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District Trustee Elections Bring Out Heavy Vote

Only a few school districts in Runnels county had made reports on trustee elections to the office of County Superintendent R. E. White here Tuesday morning. All the elections were held last Saturday, heavy votes being recorded in most districts. Practically every voting box showed a larger number of votes polled this year than last, even though there were few contests for places.

It appeared certain that all members of the county board of education had been reelected. E. E. King, trustee-at-large received every vote in all reporting and was almost certain to be named for another term. S. D. Williams received all votes in commissioner's precinct No. 1 and C. H. Ray received all votes with the exception of one in precinct No. 4. Hold-overs on the county board are Duncan Hensley, precinct No. 3, and W. L. Gardner, precinct No. 2.

The following reports had been received here:

Victory
H. F. Mills was elected and will serve with the hold-overs, J. H. Hagar and H. E. White.

Brookshier
Jack Martin elected; hold-overs, R. E. Wolber and W. H. Cottrill.

Barnett
Doc Camp elected; hold-overs, A. W. Tyree and C. L. Howell.

Maverick
Emil Seipp reelected; hold-overs, J. W. Borders and Renza Lee.

Gruenwald
R. A. Dornhoeffer reelected; hold-overs, Jerry Ripple and Joe Bubenik.

Runnels
J. E. Fowler and Gus Nunn reelected; hold-over, Kimbal Wood.

Blanton
H. B. Fowler re-elected; hold-overs, J. S. Flanagan and A. W. Malone.

Hatchel
Key Williams elected; hold-overs, W. S. Bales and G. A. Henniger.

Millar
P. A. Pullin re-elected; Altus Stokes elected; R. E. Kelly hold-over.

Mann
Luther Smith elected; hold-overs, Frank Hale and J. H. Henderson.

BALLINGER WOMEN ATTEND P.-T. A. CONFERENCE

A number of Ballinger women attended the Parent-Teacher Association conference at San Angelo Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. Those attending from here, representing the pre-school P.-T. A., were: Mmes. F. Wade, J. H. Endicott, J. B. Striplin, Rothal O'Kelly, W. A. Green, R. A. Smith and Joe Simmons. Mmes. Paul Trimmer, E. C. Baskin, and F. D. McCoy were delegates from the other P.-T. A. organization here.

Mrs. Joe Simmons, a vice-president of the sixth district, presided at the health meeting, and Miss Addie Alexander, Runnels county health nurse, appeared on the program, reporting on public health service in this county which was one of the best at the meeting.

The Runnels county council will convene at 2:30 Saturday, April 23, in the Miles high school auditorium. Mrs. J. H. Herndon, of Miles, president of the county council, urges representation from every P.-T. A. unit in the county.

PAINT ROCK MARKSMEN SHOOT HERE FRIDAY

J. M. Patton, H. H. Ratchford and Sheriff Willie Warren of Concho county were here Friday afternoon to practice pistol shooting on the local range with the Ballinger team. The Paint Rock visitors brought their own guns and each shot a good score. They plan the organization of a team at Paint Rock and will meet the local team later in a match.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Weathersby and daughter, Miss Wilma, left Monday for Phoenix, Arizona and Long Beach, California. After a brief visit with Mr. Weathersby's mother at Phoenix they will go on to Long Beach to spend the summer with Miss Maurine Weathersby and Durwood Weathersby.

San Angelo Winner Of Play Tourney

The San Angelo high school players were declared winners of the one-act play tournament held here Saturday afternoon and night in the high school auditorium with six high schools in this district competing. Midland won second and Ballinger third place.

Good attendance was had at the three plays presented in the afternoon and a much larger audience greeted the three casts in the evening. As a result of the tournament held here the San Angelo cast will go to Abilene to take part in the regional contest, with the winner there going to the state finals.

The San Angelo cast presented "Her Country," Hugh Steger, of San Angelo was awarded first place for the best boy player taking part in the contest and his support from other members of the cast was extremely good.

Miss Annie Faye Dunagan, of Midland, won first place among girl players. Second place for girls was awarded Miss Mary Elizabeth Stockton, and third place to Miss Nora May Hodges, of Mertzon. The second place boy was Vann Mitchell, of Midland, while Leland McWilliams, of Ballinger, and Ed Watts, of Midland, tied for third place.

E. R. Sublett, of Ballinger, was in charge of the tournament and A. F. Ligon directed the local players.

NINE MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED HERE IN MARCH

County Clerk Clarence West issued nine marriage licenses during March. This was an increase over the previous month when only seven were issued from the office but was a big decrease from December and January when permits to wed averaged almost one per day.

Those receiving licenses last month were:

L. D. Lewis and Margaret Barnhill.
Wayland L. Kellermeier and Florence Steinbach.
Elijah D. Jones and Helen Rhodes.
G. H. Poor and Pettus Pollard.
Noel Janvier and Anna Mueller.
W. H. Good and Eula Mae Bryan.
O. J. Hagar and Fay Roberts.
T. J. Lyles and Stella Burselson.

Walker-Smith Co. Robbed of Tobacco

The Walker-Smith Company, wholesale grocery was robbed Friday night of approximately \$150 worth of tobacco. The robbers forced their way into the building by breaking through the front door and thereby gaining admission to the storage warehouse. Items missed included 20 boxes of cigars, about 15,000 cigarettes and six cases of smoking tobacco.

The robbery was discovered early Saturday morning when an employee of the firm went to the office and found the front door open. This was thought to have been several hours after the robbery. Few clues were found by the officers.

This is the third time within the last eight months that the Walker-Smith Company house here has been robbed. Each time the loot was mostly cigarettes and tobacco.

Mrs. A. F. Wood, of Athens, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neff over the week-end. Mrs. Wood is state president of the Parent-Teacher Association.

H. H. Jackson, of Coleman, attended to business in Ballinger Monday. Mr. Jackson is publisher of the Coleman Democrat-Voice.

Miss Vivian Pardue, of Chondrant, La., spent the week-end here with her sister, Mrs. Sterling Prince.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce went to Abilene Sunday afternoon to visit friends.

200 Attend Lions Banquet Thursday

Lions from San Angelo, Menard, Brownwood, Coleman, Winters, Big Spring and Ballinger with their ladies assembled Thursday evening at the Central Hotel for an inter-city meeting. The affair was colorful in every respect, a program that thoroughly delighted the audience being presented by the San Angelo members in which the famous Lions Band, international entertainers, were featured.

Guests who assembled in the hotel lobby shortly before 8 p. m. became worried about the few Ballinger members there to welcome them. The time for the serving of the menu arrived and R. W. Earnshaw, the only Ballinger member present, escorted the visitors into the dining room and made a short apology for the local Lions not being present. At this point, however, the Ballingerites entered the back door as a pre-April fool joke.

President R. E. Bruce of the Ballinger club called the meeting to order and after a brief welcome turned the meeting over to L. B. Horton, of San Angelo. With preliminaries out of the way the assembly representing several cities became acquainted and started the evening of fun.

At the conclusion of the meal an unexpected speaker was called upon for the real welcome address of the evening. The duty was assigned to Tom Posey, a Brownwood Lion, self styled "mayor of Rickey," a non-existent town. Hub Deal of the board of city development expressed the appreciation of the San Angelo visitors.

The Lions Band offered a program of western songs and music and were recalled time and again. Mrs. Mims J. Jackson rendered two beautiful solos and was forced to sing a third number. She was accompanied by Mrs. C. B. Beall on the piano. An announcement was made that an open house meeting would be held at San Angelo in the near future to which all Lions in this section are invited. The meeting adjourned at 10 o'clock.

CREWS MAN IS TRIED HERE FOR INSANITY

O. B. Northcutt was brought here late Thursday afternoon from the home of his nephew near Crews and placed in confinement until Friday when he was tried for insanity. Sheriff W. A. Holt brought Northcutt here from Crews after being called there Thursday.

Northcutt is alleged to have evaded all who tried to come near him during the day and was armed with a pistol. Sheriff Holt managed to disarm him and brought him here where he was adjudged insane by a jury Friday afternoon. He has been taken to Austin, where he will be placed in a state institution.

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Commencement Speaker Selected

Hon. Coke Stevenson of Junction has accepted an invitation to address the Ballinger high school senior class at the commencement program here in May. Supt. H. C. Lyon received a letter this week from Mr. Stevenson stating that he would be glad to visit Ballinger at that time and speak to the graduates.

Mr. Stevenson is no stranger to Ballinger, having spoken here at a chamber of commerce banquet several years ago and having visited here on other occasions. He is a member of the state legislature and a prominent ranchman of the Junction country. He is an orator of exceptional ability and local school authorities feel indeed gratified to have him address the class.

The program will be held on the evening of May 20 in the auditorium of the high school and will be the last program in connection with the closing of school. Following the address by Mr. Stevenson, more than 60 seniors will receive diplomas.

Seniors will mail more than 2,000 invitations to their friends urging them to attend programs in connection with graduation. The school will also add to these a statement inviting the general public to be present at all programs which will be presented free.

Clean-Up Campaign Makes Good Start

Clean-up Week started in earnest in Ballinger Monday morning and many citizens are co-operating in the movement. Inspections made the latter part of last week showed that many did not wait until April 4 to begin but had already thoroughly cleaned their places and placed trash in containers in the alleys for city wagons to haul off.

Mayor W. C. McCarver stated Monday morning that he was very pleased with the start made here and appreciated the response of citizens to the national movement.

City wagons will begin hauling off the trash free Thursday morning. Those who have trash in containers not too large for two men to load will receive this free service. The wagons will start picking up on Third Street and no section will be covered out one time. No loose trash will be loaded, it must be in a container.

Inspections by the chief of police and local firemen will be in different sections of the city every day this week. A close tab will be kept on the work, especially on places where no effort has been made to improve conditions.

There are a number of lots near the business district that need cleaning. These places are eye sores and ruin the appearance of nearby property that has been cleaned. City officials hope it will not be necessary to ask owners to attend to their property and that everyone will enter into the clean-up drive on his own account.

Fire department officials will inspect more for fire hazards than for ugly, dirty spots. Accumulation of trash practically always causes danger of fire and the local firemen have adopted the policy of fighting fire before it starts. When a hazard is found the property owner will be notified and it will then be up to him whether corrected or not.

The city has done its full share in this movement. Streets and alleys have been cleaned and city lots and property used by it has been cleaned thoroughly. Streets are perhaps in the best condition in years with good grades on each. The hauling of trash free is just one other service offered by the city to induce residents to clean up their yards, garages and homes.

Red Cross Flour For Needy Only

Frank C. Dickey, chairman of the Runnels county Red Cross organization, stated Monday that many had misunderstood the announcement regarding the Red Cross flour now being distributed in this county. Officials in charge of the distribution wish it known that the flour is to be given only to families in destitute circumstances. "Destitute circumstances" are described by officials as being without the necessities of life and also without means of securing food. Only in rare instances are families who own property eligible to aid from this source and those who can secure seed loans are declared out of line to share in this emergency aid.

"It seems that some have the opinion that the flour will be donated to anyone without reference to his circumstances," said Mr. Dickey.

The flour arrived here the past week-end and was unloaded and stored in local grocery stores. Twenty thousand pounds were sent to Winters, 10,000 to Miles, 10,000 to Rowena, and 20,000 retained in Ballinger. The amounts shown above will be distributed from the towns named and committees have been appointed in each community to issue the flour.

The chairman stated further that persons who know they are not eligible will do Red Cross officials a favor if they will not take up their time seeking this food. The requirements from headquarters are that only destitute families be helped and this rule will be strictly observed.

J. W. Powell, who was confined to his home for several days last week with an attack of influenza, is able to be back mingling with his friends downtown.

Tom Posey, of Brownwood, attended to business in Ballinger Friday.

Four New School Trustees Elected

Citizens went to the polls here in large numbers Saturday to cast ballots in the school trustee election. A total of 467 votes was polled and it required until 9 o'clock Saturday night before the election clerks could complete a tabulation of the votes and make an announcement of the winners.

The final count gave Earl Morley 307 votes, Grady Stokes 290, E. A. Jeanes 286, August Vogelsang 235, H. G. Jones 168, G. P. Teague 166, Ross Murchison 162, and O. K. Jacob 143. New members of the board for the ensuing year, Morley, Stokes, Vogelsang and Jeanes, will take their places Tuesday night of this week at which time the four new trustees and the three hold-overs will complete the organization and attend to other business necessary.

G. P. Teague, Henry Jones and Lee Butler will retire from the board at this time and the vacancy created by the recent resignation of Harry Lynn will be filled by a new member. Butler was not a candidate for trustee in the recent election.

With the closing of school only a little more than a month distant there will be many items of business for the board to attend to before that time. As soon as the new members acquaint themselves with the business of the schools, teachers for next year will be elected, the budget agreed on, and other matters taken up.

The four new members of the board have all lived here for a number of years and have a personal interest in the school system. They are successful business men and are thoroughly capable of operating the system on a sound and practical basis. Members have expressed the hope that they might have the full cooperation of the parents and thereby be better able to know the desires of the citizens in this district.

SAN ANGELO COUPLE HURT IN WRECK SUNDAY NIGHT

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hill, of San Angelo, were badly lacerated and bruised Sunday night when the Chrysler coupe in which they were riding collided with a truck, four miles east of San Angelo. Sheriff and Mrs. W. A. Holt witnessed the crash and were the first to reach the injured people after the accident.

The Hill automobile collided with the rear of a carnival truck parked on the side of the highway. The truck, belonging to the T. J. Tidwell Shows, was loaded with carnival properties. The front of the coupe was stripped, the windshield broken, and the engine and wheels smashed. Mr. and Mrs. Hill were taken to San Angelo for treatment when removed from the wreckage.

Mr. Hill is a brother of George Hill, editor of the Winters Enterprise, and is manager of the Hicks Rubber Company store at San Angelo.

32 Farmers Apply For Federal Loans

The county committee handling loans on the federal appropriation for feed, seed and fuel, want farmers to know that April 30 is the last date applications may be made. All those desiring to secure loans from this fund must have their applications approved and in the local office by that date or they will be too late to qualify for this aid.

So far this year thirty-two farmers have made application for government loans. These application will average about \$125 each which is a considerably smaller average than last year's. The total is about one-tenth of the total amount loaned in this county last spring when approximately \$40,000 was borrowed.

All loans bear 5 1/2 per cent interest and notes will be due on November 30. In case they are paid off before that date the borrower will receive a refund.

Applications at Ballinger are being received by Wm. Doose at the Doose real estate office and any farmer desiring information on the subject should call at this office. There will positively be no loans made or applications received which are not approved by community committees and in the local office on April 30. The office here will close on that date.

Gardens, Pantries and Quilting Projects Now Before Club Women

Enumerations for Rural Schools Less

A few schools in the county have still not made their final census reports to the office of the county superintendent at Ballinger. Those reporting indicate that there will be a slight decrease in the common and perhaps in the independent districts this year. Four independent districts making reports show two reporting gains and two showing slight losses. Two others, Miles and Winters, are yet to be heard from. A telephone call to Supt. A. H. Smith at Winters Monday brought the information that a complete tabulation would not be ready there before the latter part of this week.

Thirty-seven rural districts have made final reports and only two small districts are yet to be heard from. No change is expected in the Bell and Williams Springs districts which have not sent in reports. Estimating them the same as last year will make the total rural scholastic census this year 2,986 against 3,002 for last year. This would be a loss of 16 for the 39 districts, which is very small. Williams Springs last year had 24 and Bell 34 scholastics.

Norton showed a gain this year, its report showing 179 scholastics in that independent district against 167 for one year ago.

Wingate showed a slight loss, reporting 186 this year against 207 for 1931.

Rowena also reported a loss this year with 206 against 227 last year.

The Ballinger district so far has shown the greatest gain of any district in the county. In 1931 the total here was 1,102 and already A. F. Brock, census enumerator, has tabulated 1,135, and expects to enumerate 1,140 before making his final report. He stated Tuesday that there were a few more he had heard of in the district but had not been able to enumerate. If Miles and Winters show gains there would be an increase for the county. No word has been received from Miles to indicate what the number will be there.

Jurors Summoned For Special Court

A special session of 119th district court will open here Monday morning with Judge J. F. Sutton, of San Angelo, presiding. Cases in which Judge O. L. Parish is disqualified will be heard during the special term.

Eighteen civil cases are on the docket for trial and other cases may be disposed of at this term. Sheriff W. A. Holt Monday mailed cards to the following men who have been called for jury service next week: G. F. Edwards, O. F. Turk, Walter Lange, Dee Curry, Paul Hoense, Buford Smith, Fred Mapes, William Lisso, H. Calwell, Joe Rohmfeld, T. W. Blackwell, A. W. Hoelscher, W. M. Patterson, Willie Halfmann, J. L. Simmons, Fred Machotka, E. C. Pape, M. S. Lett, Claude Lee, Reese Jones, H. H. Henson, Tom Caudle, H. A. Baker, W. R. Gainaway, J. R. Mackey, Dan Eckert, A. B. Holliday, L. B. Elam, G. W. Cope, J. Milton Clayton, Chester Cherry, R. F. Meadows, E. J. Carroll, T. F. Gallus, J. M. Jennings and E. F. Krc.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hubbard, of San Antonio, and Miss Edna Cordell, of Sweetwater, spent the week-end here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cordell.

L. H. Fry left Tuesday for Santa Anna where he will be employed by the Santa Fe railroad. Mr. Fry had been here for a number of years, and recently was shipping clerk for the railroad. Mrs. Fry will join her husband in about two weeks.

Mrs. Dred Wood and daughter, Martha, of San Angelo, were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neff.

Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, county home demonstration agent, has mailed a large number of extension service pamphlets to garden and pantry demonstrators in this county. The pamphlets contain information that will be useful to those devoting their time to this particular type of club work.

Garden and pantry projects are demanding the attention of a large number of women in the county who are now preparing their budgets.

There are 17 garden demonstrators in the county this year and a large number of co-operators. The seventeen garden demonstrators already named and who have commenced activities are: Mrs. Frank Stallings, Miles; Mrs. John Batts, Bethel; Mrs. J. C. Reese, South Ballinger; Mrs. Percy Crimm, Hagan; Mrs. Clarence Lee, Maverick; Mrs. Joe Martin, North Norton; Mrs. Jasper Drake, Oak Creek; Mrs. R. O. Martin, Wingate; Mrs. Wade Colburn, Pumphrey; Mrs. Frank Dieke, Cochran; Mrs. Jim Eoff, Victory; Mrs. Sam Mathis, Content; Mrs. F. C. Ueckert, Dale; Mrs. Jones Taylor, Hatchel; Mrs. Ed Pape, Runnels; and Mrs. W. E. Cox, Benoit.

All the above and many co-operators started their gardens early and were heavy losers in the last freeze. Most of these have replanted and plants are up and growing. Mrs. Hollingsworth stated that 75 per cent of the gardeners had hot beds and a few have installed sub-irrigation systems. The agent stated that a number of co-operators in garden projects were making fine records and that all are expecting excellent results.

Fifteen demonstrators have been named in the pantry projects for this year and will can produce until the close of the contest in November. The demonstrators for this year are: Mrs. J. W. Keese, Hagan; Mrs. John McKown, Oak Creek; Mrs. G. W. Barrett, Wingate; Mrs. Lon Carville, Dale; Mrs. Leslie Alexander, Cochran; Mrs. J. W. Vinson, Victory; Mrs. Lois Moreland, Norton; Mrs. F. L. Loike, Bethel; Mrs. N. S. Wright, Miles; Mrs. Ira McNeil, North Norton; Mrs. V. E. Kelly, Benoit; Mrs. Frank Elliott, Maverick; Mrs. E. F. Miller, Pumphrey; Mrs. Henry Bright, Content; Mrs. Harvey Esmond, Hatchel; and Mrs. Frank Smith, Runnels.

Mrs. Dora R. Barnes, extension service clothing specialists will come here in May to conduct a clothing school. The school will be in session for two days, the exact date and place of which will be announced later. There are seventeen clothing demonstrators in the county and the final contest will be held July 9. The school will furnish instruction to the demonstrators and aid them to make their foundation patterns.

Mrs. Hollingsworth reports that many housewives of the county are quilting. This is true both in the rural communities and in the towns and many bed covers are being completed every week. Both ordinary and fancy patterns are being followed.

The Victory club is devoting its time each Tuesday to quilting. On regular club days members quilt in the morning and in the afternoon carry out their club programs. Menus are arranged and each woman attending furnishes one or two dishes for the community dinner. Thirty-odd women have been attending the meetings regularly.

The following score card for quilting contests as taken from the extension service is given:

Use and size of quilt, 5%
Selection of design, 15%
Selection of material, 15%
Selection of combination of colors, 10%
Construction of quilt, 30%
Quilting and design, 20%
Padding or wadding for quilt, 5%

E. A. Shepperd, of Winters, was in Ballinger Thursday afternoon visiting and attending to business.

Sim O'Neill, of Big Spring, transacted business and attended the Lions Club banquet here Thursday evening.

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Candidates are reaching their busy season and between now and the primary election in July many cards will be proffered with requests for support...

Dogs are being killed in Ballinger every day and owners are warned to secure dog tags at the city hall unless they want to lose their pets...

A number of West Texas towns are preparing for the baseball season and teams will begin flag races next week...

The cry for rain in this section is swelling. Grain crops are badly in need of moisture at this time and ranchmen declare that surface water has evaporated faster during the past several weeks than they ever saw before...

Forty-five Rannels county school districts have elected trustees for the ensuing year and officials are now ready to make up budgets and conform expenses to their incomes...

NURSE TELLS HOW TO SLEEP SOUND, STOP GAS... Nurse V. Fletcher says: "Stomach gas bloated me so bad I could not sleep. One spoonful Adlerika brought out all the gas and now I sleep well and feel fine."

"PLACE TO GET LOST" SPOT TO BE KEPT IN SMOKIES... (By Associated Press) KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Apr. 4.—Tourists who wish the thrill of being lost in primitive wilds are to be accommodated at Smoky Mountains national park.

Would Divide Great Salt Lake... SALT LAKE CITY, April 4.—Construction of three dykes totaling about 11 miles in length is advocated as a means of separating Great Salt Lake into two lakes...

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HOW'S your HEALTH



THE NERVOUS HEART—I

It is said that "ill blows the wind that profits nobody." The world war, though an "ill wind," did, however, profit us somewhat, and not the least in the advance of medical science.

Many branches in medicine, such as general surgery, sanitation, plastic surgery, and psychiatry, made great progress by virtue of the vast amount of extraordinary materials and opportunities presented by the war situation and casualties.

Our attention was focused especially on neurologic psychiatric disabilities which expressed themselves in the abnormal functioning of certain organs.

Shellshock, used generically, covered multitude of such conditions, though of course any number of men suffered from shell shock who were an ocean's width removed from exploding shells.

Furthermore, by virtue of the war experiences with such conditions, we were enabled better to appreciate similar abnormalities in the function of organs to be seen in civil life.

A fairly common form of abnormal organ function due to psychologic conditions is to be seen affecting the heart.

This condition is popularly called "nervous heart," and is technically designated as cardiac neurosis.

A cardiac neurosis is defined by Dr. Robert H. Halsey, president of the American Heart Association, as a disorder of the physiologic action or workings of the heart produced by an emotional reaction of the patient.

These disorders, for they may assume many forms, are not due to any discernible fault in the structure of the heart mechanism.

There is no actual heart disease present. The fault is in the manner of the heart's work, not in its structure.

MOVIES

Former Stage Hit Becomes Amusing Picture Drama... "This Reckless Age," the feature picture at the Palace Theatre for Wednesday and Thursday of this week, is Paramount's filmization of Lewis Beach's stage success "The Goose Hangs High."

Charles "Buddy" Rogers, Peggy Shannon, Richard Bennett, Charlie Ruggles, Frances Dee and Frances Starr play the featured roles, supported by a cast of exceptional talent. The screen play of "This Reckless Age" was prepared by Henry Myers. Frank Tuttle, director of "Dude Ranch," "It Pays to Advertise," "Sweetie" and others, directed production.

Rogers also played in "Working Girls," a recent release, while Miss Shannon completed four leading film roles in the past five months, "The Secret Call," "Silence," "The Road to Reno," and "Touchdown."

Thrills and Chills in Penthouse Mystery

A policeman listening in on a busy wire at the ground floor switchboard of an apartment house, rushes up to the penthouse, from the terrace of which a girl has just leaped to her death, and finds dying the man he just heard laughing over the phone. He has been shot, but there is no one to be found in the apartment except the victim's pet ape.

This is the thrilling start of "The Secret Witness" the Columbia picture based on Samuel Spewack's novel, "Murder in the Gilded Cage," and showing at the Palace Theatre Friday and Saturday. Una Merkel, William Collier, Jr., and ZaSu Pitts head the cast, which includes Purnell Pratt, Paul Hurst, June Clyde, Clyde Cook, Rita La Roy, Ralf Harolde and others.

The murdered man, Herbert Folsom, it develops at the investigation which is conducted immediately, had many enemies who had reasons for wishing him dead. There was his wife, for instance, who wanted her freedom so she could marry another. He found separation without divorce highly convenient to a man of his philandering habits, and refused. There was the brother of the girl who killed herself because Folsom could not marry her if he would. There was the thug he hired as a bodyguard and valet and framed for theft. And there was...

Una Merkel plays the role of a girl in a neighboring apartment who becomes part of the plot when William Collier, Jr., breaks into her apartment in trying to get away from the scene of the murder. Collier is arrested on circumstantial evidence, but the girl believes him innocent, and it is her intuition that guides her in finally solving the mystery. ZaSu Pitts has one of her usual comedy roles as the switchboard operator who couldn't keep a date with her boy friend because the excitement kept her on duty at the board. "The Secret Witness" promises to be one of the season's best thrillers.

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Band Concert Here Thursday Evening

The Ballinger Booster Band, under the direction of H. H. Carsey will offer a concert on the court house lawn Thursday evening, commencing at 8.15. This concert, of course, is contingent on the weather—in case of rain or freezing weather, no program—officials stated Tuesday.

A special feature of the concert will be a trombone solo, "Down on the Farm," played by Fred Wellhausen. Other popular and standard selections will be rendered.

SURF BOARD RIDER CONQUERS CHANNEL; WAVES RASP FEET

(By Associated Press)

FOLKESTONE, England, Apr. 4.—The English Channel has been crossed in an even dozen ways, now that a young Frenchman, Roger Tronquet, has surfboarded across.

Up to the time Tronquet did his water toboggan act, the channel had been crossed by balloon, hydrocycle, motorcycle, airplane, submarine, punt, canoe, glider, 11-foot dinghy, water skis and the ordinary channel steamer.

Tronquet's feet were bleeding from the constant wash of water across the board when he arrived here. It took about seven hours to make the crossing.

His only reason was that no one else had tried it.

Dumas—Construction of \$150,000 school building is progressing.

GANDHI COSTUME ADAPTED TO TOURISTS, EMERGENCY

(By Associated Press)

COLOMBO, Ceylon, April 4.—Gandhi's loincloth idea helped two European tourists out of difficulties here.

Leaving their boat for a game of golf they were caught in a sudden storm and soaked to the skin. They took their clothes to the club to dry, and then became worried for fear the ship would sail.

Wrapping big bath towels about them they burst into the astonished agent's office to learn



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the sailing time. "Why not?" one asked when the agent expressed some surprise at the costumes. "Gandhi walked into Buckingham palace in less."

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By Charles McManis

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Deaths

Richard Anderson
Richard Anderson, 47, one of Ballinger's best known colored men, died here Friday after a lingering illness. Anderson was known as a faithful worker by many in the city and surrounding country. He had lived here for the past 24 years, during that time serving as cook in several of the leading restaurants. In recent years he and his wife operated a small grocery store in the colored settlement here where they purchased a home.

The widow, Rowena Anderson, is the only immediate survivor. The funeral service was held Saturday afternoon at the A. M. E. Church with interment in the negro cemetery.

King-Holt Company undertakers were in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Mary Francis Ford

Mrs. Mary Francis Ford, 75 died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Dean in South Ballinger Saturday morning at 7 o'clock. Mrs. Ford had been here only a short while, being called to the bedside of her sister who died here last week. At the funeral service for her sister she developed a severe headache and became very ill Friday night, death following the next morning. For a number of years Mrs. Ford had made home with a daughter at Snyder.

Decedent is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Connie Clay, Snyder; and Mrs. Dollie Costello, LaRue, Texas; two sons, Able Ford, Hamilton; Otis Ford, LaRue; and a sister, Mrs. Jane Powell, Tyler.

The body was prepared for burial at the Higginbotham Funeral Home and returned to the Dean home, where it was held for a time and taken to LaRue where funeral rites were conducted Sunday evening at 4 o'clock. Higginbotham undertakers were in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Charles Lankford and baby returned to Abilene Saturday after visiting here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. L. L. Stoble has returned from Fort Worth where she spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Joe Fraser.

Be wise and advertise.

Juvenile Players In Request Show

Miss Edith Miller announced Monday that the third and last performance of "Sunny of Sunnyside" would be presented here Friday evening, April 15. This presentation of the operetta is in response to a large number of requests received by those taking part in the show. Miss Miller, the director, and parents of the child actors.

The two previous public presentations unfortunately were staged when a lightning made the weather bad for large crowds and many asked that another presentation be given after the weather became warmer and the house would be more comfortable. Two new specialties have been added to the production and will be offered between the acts.

Miss Miller has started rehearsals and keen interest is being shown by the juvenile stars. Announcement will be made later concerning ticket sales, prices, etc. The performance will be staged in American Legion Hall.

Arrangements have been made for broadcasting some of the songs and specialties over station KGLK, San Angelo. The exact hour for the broadcast will be announced later and citizens invited to listen in.

As before the Camp Fire Girls will sponsor the play and share in the receipts.

Notice of Certificate of Authority

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To whom it may concern:

Austin, Texas, March 21, 1932. This is to certify that American Central Life Insurance Company, Indianapolis, Indiana, has acceded to sworn statement compiled with the laws of Texas as conditions precedent to its doing business in this State, and I have issued to said company a Certificate of Authority from this office entitling it to do business in this State for the year ending February 28, 1933.

Given under my hand and my seal of office at Austin, Texas, the date first above written.

(SEAL)

W. A. TARVER,

Chairman of the Board.

5-12-19

MISS MADALENE KERLEY WEDS IN ARIZONA CITY

The following report in the Arizona Daily Star tells of the wedding of Miss Madalene Kerley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Kerley of this city. Miss Kerley has a host of friends in this city where she was reared to young womanhood. She attended the Ballinger high school and has been a member of the younger social set here.

BENSON, ARIZ., Mar. 29—The marriage of Miss Madalene Kerley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Kerley, of Ballinger, Texas, to Edwin Misenhimer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Misenhimer, of Benson, was solemnized Easter Sunday at the rectory of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Benson, with Rev. J. B. Duke reading the service.

The bride was attractively gowned in powder blue crepe with hat of the same color tone. Miss Dora Fritts of Benson attended the bride as maid of honor. She was attired in a frock of beige crepe with which she wore accessories to match. Peter Lofgreen of Benson served as groomsmen.

Immediately following the ceremony, the couple left for a brief wedding trip to Phoenix. They will make their home in Globe, Arizona, where Mr. Misenhimer is employed as an engineer for the state highway department.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank all those who were so kind to us during the illness and death of my husband, Richard Anderson. I appreciate more than I can express the friends who were with me in this sad hour. I also wish to thank my white friends who remembered him with flowers and will never forget those who helped me.

Rowena Anderson 5-1t

Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Jones returned Saturday morning from Brownwood and Comanche, where they attended to church business several days.

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City Pavement Being Repaired

Paving on Eighth Street and Broadway is being patched this week, hot asphalt being poured into all cracks. The work is being done by the city but at the expense of Brown & Root, contractors on this job. The five-year upkeep on the job will expire this year and this will be the last repair work done by the contractors who installed the pavement on these two streets. Hereafter the work will be done annually by the city.

This pavement has given fine service during the five years it has been in use. Small cracks appear in the topping and it is necessary that these be sealed with hot asphalt so that water will not get underneath the pavement and damage the foundation. With this upkeep being done once each year the streets are good as new again.

The next street project for the city will be the construction of curbs along Park Avenue from Broadway to the overpass on the A. & S. Ry. on highway No. 23. The paving to Broadway will be done by the state highway department when the contract is let for topping 14 miles of highway 23 from Ballinger to Talpa. An announcement has been made that when construction of the curbing will commence. With this project complete all highways leading into Ballinger will be connected by pavement with the city paving.

NON-TRACTOR FARM SHOW PLANNED BY FINNISH CITY

(By Associated Press)

VILPURI, Finland, April 4—Finnish agriculturists hope some Americans will come to Vilpuri for the 1932 agricultural exhibit.

They have heard about the extensive use of tractors on American farms and want to demonstrate how much better a job a good Finnish horse can do.

The farm horse hereabouts can trot a mile and a quarter in three minutes and can pull a load of two tons without undue effort. Besides, his proud Finnish farmer will tell you, the horse doesn't develop motor trouble.

FASTER RIDE TO GUILLOTINE URGED BY HUMANITARIANS

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, April 4—French criminals condemned to death by the guillotine may hereafter speed to their doom by automobile, instead of being lumbered thither in a horse-drawn carriage.

The merciful speed with which M. Delber, France's official headman, performs his gruesome task once the victim has reached the foot of the scaffold is counteracted, say humanitarians and penologists, by the ordeal of the jerky, nerve-racking ride from prison.

In Paris, a big van, drawn by two black horses, is used. It is a successor of the open tumbrel, in which King Louis XVI, Marie Antoinette, and revolutionary leaders were drawn toward the ministrations of "the widow" in the gory days of the French revolution.

"MODEL STORE" FOR ST. LOUIS SHOPPERS

(By Associated Press)

ST. LOUIS, April 4—Designed by experts who believe counters and old-fashioned show cases now bar shoppers from 75 per cent of the average department store's merchandise, a "model store" of a different sort is being built in St. Louis.

No more counters to fence off customers from the goods. No more revolving stools on which to park. The new idea is "100 per cent customer contact with merchandise," along lines which have proved successful in the grocery store field.

The model store, to be located in the Mart building, will have tables and newly designed display units from which the customer may choose his purchases.

No actual sales will be made in the store, which is intended for the benefit of visiting retailers.

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Baptist Revival to Commence April 17



Dr. Charles S. Pierce

Dr. Charles S. Pierce, of Dallas, will arrive here April 17 to commence a revival at the Ballinger Baptist Church. Rev. J. H. McClain, the pastor, stated Tuesday that everything was in readiness for the religious campaign and that Dr. Pierce would be here to hold the first service.

Services will be held twice daily. The hour for the morning sermon has not been announced but the evening service begins at 8.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend all services during the two weeks' campaign and take an active part. Singers of the city are requested to take places in the choir, and assist in the music.

Dr. Pierce is no stranger to Ballinger citizens, having at one time been pastor of a local church. During recent years he has been in the evangelistic field where he has won recognition for outstanding achievement.

ARMENIAN STUDENT IN U. S. ONCE TRADED FOR GOATS

(By Associated Press)

CINCINNATI, O., Apr. 4—Barkov F. Saghatelian, 23, student at the University of Cincinnati, knows what it is to be traded from one master to another for a goat and a kid.

The exchange took place when Turks began their slaughter of Armenians in 1914. Saghatelian's father was among the first killed. Driven across the Arabian desert, he saw his mother and sisters die. He lived for five years as a slave, and then was brought to this country as a result of the work of the Near East relief.

His experience as a child has not prevented his forming a friendship with Eumer Refik, Turkish student. Together they often give concerts, Saghatelian playing the violin and Refik the piano.

PLANS STARTED TO MINE HUGE DEPOSIT OF ASPHALT

(By Associated Press)

SANTA ROSA, N. M., Apr. 4—A supply of natural rock asphalt which engineers estimate sufficient to pave every highway in the nation has been discovered here, and plans are being made to mine it.

The deposit is 70 feet thick and covers an area eight miles by three miles. It is seven feet below the surface.

The quantity has been estimated at 1,500,000,000 (correct) tons, or enough to pave 3,000,000 miles of road.

Eagle Pass—Work is being rushed rapidly on the \$6,500,000 power and light and irrigation project, now about half complete.

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Lon Muncy Heads Melon Growers

The third meeting of the Runnels County Melon Growers Association was held at the court house here Saturday afternoon with good attendance. A general discussion of proposed production for the year showed that approximately 200 acres in watermelons and cantaloupes would be planted this year by members of the association.

Twelve members have joined the association to date and there are a number of others in the county who will have some acreage devoted to melons this year it is believed.

Lon Muncy was elected president of the association, and with the aid of Vernon Webb, Lee Evans and Marshall Lett will solicit additional members this week. Another meeting will be held in Ballinger next Saturday afternoon. Association officers hope to increase the membership to include every melon grower in the county and believe that the organization will prove its worth to the producers.

The "Tom Watson" was selected as first choice in planting for a shipping watermelon and other varieties for local markets were left entirely to the individual grower.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSN. MEETING WEDNESDAY

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 following program will be carried out:

Report of district convention, Mrs. Paul Trimmer
Piano solo, Jean Bozell
Concluding chapter in "Character Training," Mrs. Alex McGregor
Vocal solo, Miss Evelyn Shepherd.

This is an important meeting and all members are requested to be present. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected at the close of the program.

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COLLEGE COACH BANS BASEBALL SCOUTS

(By Associated Press)

SANTA CLARA, Calif., April 4—Professional baseball scouts desirous of attending intercollegiate games at Santa Clara University might find it profitable to appear in false beards.

Walter Mails, coach, finds their presence unwelcome as he believes they put wrong ideas in the heads of his charges by suggestions that the young men are wasting time playing for fun.

Several times Mails has refunded scouts their price of admission and requested they leave the stands. Two who demurred changed their minds after being confronted by football players.

Mails said he intends to write Judge Landis requesting that college baseball players not be approached by scouts until they have completed their school courses.

Buy from the merchant who advertises—it pays.

Big Crowd Here For First Monday

The largest crowd in several years was here Monday to attend the trading at the Street & Middleton barn on Tenth Street. Several hundred people from all sections of the county were on the trading grounds all day and many head of stock were offered for trade.

Included in the items for barter were several truck loads of pigs, horses, mules, feed, honey, syrup, and other products from the rural homes of the county.

Those attending declared some of the finest horses seen here for a long time were on display. The stock overflowed the stalls in the big barn and many were tied along Tenth Street and on vacant lots near the barn.

W. H. Carpenter, of Comanche, attended to business in Ballinger Saturday.

Palace Wednesday and Thursday

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