Thanks
 We take this means of thanking our many friends who were so kind during the loss of our dear wife and mother, and for the beautiful floral offering.
 May God bless you all.
 T. M. Marsh
 Ray Marsh
 Winnie Jean Marsh
 Lester Marsh 1t

NATURE REMOVES THREAT OF PECAN CROP SURPLUS
 (By Associated Press)
 JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 17.—One group of farmers, at least, is no longer threatened with a surplus of its product.
 Advance predictions of the largest pecan crop in the nation's history have collapsed. The case-bearer in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana; the phylloxera in Louisiana; dry weather in Georgia and improper pollination in many sections of the southeast have combined to reduce the crop below even that of last year, according to F. R. Wilcox of Jackson, general manager of the National Pecan Marketing Association.

Motley Talks Roads At Sweetwater

J. D. Motley returned from Sweetwater Tuesday night after spending a day at the district meeting of extension service workers. The first day of the three-day meeting included sessions for secretaries of chambers of commerce and key bankers and the last two days were devoted to a program of interest mainly to county and home demonstration agents.

Mr. Motley was a guest of the Sweetwater Lions Club Tuesday and spoke of that organization on road matters of interest to both cities, pointing out the feasibility of a road from Ballinger through Bronte and Sweetwater as an outlet from that section to connect with highways Nos. 4, 23 and 30 at Ballinger.

This road has been receiving favorable comment recently and is considered the most practical route so far discussed for a southern outlet from Sweetwater. Ballinger business men have been interested in this route for many years and at one time secured a designation and state maintenance. The highway committee of the local chamber of commerce is watching all movements for good roads in this section and working for a designation of this route with hardsurfacing and proper drainage structures.
 C. W. L. Hamberg and Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth are attending the Sweetwater meeting and will remain there until it closes. Prominent agricultural leaders from all parts of the South are appearing in the program.

Mr. Motley declared the agents were being royally entertained by the Sweetwater people and were enjoying their visit.

GRID FANS TO GO TO GAME AT ABILENE FRIDAY

A number of Ballinger football fans are planning to see the Abilene-Greenville high game at Abilene Friday afternoon, one of the semi-finals for the state championship for class A schools. The game will begin at 2:30 p. m. in the Simmons U. stadium. Seats are on sale at the Weeks drug store in Abilene.

Abilene has been successful in two bi-district battles, defeating Sweetwater and Lubbock, and in case of a win this week will enter the finals to be played on Christmas day somewhere in Texas. Ballinger's interest in the Abilene club is largely due to Sam Jones, former fullback here, who is now an Eagle and who has an opportunity to be selected as the all-state fullback. He has an opportunity to be selected as the all-state fullback. He has played a great game all the year and is one of the leading point men in the state at this time.

Pasteurized sweet milk is safer

(By Associated Press)
 ZURICH, Switzerland, Dec. 17.—Swiss girls, imitating young American women, now are striking out for work outside their homes.
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MYSTIC PERFORMANCE GOES OVER STRONG

Cruz Alexander, the mystic, former Ballinger youth and graduate of the local high school, entertained an appreciative audience at the Palace Theatre Wednesday night, the first appearance in a two-day engagement.

The former Ballingerite displays considerable talent and the audience was held spellbound most of the time. Alexander was assisted by his sister, Lois in several of the feats of legerdemain. Showgoers showed full appreciation of the performance by copious applause after each number. Possibly the highlight of the show was the shooting of a piece of glass which was suspended behind the young woman, the bullet fired from a .38 calibre pistol apparently passing through the girl's body.

IMPROVED COTTON STRAINS SOUGHT IN OKLAHOMA TESTS

(By Associated Press)
 OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 17.—Like scientists mixing chemicals in a laboratory in search of a new formula, workers at the Oklahoma experiment station are crossing and segregating strains of cotton in an attempt to find type with longer lint, higher yield, uniform fiber, large bolls and resistance to drought.

In the gigantic cotton laboratory this year are 1,160 rows of plants undergoing experiments. Fourteen strains of Anacola cotton, none of which has been placed with growers, are being developed.

One of the chief accomplishments of the station, which has been in existence 20 years and is assisted in its work by the United States department of agriculture, is the development of the famous Oklahoma Triumph 44 strain by the individual plant selection method.

While the experts employed by the state and government cross the strains, Dr. L. L. Ligon, head of the station, urges farmers to keep the types pure after they have been developed.

OLD COLLEGE BELL IN USE AGAIN TO HALT TARDINESS

(By Associated Press)
 ST. PAUL, Dec. 17.—Unable to awaken students with electric buzzers, Hamline university here has resumed the use of an old bell hung in a campus tower.

It rings for breakfast and for classes and has resumed duties it was given half a century ago when Dr. George Henry Bridge-man, a new president of the young school, came here from Genesee, N. Y., and, being lonely, he sent for it to keep him company. It cured his nostalgia.

Now it is curing an epidemic of tardiness!

SWISS GIRLS UPSET OLD IDEA IN SEEKING JOBS

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Rotarians Enjoy Talk by Guest

The Ballinger Rotary Club in regular Tuesday luncheon had a number of guests, including Dean F. C. Bolton, of A. & M. College, and County Commissioners Joe Mapes, R. A. Perry and H. B. Poe.

Dean Bolton, who was in Ballinger for a few days on business, attended the meeting and responding to the president's request, spoke briefly of the institution which he represents. He said he was glad to be in Ballinger as it held a place in his heart because of a former citizen, Judge John I. Guion, who served A. & M. faithfully for years as a member of the board of regents, and for whom the college chapel is named. He told of the various departments, the faculty and how each department is operated. Approximately 2,300 students are enrolled in the school this year the dean stated.

The program for the day was in charge of the international service committee. H. C. Lyon made a fine talk on affairs now affecting the entire world.

The program for next week will be in the hands of Dr. J. W. Macune and will include special Christmas numbers.

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Births

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Richards are the proud parents of a fine baby boy, born to them Thursday morning. Mrs. Richards and the baby are doing fine and Mr. Richards is able to be down town and receive the congratulations of his friends.

Card of Thanks

We desire to thank friends who were so good and kind to us in the passing of our father and loved one, R. J. Deens. We appreciate every act of kindness shown us in this hour of sorrow and the beautiful floral offerings sent as tokens of love.
 Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Harber and Lucy Deens. 1t

INSTITUTE KEEPS RECORD OF STEEL ALLOY GROWTH

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 17.—The nation's steel industry is checking up on the extent to which the steel supply is being contaminated by the remelting of scrap metal containing alloys.

The research was begun two years ago by the United States Bureau of Mines and is being continued by the Battelle Memorial Institute here for the open hearth committee of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers.
 Twenty-two steel companies of the United States and Canada send samples of steel at regular intervals for analysis by chemists.

PALACE Friday - Saturday

A HOLY TERROR
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