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Runnels 14th in Texas '31 Cotton Production

According to the cotton ginning report made by the federal department of commerce of date December 13, 1931, Runnels county ranked 14th in Texas. The lead over West Texas was many thousand bales and few counties in the state surpassed this.

Ellis county led on the above date with 124,879 bales. Other counties to produce more than 100,000 bales were: Collin, 100,570; and Williamson, 104,107. Nueces, which led Texas in 1930 with a total of 148,343 bales, on December 13, 1931, reported 91,835 bales.

Practically all West Texas counties showed a considerable increase over 1930 but some that ranked high in previous years had decreased production last year due to diversification.

Here is a report on counties in this section showing production in bales for the past two years:

County	1931	1930
Brown	9,251	4,985
Coke	6,637	4,691
Coleman	34,240	11,332
Comanche	6,550	3,732
Concho	21,812	9,158
Eastland	6,905	3,701
Garza	13,681	5,646
Haskell	35,191	27,256
Jones	44,689	14,210
Lampasas	3,834	4,308
McCulloch	24,801	11,861
Mason	1,096	2,081
Menard	1,478	618
Nolan	19,447	7,660
Runnels	65,800	30,346
San Saba	6,356	5,278
Taylor	35,413	13,779
Tom Green	16,002	7,405

Counties with the smallest production records were Newton with 672 bales, and Frio with 873. All other counties reported more than 1,000 bales.

MILES GIRL KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE WRECK

Miss Balma Blackwell, 20, of Miles, teacher of the Klattenhoff school in Tom Green county, was killed on New Year's morning in an automobile crash on highway 30 a short distance from Miles. Miss Blackwell, her sister, Miss Geneva Blackwell, Cecil and Raymond Thornton were returning home from a party at about 1 a. m. when their car struck a stray horse in the highway and overturned, pinning two of them beneath the car.

POSTAL RECEIPTS HERE DECREASE FOR PAST YEAR

Postal receipts in Ballinger for 1931 showed a decrease over 1930 of a little less than \$2,000. Total receipts for the past year were \$17,655.75 as compared with \$19,639.95 for the preceding year.

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Denmark's Skilled Farmers Dread British Tariff Laws

By Alex Gerfalk
COPENHAGEN, Jan. 4.—Denmark's highly organized, progressive farmers were about the last to feel the world pinch. But they are feeling it now, and there is a threat of tariff in their chief market, Great Britain, to add to their troubles.

Denmark supplies more farm products to Great Britain than does the rest of the world, and this with hardly more inhabitants than England has unemployed.

Much of the credit for this must go to Danish cooperative methods. But the real cause is the state of mind of the Danish farmer. He is a better educated man than the farmers in most countries and, as a big political factor, sees that his educational facilities are constantly improved.

It is almost 50 years since the first Danish cooperative society was established. Today there are about 4,800.

Tax Collections For County Slow

During December Tax Collector W. A. Forgy registered ten new automobiles and three new trucks in this county. This was a slight increase over previous months. Registration of motor vehicles for 1932 is now in full blast.

Motorists have the remainder of January in which to operate their cars with old number plates. All cars used on public roads must bear 1932 number plates on the morning of February 1. Those who drive out of Texas should secure their new plates before going into other states as many states require all vehicles to be operated with 1932 plates after the last day of December.

Mr. Forgy declared that so far tax payments have been comparatively small. Payments during November and December were fairly good by those desiring to split their assessments but full payments have fallen behind the mark of other years. The collector reported about 600 automobiles and about 35 trucks registered to date.

Property owners have all this month in which to pay their taxes before they become delinquent. Poll tax payments have been better than property tax payments, many securing poll tax receipts and letting other levies go for the present. Prospects of a hot political year are causing many to arm themselves with ballot credentials.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSN. TO MEET WEDNESDAY

The Ballinger Parent-Teacher Association will meet Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the high school auditorium in regular monthly meeting. All members are requested to be present to take part in the business session and hear the program, as follows:

Short talk on thrift, Mrs. H. C. Lyon.
Reading, by pupil of Miss Nona Diltz.
Chapter IX of "Character Training," Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. King went to Abilene Monday morning to be with Perry King who was to be operated upon for the third time at a hospital in that city.

Mrs. J. A. Reese returned Saturday night from Austin where she had been visiting her son, Frank Reese, for a few days.

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South Pole Reached First Time 20 Years Ago, Lures Byrd to Search for New Secrets in 1932

By F. B. Colton
(Associated Press Science Writer)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(AP)—A little more than twenty years ago, in December, 1911, Roald Amundsen of Norway reached the south pole and crowned centuries of gradual advance by men into the polar wastes.

Since then Polar travel and exploration have been revolutionized more completely than in all the centuries that led up to Amundsen's achievement.

Explorers now use radio, airplanes and even submarines to wrest scientific knowledge from the frozen areas.

Two American expeditions to the Polar regions already are planned for 1932.

Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd will return to his Atlantic base, Little America, perhaps establish a new inland base, map more of the continent with airplanes, and study weather, geology, and life on land and sea.

Capt. F. M. Williams, also equipped with airplanes, will spend two years in the arctic on the shore of the Polar sea, making similar studies and broadcasting daily weather reports.

Arctic exploration received its first boost when the search for a northwest passage to Cathay began after Columbus found the way blocked along the direct route west.

For centuries frail ships vainly sought the passage. A rich prize offered by Great Britain stimulated the search, led to exploration of the islands north of Canada and discovery of the north magnetic pole in 1831.

The first ship to make the northwest passage was the Gjøa, commanded by Roald Amundsen, which sailed from Europe to Alaska in 1903-04. The northeast passage already had been negotiated in 1887-79, when A. E. Nordenskiöld sailed the Vega from Europe to Japan north of Siberia.

The North Pole next became the goal of explorers. Admiral Robert E. Peary, U. S. Navy, finally reaching it April 6, 1911, after a sledge journey from the direction of Greenland.

Sir Ernest Shackleton of England discovered the south magnetic pole in 1908-09.

Roald Amundsen was planning a north pole expedition when



Modern means of travel and communication are aiding explorers to unfold secrets of the polar wastes. Rear Adm. Richard E. Byrd (upper left) plans to return next year to the antarctic continent over which Roald Amundsen made the first trek to the south pole 20 years ago. Members of the Robert E. Scott expedition which followed Amundsen are shown in sketch below standing before Amundsen's tent at the pole.

news of Peary's discovery was announced, and turned southward instead. So did Capt. Robert F. Scott of England.

Traveling by sledge, Amundsen reached the south pole December 14, 1911, planted a Norwegian flag and left a record of his visit. Scott arrived January 17, 1912, found the note, turned back, and perished in a blizzard.

With both poles reached by parties on foot, the era of aerial exploration in the Polar regions began.

First S. A. Andree of Sweden took off in a balloon, July 11, 1897 for the north pole with two companions. He never was heard from until the bodies of Andree and one comrade were found on White Island in 1930.

Byrd, then a lieutenant-commander, first flew to the north pole in an airplane May 9, 1926.

Court Retains Agents in Runnels County

The county agent and the home demonstration agent will be retained in this county for the current year. The commissioners court in session here last week-end voted to that effect, however salaries were not set by the court at its last meeting.

Program Arranged For C. of C. Banquet

The program and entertainment committee of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce is arranging for the annual banquet here to be held at the Central Hotel January 15 at 8 p. m.

Rev. Claude P. Jones, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will be the speaker of the evening. Rev. Jones, the only speaker on the program, will present a picture of his observations of Ballinger since becoming a citizen last November.

The remainder of the program will be strictly entertainment, presenting a number of features which will be filled with humor. A saxophone trio will furnish musical interludes while the guests are being seated and during serving of the menu. Plans of the organization for the ensuing year will be introduced in a novel way by young women representing the objectives, and a side splitting act will be presented.

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Pay your poll tax, 1932 will be one of the most important political years in the history of the county, state and nation, and every citizen should be prepared to go to the polls at the primaries and general election. Tax paying in Runnels county so far has been slow but there is still plenty of time and every eligible voter should arrange for the necessary \$1.75 to arm himself with the right to vote in all elections.

People who write and speak on good times returning are urging people who have money to keep buying. Economists who have made a close study of the situation declare that many who are able to continue buying and living as usual have stopped because of talk and that good times will return when they begin to spend as before the depression. All predict that the bottom has been reached and that an improvement should be coming soon if people keep their better judgment, spending wisely and not hoarding.

Indications are that Runnels county will be as wet for the spring planting season this year as was the case last year. Old timers in this county gamble on a good crop when the winter rains start springs to running and cause the hillside to become thoroughly wet. Such is the case this year and general slow rains falling this week all over West Texas will help the already good season in the ground. Planting season will soon be here and already a large acreage of winter oats and wheat is up and doing fine. These fields furnish pasturage for many head of stock during the winter and have good chances of making a good crop this coming summer.

Farmers in planning their crops and other activities for the next season are studying the best methods of diversifying to use land which will be left from the cotton reduction that must be made under the new law. In doing this they will not forget the part that the chicken, sow, hog and turkey has played for the past year in helping them to live and make a little money from their efforts. Perhaps the best market for any product on the farm last year was that of turkeys. Those marketed here brought a fair price and there was a demand for every bird in the county. Scientific feeding, breeding and care of turkeys are producing more No. 1 fowls which bring higher prices.

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MICHIGAN TOWN DECLARES "TAXPAYERS' VACATION"

ULBY, Mich., Jan. 4.—This village is so well off that no village tax was levied last year and the office of village assessor has been suspended.

Walter C. Schrader, village president, announced that through economical administration during the past five years a surplus of \$3,000 had been accumulated and that no tax would be necessary.

At the same time a program of improvements in sidewalks, sewers and waterworks was carried on.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Osteen, of San Angelo, visited Ballinger relatives Thursday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For County Clerk: MRS. LYNNIE HARRIS S. H. DAUGHERTY For County Judge: PAUL TRIMMIER For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1: CARL WILSON Sheriff: W. A. HOLT

HOW'S your HEALTH



CONQUERING A PLAGUE

The award of government medals and pensions to descendants of those who took part in experiments attending the successful campaign against yellow fever recalls one of the great chapters in modern medical history.

Yellow fever, of little more than historical interest to most persons today, was an ever present threat before the twentieth century.

From 1800 to 1879 with but two exceptions, yellow fever visited the United States every year.

History records a number of virulent outbreaks of yellow fever in Philadelphia, New Orleans, Memphis, and other cities.

Losses in human lives mounted to the thousands and the money losses to hundreds of millions.

In 1890 yellow fever appeared among American soldiers stationed in Havana. The commission appointed by the U. S. army to study the disease was composed of Walter Reed, James Carroll, Jesse W. Lazear, and Aristides Agramonte.

An experimental station was established at Quemados, Cuba, and a number of studies were set on foot.

The work called for volunteers and, though the danger involved was fully explained to them, two American soldiers, Privates John R. Kissinger and John J. Moran, offered themselves as subjects for experimentation. Both the young men declined money compensation.

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The Stegomyia mosquito was conclusively shown to be the transmitter of yellow fever. Its control, therefore, depended upon the eradication of this pest.

This work was entrusted to Dr. Gorgas with the result that since the beginning of the twentieth century yellow fever has been completely conquered in America.

STEEL INDUSTRY EYES AUTO TRADE FOR HELPING HAND

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The steel industry is looking with longing eyes to the automobile industry, one of its principal customers, to start mills rolling that are now operating at substantially around a quarter of capacity.

But automobile magnates are proceeding slowly, awaiting definite signs that the estimated deficiency in automobiles will be removed by public buying.

Building is the biggest consumer of steel but there appears no definite indication of a revival in that industry.

Railroads, also a big customer, are not buying beyond absolute needs. In all three cases, however, steel men see foundations for a revival once the general business trend moves upward.

Full year 1931 production of rolled steel is estimated around 19,000,000 tons, or about 36 per cent below the 29,600,000-ton output of 1930. Unexpected declines in the export demand have served to cut production beyond even the expected decreases.

Wage reductions of 10 per cent on October 1 in the steel industry may bolster earnings in the long run, but the lack of business now precludes a very effective showing.

J. C. Watts, principal of the Drasco school, attended to business in Ballinger Saturday.

Auto Industry Sees New Year As Rosier-Hued

By David J. Wilkie DETROIT, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Out of the lessons of 1930-31 the motorcar industry expects to establish in 1932 more firmly than ever its place as one of the key industries of the nation's industrial foundation.

It may be said that 1930 was chaotic in the motorcar industry; 1931, which many leaders of the industry believed would mark the "recovery" period, proved to be more a year of further reorganization of production and merchandising practices.

With inventories reduced, production rigidly restricted to demand and dealer organizations developed and working in closer harmony with the production branch of the industries there appears to be substantial basis for the optimistic outlook expressed by many motorcar executives for 1932.

The industry's leaders confidently expect to produce and, what is more important, expect the retail division to sell more cars in 1932 than were distributed in 1931.

The fact the industry produced in 1931 probably only slightly more than 2,000,000 units—fewer than in any one year during the last decade—is not as discouraging to motorcar executives as might be assumed by the comparison of these figures with those of other years.

The important thing, automobile makers point out, is that except for the irreducible dealers' floor stocks, the industry in 1931 sold all the cars it built during that year, and enters 1932 with all its facilities, from raw material sources to distributor personnel, set for what ever demands a returning public confidence may make upon it.

Significant of the financial soundness of the industry is the fact that all its important units came through the last year without consolidation with other companies and that all were able to prevent the loss of foreign markets by establishing plants in Canada and Europe when tariff imposts made export business less profitable.

Improvements on the 1932 model cars include automatic starters that operate with the turning of the ignition switch, automatic adjustment of shock absorbers, elimination of gear shifting noises, and motor mounting on rubber cushions.

BALLINGER PISTOL TEAM WINS AT SAN ANGELO

The Ballinger pistol team, composed of Sheriff W. A. Holt, Chief of Police J. L. Moreland, County Attorney Roy Hill, Billie Cordill and L. C. Daugherty, went to San Angelo New Year's day to engage the San Angelo team. The Ballinger men were successful in capturing the third straight contest, taking same by a count of 380 to 300. Bill Cordill and Roy Hill tied for high score with 83 out of 100.

Following team competition Cordill shot 93 out of a possible 100 in an exhibition round, tying the record on the San Angelo range. He shot 96 on the Ballinger range last week.

J. K. Baker returned to Coleman Saturday after spending the week here attending district court.

Miss Helen Brewer left Sunday to resume her duties in the Georgetown high school where she is head of the English department.

MOVIES

Mystery Thrillers Declared Officially New

Detective and mystery stories, accepted as one of the most popular and widely read of all fiction today, are a product of the last generation.

This was brought out during research work for the filming of "Daughter of the Dragon." Sax Rohmer story in which Anna May Wong, Warner Oland and Sessue Hayakawa are featured at the Palace Theatre Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

True, the forerunner of modern detective tales, the famous Dupin stories, were written by Edgar Allan Poe over two generations ago. They were not basically detective and mystery stories of the type generally accepted as such by the present mystery fiction readers.

The accepted type of present-day mystery stories is credited with having been born as an American type of fiction, with the publishing of Anna Katherine Green's "The Leavenworth Case." In England, Arthur Conan Doyle gets the honor of originator with "Sherlock Holmes"; while the inauguration of French mystery yarns of the later type came with Gaboriau's police narratives and Maurice Leblanc's "Adventures of Arsene Lupin."

"Daughter of the Dragon" finds Scotland Yard and at least two men of romantic inclination, baffled by the exploits of a beautiful girl, bound by dynastic vow to slay the man she loves. Her scheme eventually is frustrated by a heroic admirer who places duty above the urgings of his own heart.

The direction is by Lloyd Corrigan, who also worked with Monte Katterjohn on the adaptation.

MacLean Tops Film Efforts in New Story Starring Wheeler and Woolsey, Dot Lee Some years ago Douglas MacLean, while at the peak of his popularity as a comedian, suddenly retired from the screen.

He sought new worlds to conquer. That he has done so is the

unanimous opinion of critics who have previewed his story, Radio Pictures' comedy, "Caught Plastered." The film with Bert Wheeler, Robert Woolsey and Dorothy Lee in the leading roles, is scheduled to open a three-day showing at the Palace Theatre Sunday afternoon, January 10.

While the movies rolled on, introducing new luminaries, MacLean quietly labored, seeking the full-fledged comedy possibilities of the talking screen. He found it in the ancient theatrical law, that laughter is heartiest when tears are imminent, and that comedy, under the surface, is drama.

"Caught Plastered" is a heart-interest story with hilarity combined, strange bedfellows, yet so beautifully done that comedy is always stressed while the plot retains audience interest.

The comedians gambol ludicrously into good samaritanism, save an old lady from the poorhouse, put a bankrupt business on its feet, and foil the plot of a suave villain.

Society

Informal At Home is Held by Mrs. George Pearce

The spacious rooms of the home of Mrs. George Pearce on Ninth Street were given a beautiful decoration suggesting the holiday season on the afternoon and evening of New Year's day, when friends were asked to call.

Pepper plants heavily loaded with red and green fruit were used with paper white narcissus to give floral adornment to the entire reception suite while tapers in red and green furnished a soft light. The dining room was especially lovely. The plate also carried out the red and green theme.

The following friends assisted Mrs. Pearce in receiving: Mmes. R. G. Erwin, George Holman, J. Y. Pearce, Frank Pearce, Bruce Creasy, May Holman of San Saba, Floyd Carr, Loyd Herring, Leonard Stallings, Leslie Baker, Alex McGregor, Misses Gladys Godwin, of Brownwood, and Louise Orgain.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Garrett returned Monday from Paris, where they visited relatives several days.

A goat in a park at El Paso mothered a fawn and a young antelope. India plans to abolish its state air services at the end of 1931 to carry out an economy program.

STATEMENT of Condition THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER December 31, 1931 RESOURCES: Loans and discounts \$288,345.40; Overdrafts 83.07; Banking House 40,000.00; Furniture and Fixtures 10,000.00; Stock Federal Reserve Bank 4,500.00; U. S. Bonds 25,000.00; RESERVE: Banker's acceptance \$ 75,866.98; Bonds and warrants 47,825.00; Bills of exchange 5,347.93; CASH AND EXCHANGE 188,035.79; 317,075.70; LIABILITIES: Capital Stock \$100,000.00; Surplus and undivided profits 63,497.79; Circulation 25,000.00; DEPOSITS 496,596.38; \$685,004.17

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MAVERICK MUSINGS

Teachers and pupils of our school resumed work again Monday morning, after dismissing only three days for the Christmas holidays. All of the teachers went home for the holidays except Miss Brookshier who visited her sister at Galveston.

Honor roll students for the past month are: Bill Morgan, sixth grade; Margaret Lee, ninth grade; Novella Nixon, tenth grade.

Perfect attendance pupils are: Margaret Lee, Milton Edwards, Doris McAuley, Velma Lee, Chloe Borders, Chester Borders, Doris Elliott, Bill Morgan, Joe B. Lee, Ernest McAuley, Annie L. Borders.

Maverick young folks have enjoyed quite a few entertainments during this and the past week. On Christmas eve night there was a dance at the Kenneth Fletcher home; one at the R. D. Martin home Friday night; another at the Jim Borders home Saturday night; and Ross Lee entertained them with a dance again Monday night. All report a whoopee time.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tankersly were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garland McAuley the past week. They also visited friends at Norton.

Mrs. Ernest Marshall, Mrs. Ed McAuley and Mrs. Grimes were shopping in Ballinger Tuesday.

R. G. Biggerstaff, brother of Mrs. C. E. Bruton, left for his home in East Texas Tuesday. We were sorry to have him go.

The Maverick P-T. A. was to meet Friday afternoon, January 1, for an important business session.

DAUGHERTY SEEKS COUNTY CLERK JOB

To My Friends and Voters of Runnels County:

I am making my announcement for county clerk of Runnels county, subject to action of the Democratic primary in July.

I am not a stranger to many people of this county, having moved here in 1902, and have resided here most of the time since. I have been associated with a number of the leading business institutions of Ballinger and feel that through these positions my efficiency as an accountant and business man is well known. I have never before asked for any public office and in doing so this time feel that I am thoroughly qualified to handle the duties of the office. Courteous treatment and a willingness to serve you will be my motto.

I will make an effort to personally see all the voters of the county before election day and ask for your favorable consideration. Any favors extended to me will be appreciated and I promise to strive at all times to live up to and serve the people of Runnels county in a manner that will please them, should I be honored with this office.

S. H. DAUGHERTY

EAGLE BRANCH NEWS

Quite a number of farmers of this community are making many changes for the year 1932.

P-T. A. met New Year's night at the regular meeting time with considerable business transacted. Most of the members and several visitors were present. A nice program was rendered. Miss Frankie Pierce, of Winters, who formerly taught here, was among the visitors.

H. H. Carter and family are preparing to move back to their home place near the Eagle Branch school. Mr. Carter had charge of the Will Doose farm the past year.

The Ladies' Helpers Club will renew its work for the new year. The next meeting will be held Wednesday with Mrs. Minnie Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rowe are the proud parents of a 7-pound baby girl who arrived January 2. Mrs. Rowe is known here as Miss Vonell Carter. The little lady's name is Joe Cell.

Herbert Gallway has moved from the Mitchell farm here to the farm of Mrs. Lola Boothe.

Mrs. Lela Hill was absent a number of days from school on account of the illness of her husband at Blanton. Mr. Hill is reported to be improving.

Wayne Mitchell and daughter are visiting Mr. Mitchell's mother at Bartley.

Miss Fannie Lou Presley, of Littlefield, visited her parents here during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cockrell and the former's mother, Mrs. C. C. Cockrell, came in Friday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Teague and family. Mrs. Richard Cockrell went on to Sweetwater for a visit to relatives and was joined there by her husband en route to Tulsa. Mrs. C. C. Cockrell will remain here for a more extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coombes, of Stamford, were in Ballinger Sunday visiting their son.

Modern City Din Rough on Tenors
But it Heralds Era of Baritones

By Howard W. Blakeslee
(Associated Press Science Editor)

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—That the din of modern cities may cause golden tenors and mellow contraltos to die out is indicated by "osiso" records here.

The osiso transforms sound into wave patterns on photographs and these show the rise of a discordant note in the human voice when it is compelled to compete with the noise of cities.

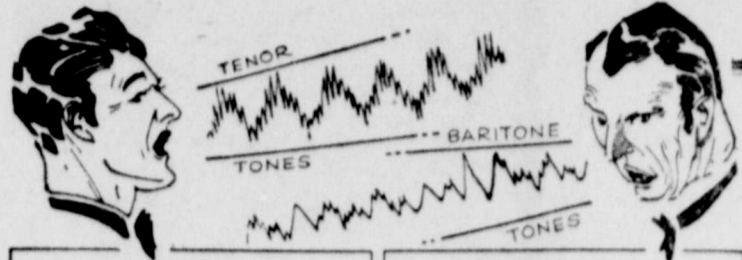
Prediction that modern life would interfere with development of tenors was made recently by a musical authority. It was asserted that an environment of rural quiet was necessary for great tenor voices.

Not only are these predictions borne out by the osiso records of the Acoustic Laboratory of the American Steel and Wire Company here, but a threat to feminine tones also appears.

The osiso shows that the purest tones are simply and beautifully formed wave curves. The beauty of these curves drops with every step in decrease of sweetness in the sound. Noises instead of being curves are more jagged than lightning.

Tenor voices form the simplest and most graceful of the osiso curves. Next come the baritones, which add a little zig-zag wavelet of sound here and there.

Every bit of voice straining adds to these jagged sound wavelets, and mars the smoothness of tenors and contraltos.



Modern city noise that make it necessary to force the speaking voice beyond pleasantness may tend to make baritone singers rather than golden tenors, "osiso" records or sound photographs indicate. Above is shown the regular pattern of tenor tones as contrasted with the sharper and more irregular tones. Charts below also compare the two tones.

Other voices are not so badly affected because they naturally possess more sharp angles.

"Tenor oscillograms," says Dr. William Braid White, director of the Acoustical Laboratory, "always show themselves less complex than baritones. In a word, tenors are smoother and hence physically simpler voices than baritones."

"Given the conditions of modern life, with its intolerable

din and the consequent necessity to force the speaking voice beyond all pleasantness or agreeableness, in street, shop and office, the tendency henceforth will likely be always away from the golden, smooth tenor and towards the rougher baritone.

"On the other hand, in feminine voice the tendency will be toward shrieky sopranos and away from the mellow contraltos; and for the same reason."

Several Cases of Scarlet Fever Here

Two deaths here from scarlet fever Sunday, four other patients in the city under quarantine and a number ill in adjacent territory has caused considerable alarm. Practically all the cases here developed during the Christmas holidays. Physicians believe that few other children have been actually exposed to the disease and that if all cases are reported and proper care is taken, the epidemic can soon be stamped out.

Dr. E. R. Walker, city health officer, stated Monday that it would be advisable for parents to watch their children closely, keep them at home when they were feeling indisposed and consult the family physician at the first indication of sore throat or inflammation in the nose. In this way cases can be diagnosed quickly and quarantines established if necessary before other children come in contact with the infection.

A number of mild cases that do not require the patient to be confined sometimes spread the disease and the most severe cases may be contracted from these mild cases, physicians assert.

Many parents were giving their children permanent immunization against scarlet fever Monday. This serum is administered in five injections one week apart and in a very large percentage of cases establishes permanent immunity against the disease. Another serum that establishes temporary immunity for only a few weeks is given children who have already come in contact with the disease with direct exposure.

The permanent serum is said to last for life but it requires some time to establish this immunity. There is no danger, however, in giving other treatment after the first injection in case a child should contract the disease say local physicians.

County and city health authorities are keeping a close watch for additional scarlet fever patients and seek the cooperation of the citizens in reporting any suspicious cases so that quarantines may be instituted on homes affected. The fever usually commences with sore throat, high fever and vomiting, but mild cases sometimes are little more than mild sore throat and slight rash. Parents can assist greatly in preventing further spread of the disease by watching the condition of their children closely and calling a doctor at the first sign of trouble.

A spray for the nose and throat can be used to good advantage on children of the susceptible age, killing germs in the cavities.

with sweaters. These gifts to the coaches are similar to those received by the boys.

Robert Lusk has returned to Howard Payne College, Brownwood, after spending the holidays here and at Rotan.

T. B. Saunders, who had been ill for several days, was reported better Saturday and able to be at his desk in the Security State Bank.

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Court Adjourned Here Saturday

Judge O. L. Parish closed the fifth week of 119th district court here last Saturday after disposing of many cases during the long term. The last case presented to the court was a motion for a new trial in the case of Mrs. Cassie Ischar vs. the West Texas Utilities Company. After argument by opposing counsel Judge Parish denied the plaintiff's motion for a new trial.

Martin Wayne was convicted of theft of an automobile and assessed a two-year sentence in the penitentiary Thursday by a jury.

Concepcion Rodriguez received a one-year sentence Friday for sale of intoxicants.

The case of Fletcher Smith, trustee of the estate of the McWilliams Drug Company vs. John A. Weeks and R. W. Earnshaw, was dismissed at the plaintiff's cost.

Monday morning Judge Parish left for Coleman to open court there for a five-week term. Eugene Mathis, district attorney, and Drury Hathaway, court stenographer, accompanied Judge Parish to Coleman and will remain there for the remainder of the week.

This is the first session of the 119th district court in Coleman. Two courts operate in that city, the 119th and the 35th judicial districts dividing time there.

Football Players Receive Sweaters

The Ballinger schools opened Monday morning with every teacher on the job and a good attendance of pupils. There were scarcely any absentees when classes assembled and a number of new students had registered in practically all grades for the spring term.

School was dismissed on December 23 and ten days of vacation were granted by the board. Practically all teachers, except one local citizen, spent Christmas at their homes, returning here Sunday.

The high school had as its chapel program Monday morning the athletic association's presentation to the football players of their sweaters. All letter men received the black sweaters with a large red "B" as reward for their work on the grid team during the past season.

As soon as all the team had received awards the players presented Coach Sterling Prince and Assistant Coach Harley Davis

Miss Miller to Start Vocal Class Here

Miss Edith Miller, teacher of voice and piano, is preparing to commence classes of singers of the city at once, instructing them in the many phases of singing that will be of great benefit to them in their choir and choral club work.

Miss Miller will offer class instruction in fundamentals of music, ear training, sight reading, correct pronunciation of words, correct breathing, interpretation, expression, and correct counting of time. All classes will be limited so that more thorough instruction may be given each individual member.

Tuition is \$2 per month with one class assembly each week. Those desiring to receive this instruction will have the opportunity of joining either mixed, men's or women's classes. Part singing will be studied and voices placed on parts best suited for their range.

Classes will meet in the Shakespeare Club room of American Legion Hall. One class will meet on each Monday evening so that all who work downtown and desire to do so may have this opportunity.

Anyone interested in beginning work in these classes can call Miss Miller at No. 5 and receive all information necessary for enrollment.

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