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Good Showing of Oil Struck in Dean Well

The Castor-Dean No. 1 well, three miles west of Ballinger, was making a fine showing of oil Sunday and Monday after the bit dropped into sandy lime about one foot Saturday morning. Work was halted at once and it was estimated Monday morning that the well was making about eight barrels of high gravity oil.

Operations were begun again Monday evening and as soon as the clean up work is finished the drillers will send the bit further into the lime formation to see what the well will produce at this depth. The drill hit this formation at 3,418 feet.

During the past week a light showing of oil was encountered at 3,378 feet and the bit was sent on down until the present showing was found. A small gas pressure was reported Sunday but was not enough to push oil over the top.

Casing is set in this well to 2,725 feet and the remainder of the hole is in fine shape drillers declare. Drilling was resumed on this well about four weeks ago after a shut down of more than a month, and day and night tours have been run since that time. On the well are Harry Cannon and A. L. Buford, well known here as expert drillers.

Operators here Monday to inspect the well declared that the showing was encouraging and chances good for fine pay.

John Castor started this well more than a year ago on the George Dean farm and has drilled at intervals during that time. One considerable showing of gas was found at a shallow depth and this is the third showing of oil but the only one of any importance. Drillers will learn within the next few days what the sand will show and the well will be given every opportunity to produce.

Duncan Hensley, of Wingate, was in Ballinger Monday to transact business and attend sessions of district court here this week.

Mrs. W. B. Woody and daughter returned from Temple Sunday after a visit with Mrs. Woody's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gardner, of San Antonio, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce.

Bill Duncan, student of John Tarleton College, Stephenville, is here visiting his parents during the holidays.

Mrs. A. E. Bozell and children spent Christmas with relatives and friends in Weatherford.

Albert Sledge came in Friday from Itasca to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sledge.

Sloan Hails Extension of Cotton Uses And Industry's Cooperation in 1931

By George A. Sloan (President, Cotton Textile Institute) NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The outstanding development in the cotton textile industry during 1931 was the celebration of National Cotton Week in June when cotton products were advertised and otherwise featured by 14,000 retail establishments.



Later in the same month the moratorium announcement by President Hoover brought a week of exceptional activity in the primary market when sales of cotton goods were far in excess of any previous week over a four-year period.

During 1931 cotton formed a more important part of the average woman's wardrobe than it has since the famous "gingham" summer of 1922.

Camp Fire Girls in National Contest

Ballinger Camp Fire Girls will enter a national contest for prizes ranging as high as \$1,000 it was announced Monday. The groups under their guardians, Mrs. Bruce Creasy, Mrs. Q. V. Miller and Miss Frances Trail, will take part in the competition under the direction of Miss Hortense Holt.

The King-Holt Company and Higginbotham Brothers & Company have been designated by Camp Fire Girls here in which they may set and decorate a room in connection with their 1932 study project. To make it interesting the room will be entered against other Camp Fire groups in the nation for a series of cash awards, amounting to \$1,000 and given by the Grand Rapids Furniture exposition.

This is considered one of the largest single educational enterprises ever undertaken, inasmuch as the Camp Fire Girls represent upwards of 200,000 homes, because the organization has 8,500 groups each having a guardian or leader, and because some 8,500 retail stores are entering the project. A committee of judges, all of them authorities on furniture and decorations, will determine what is the most comfortable and attractive in home furnishings.

The project was announced at the national conference of Camp Fire Girls in Minneapolis as the 1931-32 educational activity of the great girls' organization. The awards will be made at the 1932 exposition. Active study in the campaign begins this month but the room scenes will be arranged in February, March and April.

The course will include two major activities, one by groups and the other by individual members. Their results of studies of home decoration will be summarized in these or "count books." Aid of furniture stores in towns having Camp Fire Girls organizations will be enlisted for groups which set room scenes or furniture groupings. Each store and each group of girls will be supplied with literature prepared by the Grand Rapids exposition.

Dr. A. S. Love, R. W. Bruce, P. C. J. H. McClain and H. C. Lyon left Monday for a hunt on Dr. Love's ranch near Pearsall.

Member Taylor returned Sunday to Randolph Field, San Antonio, after several days' visit here with his parents.

C. G. Jennings and J. D. Parnell have returned home after a business trip to Fort Worth and Dallas.

Ask for Runnels Delight Butter, 15-6t

Goodfellow Fund Amounts to \$348.34

Ballinger Goodfellows contributed \$348.34 to aid the poor here during Christmas and another single donation of \$50 made to a local grocery store swelled the sum available to \$398.34.

On Christmas eve a number of men with trucks delivered seventy bills of groceries to the needy. This work was completed before night and in addition many packages of fruit and toys were taken to homes where there were children expecting a visit from Santa Claus.

A check up Monday by Chairman M. C. Atkins showed a balance of \$6.46 in the fund and one other bill of groceries was sent to a family in South Ballinger in need of something to eat.

At the fire station in the city hall Saturday morning a Goodfellow committee met those in need of clothing. The clothes had been arranged by sizes and those in need came to receive something that would keep them warm. The entire fire station was crowded with people eager for anything they could get and a number of children in rags, many barefooted, were present. The clothing lasted about thirty minutes and many who applied did not get a garment. The need is still great for apparel to be distributed by the Welfare Association during the remainder of the year.

Baskets of groceries sent out this year were up to standard of other years and each included a 48-lb. sack of flour, meal, sugar, coffee, salt, pepper, beans, meat, and a number of other items.

Those in charge of the work state that they did the best they could with the money. Many families in need of food and other articles were cut off the list and the seventy aided were considered the most worthy. The committee wishes to thank all who had any part in the work by giving money, clothing, food or of their time.

A number of families were taken off the list and turned over to individuals who asked that they might "adopt" them. Any one who has food, clothing or fruit and desire to know the name of a worthy family can get same from the chairman of the Goodfellow committee.

Here are the remaining donors to the fund:

Previously reported	\$318.18
Cash	1.90
George Killam	2.90
Mrs. L. Schermerhorn	5.00
From pot on sidewalks	23.68
Total	\$348.34

WOODROOF MOVING NO. 2 STORE STOCK TO NO. 1

G. O. Woodroof & Son this week are moving the stock of merchandise in their No. 2 store to their No. 1 store on Hutchings Avenue and will combine the two stocks under one roof. Mr. Woodroof stated that they would remodel the store in use, making the floor space greater in order to take care of the large stock.

LOCAL POSTOFFICE HANDLES RUSH WELL

Postmaster J. A. Reese and his staff took care of the Christmas mail in fine shape this year and no one was delayed in receiving packages or had to wait long to mail parcels. Mr. Reese said the rush was not as heavy as in previous years, however a few days preceding Christmas the entire force was kept busy and hundreds of packages were received and delivered.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Keeton, of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. David Gregory, of Eldorado, have returned to their homes after a Christmas visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregory and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Williams and son, of Abilene, visited relatives in Ballinger during the holidays.

John D. Perkins, former sheriff of Runnels county, who now resides in Tom Green county, was here for a short visit Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Martin and baby left Christmas day for the Rio Grande valley to visit relatives and friends several days. They will return here January 2.

Supply Work For Ex-Soldiers Puzzles Germany

(By Associated Press) BERLIN, Dec. 28.—At the end of the year, the first contingent of 13,000 men of the German republic's post-war army and navy reenter civilian life.

They are completing 12 years' service, the term for which they signed in 1919 when, under the Versailles treaty, the huge German conscript army was turned into a volunteer body of 1000,000 men.

What to do with these discharged soldiers is a hard problem in these times. Under the Versailles treaty, the huge German conscript army was turned into a volunteer body of 1000,000 men.

Today with nearly 5,000,000 unemployed, it is almost impossible to find jobs for the ex-service men.

A special welfare committee hopes that a big land settlement scheme in East Prussia may materialize. This would give them free allotments, under light taxation and with ample facilities for farming.

Meanwhile there has been a rush to recruiting offices by jobless young men and the army authorities are having no difficulty in refilling the ranks.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Forson have returned from Stanton where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Forson's father, Mrs. Forson was at her father's bedside several days prior to his death.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Hall went to Killeen Thursday to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tibbs and Miss Marguerite Truly returned to Dallas Monday after spending Christmas here with relatives.

Church is Packed For Xmas Concert

One of the most enjoyable programs of the Christmas season here was that presented by the choir of the First Presbyterian Church Sunday evening. The program entitled "Christmas Worship in Song" consisted of a full evening of music by the choir under the direction of Miss Edith Miller. Mrs. John I. Gulon accompanied at the organ, and Miss Dorothy Chancy on the violin.

The auditorium, Sunday school rooms and most of the rear of the building were crowded with people who began arriving thirty minutes before time for the program to start. The choir space in the church was beautifully decorated with native cedar and lights arranged in soft, glowing effect.

As the cantata commenced voices were heard as in the distance, singing some of the old time and best loved Christmas carols. After several of these well known numbers the singers took their seats, singing "O Come All Ye Faithful." Followed more than one hour of delightful music.

All the selections by the choir and soloists were on the theme of the birth of Christ and following the close of the service many were heard to praise the splendid program.

A short talk, "The First Christmas Carols," was made by the pastor, Rev. E. W. McLaurin.

The First Methodist Church dismissed services Sunday evening in order to attend the concert and members of other denominations of the city were present.

L. C. Tomlinson, of Norton, was in the city Saturday looking after business and preparing to move his family to Ballinger.

Walter Lange was in Ballinger Saturday and ordered his Ledger extended for another year.

Grand Jury is Recalled; Court to End this Week

Drab Trade Outlook Has Bright Spots

(Associated Press Financial Writer)

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—While most major lines of business have been forced to curtail production drastically in 1931, some industries offering necessary consumption goods have increased activities—though not always profitably.

The public, after declining to purchase needed wearing apparel for many months, found itself walking on too thin shoe soles and with the second pair of trousers threadbare.

As a result the apparel industries were able to increase production to a point where many factories were operating at full tilt, increasing employment, though price cutting largely eliminated profits. The shoe industry particularly has shown increased activity, and, in some cases, profits.

Textiles increased production schedules, and there was a miniature boom in women's hats brought on by the demand for the Eugenie model.

Food products, profiting through aggressive merchandising and some strength in commodity prices, have been an optimistic note throughout the year. If a generally upward price trend becomes discernible food products are likely to react strongly since buyers will purchase more heavily.

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The grand jury for this term of 119th district court, recalled for duty Monday morning, returned three additional indictments late Monday afternoon. After the inquisitorial body made its report it was dismissed by Judge O. L. Parish.

Martin Wayne, under arrest at Floydada, was indicted on a charge of theft of an automobile belonging to W. W. Dover. Two indictments were returned against Earl Dodson, local negro, charging him with sale of intoxicants.

Court will remain in session here all this week, hearing both criminal and civil cases. The petit jury is still employed and two liquor law violation cases are set for Thursday.

District court was opened here Monday morning for the fifth week, with the grand jury being recalled for investigation of a few cases which have developed since the body completed deliberations the early part of December and returned over forty bills. Judge O. L. Parish called the grand jury together and issued instructions at the opening of the session. The body was expected to finish its work within a short time, however.

The petit jury summoned for the first week of court which began November 30, was recalled for duty Monday morning and began hearing evidence in a number of criminal and civil suits still on the docket.

Attorneys from a number of adjoining cities were here Monday.

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Cotton Ginnings Reach 65,800 Bales in County

The gining report issued by the bureau of census, department of commerce, showed that on December 13, 1931, Runnels county had ginned a total of 65,800 bales of cotton. This report, made known here Monday, represents about all of the 1931 crop. A few bales have been ginned since that date and a few others probably will be turned out from cotton picked by families while the children were out of school for the Christmas holidays, but the addition will be small and the production is not expected to reach more than 66,000 bales.

On the same date last year this county had ginned 30,346 bales. The 1931 crop is the second largest ever raised in this county. The record crop of 71,297 bales was raised and ginned here in

1925 and only three other times has the production exceeded the 60,000 mark. In 1914 the county produced 62,687 bales; in 1926, 62,526; and in 1928, 60,260. A number of other years the 50,000 bale mark has been passed in Runnels county.

Farmers from all sections of the county report a fine season in the ground and one that compares favorably with that of last winter. Slow rains falling during the past two months have soaked the ground to considerable depth and the planting season will see the land in fine condition to receive seed. Cotton acreage will be reduced over last year but other crops that are expected to be more profitable will take the place of the extra cotton.

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Pair

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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.

A number of Rannels county schools opened Monday morning, others will begin the middle of this week and the rest start the final lap next Monday. This will be the last interruption until the end of the 1931-32 term, during March, April and May.

Peace officers declare that the past Christmas was one of the most peaceful ever known here. Practically no arrests were made and few occasions arose where officers were needed. Drunks were scarce, no prowling has been reported and no robberies were committed. Poor families of the city were given food and the citizenship enjoyed the holiday period with loved ones.

Farmers have fine crop prospects in sight again. The "season" for this time of year could not be better and with some winter and spring rains the earth will be wet to a good depth, assuring the making of a crop on normal summer rainfall. Crops will soon be planned, with cotton acreage cut one-third and other crops sowed in the place of the vast cotton fields which are so common here. Some farmers have already planned their 1932 crops and are now storing seed for planting purposes. This is one reason why Rannels county is the leading agricultural county of all West Texas.

HOW'S your HEALTH

Edited by the New York Academy of Medicine
 Dr. Jago Goldstein

KIDNEY STONES

The formation of stones in the kidney and the operation for their removal have been known since antiquity.

The affliction is fairly common. Constitutional predisposition, appears to play an important role, but diet and personal hygiene are also important.

The stones are usually composed of uric acid, or of oxalic crystals. They form about a nucleus of foreign matter and tend to grow by the addition of new deposits.

Their common location is in the space where the ureter unites with the kidney.

It is not uncommon, however, for stones to form within the tissue substance of the kidney.

The size and number of the stones may vary. There may be one stone or many, they may be pea like in size or as big as an egg.

Samuel Pepys, the famous English diarist, who was cut for the stone in 1658, reports having seen a kidney stone the size of a tennis ball.

One may have a stone in the kidney for years without suffering much discomfort.

On the other hand, a very small stone, if lodged in the ureter and obstructing the passage of urine, will cause a painful condition known as renal colic.

An attack of renal colic usually sets in abruptly. It may last for only a few minutes or for days. The pain is agonizing, usually radiating down the groin and along the inner side of the thigh.

It should be noted, however, that not all renal colic is due to stones, though an attack always suggests their presence.

Formerly the diagnosis of stone in the kidney was not always a certainty. In recent years, however, remarkable progress has been made in this direction.

Pasteurized sweet milk is safer.
 15-6t

O. C. Sykes, of Abilene, was in Ballinger a few days this week visiting friends and relatives.

Schools

Communicable Diseases

"School patrons frequently become unduly alarmed over the matter of communicable diseases in the school. Instead of consulting city and school authorities as to the status of such things they draw false conclusions from idle gossip.

"The state of Texas has a sanitary code which schools and cities must observe. It is a matter of law and not of choice. Investigation will show that Ballinger authorities have been punctual in observing these rules. The school books are fumigated annually under the direction of the city health officer. The books of children who take communicable diseases are destroyed according to law. The school books of each respective building are kept in that building and not carried to any other except such as are issued to the Mexicans and negroes and these are never returned to their original place. The books of the city schools and those of the county are never mixed. They are handled by two separate custodians entirely.

"The fact that the recent cases of scarlet fever within the school all came out of different buildings indicates clearly that the contagion is not caused by the spreading of germs through the medium of the school books. It is not clear to the lay mind just where the germ comes from.

"Our patrons have shown

splendid cooperation in the past in the question of vaccination and helping with the health program of the school. This is appreciated and it is to their own interest that they do this. We only ask that you consult us as to the facts concerning such matters before you draw conclusions as to the responsibility of the school in such cases.

"Respectfully,
 "H. C. LYON, Supt."

Notice

Martin's Studio will be closed until January 2 and anyone with kodak films to be developed is requested to leave them at the Preston Drug Company. I will return from a business trip and visit on the first of the year and the studio will be open the morning of the 2nd.

H. M. Martin
 29-1t

BALLINGER PISTOL SHOTS DEFEAT SAN ANGELO TEAM

Ballinger and San Angelo pistol teams met here Christmas day in a contest, the Ballinger team being victorious. This is the second defeat handed the San Angelo men and another match will be held soon between the two teams. J. B. Draper, highway officer stationed at San Angelo, was the best marksman for the day and received a box of cigars for high score. The Paint Rock team was here and shot a round but was not in the competition. Paint Rock has a good team and later will enter the contests.

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Be wise and advertise

Europe Shows Grim Courage For New Year

These summaries from Associated Press writers in the principal European capitals give a composite picture of 1932 prospects in the old world.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—John Bull, having gone through "the 100 days that shook the empire" in October, has tightened his belt, submitted to heavier taxation and reduced wages and doles and is grimly determined to "muddle through."

Suspension of the gold standard was accomplished without driving the country into an inflation period and, better yet, it helped industry, bringing a decline in the number of unemployed. In July 2,714,000 were out of work; on December 7 the number was 2,627,324.

Central Europe Saves

VIENNA, Dec. 28.—Retrenchment continues the watchword of the Danubian states. It applies alike to Austria, Hungary, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia and Bulgaria.

For 1932 there is a prospect only of further tightening of belts already buckled to the strangling point.

Italy Optimistic

ROME, Dec. 28.—Italy expects to spurt in 1932.

Her budget balances, her currency is stable despite an attack upon the lira when England sus-

pended the gold standard, her population has reached 42,000,000 and her government controlled credit institute with a capital of \$28,000,000 has loosened up frozen bank assets.

Above all, she has at least conquered her adverse trade balance and her exports now exceed imports in the ratio of about \$42,000,000 to \$40,000,000 monthly.

France Fears for Trade

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The last among the big nations to feel the world economic crisis, France foresees many difficulties for 1932.

High tariffs in Britain probably will hurt her export trade and add to unemployment, while depreciated pounds sterling will keep many wealthy British families away from the Riviera this winter. Other tourist trade is expected to suffer also.

Dole drawing workers, at last reports, numbered 72,000 but the government claims that this represents less than a third of the jobless, who might better be totaled at 250,000.

Russia Pushes Ahead

MOSCOW, Dec. 28.—The soviet union is going ahead with its scheme to finish the five year plan in 1932, one year ahead of schedule.

Much of the effort is to be centered in providing for the workers more food and better housing and clothing.

Politically the Kremlin powers continue to warn the people that capitalistic nations are planning war upon the soviet. Strengthening of the red army is, therefore, also on the program.

Germans Cynical

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—Germany, bolstered to high hope in June by the Hoover moratorium, gave way

in July to despair when the "flight of the mark" threatened a recurrence of the inflation period. A steadily growing trade balance since has failed to overcome this feeling and the country looks forward to the January conferences on reparations with an almost cynical expression.

Added to the burden of debt, with its resultant high taxes, has been increased unemployment until now there are more than 5,000,000 Germans idle. The committant political unrest has added to the general uncertainty.

Republic Buoy Spain

MADRID, Dec. 28.—The Iberian peninsula is hopeful for 1932, Spain because of its new republic and Portugal, because its republican dictatorship has emerged from the financial storms with a treasury surplus of \$60,000.

The Spanish peseta dropped until the government had to peg it and unemployment grew until there were 3,000,000 idle in the country. But the agricultural

conditions were better than in 1930 and Spaniards have faith that the new republic will relieve distress.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fraser and daughters, of Fort Worth, spent the holidays here with Mr. Mrs. L. L. Strobe and other relatives.

Clarence McCarver, of Tahoka, came in Thursday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCarver.

Ask for Rannels Delight Butter.
 15-9t

Cecil Dickinson, of San Benito, came in Thursday to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. R. A. Dickinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam A. Runkles, of San Angelo, spent Friday here, visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chas-tain.

Be wise and advertise

Wake Up Your Liver Bile —Without Calomel

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If you feel sour and sunk and the world looks punk, 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.

If this bile is not flowing freely, your food doesn't digest. It just decays in the bowels. Gas bloats up your stomach. You have a thick, bad taste and your breath is foul, skin often breaks out in blemishes. Your head aches and you feel down and out. Your whole system is poisoned.

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Poor Home-Lighting Will Affect Your Boy's School Standing

THE kind of home-work your boy is able to do is, to a certain extent, governed by the efficiency of your home-lighting—and largely determines his progress in school. Are you giving him the benefit of the good light he needs? If not, his education will suffer.

If he finds concentration difficult . . . if he becomes drowsy quickly . . . if he complains of headaches, or if his eyes become bloodshot easily—it is entirely possible that poor lighting is the cause.

Lamps must be of sufficient wattage to give plenty of light, and fixtures must be so arranged as to produce no glare—either direct or indirect. Check your lamps and your lighting arrangements. . . . Are you giving your boy a fair chance?

Lamps, fixtures and electricity cost but little—and they may mean the difference between success or failure. Check yours today—or ask one of our Trained Employees to inspect your home. There's no obligation, of course.

Do you know that your increased use of Electric Service is billed on a surprisingly low rate schedule . . . and adds only a small amount to your total bill?

West Texas Utilities Company

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 specials 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 which 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.

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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CAMERON'S GARAGE

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DOROTHY DARNIT



By Charles McManus

O. C. Sykes, of Abilene, was in Ballinger a few days this week visiting friends and relatives.

World Begins New Year Tugging to Open Credit Channels

By Claude A. Jagger
(Associated Press Financial Editor)
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Values tumbled like rows of dominoes, disrupting the world's business and belying prophecies of an early upturn in the economic cycle in the year of 1931.

Currency and banking disturbance in various parts of the world have dragged out the un-settlement to a point which places it with the depressions of 1876-79 and 1896-98 as one of three of the most troublesome periods of the past half century.

A year ago the difficulties seemed as susceptible to fairly prompt solution as those of 1920-22 and 1907-9, but the banking troubles of central Europe and currency crisis in England, together with the freezing of bank credit through the shrinkage of values at home, have imposed obstacles not generally foreseen.

The year 1931 closes and 1932 begins with mighty efforts being exerted both at home and abroad to unclog the channels of credit and reopen the streams of trade.

Conservative economists assert that the one thing certain about a cyclical depression is that it eventually ends, and many leaders find solid ground for hope in the fact that the situation is being faced more frankly.

December of 1930 was widely designated for a few months as the bottom of the slump. At the end of last year Standard Statistics Company's index of index of industrial production in the United States had fallen about 30 per cent below normal, as compared to the average rate of growth over a long period of years.

The index in 1931 fluctuated, then fell in the autumn to a level about 40 per cent below the indicated normal.

Steel production, building construction and the movement of revenue freight in the United States in 1931 shrunk to levels not experienced since the slump of a decade ago. Stock and bond prices lost billions of quoted value.

Prices of staple commodities, in the aggregate, fell back to pre-war levels.

Domestic business during the first half of the year enjoyed a rather mild seasonal spurt, but in May a cloud, which did not seem particularly ominous then, arose over Austria, with the financial difficulties of the Credit Anstalt, famous bank of the Viennese House of Rothschild. Repressions were soon felt in Germany.

President Hoover's one-year international debt moratorium gave the world fresh hope, but the central European situation had a backwash on London, traditional world banking center, and on September 20 the pound sterling was dislodged from the gold base.

In the meantime there had been a recurrence of banking difficulties in the United States. Railroad credit became imperilled, as revenues shrunk to levels threatening the status of their bonds as legal investments for institutions and trustees.

The sharp shrinkage of values spread to real estate, and mortgage defaults became a serious burden to the banking structure. London's lapse from gold resulted in substantial passes to European banks having large sterling balances, such as the Bank of France, and precipitated a scramble for United States gold. This aggravated our own state of nerves.

At this stage the deflation seemed to be working in a vicious circle, perpetuating itself. President Hoover proposed an emergency program, including formation of the \$500,000,000 National credit corporation to thaw out frozen assets of banks.

This gave financial markets a sharp boost during October, but much of the recovery was lost in the latter weeks of the year, when industry usually slackens.

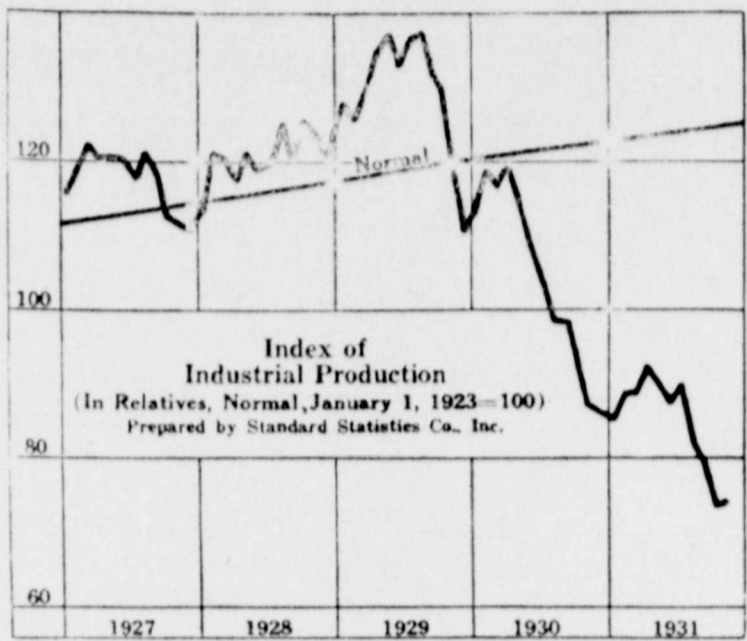
NEW DISCOVERY REACHES CAUSE OF STOMACH GAS

Dr. Carl found that poisons in the UPPER bowel cause stomach gas, his simple remedy Adlerika washes out the upper bowel, bringing out all gas. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

Roy Reeder left Christmas morning for San Antonio and Monterey, Mexico, for a few days' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil McAlpine returned Saturday night from Bryan where they visited relatives.

Charting the Course of Trade



The chart above shows the swing of business over the last five years and reveals the steady climb to the heights of 1929 and the series of precipitous drops which have followed. The normal indicates the long term trend of production based on the statistical of many years.

Voluntary Crop Adjustment In 1932 to Put Farmers on Recovery Road, Hyde Says

By Frank I. Weller
(Associated Press Farm Editor)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The farmer's own sudden realization of the maladjustments which affect his economic disparity is counted upon by Secretary Hyde to start agriculture back to the prosperity of which it so largely was robbed by the vicissitudes of 1931.



From June, 1929, to June, 1931, the prices of products the farmers sell declined 41 per cent, whereas the prices of goods they buy fell only 16 per cent.

Industry cushioned its price decline by curtailed production. The June, 1931, output of manufactured articles was 35 per cent smaller than the June, 1929, while the total crop acreage, which in 1930 had increased 0.5 per cent over 1929, showed no material reduction in 1931.

During the same time the value of agricultural exports has declined 25 per cent and the domestic demand fallen to an extent rarely before equalled in so short a time.

While the nature of agriculture is such that it limits the promptness with which farmers can readjust production, the secretary feels that heretofore they have not been convinced of the urgent necessity.

"The situation has changed so much since," he says, "that it seems impossible to doubt that they are convinced now. If they are, voluntary action should do what is required. If they are not, legislative action will meet with resistance."

Since surplus difficulties now largely are export difficulties and the commodities most depressed those which sell heavily in foreign markets, Mr. Hyde says it is fundamental to domestic recovery to understand the progress Europe is making toward feeding herself.

Because of the tremendous agricultural expansion to feed embattled nations, the war left

the American industry excessively dependent upon the European market. But, as early as 1927, the cultivated area of Europe, outside Russia, was back to 97 per cent of the pre-war average and the need for American products decline proportionately.

The action by southern states to limit the 1932 cotton acreage is seen as evidence of realization at last that the law of supply and demand must be observed.

There is further indication in the voluntary reduction in winter wheat acreage for 1932 in country buying of fewer meat animals to fatten and in more dairy cattle going to slaughter.

BARNETT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cooper and family, of Trent, spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Nelson. Mrs. M. E. Nelson, mother of Mrs. Cooper, returned home with them Wednesday to spend Christmas.

Miss Evelyn Spann visited Mrs. J. B. Dorsey and daughter, Miss LaVerne, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Forgey, Mr. and Mrs. Will Tyree, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tyree were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Laxton Christmas day.

Miss Mildred Sides, of Lubbock, and Miss Ham, of Texon, spent Christmas with Miss Sides' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sides.

Henry Cooper, of Trent, visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nelson Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tyree and little son spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Tyree's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips, and family, of Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Forgey and children, of Ballinger, visited Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Forgey Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Tyree visited Mr. and Mrs. Dell Freeman and children in San Angelo Sunday.

Misses Lorene and Gladys Faye Sides and Leo Sides spent the week-end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Middlebrook, of Ballinger.

Calvin Fielder, of Talpa, spent the week-end with Allen B. Dorsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tyree spent Christmas with Mrs. Tyree's

mother, Mrs. Loudamy, and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Pullins and family of Benoit, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gibson and family Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Artis Phipps have returned from Coolidge, where they attended to business.

Misses Ham and Mildred Sides spent Saturday at Abilene.

Miss Vernon Pullin, of Benoit, was a dinner guest of her aunt, Mrs. Tom Gibson, and family, Sunday.

Mrs. J. D. Maxwell, of Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Drake, of Mann, and Mr. and Mrs. Buna Camp, of Norton, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Doc Camp and family.



By Robbin Coons

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The bandwagon of sweetness and light, set rolling so auspiciously by Janet Gaynor and her re-discovered Cinderella, is due for an even bigger season in the new year.

Sophistication isn't going by the boards entirely in the new production plans but it certainly is hanging on by the proverbial hair. For Norma Shearer is deserting the roles of the unfaithful wife and the globe-trotting divorcee, to return to the sweetly conventional and sentimental role which was her forte in her earlier films.

It may be difficult to reconcile the Shearer of "Divorcee," "A Free Soul" and "Private Lives" to the Norma you'll see in "Smilin' Through"—but if you hark back a few years, say to the Norma of "The Student Prince," you'll easily picture her in the role that Norma Talmadge played in silent days.

Simple Films Successful

The box-office success of the simple, homely films like "Daddy Long Legs," "Merely Mary Ann," and a small flock of others has turned producer thoughts somewhat away from sophistication. Too, the cry of the exhibitors, especially in small towns, for lily-white pictures has been an added incentive.

Thus it is more than coincidence that, while Norma Shearer becomes a crinolin-and-curls heroine, Barbara Stanwyck, whose big successes to date have been in such pictures as "Ladies of Leisure," "Illicit" and "The Miracle Woman," now is to revive "So Big," the story of a mother's sacrifices for her son through the years.

"So Big," first done on the screen by Colleen Moore, and very successfully, is as far removed as possible from the shady alleys which Miss Stanwyck's previous screen efforts have explored.

Fay Turns Country Boy

Frank Fay, Miss Stanwyck's husband, now directing and producing and starring in a story he wrote, called "Fool's Advice," similarly is breaking away from type. No longer is he the smart-alecky, perfectly groomed, debonaire wise-cracker; he is a country boy trying to make good.

And Marion Davies, who was playing in those spicy if harmless versions of "The Bachelor Father"

and "It's a Wise Child," joins in the march to old-fashioned romance with "Polly of the Circus."

WHAT'S IN A NAME?—WORRY, SAY PROFESSORS

(By Associated Press)
TUSCALOOSA, Ala., Dec. 28.—University of Alabama professors are answering the old query, "What's in a name?" with a re-tort these days of "Plenty of worry."

In one freshman class John James, Buffalo, N. Y., and James John, son of John John, West Chester, Pa., occupy seats near each other. Across the aisle are Jacob Jacobs, Mobile, Ala., and Roger Rogers, Morris, N. Y.

But patience reached its limit when three Bernard Cohens signed up for the same course. The professors solved that problem by placing the Cohens on different schedules.

No Cotton Problem for Him

ROCKWOOD, Tenn., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Rockwood's only cotton grower is not concerned about the Long plan or any other ill of the cotton farmer. R. W. Andrews has a small patch of plants waist high and 24 bolls to the stalk. Mrs. Andrews cards the picked cotton and makes it into bats for quilts.

Mr. and Mrs. Holliday Hayley, of Corsicana, came in Wednesday of last week and visited Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Love and family and the W. L. Hayley family at Norton, returning to their home Monday.

J. Black of Marie, was in Ballinger Monday looking after business and attending district court.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Garrett spent Christmas and the week-end with Dr. and Mrs. Fred Tinkle, of Winters.

J. D. Reneau was among Ballingerites to attend the football game at Fort Worth Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stone and son, Claude R. Jr. went to Sherwood Thursday to spend the remainder of the week with Mrs. Stone's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sandusky, of Best, spent Christmas here with relatives.

FRANCE WARNS STUDENTS TO BRING LOTS OF CASH

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, Dec. 28.—American students who plan a year's work in Paris must have at least from \$1,200 to \$1,500—and a ticket home—when they arrive here, or they may face misery, educational authorities agree.

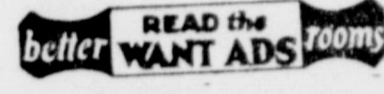
Students who hope to work their way through a French university, as many do in America, will find it impossible. New teeth in the laws against alien workers and the general difficulty in finding employment make it out of the question for students to be self-sustaining.

Yet despite these difficulties the Sorbonne, bulwark of French culture, has a hundred more foreign students than last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Eubank, of Mason, were here Friday visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Eubank.

Mrs. A. R. Jones and Mrs. Z. A. Snell left Christmas eve for Lubbock to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stephenson. They returned home Monday.

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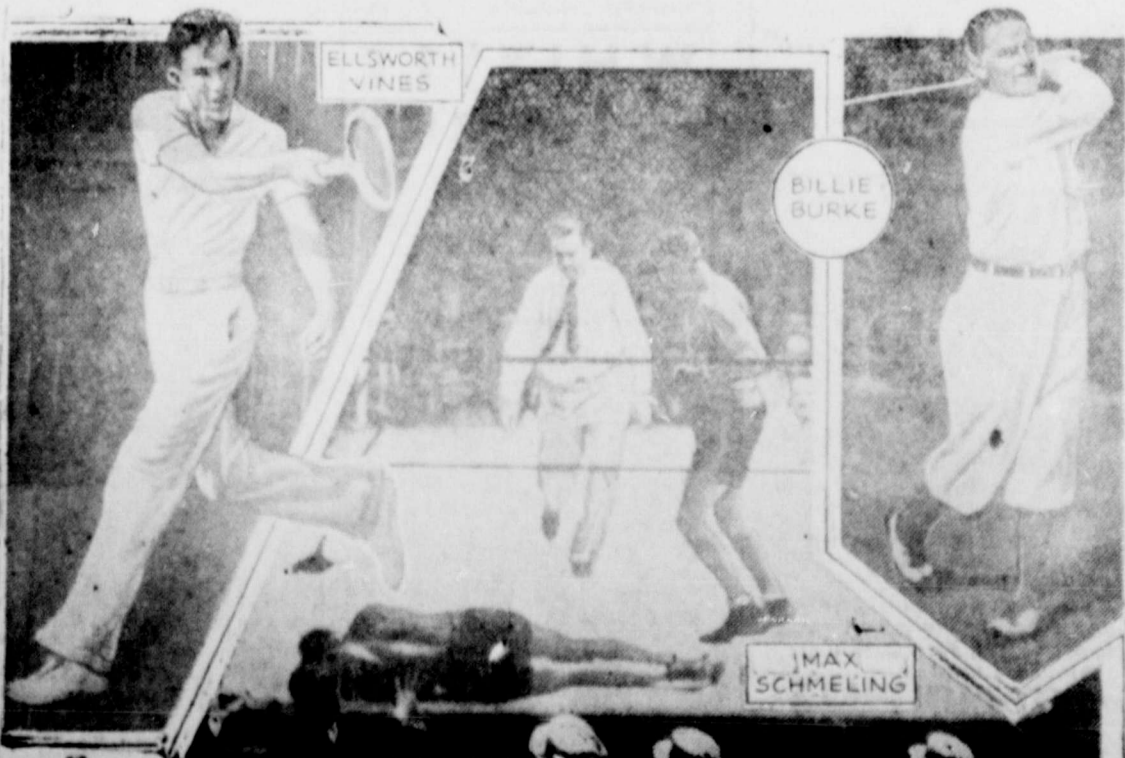
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FOR SALE—Cheap Chrysler coupe, A-1 condition. Nell Alexander. 22-41

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

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment Jan. 1; 4 rooms and bath. R. T. Williams. Phone 96 or 471. 15-15

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Two residences in Ballinger, will sell with part down, and some trade, or will trade them for other property. Give full particulars in first letter. W. B. Tyler, Miles, Texas. 15-15

Weddings

Stooksberry-Kelsay

Harold Lee Stooksberry and Miss Vera Pauline Kelsay, of Winters, were married here on Christmas eve at the Methodist parsonage, 504 Tenth Street, Rev. C. P. Jones performing the ceremony. The couple returned to their home near Winters following the wedding.

Mrs. George Pearce will hold open house very informally on New Year's day, afternoon and evening, beginning at three o'clock. Her friends are requested to accept this notice as an invitation. 29-11

Drab Trade

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Automobile tires and parts have had a strong market, in some cases expanding production to meet replacement demands. Gasoline consumption records show that total car mileage has not decreased in the depression.

Utilities, while suffering a loss in total sale of current, have proceeded profitably because of increased household demand resulting largely from the growing number of electric refrigerators and other appliances.

BALLINGER MAN'S MOTHER DIES AT MOODY, DEC. 20

Mrs. Margaret Dickson, 75, died at her home in Moody, Texas, at 8:10 a. m. Sunday, December 20, after an illness of about one year. Decedent was the mother of Drew Dickson, of Ballinger. Mr. Dickson was with his mother during her last illness, leaving Moody Friday for St. Louis after being assured that she was in no immediate danger. He received a telegram on the train as he was nearing St. Louis, informing him that his mother had become worse and was expected to die. Death claimed her before the son reached her bedside. Mrs. Drew Dickson joined her husband at Moody shortly after the death and they remained there a part of last week following the funeral Monday afternoon.

A friend of Mrs. Dickson's died at about the same hour. The two women, intimates for 40 years, were interred Monday afternoon in a double funeral at Moody.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Boyd, of San Antonio, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Boyd.

Work Order for Elm Span Received

Resident Engineer G. M. Garrett this week received a work order for the new Elm Creek bridge and overpass over the Abilene & Southern tracks here. Preliminary work was started on this structure several weeks ago and concrete culverts on Park Avenue have already been built. For the past ten days men and machinery have been working on the high embankment east of Elm and a crew has been building a concrete drainage structure east of the creek.

This is the second bridge work order received here in the past two weeks. The order releasing work on the bridge across the Concho River near Paint Rock allowed work to be commenced on the largest bridge in this section. Other road construction in this district has proceeded apace during good weather and little time is being lost. Mr. Garrett left Tuesday for Paris on a brief visit and will return to Ballinger about January 1.

Mrs. Lynn Harris For County Clerk

To My Friends and Voters of Runnels county:

In making this my announcement for the office of County Clerk, I am only submitting my application for the job as I would to any firm or individual.

Upon receipt of an application the things a good business man would consider are: Efficiency. Experience in a particular kind of work. Honesty and Dependability.

I have had the experience, and you have from this time till next July to satisfy yourselves as to the other qualifications.

When the present term expires I will have had four years experience in the office, not alone in the Record Department, but also in the detail work; aside from this I have had twenty or more years' experience as a business woman.

I am not a stranger to most of you, having spent most of my life in a dry goods store in Runnels county.

I hope you will give me the same consideration that you give to anyone else who may apply for the same place, and I assure you, if elected, that I will do the work of the office and promise you the same efficient and courteous service as has been the policy of this office in the past.

Mrs. Lynn Harris 29-11

Pasteurized sweet milk is safer. 15-6t

MOVIES

Drama and Romance Found in Unique Surrounding in "Dirigible"

"Dirigible," a Columbia picture enjoying the stellar services of Jack Holt and Ralph Graves, will open a three-day engagement at the Palace Theatre next Sunday afternoon. It is an air special, with a background of human drama, directed by Frank Capra.

Fay Wray plays the leading feminine role and others of importance in the cast are Hobart Bosworth, Roscoe Karns and Clarence Muse.

The principal characters, Jack Bradon and "Frisky" Pierce, are played by Holt and Graves. Bradon is commander of a huge navy dirigible and Pierce is the navy's foremost flying ace—a daredevil for whom no risk is too great.

The plot swings into action when Rondelle, an English explorer, who has attempted several times to reach the South Pole over the ice, conceives the idea, at a Navy Day celebration, of making the trip by dirigible. Bradon is to pilot the expedition and Pierce is to accompany them. Helen, Pierce's wife, appeals to Bradon, who secretly loves her, to prevent Pierce's participation.

Left behind, Pierce nurses a grudge and when the dirigible fails to accomplish its purpose he persuades Rondelle to permit him to fly him over the pole in his plane. Bradon is the agent in bringing together again Pierce and the woman both love for a dramatic climax.

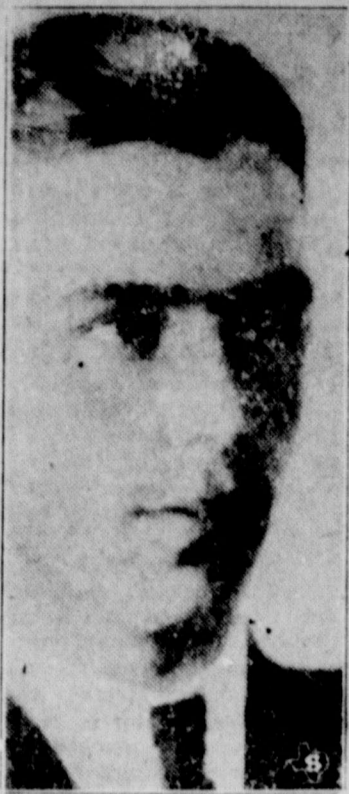
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Holloway and daughter, Mildred, of Happy, spent the holidays with relatives here. They were accompanied by Miss Maurine Lollar.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Forman spent Christmas in Coleman with relatives.

Roy White, assistant coach at Daniel Baker College, Brownwood, is here visiting relatives.

J. G. Goez, of Winters route 5, called at The Ledger office Thursday to extend his paper and also sent the paper as a gift to his brother at Thrall.

"Don't Let Them Take Me"



Lieutenant John Barr



Miss Jane Cohee

This plea, from the lips of Miss Cohee, as armed bandits approached the car in which she and Lieutenant John Barr were sitting, caused her escort to court death by opening fire with his pistol. Barr was wounded, and one of the bandits, Thomas Bonus, only 19, was killed. Barr is stationed at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, and Miss Cohee is a daughter of the chaplain there.

Around the World

Stork Rides in Plane

BELGRADE—(AP)—Not to be outdone by the Austrians who sent stranded swallows to Italy by air, the Yugoslav Society for the Protection of Animals sent a stranded stork to Istanbul by plane with a letter asking to the Turkish S. P. C. A. to forward it to Cario for the winter.

Madrid Counts Noses

MADRID—(AP)—This capital has a population of 894,000, according to the City Council which has just completed the registry begun in 1930. This is an increase of 80,000 over 1923 when the last official count was taken.

Hold Italians at Home

ROME—(AP)—Italy's new penal code provides imprisonment up to five years for "anyone who induces another to emigrate and, as recompense for sending this person abroad, obtains or is promised money."

American Rush Beats

LONDON—(AP)—British unemployed who would like to go to Russia to get jobs are finding all the good places taken by Americans.

Recently it was announced here that 6,000 places were open for skilled workers. The Amtorg Trading Corporation now announces that 85 per cent of the posts have been taken by Americans.

Germans Quitting Beer

BERLIN—(AP)—Reduction of revenue for Young plan payments based upon the beer tax is explained by consumption reports showing that the average German drinks 19 3/4 gallons in the 1930-31 tax year, which is only 75 per cent of the pre-war figure.

Ile Bans Rum Source

ST. VINCENT, Island of Cap Verde—(AP)—On the plea that home made rum is one of the chief causes of poverty here, the government has issued a decree providing for gradual cessation of sugar cane growing and substituting fruit culture.

Austria Saves Postage

VIENNA—(AP)—To help Austria's economy campaign the postoffice department is making smaller stamps and printing fewer pictures on postcards. This will reduce the printing bill by \$16,800.

Spain's New President Travels a la Alfonso

MADRID—(AP)—Niceto Alcalá Zamora, Spain's first constitutional president, goes abroad from the temporary "white house" in the old royal palace with the same military pomp that marked the exits of Alfonso XIII on state occasions.

The famous horse-drawn carriages of state are being refurbished, although the golden crowns on their sides have been removed.

The crack "king's guard," with

silver plumed helmets and shining breastplates, has become the "presidential escort." The troops are quartered in the old royal barracks.

Snakes Plague Rumania

TULTSCHAE, Rumania—(AP)—Poisonous snakes have been multiplying so rapidly in the Danube delta that "drives" have been organized against them. One day's bag was 165 reptiles.

Gas Lamps in Berlin

BERLIN—(AP)—Although electricity is rapidly replacing gas for street lighting, 104,000 of the old lamp posts still illuminate certain sections of the German capital.

French Army Bands Click

PARIS—(AP)—Bandsmen in the French army must learn to be telegraphers as well as musicians under a new ruling of the war department.

Ed Hoelscher, of Rowena, was in Ballinger Thursday looking after business and ordered his paper for another year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Nunn and baby, of Stiles, spent the holidays here with Mrs. Nunn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Coulter.

Mrs. May Holman, of San Saba, spent the week-end here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Holman.

Towner Dickinson, of Carrizo Springs, has been visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hays, of O'Donnell, came in Friday to spend Christmas with Mrs. H. G. Hays and family.

PALACE

LAST DAY

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KING-HOLT

Tomlinson to Seek Precinct Office

L. C. Tomlinson, stated here Saturday that he would be a candidate for county commissioner of precinct No. 1. Mr. Tomlinson will move his family here from Norton about January 1 to make Ballinger home and soon after the first will begin making an active campaign for this office.

Mr. Tomlinson came to Runnels county in 1913 and has made his home here since. For seven years he farmed a place south of Rowena, moving from there to Hatchel where he resided a short time. He moved to his place near Norton eight years ago and is considered one of the progressive farmers of that section.

Mr. Tomlinson is making the race for commissioner at the solicitation of a number of his friends in this precinct.

"I will advocate the use of more horses and mules and the burning of less gasoline," Mr. Tomlinson stated. He will favor the giving of employment to those needing jobs who are residents of this part of the county, overseeing personally the roads under him, keeping them in good condition and making permanent repairs at impassable spots. He hopes to interview every voter in this precinct before the Democratic primary in July of next year.

Grand Jury

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day morning as counsel in cases set for trial this week.

Local officers declared Monday that the holidays were the quietest here in several years. Only a few arrests were made last week and these were for misdemeanors such as fighting, drunkenness and other minor infractions. Justice and county courts had little to do and the city court had no cases on its docket.

Extra precautions were taken during Christmas, additional officers assisting the regular force but there was little to do other than keep an eye on suspicious characters.

This week will close the dis-

trict court here and Judge Parish and assistants will go to Coleman to open sessions there next week.

H. H. Jackson, publisher of the Coleman Democrat-Voice, spent a few hours in Ballinger Monday attending to business.

Horace Oliver, of Alpine, spent Christmas here visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. Oliver.

R. B. Hambright, of Norton, was in Ballinger Thursday and asked that his Ledger be continued for 1932.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Subject to action of the Democratic Primaries)

For County Clerk:
MRS. LYNNIE HARRIS

NOTICE

Barbers of Ballinger in compliance with the Barber law, with extra expense, find they are operating at a loss, are asking the public for only one dime raise on haircuts. This means little to the individual but much to the barber.

On and after January 1, 1932, all the undersigned shops will charge 35¢ for a hair cut:

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