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## Short Course Opens Thursday Morning

### Hill Country Firemen Gather for Convention

The Hill Country Firemen's Association opened its convention here Tuesday morning with the largest attendance in the history of the organization. The city hall auditorium was packed to overflowing for the beginning of the program and many who arrived later had to stand until additional chairs could be provided.

A high and enthusiastic point was reached early when Mrs. George Farris, of Brownwood, "mother" of the State Firemen's Association, entered the hall. Every fireman rose to his feet as Chief M. C. Atkins led her to the platform where she was greeted by Chief Frank Williams of Winters, first vice-president of the state body. Mrs. Farris told the convention "I was not included on this program, but I am here because there is a meeting of firemen I want to be with my boys." She was given a seat on the platform among the honored guests of the day.

"Keys to the city" were pinned on each visitor and President Lamar Thaxton of Mason, presented the master key by Mayor W. C. McCarver. As the president took his chair following the opening program, Mascot K. V. Northington Jr., of the Ballinger department, asked him if he thought he could handle the meeting and was answered in the affirmative. Notwithstanding the reply Billie Webb brought forth a large deputy's star which the mascot affixed to the president's breast.

Little Miss Bobbie Marie Avey assisted Mayor McCarver in delivering the welcome to the visitors and did so in such a delightful manner that she was recalled for a reading.

Mayor W. E. Baxter, of Santa Anna, in response to the welcome address mixed laughter with serious thoughts in relating the great work of the volunteer firemen.

Chief Frank Williams, of Winters, brought greetings from the State Firemen's Association and urged the Hill Country organization to send delegations to the state convention and to present ideas for bettering the state body.

Following these preliminaries the first business session began.

Ballinger was well protected against fire today when more than 225 firemen from all towns included in the Hill Country Firemen's Association gathered here in convention. Firemen began arriving here Monday afternoon from distant points and a check-up by a local committee Monday night showed that 206 had sent in letters stating that they would be present.

Registration of delegates began at the city hall 9 o'clock Tuesday morning and long before the convention opened a large number had arrived. Many of the fire fighters brought their wives who were entertained during the day by local women.

M. R. Brayton, professor of chemistry at A. & M. College, arrived Saturday night and is visiting Mrs. Pearl Gustavus, of this city. He is one of the principal speakers on the afternoon program of the A. & M. fire school held annually. Prof. Brayton is director of this school which has been a great help to firemen all over the state.

Eugene Sanders arrived Monday afternoon from Austin and will visit several days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bridwell. He spoke as a representative of the state insurance commission on the afternoon program.

Tuesday at noon M. C. Atkins, local fire chief, stated that he thought every town with an organized department in the Hill Country Firemen's Association area had representatives present.

The convention was called to order by J. D. Motley, president of the local department. Mayor W. C. McCarver welcomed the visiting firemen and Mayor W. E. Baxter, of Santa Anna, responded to the welcome, asserting that every visitor was glad to be here and enjoy the hospitality offered

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### China's Potential War Strength a Riddle; Lack of Unity Handicap in Opposing Japan

By Oscar Leiding  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8. (P)—China, after 20 years of perennial civil wars, is still a military enigma.

Experts, however, are almost unanimous in their belief that the experiences of the troops of the republic have not fitted them to withstand campaigns engineered by the well trained commanders of Japan if the present imbrolios eventuate into formal conflict.

It is held that the two million or more Chinese who are under arms of one sort or another are imbued only with loyalty to various factional leaders and incapable of being welded into a cohesive whole.

These observers acknowledge, however, that if the leaders could be brought into a singleness of purpose based upon a truly comprehended national emergency the struggle might be long and bitter.

"No fight, no pay" has long been the rule with these war lords. Hence their soldiers have, to a great extent, adopted for themselves the reverse of this and say, "No pay, no fight."

Pointing in this direction were recent dispatches from the Far East relating that Chang Hsiao-Liang, deposed marshal of Manchuria, had offered a graduated series of rewards for troops who accomplished definite achievements against the Japanese.

Latest figures here placed at 2,438,000 the number of armed Chinese, while Japan has a standing army of 230,000, with 1,900,000 in reserve.

But mere numbers count for little more now than in 1894-5 when the island empire whipped her huge neighbor both afloat and ashore.

Then scores of thousands of Chinese went into battle armed with bows and arrows, or crude pike poles and wearing grotesque masks to frighten the enemy.

Since then China has discarded medieval weapons and cotton wadding armor. But she has not possessed nor learned to use all the modern methods of destruction possessed by Japan.

There are several divisions of crack Chinese infantry armed with repeating rifles, disciplined enough to attack with the bayonet or huge trench knives. There are a few regiments of field artillery that can lay down a

fairly effective barrage.

But there is only a scattering of armored cars, only a few armored trains, no real tanks and gas warfare is virtually unknown to the Chinese.

In the air commercial planes have been used with good effect as carriers of small tin can bombs which spread terror among bandits. But if there are any real bombers, pursuit and scouting planes in the Chinese military organization, the world has not heard of them.

To top all this, China has had no navy worthy of the name since the war of 1894. Japan possesses the third naval force of the world.

The chief reliance of China in a real war, say the Washington experts, would be her inertia. Her capacity for passive resistance is held to be superior to India's.

In view of the fact that China is, on paper, Japan's best customer and that the Shanghai boycott goaded the Nipponese into unprecedented actions, the result of a widespread movement of this sort among Cathay's 400,000,000 nationals might prove well nigh fatal to Japan economically.

If numbers counted China would have a big edge on Japan in a long and widespread war. Lack of unity, equipment and experience in modern tactics would, handicap its forces. Neverthe less, China has some crack troops made up of soldiers like the one above. He's wearing the Chinese soldier's headgear and padded winter uniform. Below are Chinese riflemen ready for battle.



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### Crews Farmer Badly Injured by Tractor

Wallace Martin, of the Crews section, was seriously injured late Friday afternoon at his farm south of Crews. Mr. Martin was adjusting the carburetor on his tractor when he fell from the machine and was run over. He sustained a bad break just above the left knee, a broken thigh, a broken collar-bone and minor injuries.

A King-Holt Company ambulance was called and carried the patient to a Coleman hospital Friday night. All broken bones were set and late reports from the injured man's bedside indicate he is doing very well. He will be required to remain in the hospital for some time, however.

Immediately following the accident Mr. Martin was taken to his home and a physician called. After finding so many broken bones the doctor advised that he be rushed to a hospital.

Mr. Halamiczek is a brother of W. A. Halamiczek, recently of Rowena, and now manager of the Martin-Glover Company, San Angelo.

Funeral services were held at Rowena Sunday afternoon at 3:30 from the home of Mrs. Anna Feist, the child's grandmother, Rev. Grady Timmons, of San Angelo, officiating.

Stamp pads and pad ink, any color, at Ledger office.

### County Council will Meet Here Saturday

The Runnels county council of Parent-Teacher Associations will meet in Ballinger at 2 p. m. Saturday, February 13, in American Legion Hall. Mrs. J. H. Herndon, president county council, of Miles, urges that every unit in the county send representatives to the meeting as much interesting business will be brought up.

A program of interest to every member of a Parent-Teacher association will be presented and reports of committees and organizations will be heard.

Following is the program:

- P.-T. A. song
- Business session
- Reports of committees
- Health talk, Miss Addie Alexander, district health nurse
- "The Object of the County Council," Mrs. Felix Haverland, Rowena
- P.-T. A. song
- "Founder's Day," Mrs. Ed Jansen, Miles
- Talk, County Superintendent R. E. White
- "How Can the P.-T. A. Help the School," Mrs. H. F. Booth, Eagle Branch
- "From One P.-T. A. to Another," Mrs. J. H. Herndon, Miles
- Questions and exchange of ideas.

Mrs. Herndon desires that not only members of organizations in the county attend the meeting but that everyone interested in the work be present. The meeting is open to all and the talks will be brief but instructive.

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### Halamicek Child Killed at Texon

Anna Marie Halamiczek, 2½-year-old daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Halamiczek, of Texon, was killed almost instantly Saturday afternoon when she was struck by a car driven by Jess Newbrough. Several children are said to have been playing in the street in front of the Halamiczek home and when Newbrough drove by the residence he swerved his car sharply to avoid hitting two of the children and it is believed the little Halamiczek girl ran in front of the death car. Newbrough stopped his motor within a few feet after hitting the child and rushed her to the Texon hospital but she died on the way. She suffered a broken neck and other injuries of a serious nature. No charges were filed against Newbrough. He is an employee of the Big Lake Oil Company and has been residing in Texon for some time.

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W. R. Lence, of Abilene, attended to business for the A. & S. in Ballinger Friday.

Miss Elizabeth Parker visited her parents and friends in Abilene over the week-end.

### McGregor Resigns As Bank Director

The board of directors of the First National Bank of Ballinger in a special meeting Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock heard the resignation of J. McGregor as a member of the board and accepted same. Mr. McGregor has served this institution as a member of the board for the past twenty-five years and has taken an active and personal interest in the affairs of the bank.

After accepting the resignation and passing resolutions of regret at the loss of one who has served so long and faithfully, the directors elected Harry Lynn, assistant cashier of the institution, to the place made vacant by Mr. McGregor.

Mr. Lynn has been an employee of the First National Bank since he was a small boy. He began work in the bank in 1908 before he had finished high school here and has been a faithful employee ever since. He completed his education in 1914 and since that time has been employed in the bank regularly. His knowledge of the banking business, especially in this section, is outstanding, having devoted the past 24 years to a close study of his chosen occupation. He is well known and also has the ability to know people. He will accept his new responsibility at once and will take an active part in all future meetings of the board as well as attend to work entrusted to him as assistant cashier of this institution.

Following is a copy of the resignation of Mr. McGregor as read before the directors Tuesday morning:

To the President and Board of Directors.

"Having rounded out today seventy full years of life, a quarter of a century of which having been passed in service as a director of your institution, it has occurred to me that the best interest of the bank would be served by my making room for a younger, more active and more aggressive man to take my place on the board of directors, and to this end I hereby hand you my resignation as director to take effect at once.

"Needless to say that it is with extreme regret that I feel called upon to sever ties of such standing and of such pleasurable association, but I feel that it will be for the best interest of all concerned. My best wishes for the continued prosperity of the bank go with this, and with highest personal regards to all.

"Yours very sincerely,  
"J. McGregor."

The following resolutions of respect were adopted by the board Tuesday morning and express the feeling other members have for their business associate of the past quarter of a century:

"Your resignation from the board of directors of this bank, after a quarter of a century of service in formulating its policies and building its foundations

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The agricultural short course will open in Ballinger Thursday morning at 10 o'clock and local details are ready for the gathering of farmers, ranchmen and housewives from all sections of Runnels county. Programs will be presented mornings, afternoons and evenings of Thursday and Friday with everything free. Ballinger service clubs, chamber of commerce, merchants and individuals join in urging all rural residents of the county to be present.

Speakers and workers of the extension service of the International Harvester Company will arrive here Wednesday with motion picture machines, screens, soil testing equipment, and other material to be used and will have everything in place at the Ballinger Baptist Church auditorium before Thursday morning. The congregation of the Baptist church has volunteered use of its auditorium, the largest in the city, and every effort will be made to take care of the throngs expected.

All committees were called together Thursday afternoon by H. W. Lynn, general chairman, and reports were heard from each. The reports showed that each committee had been at work and every possible thing done for the success of the two-day course. Widespread publicity has been given the meeting and it is believed that every person in the county has learned of the big event. Mr. Lynn said he had never seen better working committees and that he believed their efforts would be rewarded with a great audience at each of the six programs.

Pupils from all schools of the county will assemble Thursday morning for the first gathering. H. C. Lyon, chairman of the school committee, has had the cooperation of County Superintendent R. E. White in urging teachers and students to attend this session and hear Hon. H. S. Mobley on "The Educational Use of Knowledge." This lecture is conceded to be a masterpiece.

Afternoon programs will begin at 2 o'clock and evening programs at 7:45. The program for next Thursday evening is one of the best to be offered during the short course, one in which every citizen will doubtless be interested. "Communities are Made of Folks" is the title of the talk to be delivered by Mr. Mobley, and is declared to be one of the best lectures of its kind ever heard in America. Everybody is especially urged to attend this program. At other places this feature has been greeted by full houses, many being turned away at some places.

The auditorium of the Baptist church will be made comfortable regardless of the weather. Those desiring may bring lunches and use the basement of the church for a dining hall.

The program committee announced this week-end that one feature had been added to the entertainment program with the securing of the Miles Methodist Church male quartet for one of the preludes. Other good numbers will be added to make the entire

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**TONIGHT**  
LAST PERFORMANCE OF  
AMERICAN LEGION SHOW

*I Want the Moon*

Matinee at 6 o'clock  
School Children 10¢

**LAST PERFORMANCE**  
at 8 p. m.

Some reserved seats left and plenty of good seats in the side sections at 25¢ for children and 35¢ for adults.

**SEE THIS SHOW!**

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MEMBER ASSOCIATED PRESS The Associated Press is exclusively entitled to the use for publication of all news dispatches credited to it or not otherwise credited in this paper, and also the local news published herein.

Ballinger firemen awarded service pins at the opening of the convention here shown in a small way how interested the firemen really are. One man has served for twenty years, two others fifteen and a number from three up.

Welcome, members of the Hill Country Firemen's Association.

It is indeed an honor for Ballinger to have as its guests today firemen from many towns in this section of the state. Men serving in volunteer departments in this association render a service to the public as perhaps no others do. They serve without pay, they answer calls at any time of day or night, weather is no excuse for them, every person's property receives the same consideration and their personal risks are never considered when duty calls.

There are many ways that citizens can assist firemen in their work that will be appreciated and make the firemen more efficient. For years certain requests are made by fire fighters but very seldom are the requests heeded. One is that when an alarm is sounded every person in a vehicle should pull in to the curb and remain there for five minutes.

- ANNOUNCEMENTS (Subject to action of the Democratic Primaries) For State Representative, 92nd District: H. O. JONES, G. Y. LEE...

- For District Clerk: GEORGIA SINGELTARY For County Treasurer: MRS. JENNIE KIRK For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1: CARL WILSON, B. W. PILCHER...

HUGE INCREASE IN FIRE LOSS BURDENS NATION

Fire loss figures for 1930, just released by the actuarial bureau of the national board, total \$501,980,623, an increase of \$42,534,845 over the preceding year. This loss was felt severely in a year of depression, for the relation of the economic situation to fire waste is definitely established.

The national fire waste council of the United States Chamber of Commerce, which concentrates the collective power of more than 600 chambers, has proclaimed 1932 a year of concerted effort in fire prevention throughout the country.

Table showing estimated fire losses for 1931 by month: January \$44,090,449, February 41,776,051, March 44,074,362, April 41,423,764, May 37,835,273, June 33,368,378, July 33,024,594, August 31,917,630, September 33,202,986, October 35,501,530, November 35,287,641, December 40,514,368, Total \$452,017,026

Notice to Taxpayers I will begin assessing taxes Monday, February 15, and will kindly ask that you have your tax inventory ready so you can render your property when I call on you.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wynne, of Waskon, Texas, were here from Friday afternoon until Monday morning, visiting in the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. W. McLaurin.

Mrs. W. H. Greer and Miss Wynis Greer left Saturday morning for Abilene and Sweetwater to visit over the week-end.



CHILD need REGULATING?

CASTORIA WILL DO IT!

When your child needs regulating, remember this: the organs of babies and children are delicate. Little bowels must be gently urged—never forced.



DOROTHY DARNIT



HOW'S your HEALTH



THE GROWING CHILD

There are style periods in medicine as in other fields, and it is only now that we are beginning to recover from the disconcerting influences of the "height-weight" period.

By accumulating data on the height and weight of many thousands of apparently healthy children of various ages, it was possible to establish a so-called table of normal development.

As a measure of large groups the table is undoubtedly correct. The difficulty arose when individual children were compared with the so-called normal height and weight for a given age.

Too many individual children failed to conform and were set down as underweight, or underdeveloped.

Frantic efforts were made to push their development. However, no matter how much one may feed a mouse, it will never grow to the size of an elephant.

At the present time we are fully aware that we cannot evaluate the growth of an individual by a comparison of his status with that of the so-called average.

Each individual is a law unto himself. A child may be several inches shorter, and weigh a number of pounds less than is the average for his age and still have achieved the full measure of development which nature set for him.

Race and parentage, or heredity, exercise an even deeper influence upon the rate of growth than do the environmental influences.

However, when all has been said on this score, and the reassurance therein has been appreciated, there is still this much to be added.

The seemingly underdeveloped child should not be denied all the advantages of good medical care, nor should its seeming retardation be charged to nature.

It might be due to something else.

Runnels Leads State in Land Terraced Since '16

COLLEGE STATION, Feb. 8.—More than one million acres of farm lands in Texas were terraced or contoured to check erosion and conserve rainfall in 1931, bringing the grand total up to 5,647,464 acres it is announced by M. R. Bentley, farm engineer in the extension service at Texas A. & M. College, after compiling the annual reports of 174 county farm demonstration agents.

The high ten counties in acreage terraced or contoured in 1931 are: Dawson, Lubbock, Haskell, Runnels, Knox, Hardeman, Taylor, Garza, Lynn and Wheeler.

Records kept since 1916 show Runnels with the greatest total acreage terraced during all these years, followed, in order, by Jones, Smith, Haskell, Limestone, Lubbock, Bowie, Scurry, Nolan and Navarro.

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protection from soil erosion, and about 7,000,000 acres need terraces or contours to save rainfall. Only about 27% of the whole, or 8,200,000 acres of coastal plain, irrigated lands and creek and river bottoms will probably never need terraces. Of the 26,500,000 acres demanding protection, roughly 5,500,000 acres have been terraced, indicating that the job is about 20% completed.

West Texas, particularly the Lubbock area, stood out in the amount of terracing done in 1931, according to Mr. Bentley, while East Texas added to its already large terraced acreage.

Notable progress was made in several blackland counties of Central Texas, reports showing Limestone, Navarro, Grayson, McLennan and Denton among the leaders.

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CAMP FIRE GROUPS WILL PRESENT MUSICAL COMEDY

A two-act musical comedy is to be presented within a few weeks by members of the local Camp Fire groups.

The play has been cast and rehearsals have been under way for some time, under the direction of Miss Edith Miller. The cast was originally chosen from former members of the Camp Fire Girls choral club.

The several boy characters have been selected on their outstanding merits at vocalists and dramatists, and will assist the Camp Fire girls in staging a successful performance.

"Sunny of Sunnyside" is a lively musical comedy in two acts, full of amusing situations, catchy songs and dances, and vivacious repartee.

A definite date for presentation will be announced within a short time.

NO SLEEP, NO REST, STOMACH GAS IS CAUSE

Mrs. A. Cloud says: "For years I had a bad stomach and gas. Was nervous and could not sleep. Adlerika rid me of all stomach trouble and now I sleep fine."

GENERAL HEALTH OF THE CITY IS GOOD

The weekly report of City Health Officer E. R. Walker showed that only one case of scarlet fever is now under quarantine in Ballinger. A quarantine was established at 1500 Tenth Street last week and quarantines

were raised at the homes of Leon Thomas, R. F. Lane and Dewey Campbell. One suspicious case was visited and a close watch is being kept on others who have indicated symptoms.

A number of light cases of influenza were reported last week but all amounted to little more than bad colds. The general health of the city was never better at this time of year, physicians declare.

LOOK—Borders' Butter now 20c at Spann & Co. 9-3t

MRS. BEN SIMS IMPROVING

Mrs. Ben Sims and baby, of Paint Rock, were taken from the Halley & Love Sanitarium here to their home at Paint Rock in a King-Holt ambulance Sunday morning.

ANGELO COUPLE MARRY HERE

Thomas F. King and Miss Gwendolyn A. Irwin, of San Angelo, were married here Sunday afternoon by Rev. E. W. McLaurin, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Australian Ranch Sold Cheap YEULBA, Western Australia, Feb. 8.—(AP)—A house and 294 acres sold for \$35 at a police auction here and some of the land was timbered.

J. L. Lee, of the Maverick section, attended to business in Ballinger Monday.

Buy your printing at home

Advertisement for West Texas Utilities Company. Features an illustration of a modern electric kitchen range and text: "Electric Cookery Will Free You from Kitchen Responsibilities".

Advertisement for Kelp-o-Vita. Text: "Kelp-o-Vita for HEALTH, YOUTH and VIGOR".

Advertisement for Want Ads. Text: "THERE is another nicely furnished ROOM! WANT ADS".

Comic strip by Charles McManus. Panels show a man and woman in a room, with dialogue about a man's appearance and a woman's hair.

Rural

HAPPY HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Happy Home Makers demonstration club met on their regular meeting day at the home of Mrs. Halley Howell.

EVER-READY CLUB

Members of the Ever-Ready Club met Wednesday, February 3, at the home of Mrs. Mae Crockett.

EAGLE BRANCH NEWS

Most of the farmers here are taking advantage of the beautiful sunshine and are very busy preparing for another crop.

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No dry or drawn, or pasty flaky look with new wonderful MELLO-GLO Face Powder.

Wanted

Milo Maize Heads. Vaughn Grain Co.

Banks to Observe Lincoln's Birthday

Ballinger banks will not be open Friday, February 12, observing the birthday anniversary of Abraham Lincoln on that date.

Notice to the Public

The D. F. Jones Construction Company, contractors, will not be responsible for goods purchased and charged to their account.

CHICKEN POX HERE IN VERY LIGHT FORM

A few cases of chicken pox were reported over the week-end and a case of diphtheria was placed under quarantine at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Beddo.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Gregory, of Stamford, and Mr. and Mrs. David Gregory and children, of Eldorado, spent Sunday here visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregory.

Germans Want Final Decision On Reparations

By Louis P. Lochner. BERLIN, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Postponement of the reparations conference at Lausanne leaves Germany cold.

Every citizen of the reich is so convinced that Germany cannot pay reparations hereafter that he sees the probable extension of the Hoover moratorium as the logical result of inexorable events.

What Germany wants above everything else is a permanent settlement. People's nerves are jarred at the thought that, once again, only a provisional settlement may be decided upon.

The uncertainty about the future, they say, weighs so heavily upon business and industry that an economic recovery is impossible.

The late Gustav Stresemann's words in the Reichstag upon his return from the Hague conference, where the Young Plan was finally initiated, are recalled.

What Germany now wants is something which its signers are convinced can be fulfilled. Hitler has said again and again that his party would not sign anything that to could not guarantee to fulfill.

If the Bruening cabinet could emerge from the Young Plan maneuvers with a settlement adapted to Germany's self-acknowledged capacity to pay, his captivity of the German ship of state would be secure.

Those who do any political thinking know this. They also know that, in his heart of hearts, Bruening cannot expect a permanent solution.

McGregor Resigns

(Continued from page 1) in the community which it serves, is received with unspeakable regret.

The associations made and increasingly strengthened during a period of twenty-five years can be severed only with difficulty and pain.

"In accepting your resignation, we wish you to know that you will always have with you our warmest and most earnest wishes for your well-being and happiness not only as business associates but also as your strong personal friends.

Rev. C. P. Jones returned Saturday from Temple after spending a week there attending to business.

Home Dollars "Fewer But Fatter" than in 1929; They'll Buy Biggest Basket of Food Since 1915

By Alexander R. George. WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—For the home-living consumer of low or moderate income, one shaft of sunshine shines steadily through the gloom of the business slump.

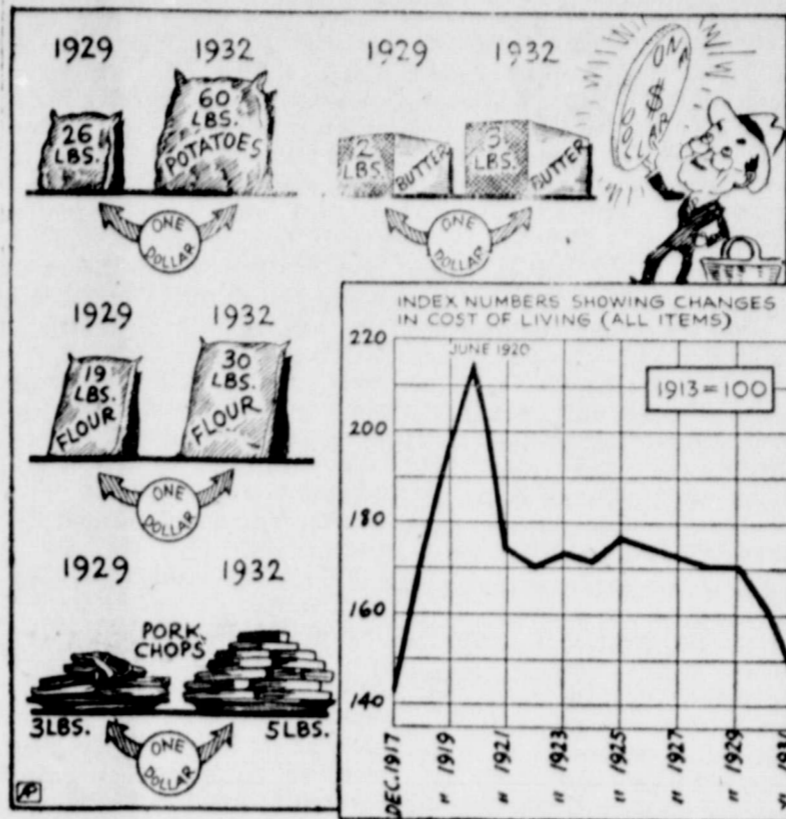
His dollars, although they may be fewer, go further today, on the basis of government statistics, than at any time since 1917. The purchasing power of the "home" dollar—the dollar that buys meat and potatoes, clothing and other necessities—has increased substantially since 1929.

While a 14.9 per cent decrease in the living cost in the last two years does not compensate the country at large for an employment decline of nearly 29 per cent and a payroll drop of 44.5 per cent, it nevertheless has eased the pinch of the economic slump in thousands of households.

Mr. and Mrs. Average Family find food is cheaper now than it has been since 1915. Clothes cost less than in any year since 1916. House furnishing goods retail at the lowest figure since 1917 and the cost of housing, fuel and light combined is the least since 1920.

The department of labor's cost of living survey in 32 representative cities shows that 41 out of 42 staple articles of food decreased in price in the last year. The average price for all food staples now is almost as low as it was in the pre-war, index low living cost year of 1913.

Like a shower of manna to the family with relatively undiminished income has been the big drop since 1929 in the prices of potatoes, butter and eggs. From November 15, 1929, to November 15, 1931, the average price of butter declined from 53 to 37 cents a pound. It has fallen fur-



When Mr. and Mrs. Average Family look for "home" dollars now, they find them more elusive than they did in 1929, but those same dollars will cover more territory. Above is shown what the dollar will buy now and two years ago. Chart shows the trend of all living costs since 1917.

ther this winter and is below the pounds of potatoes as compared with 26 pounds then, and it will pay for almost two times as many oranges as in 1929.

The cost of clothing decreased 7.2 per cent in the last six months and more than 15 per cent since 1929. Applied to all articles of clothing, \$13.55 today will buy as much as \$28.75 did in the price peak year of 1920 and as much as \$16.67 did in the typical post-war year of 1926.

The reduction in rents, fuel and light has not kept pace with that in other "cost of living" items. Rents, however, are 10 per cent lower than they were two years ago.

MOVIES

Comedy Trio in "Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford"

Laughs are assured in advance of seeing "New Adventures of Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford," to be shown at the Palace Theatre Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Jackie Cooper, the phenomenal tow-headed boy who teamed so effectively with wistful and brunette Robert Coogan in the first Percy Crosby story to reach the screen, "Skipper," co-stars again with Coogan in a new Shantytown adventure for the Crosby successor, "Sooky," which opens a three-day's run at the Palace Theatre Sunday afternoon.

In addition to Cooper as "Skipper" and Coogan as "Sooky," five other members of the "Skipper" cast carry on in roles which they created. They are Jackie Searl as "Sidney," Willard Robertson as "Dr. Skinner," Enid Bennett as "Mrs. Skinner," Helen Jerome Eddy as "Mrs. Wayne," and Guy Oliver as "Mr. Moggs."

The story centers chiefly in the efforts of Skipper and Sooky to build their own cadet corps after they have decided the Boone Boys in the fashionable neighborhood are too snooty and need a ribbing.

At The Change

A Critical Time In Every Woman's Life. "During a critical time in my life I took Cardui for several months. I had hot flashes, I would suddenly get dizzy and seem blind. I would get faint and have no strength."

My nerves were on edge. I would not sleep at night. "Cardui did wonders for me. I recommend it to all women who are passing through the critical period of change. I have found it a fine medicine."—Mrs. Hettie Murphy, Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Cardui is a purely vegetable medicine and contains no dangerous drugs.

Cardui Helps Women to Health

Winters Grain Mill Swept by Blaze

The C. L. Green Mill & Elevator Company plant at Winters was swept by fire Friday evening at 8 o'clock, with damage estimated at more than \$30,000.

The fire is said to have originated in the engine room of the plant, where two explosions in succession caused the flames to spread rapidly to all parts of the mill.

The Winters fire department did excellent work in combating the conflagration and within one hour after they arrived at the scene had the flames under control. Flying sparks caused fear for adjoining property but the fire fighters kept the flames confined.

The plant, valued at \$40,000, was one of the largest in this section. During the past year the mill has had a steady run and manufactured much flour from wheat grown in Runnels and adjoining counties. The property is said to have been partially protected by insurance. Three large grain storage bins were in danger for a time but were saved. Machinery and buildings are practically a total loss.

A number of Ballinger firemen who learned of the fire made a quick run to assist the Winters department.

The Green company operates a storage and feed house in Ballinger.

J. D. Motley, J. F. Neff, E. M. Lynn and C. P. Shepherd went to Abilene Thursday afternoon to confer with Judge W. R. Ely on highway affairs in this section of Texas.

Low Cost Insurance for ages 1 month to 80 years. Address Box 890, Abilene, Texas. 9-21-

LOOK—Borden's Butter now 20c at Spann & Co. 9-31-

PALACE THEATRE

Advertisement for the movie 'New Adventures of Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford' showing the title in large letters and a quote from a reviewer.

William Haines, Lelia Hyams, Ernest Torrence, Jimmy Durante. NEWS COMEDY

J. D. Motley and J. F. Neff left Arizona, are here visiting Mrs. L. A. Nunn, who has been ill for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Nunn, of Be wise and advertise

WOODROOF'S LEADS IN VALUE

Just Make Comparisons! A Few Knockout Values.

Wednesday and Thursday Cannon Towels. 24x48 Cannon towels, heavy Turkish bath towel, most places 29c to 35c value only. 19c Each.

New Mesh Cloth. All the new pastel shades, 79c value, only. 49c Yard.

Children's New Anklets. All sizes, all new colors for spring. 15c Pair.

Men's Dress Hose. Fine gauge hose for men, 50c value only. 19c Pair.

White Cotton Batts. 39c

PIANO AND VOICE advertisement for Miss Edith L. Miller, Instructor, with lesson rates and contact information.

Wake Up Your Liver Bile - Without Calomel

As if You'll Jump Out of Bed in the Morning! You'll feel sour and sunk and the world looks pink, don't swallow a lot of salts, mineral water, oil, laxative candy or chewing gum and expect them to make you suddenly sweet and buoyant and full of sunshine.

THE First National Bank advertisement with logo and text: 'THE constant ambition of this Bank is to push forward soundly and safely toward greater service—to serve our depositors loyally—to be trusted because of our faithful observance to duty—our financial responsibility. Since 1886'

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Two cents per word first insertion, no advertisement accepted for less than 25 cents.

All classified advertisements must be accompanied by cash unless advertiser has a regular account with the paper.

No classified advertisement accepted on an "until ordered out" basis.

FOR RENT—Good house, close in; also furnished duplex.

FOR RENT—Ten room house. If interested communicate with A. H. VanPelt, Winters, Texas.

FOR RENT—Two room furnished apartment, 709 Ninth Street.

WANTED—Your Cream. We pay cash on delivery and sterilize your can.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To Those Indebted to or Holding Claims Against the Estate of E. C. Peiser, Deceased.

The undersigned having been duly appointed administrator of the estate of E. C. Peiser, deceased, late of Runnels County, Texas.

GUST PEISER, Administrator of the Estate of E. C. Peiser, Deceased.

Short Course

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program entertaining as well as educational.

The extension service workers will go from here to Midland for their next appearance and no other short courses will be conducted in this section this year.

Speakers secured in addition to those furnished by the International Harvester Company include A. K. Short and M. H. Bentley, who will talk on "Soil and Soil Fertility."

TRIPLETS ARE BORN TO ZEPHYR COUPLE AT SANTA ANNA HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Melton, of Zephyr, announce the arrival of triplet daughters who were born at a Santa Anna hospital Sunday, January 31.

BUSCH BROTHERS PURCHASE THOMPSON MOTOR COMPANY

Clyde Busch, an employee in local garages for the past several years, has been joined by his brother, J. J. Busch, of Henrietta, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Pauline Clemmons and Miss Polly Clemmons, of Spur, came in Sunday to spend several days here as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Neil McAlpine.

Mrs. Simmons to be Convention Speaker

Mrs. Joe M. Simmons, of Ballinger, will be one of the speakers at San Antonio on April 12 before the biennial meeting of the National Public Health Nursing Association.

During the past several years Mrs. Simmons has performed an important service in this and other West Texas counties in general health work and pre-school P-T-A activities.

A letter received by Mrs. Simmons from Miss Katherine Hagquist, state supervising nurse, states: "I feel that with your experience and your assisting actively with the rural work, not only in Runnels county, but also in other counties in the drouth area, you will be eminently qualified to discuss this subject in an intelligent and profitably way."

Zora McAnnelly, chairman of the San Antonio convention committee, has also asked Mrs. Simmons to serve on the lay committee at the biennial meeting.

A number of banquets and luncheons will be served the delegates by various organizations and many special entertainments will be held in addition to the regular programs.

Miss Addie Alexander, supervising nurse for this district, will attend the convention.

VOCAL CLASS STARTED; OTHERS BEING ORGANIZED

The vocal training classes conducted by Miss Edith Miller are being enthusiastically received by those who have had the opportunity to attend.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS EXPRESS THANKS

The Camp Fire organization, guardians and members, wish to express their appreciation to all those who so kindly assisted in making a success of the chili dinner last Saturday.

RADIO NOW MILKS COWS BY "REMOTE CONTROL"

The day approaches when the farmer may do his milking from the front parlor while he runs through his evening paper.

Radio and an electric milking machine were made to work together, so that the pressing of a button in a distant location set the machine to work.

Winters and Crews Win Cage Tourney

The Winters Blizzards defeated the Ballinger Bearcats here Saturday night for the class A basketball championship of Runnels county.

The Crews team, led by Kirby Morrison, Faublon and Phillips, took the class B championship from Maverick in the final game of the class B schedule.

The Bearcats defeated the Miles team and thereby won the right to meet the Winters quintet for the class A tilt.

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INTEREST INCREASES IN LOCAL LIBRARY

Mrs. George Pearce reports that interest is increasing in her circulating library. The project was launched only a few months ago and already includes a large list of members who are reading regularly.

Mrs. Pearce also announces the stocking of a large number of children's books. These are from the novelty kind for three-year-olds to those for ten and twelve years of age which contain good stories.

PICCARD SEEKS SCIENTISTS FOR STRATOSPHERE FLIGHT

BRUSSELS, Feb. 8.—Two unmarried, unengaged Belgian scientists are being sought by Professor Piccard to make a new trip into the stratosphere next spring.

As much as he himself would like to go and carry further some of the work he began with his ascent last May, he feels that his family has first claim upon him and he has promised Mme. Piccard that he will not attempt a new expedition.

The same balloon used in last May's ascent, except that the aluminum sphere in which the two men will be contained will be lighter, will be used for next spring's flight.

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Legion Show Scores Hit with Audience

The first performance of the twelfth annual American Legion show, "I Want the Moon," was presented here Monday night to a large audience.

Taking the leading role, Mrs. J. A. Schnable, a new player in Legion offerings, quickly won her way into the hearts of the audience.

Playing opposite as leading man was R. W. Earnshaw. "Ernie" is already well known to Ballinger playgoers and nothing but a perfect presentation is expected of him.

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The "home town quartet," composed of four local negro boys, sang six numbers. The audience recalled them time and again.

The personnel is: Shelvin, first tenor; Davis, second tenor; Shelton, baritone; and Webster, bass.

H. H. Carsey directed a seven-piece orchestra in delightful music before the curtain was raised and during all intermissions.



Ordinary pains—headache and neuralgia, muscular pains, functional pains, the headache and congested feeling of a cold in the head—how quickly they disappear when you take a tablet or two of

DR. MILES' Aspir-Mint Dr. Miles' Aspir-Mint is the new, stable, mint-flavored tablet that is making people all over the country "Smile at the Ache"

Hill Country

The last presentations of the play are to be given this afternoon at 6 and tonight at 8 o'clock.

Odd Fellows Hold Anniversary Meet

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from Ballinger, San Angelo, Coleman, Miles, Winters, Bronte and Eden, numbering more than 200, gathered here Monday night to observe the 50th anniversary of the orders.

Rev. G. H. Foster, of Coleman, was the principal speaker of the occasion, delivering a stirring message on the ideals and activities of the lodge.

Mayor W. C. McCarver delivered the address of welcome, speaking for the citizenship and local lodge members.

A degree team composed of members of the Rebekah chapter, of San Angelo, was in charge of the floor work Monday night and was complimented highly on its efficiency.

GARDENS HONOR INVENTOR OF TEST FOR BUTTERFLY

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 8.—The memory of Dr. Stephen M. Babcock, Wisconsin scientist and inventor of the butterfly test, will be honored by the planting of hollyhock gardens in at least 44 states.

Seed for these gardens, to be planted on grounds of agricultural colleges and experiment stations, was gathered this fall from the backyard of Dr. Babcock.

A Babcock garden is being planted at the University of Göttingen, Germany, where Dr. Babcock completed his training, as well as at Tufts College, which the scientist also attended.

750,000 Carp for Fish Food ROSWELL, N. M., Feb. 8.—(AP)—More than 750,000 small carp were taken from Lake Van for fish food in the federal hatchery at Dexter.

Scratch Pads, 20c per pound, at Ledger office.

Gargle Aspirin for Tonsillitis or Sore Throat

A harmless and effective gargle may be prepared by dissolving three to five Bayer Aspirin tablets in one-third glassful of water.

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are of gold with the number of years of service at the top and nozzles crossed on the face.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Garrett spent the week-end in Winters, visiting Dr. and Mrs. Fred Tinkle.

RADIO FAN LETTER HINTS AT TRAGEDY OF REAL LIFE

(By Associate Press) NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—A great deal of pathos is to be found in letters listeners write to broadcast stations.

"When I heard your voice for the first time, I was sure that it was my brother John singing. I have not seen him in several years, therefore you see it is both a sorrow and a pleasure in waiting and listening to you, wondering all the time if it could possibly be John."

"Would you be so kind as to answer and give me a great happiness or else a keen disappointment. I feel that I must know." The letter came from Savannah, Ga., and was signed by a woman. However, the singer was not "John."

Historic Cruiser Burned

DULUTH, Minn., Feb. 8.—(AP)—The U. S. S. Essex, for years one of the navy's finest cruisers and the boat once used by "Pop" Chicago White Stockings on a world trip, has been burned in Lake Superior here. The navy sold it last winter.

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