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District Court Opens Here Monday Morning

Judge O. L. Parish opened the spring term of 119th district court here Monday morning at 10 o'clock, at that time administering the oath to those composing the grand jury. As soon as the twelve men were instructed they were directed to their room and began probing charges awaiting them. The first non-jury case was then called by the court.

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F. T. A. PROGRAM TO BE GIVEN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The regular monthly meeting of the Ballinger Parent-Teacher Association will be held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the high school auditorium. The program will feature Washington bi-centennial numbers in addition to the regular study course.

All members of the organization are notified to attend the meeting.

Following is the program:

Reading, "Joe Cuts Down the Cherry Tree," Bobbie Marie Avey Chapter XI and XII of "Character Training," Mrs. E. Shepperd Solo, "Father of the Land We Love," Mrs. J. A. Schnable.

Misses Johnnie and Norene Morgan, of Miles, teachers of the Hagan school, transacted business in the county superintendent's office here Saturday.

J. D. Motley and Joe Neff left Saturday morning for Tyler, Dallas and Austin to look after business.

Mrs. Wilbert Lankford and baby, of Los Angeles, California, left here Friday after a visit with relatives to visit in Abilene for a few days.

Baby Drowns in Unfinished Well

Donale Gene Reese, 19 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reese, of South Ballinger, was found in a shallow well Thursday at 6:30 p. m. The small boy was dead when brought to the top, apparently having been in the four feet of water for about thirty minutes.

A new well dug in the backyard had not been cased in. The top was open and in the well was about four feet of water. Mr. Reese, father of the boy, was working in another part of the yard, believing that the baby was in the house. The mother thought he was out doors with his father. Later a search was made for the little fellow. A relative located the baby in the bottom of the well and he was quickly brought to the top and first aid administered for some time in an effort to restore life. A physician rushed to the scene and did everything possible but soon pronounced the boy past human agency to help.

The death of the baby boy makes the fourth death of children in this family in recent years. Two small girls died in February, four years ago, from influenza, and one year later a boy died. Mr. and Mrs. Reese have lived at their present home for a number of years and are well known in Ballinger and surrounding country.

Funeral services were held at the family residence Friday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. C. P. Jones, pastor of the First Methodist Church, officiating. Interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery.

Besides the parents, four brothers and one sister survive. A sister, Mrs. Deliah Jones discovered the drowned baby. Two brothers, Clinton and Luther live here with their parents. Curtis Reese lives in Houston and Eldon Reese is serving in the United States navy.

King-Holt Company undertakers were in charge of arrangements.

Dates for Inspection Of Rural Schools Set

County Superintendent R. E. White has received word of the visit to this county of the rural supervisor on March 2. The inspection of the schools will be continued until March 10 when the supervisor will go to another county.

Mr. White has addressed a letter to all schools of the county giving the date of the visit to each district and requesting that all trustees be present to meet the supervisor. Good attendance of pupils is desired and also all patrons interested are invited to be present. The inspection is for state aid purposes. In his letter Mr. White urges that school grounds be cleaned, buildings put in first class condition, that teachers have libraries in shape and text books arranged for a quick and satisfactory examination. Teachers are notified that if their certificates have not been recorded to have same in the school room on that date.

A schedule has been arranged so that the best possible time can be made. P. L. Stone, the state inspector, will be accompanied by Supt. White.

Following is a schedule giving the day and time the inspector will arrive at each school: Wednesday, March 2—

9:00 a. m., Baldwin; 10:00 a. m., Drasco; 11:30, Pumphrey. Noon, J. H. Mitchell.

1:30 p. m., Wingate; 3:00 p. m., Mazeland. Thursday, March 3—

9:00 a. m., Runnels; 10:00 a. m., Hatchel; 11:00 a. m., Franklin. Noon, Winters.

1:30 p. m., Cochran; 2:30 p. m., Poe; 3:30 p. m., Independence. Friday, March 4—

9:00 a. m., Dale Mexican; 10:00 a. m., Dale; 11:00 a. m., Victory. Noon, H. E. White.

1:30 p. m., Harmony; 2:30 p. m., Eagle Branch; 3:30 p. m., Blanton.

Monday, March 7—

9:00 a. m., Hagan; 10:00 a. m., Barnett; 11:00 p. m., North Norton.

Noon, Norton. 1:30 p. m., North Norton; 2:30 p. m., Oak Creek; 3:30 p. m., Marie.

Tuesday, March 8—

9:00 a. m., Dry Ridge; 10:00 a. m., Bethel. Noon, Bethel.

1:00 p. m., Olfin; 2:00 p. m., Groenwald; 3:00 p. m., Sweet Home.

Wednesday, March 9—

9:00 a. m., Sprng Hill; 10:00 a. m., Cross Roads; 11:00 a. m., Red Bank.

Noon, C. H. Ray. 1:00 p. m., Bell; 2:00 p. m., Brookshier; 3:00 p. m., Maverick.

Thursday, March 10—

9:00 a. m., Herring; 10:00 a. m., Crews. Noon, Content.

1:00 p. m., Content.

NIGHT CRAWLERS CONTINUE TO WORK

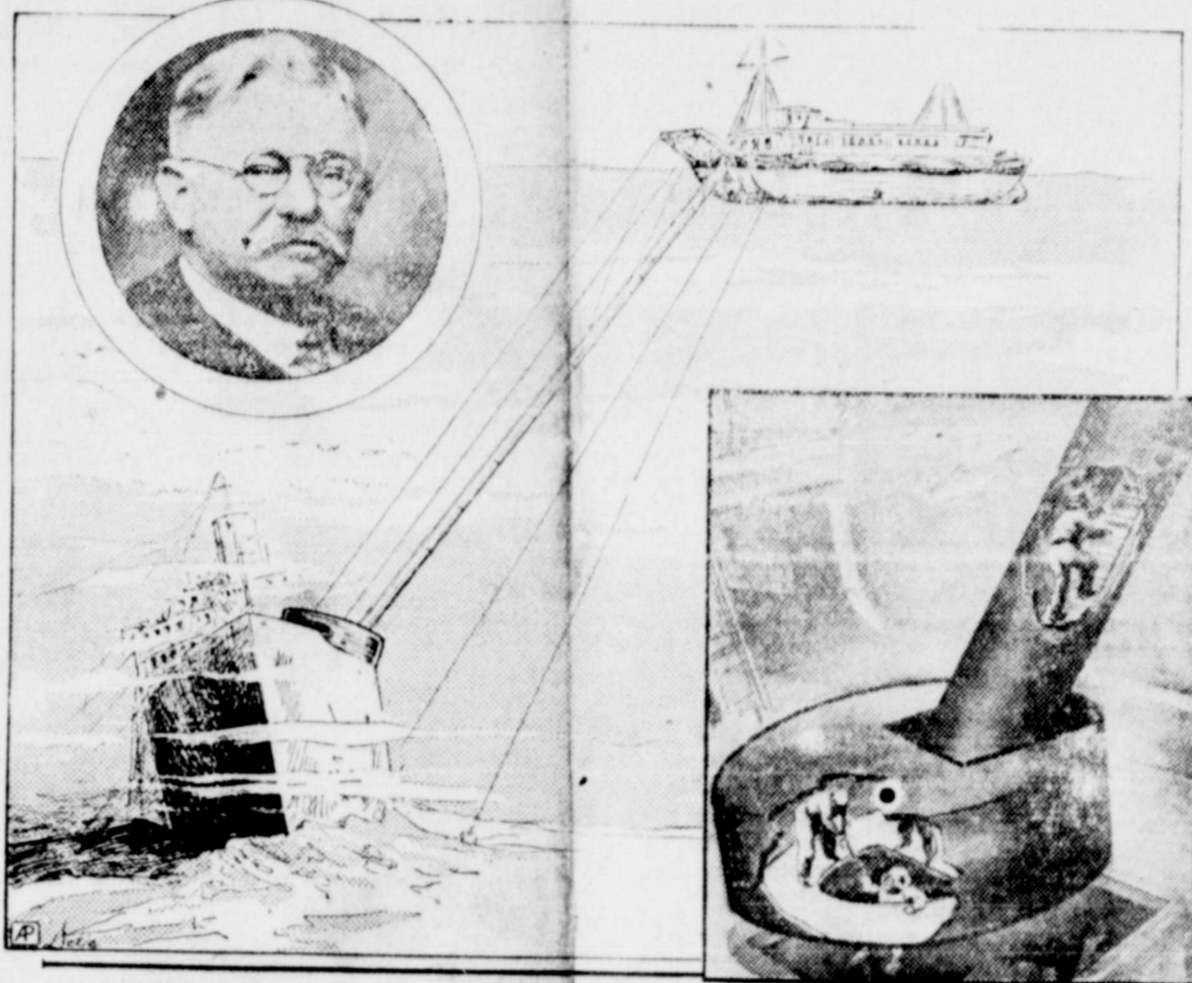
Chief of Police Lee Moreland stated Monday that night prowling was continuing here and that Sunday night W. F. Mason lost four easings and two wheels from a trailer at his gin. Other calls were received where prowlers were seen. One woman reported the loss of laundry and some dry goods Saturday night. These articles were taken from her car parked in front of Moore Produce Company on Ninth Street. Extra patrolmen have been employed by the police department to watch for suspicious characters in the vicinity of private grounds.

LOCAL PISTOL TEAM SHOOTS AT ANGELO

Several members of the Ballinger pistol team went to San Angelo Sunday afternoon for an unofficial match with the San Angelo shooters. Billy Cordill of the Ballinger team was high score man with a 94, Dr. A. Brown of San Angelo was second with a 92, and L. C. Daugherty of Ballinger was third with an 86. No score was kept for team shooting.

Mr. Cordill, press agent for the local club, stated Monday that a number of contests were being arranged for the Ballinger team and dates would be announced shortly.

Work of Salvaging Lusitania Treasures To Prelude Attempts at Underseas "Harvest"



With equipment designed by Simon Lake (upper left) an expedition will attempt to salvage treasures from the sunken liner Lusitania off the coast Ireland. Divers will descend from a ship on the ocean surface to the sunken vessel through a steel tube and then work from a diving compartment in an observation chamber. Sketches show how it is planned to use the equipment.

(By Associated Press)

MILFORD, Conn., Feb. 29.—Efforts of Simon Lake, submarine builder, to salvage the contents of the sunken liner Lusitania this winter will be the first of a series of endeavors to prove that exploring the sea bottom is commercially profitable.

With apparatus Lake invented before the world war, during which the Lusitania was torpedoed off the coast of Ireland, an expedition will try to reach the submerged vessel and recover articles of historical interest and intrinsic value.

The equipment, consisting of a long steel tube and an observation chamber to be lowered from a surface boat, is under construction in Great Britain.

Lake's plan is that divers will descend a stairway in the tube, and from a diving compartment in the observation chamber reach the decks of the Lusitania. Air pressure will keep water out of the chamber.

The Lusitania is believed to be resting in about 240 feet of water. Although Lake has never used his equipment at such a depth, he believes the same principles can be applied, with an extension of the tube the only major change.

Recovery of bullion and other

articles from sunken vessels is only one phase of commercial undersea work which the aged inventor is planning.

He is building a snubnose, 22-foot submarine at Bridgeport which he says will be used in "recovering the natural products of the sea."

Systematic dredging of oysters, clams and other shellfish, as well as pearl and sponge fishing, is one of the projects for which the craft is devised.

"Nine million square miles are under water of a depth of 300 feet or less," Lake said. "Much of this territory is richer than land in resources."

The stubby mass of metal, about seven feet high and six feet wide, will hold four men. It is equipped with wheels so that it can roll over the ocean bottom, but at the same time has the general properties of a submarine.

Electric current for a surface ship will furnish it power.

The hull of the submarine is nearing completion, but the machinery has not been installed. Experimental work will be carried on in Long Island Sound near Bridgeport, after which—possibly in two months—the inventor plans to take the submarine to

K. of C. Plans for 50th Anniversary To Start Cemetery Improvements Soon

The golden anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Columbus will be celebrated over the entire nation this year on March 29, with all councils taking part in the event. The Bishop Forrest Council will hold a celebration at Rowena with the Rowena and Offen parishes invited.

Demonstrations also will be held at San Angelo, Abilene, Big Spring and other towns in this section to commemorate the founding of the order. On Tuesday evening at 10:30 (EST), March 29, over a nation-wide hook-up, a program will be presented by Knights of Columbus leaders.

The organization was founded in 1882 by Father McGivner in New Haven, Connecticut. He saw the need of an organization of laymen and inaugurated the movement which has been so successful for fifty years. For its 50th anniversary year the order has a goal of 50,000 new members. The programs will come to a climax in August at the supreme convention in Washington, D. C. The principles of the order are charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

During the past two years the K. C. has done much to relieve suffering of the unemployed. About 100 men were given employment at San Angelo last year. The order is composed of the supreme council, board of directors, 61 state councils and 2,565 subordinate councils.

H. J. Zappe, of Ballinger, district deputy, will take an active

Officers of the Ballinger Cemetery Association are preparing to start improvements at Evergreen Cemetery within a few days. One of the first projects will be the laying of 1,500 feet of new two-inch water pipe in the new section of the grounds and replacing some small mains with larger ones in the old section.

As soon as the water extensions are made about 100 new trees will be planted in the section recently opened. The trees are already on hand, have been heeled out and are growing nicely. The officers will look after other minor improvements at the cemetery and begin putting trees, shrubs and flowers in shape for the spring and summer.

E. Shepperd, president of the association stated that taxes were being paid fairly well by lot owners and that it was due to this loyalty that the improvements could be made.

W. A. Stroman, of San Angelo, was in Ballinger Monday looking after business and meeting the voters of Runnels county in the interest of his race for district attorney of the 119th district.

Leland Alton, of San Angelo, transacted business in Ballinger Saturday.

E. E. King has returned to his business after being down with the "flu" for over a week.

part in the programs of the order this year.

Teachers to Meet in San Angelo April 8-9

Pistol Contest Won By Breckenridge

The annual meeting of the Mid-Texas Teachers' Association will be held in San Angelo on April 8 and 9 and that city is expecting to entertain approximately 1,500 teachers during the two days. Practically all schools in this section of the state will be given a holiday Friday, April 8, in order that all the teachers may attend the convention.

W. G. Barrett, of Comanche, president of the association, is sending much publicity on the meeting to the teachers and a complete program will be available within a short time. Included on this program will be some of the outstanding educators of the South. They include: Dr. T. D. Brooks, Baylor University, Waco; Dr. D. M. Wiggins, Simmons University, Abilene; Dr. Thomas Taylor, Howard Payne College, Brownwood; Dr. J. W. Hunt, McMurry College, Abilene; Dr. J. A. Hill, president of Texas State Teachers Association and president of West Texas State Teachers College, Canyon; R. T. Ellis, secretary of State Teachers College, Ft. Worth; and State Superintendent S. M. N. Marrs.

Twenty West Texas counties are represented in the Mid-Texas Teachers' Association, as follows: Brown, Callahan, Coke, Comanche, Coleman, Eastland, Erath, Hamilton, Lampasas, Mason, Mills, Menard, McCulloch, Nolan, Runnels, San Saba, Sterling, Taylor and Tom Green.

Ballinger teachers expect to attend the meeting 100 per cent. Friday probably will be a holiday for the local schools. Supt. H. C. Lyon, of Ballinger, is chairman of the committee on educational progress within the state, and will also appear on the program for an address.

The last meeting of the association was held in Brady last spring and prior to that Ballinger entertained the organization, more than 700 attending the sessions here.

The Breckenridge pistol team proved too much for the Ballinger shooters and won a contest here on Thursday afternoon by the score of 477 to 430. The visitors arrived here Thursday morning, immediately going to the practice grounds and firing a round to acquaint themselves with the targets and surroundings and were ready for the match later in the day. They were guests of the local team at noon luncheon served at the City Cafe.

A large crowd was present in the afternoon to witness the shoot and although the Ballinger team met its first defeat the score showed that it lost by only a narrow margin and to an expert team.

In the match shooting, Hughes, of Breckenridge, and Hill, of Ballinger, were high score men. In shooting for individual honors Hughes shot 98 out of a possible 100, setting a new record for the local target range. A \$10 gold-piece was awarded the winning team and a radio lamp to Mr. Hughes for individual honors. Sheriff W. A. Holt, captain of the Ballinger team, received a red necktie as booby prize.

Individual scores in the contest were: for Breckenridge—Freezeland 91, Brown 86, Hughes 94, Hicks 94, Hooker 82, and Lucy 79; Ballinger—Holt 64, Moreland 89, Greenwood 81, Hill 92, Daugherty 82, and Cordill 86.

Following the shoot the Ballinger pistol team held a meeting to elect officers. The following men were named: Roy Hill, president; W. A. Holt, captain; Lee Moreland, range master; L.

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Those who like to hunt are having plenty of opportunities to kill rabbits. Farmers are calling for help to rid the county of these pests...

One of the mildest winters in the history of this section seems to be passing. Hardly a freeze of consequence has occurred and in some yards here rose-bushes have bloomed...

Recent warm days are likely to bring on that "disease" known as "spring fever" which is common every year when cold weather departs...

In Kimble county the services of the county agent were dispensed with some time ago but citizens of Junction realizing the great need...

AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

For the School—That the child's major activity from the earliest years thru at least the seventh year shall be directed toward laying the foundations for lifelong education and growth.

taking part will acquire a sense of neighborhood responsibility and cooperation.

For the State—A more unified and vigorous management of its whole educational enterprise so that all children will receive fair consideration.

For the Federal Government—The reorganization of its educational activities so that there shall be a great enlargement of research and a wiser coordination of federal financial aid to strengthen especially the elementary school.

For All Child-Helping Agencies—A unification and coordination of activities to make sure that no child is overlooked.

For the Teacher—A longer period of training; at least four years beyond the four-year high school, with special training to meet specific needs...

For the School Principal—A larger training and responsibility which will make him in a genuine sense an intellectual and civic leader of his community.

For the Superintendent of Schools—A more generous public support so that his main energies may be spent in planning the educational program rather than in efforts to get money with which to keep the schools in operation.

For the Curriculum—A restatement of education in terms of activity rather than knowledge; the elimination of deadwood; the addition of living and prophetic elements such as are implied in the seven objectives of education...

For Teacher Training—A much closer coordination of the colleges for the education of teachers with the schools themselves, including a sustained period of interne training.

For Education Associations—A sustained campaign to interpret to the public the meaning of education in the child's life.

For the Financing of Education—A reorganization of the taxing system so that some of the burden will be shifted from property to income, sales, and inheritances with a greater contribution from state and national sources.

For Parent-Teacher Associations—A program of parent education which will see that the efforts of home and school are closely coordinated in the interests of the child.

For Children's Clubs—A coordination of activities so that all children will be provided for, and so that these clubs will unify rather than divide childhood.

For Radio—The reservation of special channels for schools so that the radio may become as much a part of the educational activities of youth as the textbook or the blackboard.

For Films and Talks—The development of teaching units on a scale so vast that this part of the industry rather than entertainment will be its major base.

For Employers—The development of ways of recording from month to month their occupational needs and of estimating such needs sufficiently in advance to suggest to the schools the kind of training needed for vocations.

For Industry—A willingness to substitute adult for child labor so that children may be freed for schooling.

For Community Planning—The redesigning of communities so that homes, schools, playgrounds, and parks are efficiently organized and coordinated to contribute most to the wholesome growth of children.

For Civic Reform Movements—A speeding up of activities so that influences in the community which tear down character for selfish purposes may be weeded out or modified.

For Christian Democracy—A new consecration to the belief that every individual is an end in himself, worthy of the highest consideration and development.

The acceptance of this ideal precludes exploitation and oppression; implies affection and understanding; and substitutes intelligence...

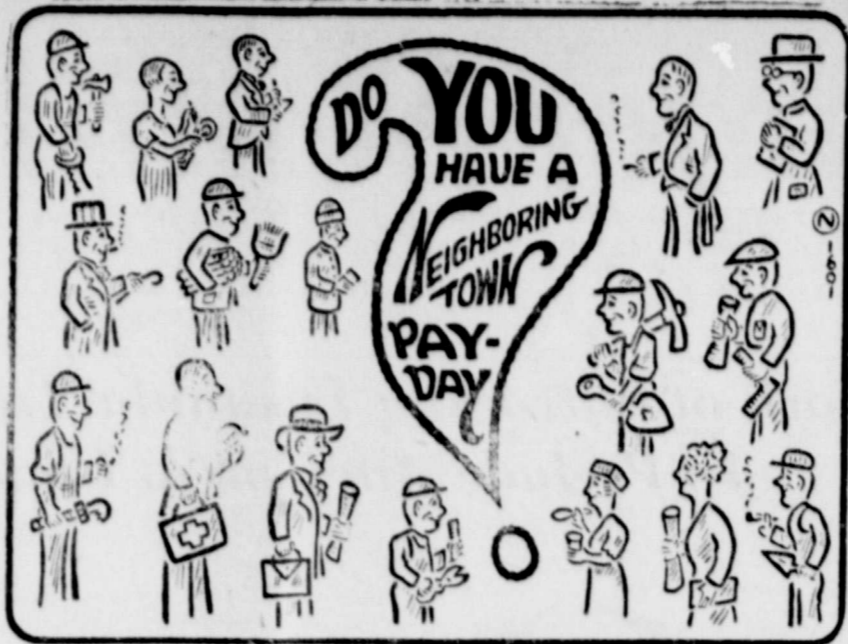
For the Community—The development of neighborhood and cultural life so that the child by

giving force as the main motive power of human life.

For World Civilization—A primary emphasis not on political or economic factors but upon culture as the integrating and peace-maintaining force of tomorrow—Editorial in N. E. A. Journal.

Notice

To My Friends: As spring is opening up and I am going to sell morning and evening newspapers, I solicit your patronage. I appreciate your help for the year I have been here. I will also have a good religious paper which I am sure you will appreciate. Clyde Johnson, Newsboy 1-11



Blue Laws 300 Years Ago

Everybody is saying that in the midst of things even then. America has too many laws; and sometimes, when we get to talking about it, we get "all het up" and say that we have too many "Blue Laws." We don't know what the Blue Laws were. Let's turn back to the "ordinances, statutes and council decrees" of the Colony of New Haven, now a part of Connecticut, as they were in 1631—just 300 years ago.

The injured woman was hurt a second time and died two hours later at a hospital. The driver of the automobile was arrested and was subsequently tried for manslaughter. A jury acquitted the defendant, maintaining that the accident was in part due to the negligence of the ambulance men who allowed the patient to remain in the street where she was struck down.

The Sunday blue laws began with this one: "No one shall shave or cut hair on the Sabbath Day." A companion law was: "Every male shall have his hair cut round, according to a cup." Other Sunday blue laws adjured: "No one shall travel, cook victuals, make beds or sweep on the Sabbath Day." No woman shall kiss her child on the Sabbath Day; "No one shall run on the Sabbath Day or walk in the garden or elsewhere except reverently to and from meeting."

The children were being looked after in the matter of education also, for a law said that "The selectmen, upon finding children ignorant, may take them from their parents, and may put them into better hands at the expense of their parents." No minister was allowed to keep a school.

Being deprived of performing marriages and teaching school, the minister was cared for by this law: "Every rateable person who refuses to pay his portion to the minister of the town or four pounds every quarter until he or she shall pay the rate." That law indicates that the women were

Divorce was unheard of, and separation was not tolerated, for a law specified: "Married people shall live together or be imprisoned," however, living together by law did not bring general peace, as is revealed in this law: "A man who strikes his wife shall be fined ten pounds, and a woman who strikes her husband shall be punished as the court directs."

Pleasure and entertainment were taboo, and one wonders what the people did in their leisure time—if any. A law stated: "No one shall dance, play cards or play on any instrument save the drum, the trumpet or the Jew's harp."

The buying and selling of one's property was restricted thus: "No one shall buy or sell without the permission of the selectman, and a drunkard shall have a master appointed to debar him from the liberty of buying and selling."

Notice of Trustee's Sale WHEREAS, on the 1st day of March, 1924, Neva J. Blair (a feme sole) executed a deed of trust conveying to W. N. Tolleson as Trustee, the Real Estate hereinafter described, to secure Security Mortgage Company of Texas, Kansas, Arkansas, in the payment of a debt therein described, said deed of trust being recorded in Volume 22, Page 598 in the Deed of Trust Records of Runnels County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Default has occurred in the payment of said indebtedness, and same is now wholly due, and the owner and holder of said debt has requested the undersigned (as substitute Trustee) to sell said property to satisfy said indebtedness, and NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday,

April the 5th, 1932, between ten o'clock a. m. and four o'clock p. m., I will sell said Real Estate at the door of the County Court House in Runnels County, Texas, to the highest bidder for cash.

Said Real Estate is described as follows: In the County of Runnels, State of Texas: Being all of Block No. 22, a subdivision of Thomas M. Fowler Survey No. 440, Abstract No. 177, Certificate No. 284-383, Patent 735, Volume 12, described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a stone set 50 feet north and 923 varas west of the original southeast corner of said Fowler survey, same being 50 feet north of the northeast corner of the T. M. Fowler survey No. 439; Thence west 977 varas to a stone set 50 feet north of the south line of said Fowler survey for the southwest corner of this block; Thence north 984 varas to a stone, the southwest corner of block 19, and the northwest corner of this block; Thence east 977 varas to a stone the southeast corner of said block No. 19 and the northeast corner of this block; Thence south 984 varas to place of beginning, containing in the aggregate 170 acres of land more or less.

Witness my hand this 24th day of February, 1932.

H. M. McIVER, Substitute Trustee. 3t-1-8-15

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For State Representative, 92nd District: H. O. JONES, G. Y. LEE. For District Attorney: W. A. STROMAN. For County Judge: PAUL TRIMMER, J. N. KEY, VICTOR MILLER. For Sheriff: W. A. HOLT, W. S. (Bill) BYARS. For County Attorney: ROY L. HILL. For Tax Collector: W. A. FORGEY. For Tax Assessor: MIKE C. BOYD, JESSE SMITH. For County Clerk: MRS. LYNNIE HARRIS, S. H. DAUGHERTY, A. J. (Dick) THORP, W. W. (Bill) CHASTAIN, TOM CAUDLE. For District Clerk: GEORGIA SINGLETARY. For County Treasurer: MRS. JENNIE KIRK. For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1: CARL WILSON, B. W. PILCHER. For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1: CLYDE CHAPMAN, T. J. PARRISH, L. C. TOMLINSON, M. B. WARDLAW. For Cotton Weigher, Precinct No. 1: PAT TILLERY, T. M. MARSH. For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3: J. D. SMITH, H. B. POE. For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4: R. A. PERRY.

SOUTH DAKOTA PHEASANT OUTWITS HUNTERS 19 YEARS

WATERTOWN, S. D., Feb. 29.—One of the original pheasants released in South Dakota 19 years ago—from which the state's present millions have come—is still alive.

The pheasant, a cock, was found during a recent snowstorm and is being cared for by Frank Bramble, who maintains a home here for crippled birds.

The fowl bore a leg band showing it was one of 200 brought here in 1913 from Poughkeepsie, N. Y. It bore no injuries or bullet scars, and Bramble expressed the opinion it had "learned to duck."

CENTRAL HOTEL UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Mrs. J. W. Gosnell, of Mason, arrived here last week-end and assumed the management of the Central Hotel Monday morning. Mrs. Gosnell is experienced in the hotel business having successfully operated hostleries for the past twenty years. She will also operate the hotel's coffee shop.

The lease was signed Monday morning by Mrs. Gosnell and the owner of the hotel. No changes



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in operation plans were announced.

Eugene Mathis, of San Angelo, district attorney, was here Monday attending to official duties in 19th district court.

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