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Farm Conditions Best in Years

Runnels county club boys are showing keen interest in gathering material for club booths at the Runnels County Fair. C. W. Lehmburg, county agent, announced Tuesday afternoon that at present ten clubs within the county were making plans to display booths here and that some from other adjoining counties might compete. The entire west side of the agricultural building will be devoted to 4-H club booths and prizes to be given are: \$50 for first; \$40, second; \$30, third; \$20, fourth; and each other entering a booth, \$10.

Mr. Lehmburg stated that much of the milo and other grain sorghum crops that were still in the field would show effects of the heavy rains. Most clubs, however, have already secured specimens of these crops for show purposes and have the heads wrapped.

As far as has been reported here cotton has not been injured by the rains, Mr. Lehmburg said. Some damage from worms and weevils have been reported but have been very slight. The reports were made before the heavy rain Tuesday afternoon.

A large acreage in Runnels county will make a fine second crop where feed has already been cut. Fields of sudan grass, milo maize, feritara, and kaffir, are sprouting and will make excellent grazing for stock this fall and early winter.

Mr. Lehmburg said Tuesday some interest was being shown in feeding livestock this fall. No definite program of this kind has been inaugurated, however.

MANY STUDENTS HERE TO ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL

Registrations at the Ballinger high school show that a large number have transferred here this year to receive the benefits of advanced instruction. Enrollment was not only increased in the senior class but some eight or ten came from points outside of Ballinger to register in the freshman class and plan to spend four years in the local school.

The largest number enrolled in any class was for the senior course. All classes in the schools are large and some rooms are already taxed to capacity. Regular study was commenced in the high school Wednesday morning with registrations completed Tuesday afternoon when seniors selected their courses and were issued books.

Will Publish Special Fair Edition Sept. 30

A special edition of The Ballinger Semi-Weekly Ledger will be issued September 30 for the Runnels County Fair. It has been the custom since the fair was organized to issue this special edition a few days before the big exposition opens. The paper is mailed to everyone in the county and a number of nearby towns in other counties, making the circulation approximately 5,000.

The fair association has advocated this edition of the paper, being convinced that it does more to advertise the fair than any other medium. This year no other publicity has been used and every effort will be concentrated on the edition of September 30.

Not only is the fair advertised but merchants take advantage of the complete coverage for advertising their stores. Special sales events and arrivals of new merchandise are announced, all combining to bring people to Ballinger during the county exhibition.

Advertising rates will not be advanced this year for the special edition. As the paper will go into every home in this territory it is an opportunity for local business houses to reach every resident without spending money for special advertising and by using this paper alone.

Merchants who desire special position are advised to reserve space at once. An advertising solicitor will canvass the entire business district within the next ten days, selling lineage in this paper which will be mailed the last Thursday in September, just five days before the opening of the fair.

In the special will be published articles concerning every phase of the fair.

New Teacher Hired By School Board

The Ballinger school board Tuesday evening elected George E. Stowe, of Abilene, to take the position in the high school made vacant by the resignation of Harley Davis. Mr. Stowe arrived here Wednesday afternoon and began teaching classes Thursday morning.

The new teacher is a graduate of Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, and prior to finishing there attended Abilene high school, McMurray College, and Simmons University. He will teach business administration and also will be assistant football coach. His recommendations were exceptionally strong both as an instructor and as a citizen.

Mr. Stowe has had considerable football experience, having played on the Abilene Eagles and with the colleges he later attended. He will begin at once assisting Coach Prince whip the large number of Bearcat prospects into condition.

All other teachers in the local school are on the job with exception of Principal A. F. Ligon who was called away the first day of school on account of the condition of his brother who was reported dying in Kansas City.

Other matters of minor importance were transacted by the board in the Tuesday night meeting. Residence requirements of students coming here to school will be watched carefully this year.

RAINS DELAY OPERATIONS AT CONCHO COUNTY WELL

Work has been delayed at the Joe Simmons No. 1 Shultz in Concho county. Drilling had reached about 900 feet and was halted to run casing to that depth. This has been impossible on account of recent heavy rains. A large amount of the pipe has arrived on trucks but cannot be taken through the pasture to the location until the ground dries.

Dwight McCabe, of Kansas City, Mo., has recently moved to Ballinger, where he will make home. He was accompanied by his wife and three children. Mr. McCabe is a son of M. M. McCabe, of San Angelo, president of the Bluebonnet Petroleum Company.

Mrs. Van S. Howell, of New Mexico, is here for a visit with her brothers, J. L. and W. W. Chastain.

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Back to School Program Given

Ballinger Rotarians enjoyed a "back to school" program at their luncheon Tuesday. The program committee arranged this event for the first week of school so that teachers could talk on school matters of interest.

Coach Sterling Prince gave a brief history of football. He showed that it is in no wise a new game, that it was played by the Greeks many centuries ago in somewhat its present form. Later it became a recognized sport in England and later was introduced in the United States. It became so popular in this country that today it is considered the great American game. Coach Prince also told of changes in the playing of the game, reviewing new rules which will affect playing this season.

Turning from the game itself, the coach talked frankly about present prospects of the Ballinger high school team. He asserted there was a different feeling among the boys this year and there seemed to be more "fire." The material, he declared, is much better than that of last year and every chance was envisioned for a good team. "The only thing that worries me," he stated, "is the fact that some four or five other schools in the district have the best teams they have had in years."

Supt. H. C. Lyon spoke briefly on strictly educational matters, the standardizing of them, and a plan for financing them differently than at present.

The program for next Tuesday will be under the charge of the international committee of which Paul Trimmer is chairman.

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When Rio Grande Flood Struck Del Rio



The top photo is a closeup aerial photo of the bridge over the Rio Grande river showing how the middle spans were washed away by debris piling up against them as the muddy waters swept toward the sea. Below is a section of the Southern Pacific tracks near Del Rio, inundated by the Rio Grande.

COUNTY HEALTH NURSE BEGINS SCHOOL WORK

Mrs. Georgia Stephens, county health nurse, is preparing her monthly schedule and beginning regular work in the county which will be devoted mainly to school examinations this fall. A number of independent district schools are already open and others will be opened within a short time.

No new projects of any kind have been definitely adopted yet, according to Mrs. Stephens, but she will continue to carry on the work that is more or less routine at this season.

Mrs. Stephens is anxious to cooperate with all the schools and P.-T. A. organizations in the county and expects to be in her office here each Saturday. Most of the week days she expects to be about her work in the county.

Mrs. Stephens met a number of workers on health projects here Saturday at the meeting of the county council and later will confer with them in their own communities on work needed among children of school age.

Judge O. L. Parish and Drury Hathaway left Monday morning for Paint Rock to open the fall term of 119th district court in the Concho county capital.

FLOODS IN BALLINGER RUMORED OVER STATE

Telephone calls from Abilene Wednesday sought information as to a rumor on the streets there which said water was standing six to ten inches deep in Ballinger business houses Wednesday afternoon. At the time the inquiry was made there was no water on the streets at all.

Abileneans became excited regarding floods there after the second creek overflowed Wednesday morning, causing citizens in the southwestern part of the city to abandon their homes and seek higher ground.

RATLIFF CAFE MOVED TO NEW LOCATION

O. M. Ratliff started Tuesday moving his cafe fixtures from the Masonic building to the building formerly occupied by the Preston Drug Company. Mr. Ratliff has leased the building on Hutchings Avenue next door to The Hub and will continue operation of his restaurant there.

He said he did not expect to be open to serve the public before Saturday but would try to have everything in readiness by that time.

Be wise and advertise.

Literary Digest is Taking Presidential Straw Vote

The largest presidential poll ever conducted, comprising over 20,000,000 individual ballots mailed throughout the entire United States, is now being undertaken by the Literary Digest.

Ballinger's first allotment of ballots in this prospective referendum has been mailed already from the poll headquarters in New York, according to advice received by The Ledger Wednesday, and should be distributed by the local postoffice within a few days.

The ballots are being mailed throughout the entire United States at the rate of more than 1,500,000 every working day and it is anticipated that the first tabulated returns of this country-wide balloting will be published before the end of this month.

This is the third large presidential poll conducted by the Digest and the results of each have been substantiated by the official election returns with over 95% accuracy, according to statistics released on the prior polls.

A feature of the current poll is an attempt to ascertain any general shift of voters from the parties for which they cast ballots in the 1928 election, by asking each voter in this "post-card election" if he is changing his party allegiance this year.

To guard against tampering, fraud and counterfeiting, a specially manufactured cardboard is used for printing the ballot, according to the sponsors of the poll, and all spurious votes can be detected immediately and destroyed.

Floods Claim 4 Lives Near Abilene; Heavy Rains Here

Cotton Estimate for U.S. 11,310,000 Bales

Compress Building Additional Sheds

The Texas Compress Company has started an improvement program that will supply shed room for approximately 3,500 more bales of cotton. Manager W. B. Woody has employed a large crew to unload material for construction of the new sheds and as soon as weather will permit will begin actual construction.

The new sheds will be erected on the south side of the present warehouse near Hutchings Avenue and will be approximately 96 by 420 feet. Lumber to be used has arrived here. Construction was to have been commenced this week but heavy rains have interfered until it will be the later part of the week at best before outside work can be done.

The improvements will enable the plant to protect a large amount of cotton from the weather. With the sheds already available and the additional space the Ballinger plant will be able to place most of the cotton on hand at any one time in sheds, protected from rain and sun.

Estimated cost of the improvements is between \$5,000 and \$6,000. The work will be rushed as fast as possible to complete the sheds before heavy movement of the staple is begun in this section.

The local press is one of the best in this section of the state and handles a large amount of cotton annually. The local manager is expecting a big run this fall with crop conditions in this section in their present status. Recently Mr. Woody attended a number of managers' conferences where plans were made for bettering the company's service to buyers.

BEHRINGER TO OPEN STORE IN WINTERS

Sam Behringer announced Thursday that he would open a modern grocery store at Winters in the near future. The business will be operated under same name as the local grocery, Sam Behringer's Cash and Carry Store.

F. D. McCoy, who has been with the local store for several years, has moved to Winters and will be manager of the store there. Mr. Behringer could not announce the exact date of the opening but expects to open the new store next week.

The Winters store will be located on East Dale Street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Young left Tuesday for Fort Worth to make home. Mr. Young had been manager of the Runnels County Creamery for the past year but recently resigned to return to Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Alice Green, of St. Louis, is the guest of Mrs. W. L. McAuley and other relatives.

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Ballinger received 3.60 inches of rain late Tuesday afternoon the major part of it falling in about thirty minutes. Water in the streets became alarming a few minutes after the rain began falling and five or six stores were flooded from two to five inches deep.

Other damage was reported in the residential sections by water flooding basements and running into outhouses that were not high off the ground. R. E. White, who lives on Tenth Street, secured the services of one of the fire trucks Wednesday morning to pump water from the basement in his home. The Bob Carsey Shoe Shop, the Elite Cafe, and the Hardin Tailor Shop were flooded with water several inches deep.

Gutters in the business district were unable to take the water off and a few inches higher would have put water into many stores. Rain continued to fall slowly all Tuesday night, the government gauge showing a total of 3.60, with drops still falling Wednesday morning.

The most severe damage in this section was reported at Abilene where streams rose rapidly following.

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Announcing

A MILK ROUTE TO START AT ONCE BY THE BANNER ICE COMPANY

The local creamery has seen fit to discontinue the sale of milk products. In order that the milk producers may have a market for their sweet milk we are buying their entire amount of milk which will be properly pasteurized and ready for resale to the public.

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Expectations are for the largest attendance that ever paid fares to the 1932 Runnels County Fair. After a check-up of interest all over the county...

Practically every section of Texas has experienced floods the past week. Ballinger, situated in the forks of Elm Creek and the Colorado River, has been very fortunate not to have been in the list of flooded towns.

LOW-COST ROADS That the highway dollar is being called upon to show far greater returns than ever before is definitely shown by a survey of street and highway paving and surfacing done during 1931.

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HOW'S your HEALTH? The APPENDICITIS MENACE. Recent figures show that for every 100,000 persons living in the United States, 18 died from acute appendicitis. As Dr. Charles Gordon Heyd, a New York surgeon, has expressed it, "Today the possibilities of dying from acute appendicitis are about equal to the chances of

MOVIES

ON TEXAS FARMS By W. H. Darrow, Extension Service Editor

One Year Spent in the Making of "Sky Devils" A picture that took a year in the making and cost more than a half million dollars is "Sky Devils," which Howard Hughes, young Texas millionaire, who made the famous spectacle, "Hell's Angels," is offering as the first comedy of the air.

This is Producer Hughes' first comedy production since "Two Arabian Knights," a box-office sensation of four years ago. "Sky Devils" contains more laughs than the doughboy opus, and in addition, is full of air scenes as spectacular as the most thrilling moments in "Hell's Angels."

The story of "Sky Devils," which comes to the Palace Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, has many unusual twists, and the dialogue sparkles with humor. It moves at a terrific tempo, from start to finish, and piles laugh upon laugh, and thrill upon thrill, as the action unreels on the screen.

A Word of Appreciation I take this means of extending my appreciation and thanks to all those who voted for me and otherwise assisted in my campaign for the office of County Clerk. I shall always feel grateful to those who took personal interest and gave their time and efforts in my behalf.

Fred Mika, who is attending A. & M. College, visited here the past week-end with his parents and other relatives.

Chester Afflerbach has returned home from Galveston, where he spent several days visiting and attending to business.

Miss Mary Krc returned the middle of the week from Houston and Galveston, where she visited friends.

A 50-gallon barrel of pickles for the market and 20 gallons for her family's use is the disposition Mrs. C. E. Taylor, Wichita county home demonstration club member, has made of the cucumber crop in her garden.

Feeding 13 people in her own and brother's family all the vegetables they could eat this season from her 50x177 foot garden is the record of Myrtle Maynard, 4-H club girl in the Murph Club in Smith county. The value of the garden products she estimates at \$262.20, and her garden cost \$1.90, she says.

Living at home has been extended by Potter county home demonstration club women to the cleaning business. They have found that 70 cents' worth of naphtha will clean 10 dresses and 10 hats.

A community kitchen for the benefit of his tenants and neighbors has been established by John Barton of McDuff, Bastrop county. It is equipped with furnace, two large pressure cookers and two sealers.

The best turkey investment of the year, according to Marcus Schindler of Colorado county, was an early season worming which he says has kept his losses to less than 5 per cent. He is handling his flock by demonstration methods with the help of the county agent and plans to worm a second time using a combination capsule.

HUNGARIAN NAZI FORMING HITLER FORCE IN BUDAPEST BUDAPEST, Sept. 8.—Zoltan Mesko announced in parliament that he was introducing Hitlerism to Hungary.

Expressing his dissatisfaction with policies which he said had brought Hungary to the verge of ruin, Mesko said he was forming a national socialist party. The new organization is called the Hungarian national socialist farmers and workers party. It plans close cooperation with the Hitlerites of Austria and Germany.

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COUNTY SINGERS WILL MEET AT CREWS SUNDAY All singers of Runnels county are requested to meet at the Crews Methodist Church Sunday afternoon. New books will be provided and new songs rehearsed for the county singing convention which meets at a later date.

2,000 MATCHES USED TO BUILD ODD VIOLIN BERLIN, Sept. 8.—Bruno Celler and Karl Hartman, unemployed German youths, are starting a tour to South Africa and return with a violin made out of 2,000 matches. They are giving concerts on the instrument, and are living on the proceeds.

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