

## To Observe Monday As Xmas Holiday

Ballinger business firms will observe Christmas Monday, December 26. A survey made in the business district Wednesday revealed that all store managers were in favor of closing their stores Saturday night and not opening until Tuesday morning. Stores which do not close on Sundays will observe regular Sunday hours Monday it was thought by those making the canvass.

All stores will remain open until late Christmas eve and give their employees Sunday and Monday for the holidays.

The local postoffice was the first to announce that it would be closed Monday. Local banks followed with a similar announcement and a canvass of dry goods stores showed all managers expected to close.

The announcement is made at this time so that citizens of this trade territory will be informed of the closing here the Monday following Christmas and so that clerks may plan to spend their holidays as they desire.

**Minnesota Booms Nut Trees**  
ST. PAUL, Dec. 15.—The University of Minnesota is urging farm organizations of boys and girls to kill two birds with one stone by cultivating nut trees. They can supply the market with a food while producing wood products, it was pointed out.

R. W. Earnshaw returned Tuesday from Dallas, where he had been on business.

## Children Give Big Greeting to Santa

Santa Claus was greeted here Wednesday afternoon by about 1,000 children. Throngs began to assemble as soon as the city schools were dismissed for the afternoon and were entertained by the Ballinger Band until the arrival of Santa Claus.

At 4:30 the jolly old fellow rode into Hutchings Avenue at the Cameron Lumber Company corner accompanied by several boys on ponies and immediately the excited kiddies ran to meet him. He waved greetings to the children and as he rode through the business district threw candy from his saddle bags to the throngs.

This was the first Christmas program of the year here and despite cold weather many adults as well as children were present. Stores were filled with Christmas shoppers after the parade ended.

## GARDNER WILL PREACH FOR BAPTISTS SUNDAY

T. C. Gardner, of Dallas, state secretary of B. T. S., will preach next Sunday at 11 a. m. at the Ballinger Baptist Church. Mr. Gardner is well known to Baptists of Ballinger, having been here on numerous occasions to address congregations.

In the afternoon a mass meeting will be held at the church at 3 o'clock which representatives of all churches in this district will attend. Everyone interested in the secretary's message is invited to attend the mass meeting.

## Goodfellow Fund is Least in 10 Years

With only one week remaining before Christmas less than \$25 had been given Wednesday to help the Goodfellows spread a little joy and comfort among the poor of Ballinger. Unless some citizens wake up at once and give cash to this cause the Goodfellows will have nothing to do and approximately 80 families will be disconsolate on Christmas day 1932. Children will find empty stockings on Christmas morning and know Santa Claus forgot them while others are abounding in happiness and surrounded by gifts in profusion.

At this time last year Ballingerites had donated over \$200 to this cause and continued to give until the fund totaled \$312 Christmas eve. The pitiful amount of money contributed this year will supply nothing for a large number in dire need. It would be less than 7 cents each to those on the list.

Surely Ballinger people who have splendid homes, most comforts of life, their children, a Christmas tree, plenty of food, warm beds and clothing, will not stand by and let women and children suffer this Christmas. That very thing will happen unless something is done the last week. Saturday of next week the committee will do all it can with what it has. After that the poor may not need help. Now is the time to give if you want any part in spreading cheer where there may be gloom. Donations will be accepted until Christmas eve and any amount will be welcome.

During the next several days committees will canvass the city for clothing, toys and foodstuffs which will be assembled at the city hall. On Friday, December 23 bundles will be made up for each family to receive aid, and distribution made Christmas eve.

Previously reported	\$23.50
Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Tigner	2.00
James Skinner	2.00
P. C. Straley	1.00
Jack Bandy McGregor	1.00
Alexander McGregor	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Garrett	2.00
George Lee Garrett	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Troy Simpson	2.00
LeRoy McAuley	1.00
B. F. Jones	1.00
Mrs. Mary A. Bailey	2.00

## COURT RECESSES TUESDAY ON ACCOUNT OF ILLNESS

District court adjourned Tuesday afternoon until Thursday morning at 9 o'clock because of illness of witnesses. Cases set for trial Tuesday and Wednesday were delayed because some of the main witnesses were sick and other cases could not be commenced.

Judge O. L. Parish excused jurors until Thursday when the case of the state vs. Jessie Jackson, negro, charged with murder, is set.

Miss Lula McElroy, who has been very ill with influenza for several weeks, is reported to be improving.

A. A. Fischer, of Rowena, transacted business in Ballinger Wednesday.

Evasion of the Oklahoma gasoline tax is reported by motorists who purchase decrepit tractors to get the exemption.

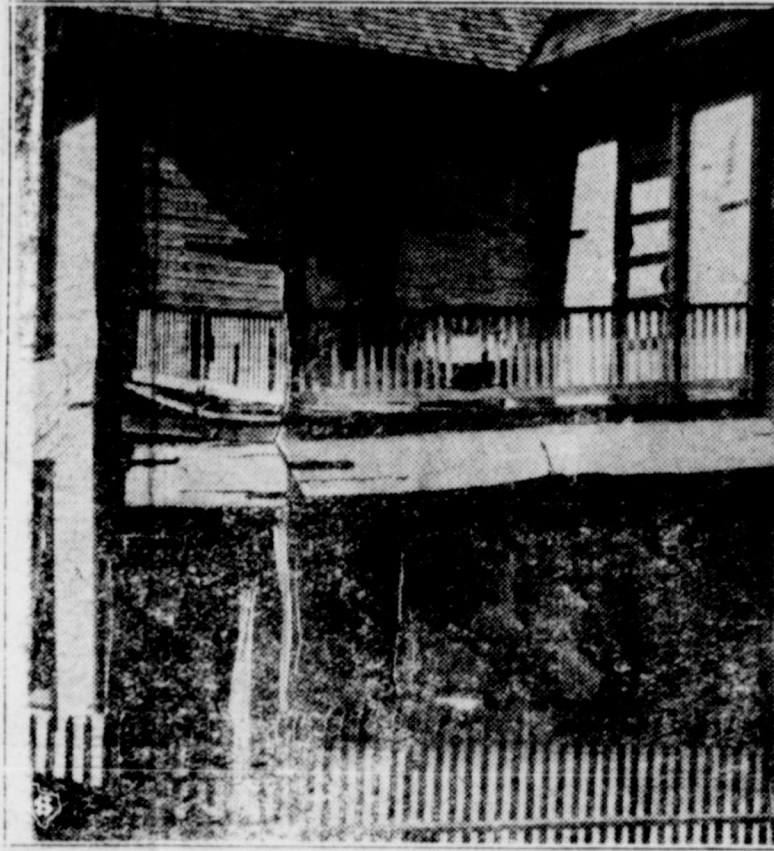
## Teacher Resigns; Another Elected

Miss Frances Northcutt, fifth grade teacher in the Ballinger schools, has tendered the board her resignation to take effect Wednesday, December 21. The trustees accepted her resignation and Miss Genevieve Green, of San Angelo, has been elected to the position, beginning her duties on January 2 when classes are re-assembled after the holidays.

Miss Northcutt has been here for several years and resigns at this time to go to her father at San Juan. Mr. Northcutt is in bad health, having suffered two strokes of paralysis recently.

Miss Green is a member of a family of teachers and comes here with the best of recommendations. Her father has taught for many years and she has two uncles who are superintendents of the schools at Abilene and Fort Worth.

## Scene of Suicide and Tragedy



A gas explosion in a room where Louis Kleinman, prominent chain store owner of Dallas, committed suicide, resulted in a second death at Taylor, Texas. Kleinman killed himself by turning on the gas. It had been going 10 hours and Kleinman had been dead nearly that long when Miss Lydia Kevton, maid at a Taylor hotel in which the tragedy occurred, struck a match to see what had happened to the Dallas man. She was burned to death and the back end of the building was badly damaged by the resulting explosion, as is shown in the photo.

## Football Banquet Date is January 6

Announcement was made Thursday that the annual banquet for the Ballinger football team set for next Monday evening would be postponed until Friday evening, January 6. This action was taken by the committee when a number of conflicts occurred for Monday evening and it became evident that sickness would cut the attendance.

Arrangements have been perfected to hold the banquet at the Central Hotel January 6 and a tentative program has been prepared. The program committee is striving to make the affair short and humorous. Musical numbers by a high school girls' quartet, a reading, and two short talks will be all except the introduction of the squad members by Captain Jack Lynn.

After the Christmas holidays the ticket committee will canvass the city and will endeavor to sell enough extra ducats for the pep squad. Tickets will go on sale at fifty cents each.

A committee composed of Chas. Coombes, Dan Woodroof and Alex McGregor will decorate the hall in an appropriate manner.

A banquet for the football team has been an annual custom for several years. It is the one time when the fans may show their appreciation of the players.

## BIG SONG FEST AT MILES

Singers of Ballinger, San Angelo, Winters, Rowena, Miles and vicinities will meet at the Miles Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, December 18, in a big song fest. Singing will begin at 2 p. m. Stamps' 1933 new song books will be used. A big crowd and many singers are expected. The public is cordially invited to attend.

R. A. Perry, of Miles, transacted business in Ballinger Monday.

## Three Charged With Felonies

County Attorney Roy Hill filed charges of transportation of liquor against Tom Winans, Henry Winans and Bill Winans Wednesday afternoon. Charges of rape and assault with intent to murder were filed at the same time against Bill Winans.

The three men were arrested Monday following a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Molish, near Rowena. Assault with intent to murder is alleged to have been committed by Bill Winans against Joe Molish. A criminal attack is alleged to have been committed against Mrs. Joe Molish.

No date has been set for examining trials.

Twenty co-eds at the University of Nebraska have been named sponsors of units in the R. O. T. C. corps.

## Charity Show at Palace Xmas Eve

W. D. Scales, manager of the Palace Theatre, announced Thursday that the annual Christmas charity show would be held at the Palace Saturday morning, December 24. The performance will be for the children of the entire county and no admission will be charged.

As has been customary heretofore each child attending is requested to bring something for the poor. No restriction is placed on the value of the bundle, but canned food, fruit, used clothing, toys and many other articles are wanted and Mr. Scales believes the children of this county and city will rally at the Palace to supply what is needed.

In previous years the charity show at the Palace has brought in several truck loads of useful items. In many instances food has been contributed by those who did not even attend the matinee. Adults sent bundles, sacks of flour, beans, cases of syrup, etc.

Mr. Scales said an excellent program would be booked, one that would appeal especially to the kiddies. He invites every boy and girl in Runnels county to come and see the performance and help him assemble food and clothing to make many poor children happy this Christmas.

The doors will be opened at 8:30 a. m. and the pictures will start at 9 o'clock, running continuously until noon. The house will be made comfortable for any kind of weather and Palace employees will see that the little tots are well cared for until they leave the theatre.

Walter Woodward, of Coleman, attended to legal business in Ballinger Wednesday.

David Joseph was operated on at the Halley & Love Sanitarium Monday and is reported to be recuperating nicely.

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## 1932 Cotton Crop Brings \$2,250,000 to Farmers

## Close Local Schools Until Monday

After consultation local school authorities decided to dismiss school Thursday afternoon until Monday morning. With snow and sleet falling and a number of teachers and pupils ill with colds and influenza it was decided to take this action to prevent spread of the epidemics. Members of the board of trustees and Supt. H. C. Lyon thought that weather conditions would be better by Monday and the danger of spreading the disease would be passed.

Studies will be resumed Monday morning for three days of next week before dismissing for the Christmas holidays.

Absentees in the local schools this week have averaged about 33½ per cent. Sickness of other members of students' families, among the pupils themselves, and bad weather have caused decreased attendance.

Everything possible has been and will be done at school to prevent spread of influenza. The buildings are properly heated and ventilated, pupils are not permitted to expose themselves during school hours, and at the slightest indication of illness are sent home.

There are no diseases here which require quarantine and might spread through the schools. Schools have been closed in a number of West Texas cities but scarlet fever and other diseases as well as influenza have made their appearance.

Stanley Gray is confined to his home with an attack of influenza.

Mrs. R. E. Truly is ill with influenza.

M. S. Karmany returned recently from Galveston.

Runnels county's cotton crop this year will bring approximately \$2,250,000 from the sale of the 75,000 bales. This data is based on 500-pound bales at an average price of 6 cents a pound. Seed from the cotton has almost taken care of the ginning charges and was not included in the above figures.

The government report on ginnings to November 30 was 69,737 bales and private estimates here placed ginnings at about 71,000 bales up to last Saturday night. Ginners think approximately 4,000 bales more will be turned out this year.

If the ginners' estimate is correct a new production record will be set in Runnels county and a record for production for any county in West Texas also will be exceeded. For years this county has led all West Texas in cotton and holds the banner in this time with 71,291 bales ginned in 1925.

Acresage was slightly reduced here the past season but the increased yield per acre caused farmers to gather more. Grades have been good this year and prices received were near top for the market.

What percentage of the crop has been sold cannot be accurately estimated. However, some cotton men and bankers believe only about 60 per cent has been sold by the farmers and that the remainder is being held in public yards, warehouses and at homes over the county.

Pickers were plentiful during the fall and nearly 70,000 bales were gathered in the past two months.

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F. D. Futch, of Coleman, transacted business in Ballinger Wednesday.

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## PLENTY OF WORK TO DO

As always at this season of the year, there is much hardship and suffering in the great industrial centers because of lack of employment. This is where the farmer has another great advantage over men in other lines of endeavor. Whatever the problems of the men behind the farms, there is never any good reason for unemployment.

For the man who diversified, and who has provided for his needs with a few cows, hogs, and chickens, there is always plenty of work to do and a dependable source of living for the family. Even with the crops garnered and winter here, there should be a great deal of comfort and satisfaction in the knowledge that there is ample food as a reward for every hour of employment on the farm.

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HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED RECENTLY? Ledger subscribers are requested to notify the publishers of any changes in their addresses promptly.

One more week and then Santa Claus.

Cold weather has interfered with shopping the past several days and local merchants are planning for a big rush the last week of shopping days before the great holiday.

Runnels county is making history. A new record for cotton production is being written here which may stand for many years.

Every Christmas is marred by accidents and fires. Warnings have been given citizens in every way possible to be careful about fires.

Goodfellows seem scarce in Ballinger this year. The fund to look after the poor and needy at Christmas is the lowest at this time of year since the movement was inaugurated here twelve years ago.

HOW'S your HEALTH

HEREDITY AND DIABETES Even in the days of Hippocrates it was well known that certain diseases are more prone to develop in individuals of a definite constitutional type.

The ancient physicians differentiated the short, stocky, barrel-chested individual from the lean, tall, lanky type. They knew that the first is subject to high blood pressure, aneurysms, and strokes.

to develop the disease and should, therefore, be on their guard.

The hereditary factor in diabetes, recognized in the sixteenth century, appears in the form of a lower tolerance for sugar and a lower capacity for its utilization.

Experimental studies made with mice have shown that the hereditary factor may be bred as one might breed other hereditary qualities.

Thus, mice showing a low sugar tolerance when bred with their own kind produce offspring in accordance with the Medelian law, showing the same physiologic weakness.

Studies have been made of the genetic histories of human families in which diabetes was prevalent. In one study embracing 30 persons, it was found that 18 were affected.

A number of the geneticists have also found that obesity and susceptibility to infection appear to be more prevalent in this hereditary type than in the average population.

DALE HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

Dale Home Demonstration Club met Thursday, December 8, with Mrs. Chas. Adami. There were seven members and seven visitors present.

The approaching year's work was discussed. Mrs. Chas. Adami was elected home food supply demonstrator; Mrs. T. A. Brevard, yard demonstrator; Miss Annie Williams, second year clothing demonstrator; and Mrs. H. H. Hennigar, first year clothing demonstrator.

Delicious sandwiches, oatmeal cookies, and hot chocolate topped with whipped cream were served to the following: Members—Mrs. F. C. Ueckert, Mrs. Max Rodgers, Mrs. T. A. Brevard, Mrs. W. E. Jones, Mrs. Virgil Fisher, Mrs. Chas. Adami, and Mrs. Chas. Kruse; visitors—Misses Eleanor Adami, Helen Hinkle, and Marie Jones; Mmes. Jim Hinkle, Jack Mathis, Phillips, and Robert Williams.

Pheasants Hurt Farms

PRATT, Kas., Dec. 15.—Because of failure of pheasants to propagate and damage said to have been caused on farms no more of the birds will be purchased by the Kansas state game department for distribution, it has been announced.

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Odd Texas by STICKS STAHALA

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TRENCH SILO HELPS CUT FEED COST ON DAIRY

CANYON, Dec. 15.—The rare combination of high producing cows, a trench silo and sudan pasture seems to be the way to produce butterfat at low cost, says W. H. Upchurch, county agent of Randall county, in citing the records of C. C. Stewart who was judged "master dairy farmer" of the Texas Panhandle in a recently ended contest.

With a herd of 14 pure bred Jerseys that produced an average of about 425 pounds of butterfat for the year, Mr. Stewart was able to produce butterfat at a feed cost of 54 cents per pound. It was the trench silo filled with grain sorghum that failed to make, a well planned pasture rotation of wheat and sudan, grass, and good cows, that enabled this cheap production.

at a feed cost of 84 cents per pound. Both men have culled vigorously for three years and have taken out cows far above the county average but below their own herds' high standards of production.

Ballinger Floral Company has Holly for your window decorations. 16-3t

This Mouse Stopped Clock

ROCKVILLE, Conn., Dec. 15.—Unlike the mouse of the nursery rhyme, "Hickory, dickory, dock," the one which ran up the library clock on the roof of the memorial building here did not come down. It got wedged in the mechanism and died, stopping the hands.

Parents Hire Own Teacher

JEFFERSON, O., Dec. 15.—A little schoolhouse here is not going to be abandoned if the parents of 15 children can prevent it. When the parents were ordered to send their children to a consolidated school they rebelled, hired their own teacher and are holding their own school.

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

He wouldn't take \$500 for his terraces, says Ben Boeker, of Gay Hill, Washington county, after gathering the biggest corn crop in his farming experience on his terraced field. The county agent is helping him to terrace the rest of the farm for Mr. Boeker says he is through building up river bottoms.

The feeding of high protein mash and minerals to turkeys, as shown in turkey flock demonstrations by county agents in recent years, has resulted in the highest grade turkey crop in Blanco county in history. There are very few crooked breasts.

Five thousand bushels of cotton seed produced on the Schoolland community one-variety cotton block in Gonzales county in cooperation with the U. S. bureau of plant industry and the county agent have been distributed in other communities in the county which have standardized on one variety. The saving is rated at about \$5,000.

Wiley Martindale of Campground community, Jasper county, says terracing increased his cotton yield from one bale to 15 acres, to one bale to 4 1/4 acres. No fertilizer was used, the county agent reports.

Buster Boland, Montague county 4-H club boy, has made about \$40 on two beef calves fed on home grown feed supplemented with cottonseed meal. They were sold late in October, weighing 890 and 740 pounds, for six cents and five cents per pound, respectively.

Growing "soup beans" brought \$50 from one acre of land to Frank King this year in his 4-H club demonstration in Brown county. He says soup beans are a small white bean much like navy beans. In beating his dad on an adjoining acre Frank explains that three loads of barnyard manure did it.

From half an acre of cane Ward Brackeen, of Powderly, Lamar county, made 140 gallons of syrup this year at a cost of \$15. He also made 45 bushels of peanuts on an acre. He is a 4-H club boy.

After a period of 5 years, says Andrew Taraba, successful farmer living near Moulton in Lavaca

county, terraces will increase crop yields 50%. He adds that diversified farming and manure will still further increase yields.

Jim Matthews kept smut out of his 50-acre hegar field in Menard county this year by dusting with a small amount of copper carbonate mixed up in a home-made cement mixer. Two to three ounces of the chemical were allowed to each bushel of planting seed and the mixer revolved until every seed was covered with a fine coat of dust.

"Terracing has even changed the color of my ground," declares Watt Collier of Mitchell county. "By holding leaves, stalks and soil on the ground, the color has become darker than before I terraced," he recently reported.

Leslie Combs, of Bonita, Montague county, has made a total profit of \$129.50 on three 4-H club demonstrations this year. He has

fed out 4 beef calves and 23 pigs and has raised 78 turkeys from 5 turkey hens.

Cake, Pie and Candy Sale The domestic science class of the Bethel school will have a cake, pie and candy sale at J. M. Jones Grocery, Eighth Street, Ballinger, Saturday, December 17. Buy your cake or pie for Sunday dinner from them. 1t\*

Tunis Honors American OROVILLE, Cal., December 15.—Robert W. Hodgson, of Oroville, has been decorated with the rank of commander in the ancient order of Nichan Iftikhar by the government of Tunis as a reward for his investigation and report on fruit growing possibilities in Tunis, Palestine and Morocco.

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WEST TEXAS NOTES

Winters citizens are ready for the poultry show to be held there December 15, 16 and 17. Merchants have donated \$100 cash which will be used to pay premiums to owners entering prize winning birds. The show is being sponsored by the vocational agriculture class of the Winters high school and 89 prizes will be paid to exhibitors.

The Winters American Legion Auxiliary this week received its second check of \$625 from the federal emergency relief fund and expects similar amounts in January and February. During the past two weeks a number of men have been given employment on public improvement projects sponsored by the Auxiliary.

One rural route out of Winters has been extended four miles. Route 4 will now serve fifteen more families on the extension.

Drasco citizens will sponsor a box supper and auction sale Friday night, December 16. Besides boxes filled with good things to eat, a number of boxes containing valuable merchandise will be offered for sale. The public is cordially invited to attend the auction. Money taken in will be used for the school.

The Coleman County Fair opened Thursday of last week with several thousand people on the streets to watch the parade. In the procession were the chamber of commerce band, national guard company, American Legion members, Boy Scouts, Red Cross members, Lions and Kiwanis clubs, Santa Anna Lions club, Coleman pupils, Santa Anna pupils, and a number of children from other schools of the county. The Ladies Riding Club of Coleman was a special feature in the line of march. About 35 floats from various communities made up the remainder of the procession.

O. L. Sims, of Paint Rock, president of the Mid-West Teachers Association, has notified members of the organization that the annual meeting will be held in Stephenville February 24 and 25. Fifteen counties in this section of the state are included in the association.

Judge O. L. Parish will open 119th district court sessions in Coleman January 2 for five weeks. Court will be closed in Ballinger the last week in December.

Citizens of Junction are rallying to the call of the collector of school taxes in order to keep their school open. Rumors on the streets that the school might close because of a shortage of funds has caused a stir and many delinquent tax debts are being paid as well as taxes for the current year.

E. J. Powell, coach of the Brady high school football team,

Holds Up Maternity Home to Get Baby!



If you were robbing a maternity home, and wanted one baby for your loot, which of these would you choose? They are all at the maternity home of the Volunteers of America in Fort Worth, where recently a woman invaded and tried to steal a baby at the point of a pistol. It developed that she had falsely informed her husband that she was about to become a mother. Refused a baby by the home because of her destitute circumstances, she tried to steal one.

watched his team play in the regional championship game from an ambulance. The coach had been suffering with flu and rather than miss watching his team fight for first championship he was placed in the ambulance and the car parked on the side line. The Bulldogs lost the game, however, to the McGregor high school eleven, 19 to 0.

Singers from Winters, Rowena, Hatchel, Ballinger and Miles gathered in Miles last Tuesday night to hold a singing in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bynum, of Carlsbad, New Mexico. The program rendered was said to be one of the best ever heard in Miles.

Two prisoners, both under penitentiary sentences, sawed their way from the Comanche jail and escaped last Friday night. They first sawed through the steel cage in which they were locked and then sawed the iron bars from the windows, lowering themselves to the ground.

County Judge O. L. Sims and the commissioners of Concho county have completed negotiations for the 100-foot right-of-way between Eden and Paint Rock. A meeting of the commissioners in Eden the past weekend closed up the last deeds for the required land along the route approved by the state highway department and the United States bureau of public roads.

Over 11,000 head of sheep were sold at Sonora the past ten days for the average price of 4 1/4 cents per pound. Kansas City buyers contracted for all the sheep sold by the ranchmen of that section.

About sixty Mexicans and one white woman have been taken from Brownwood by immigration officers to be investigated at Del Rio to see if they have a right in this country.

Sonora has made application for \$1,980 from the federal emergency relief appropriation and expects to give jobless men employment

through January, February and March. Among other projects on which men will be employed is the construction of a fire station to house the equipment and drivers.

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NO QUARANTINABLE CASES REPORTED IN THE CITY

The city health department reported last week that there were no contagious diseases here under quarantine. Many cases of colds, influenza and the grippe have been reported but most of these are in light form and no fatalities have resulted. Light cases of influenza are prevalent in many West Texas cities. The Sweetwater public schools were closed last week because of illness.

School attendance here has been cut by sickness during the past ten days according to teachers.

Vest Button Stops Bullet ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—A bullet from a 45 calibre automatic in the hands of a bank robber was deflected by a button on the vest of L. G. Dowling, vice-president, although the weapon was fired pointblank range.

A RONDEAU TO SANTA CLAUS  
By SOPHIE E. REDFORD in Missouri Farmer

DEAR SANTA CLAUS.—They're telling me You're not the same you used to be— That times have changed, and things are not But surely you've not altered too? You're not so changeable as we.

So, I just thought I'd write and see If you and I don't quite agree That all this nonsense is not true, Dear Santa Claus.

We've just the same old Christmas Tree, Our hearts are just as full of glee; And you're the same, so here's to you— A Merry Christmas and, please, do Bring us an old time jubilee, Dear Santa Claus!

Hard Water Here is Caused by Springs

There has been considerable complaint during the past several weeks because the city water has been so hard. This was explained in the city's weekly report, Monday. Springs on creeks and branches that flow into Elm Creek have caused the water to get harder lately and it is not caused by treatment at the pumping plant. Springs along Flag Branch, most of which are flowing now, are very hard. In fact these springs have kept water running over the municipal dams since the last rain.

Ballinger's water consumption last week was 186,857 gallons daily. One and one-half pounds of chlorine were used daily to produce the necessary test. Sixty-seven one-hundredths of a grain of alum were used to the gallon and no lime was added. This is the least treatment ever required here to settle the water. All settling basins were washed last week and silt removed through the large waste line.

The city health department reported no contagious diseases at this time. A number of cases of influenza were reported last week but to date most of these have been mild and no fatalities have occurred.

The police department reported two arrests and two fines assessed last week. Every precaution is being taken to protect the city, especially at night. This extra patrolling will be continued through the holidays.

32 UNEMPLOYED GIVEN WORK AT COLFMAN

There were 32 Coleman persons to be given employment by the Coleman county relief committee Monday morning.

Of that number 22 were put to work cleaning city streets and alleys, the remainder were sent to west ward school campus to work.

At the campus the employees are to move dirt and clean a vacant lot on which tennis courts are to be built.

Improvement on other school campuses in the city, including the negro and Mexican, is to be done under the supervision of the school board.

The relief committee has set aside about \$700 to be used by the school in improvements by the unemployed.

Persons in destitute condition are being employed and are being paid 15 cents per hour for their

Wants Reduction



Moore Lynn, Texas state auditor, has announced that it will be necessary to reduce state expenses sharply during the next three years, or increase revenues, or do both to make up a prospective deficit in the state's general fund of nearly \$3,000,000. He has just filed a report on the general fund with Governor Sterling.

Other communities in the county are to share in the distribution of the relief fund. Money to spend for the improvements was obtained from the reconstruction finance corporation.

Sanitary work and the extension of a water main are two projects being considered by city commissioners in connection with the relief work.

The water main probably will be placed in the negro section of the city so that the fire hazard in that section will be reduced.

It is probable County Judge A. O. Newman will present a plan of improving county lateral roads to the relief commission.

In some counties men already are at work in improving the later roads.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

HAPPY HOME MAKES CLUB

The Happy Home Makers Club met with Mrs. W. A. Hall, fifteen members and two visitors being present. Roll call was answered by telling how to make a Christmas toy. The program, on yard improvement, was postponed until a later date. Mrs. Hollingsworth being unable to attend. For this program the club will meet with Mrs. Hall again as she is our yard demonstrator for this year.

Our next regular meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. T. A. Crockett, at which time our Christmas program will be rendered and a social hour enjoyed. Every member is urged to be present.

The Christmas bazaar held December 3 was quite a success.

proceeds amounting to about \$20 which will be put in the club treasury and used in sending delegates to the A. & M. short course next summer. We wish to thank all who had a part in making the bazaar a success. Especially do we wish to thank J. Y. Pearce for the use of the building, The Ledger for publicity, Red & White Store No. 1 for donation of coffee and use of percolator, Mr. Hall and King-Holt Company for the use of lights, tables and chairs.

Fish and Oysters, wholesale and retail. We have wholesale license to sell only certified oysters and fish. Fireworks of all kinds. Good eats at reasonable prices. Hopper's Cafe. 16-3t

Havana Pupils Total 42,000 HAVANA, Dec. 15.—More than 42,000 children attend Havana public schools, the department of public instruction has reported.

Be wise and advertise.

38 Vacant Houses Here December 1

The housing survey made here December 1 showed only 38 vacant places of all kinds. This accounts for residences, apartments and business houses. This total has decreased from about 90 early in the summer. Most of the places now vacant are undesirable and are found mostly on the outskirts of the city. The survey showed also that only 69 occupancies are without municipal water service.

Vacant houses began to be occupied just before September 1 and since then there has been a slow but steady influx of families moving here to make home. Practically all apartments are occupied and houses are in demand. A few business houses remain unoccupied, but there has been no increase in this class of vacancies this year.

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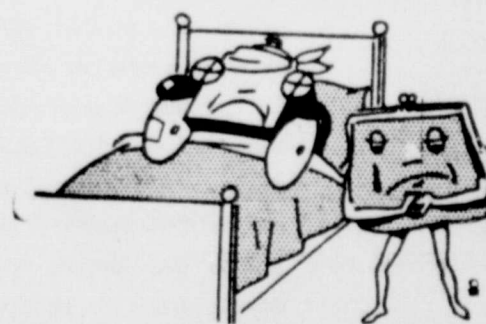
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**CHURCHES**

**Church of the Nazarene**  
 Sunday school 9:45 a. m., G. R. Ransberger, superintendent.  
 Preaching by the pastor morning and evening.  
 Young people's meeting 6:15 p. m.  
 W. M. S., Tuesday at 2:30 p. m.  
 Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.  
 Come and let us get acquainted.  
 I. L. FLYNN, Pastor

**Church of Christ**  
 (Eighth Street, Bonsal Avenue)  
 Bible school meets at 9:45 a. m. with competent teachers for all classes.  
 Preaching at 11 a. m. by Fred Ross, minister. Communion following sermon.  
 Preaching at 7:30 p. m.  
 Ladies' Bible class meets Tuesday at 3:30 p. m. in the church building.  
 Prayer meeting and young people's meeting at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.  
 You will find a cordial welcome at any and all these services.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
 9:45 a. m., Sunday school.  
 11 o'clock, morning worship.  
 3 p. m., Young People's Society.

7 o'clock, evening worship.  
 E. W. McLAURIN, Pastor  
**Ballinger Baptist Church**  
 9:45 a. m., Sunday school, E. E. King, superintendent.  
 11:00 a. m., preaching service by pastor.  
 6:30 p. m., B. T. S., Ernest Moody, director.  
 7:30 p. m., preaching service by pastor.  
 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, prayer meeting, followed by choir practice, R. E. White, director.  
 J. H. McCLAIN, Pastor

**First Christian Church**  
 (Broadway and Murrell)  
 Bible school, 9:45 a. m.  
 Prayer meeting, Wednesday, at 7:30 p. m.  
 A cordial invitation is extended to all.

**Eighth Street Presbyterian Church**  
 Bible school at 9:45 a. m., Carl Black, superintendent.  
 Preaching services at regular hours.  
 There is a genuine welcome for strangers as well as members.  
 J. EDWIN KERR, Minister.

**Church of God**  
 Sunday school at 10 a. m., Mrs. C. H. Johnson, superintendent.  
 Morning worship at 11 o'clock.  
 Young people's meeting at 6 p. m.

Evening service at 7:30 o'clock.  
 Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., prayer service.  
 You are invited to all these services at the "little church with the big welcome."  
 W. S. HANCOCK, Pastor

**First Methodist Church**  
 9:45 a. m., Sunday school.  
 Morning services at 11 a. m., Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.  
 Evening services at 7:30 o'clock.  
 Visitors will find a welcome at any and all services of this church.  
 H. D. MARLIN, Pastor

**TRAPPED IN TAXI DOOR;  
 RESCUED BY POLICE**

LONDON, Dec. 15.—London's finest were called recently to remove from a taxi a woman who had become wedged face downward in the doorway of the machine.

She was five feet tall and weighed 280 pounds, and when she stumbled in entering the cab the trouble began.

A large crowd gathered, and the heavy passenger was trapped for thirty-five minutes before a husky police sergeant opened the opposite door of the cab, seized her by the shoulders and by a super pull hauled her inside.

Advertised goods move.

**Goodfellow Notes**

The Lions Club, with seven trucks, was canvassing the city Thursday, collecting clothing, food, quilts, blankets and mattresses for Ballinger's needy.

Those making a survey of the city for the Goodfellows found a family Wednesday that should excite profound pity. The father was ill with blood poisoning; several little children, half clad and half starved, were in need of practically everything to sustain life. The children were wearing ancient, worn-out women's shoes they had picked up from a dump heap. Food and something to keep these little tots warm is certainly needed.

A mother with four small children told canvassers that if some kind of Christmas were provided for the little ones who are looking forward to a visit from Santa Claus, she would be happy.

Canvassers say: "Raise more money or people will go in want this Christmas." Don't wait any longer, donate something and make little children comfortable and happy Christmas day.

Another entire family was ill and in need of anything to warm their bodies and fill their stomachs. They were suffering greatly and must have help.

**Christmas Musicale  
 At Baptist Church**

The Sunday evening service at the Ballinger Baptist Church will be turned over to the Y. W. A. who will present a Christmas cantata. The title of the offering is "A Night in the Orient," and some twenty persons will portray the characters and sing in the chorus.

Mrs. J. H. McClain has been rehearsing the young women for several weeks and the production was announced ready this week. A reader will tell the story while three solo voices render special music. A chorus of fifteen will assist.

Miss Lois Fowler will read the story as the pageant progresses. Solo parts will be taken by Misses Grace Murchison, Clara Mae Forgey and Hazel Fulton. Mrs. L. Schermerhorn at the organ will play accompaniments for the special numbers and choruses.

The program, to which the general public is invited, will begin at 7:30 p. m.

Modern Greece's development of the carpet and rug industry dates from 1916, but became significant six years later after the influx of refugees from Smyrna.

applied to take civil service examinations for jobs as city firemen in Duluth, Minnesota.

Lebanon, Tenn., Boy Scouts have a hut built from cedar logs cut more than a century ago.

More than 400 young men

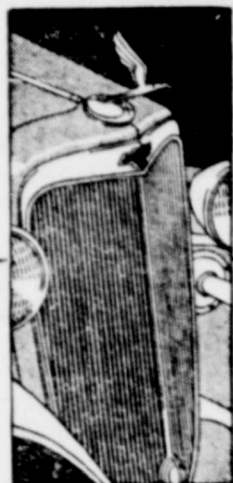
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- Chili Powder Eagle Brand, Large **29c**
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- Cabbage Nice Heads, lb. **2c**
- Spuds No. 1 **10-lbs. 15c**
- Yams A good value **10-lbs. 15c**
- Soap P.&G. 7 bars and 1 cleanser all for **25c**

Let us supply your Christmas requirements!  
 FANCY PACK OLIVES, CONDIMENTS, SAUCES, DESSERT  
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TOMORROW will be Chevrolet Day throughout America. And the new car that millions have been watching and waiting for—the latest product of the world's leading builder of automobiles—will go on display: the New Chevrolet Six—at a new scale of low prices. Front, side, rear—inside, outside—everything about this new car is advanced, improved, exciting. Longer wheelbase makes it the biggest automobile in today's low-price field. The latest principle of car design, "Aer-Stream" styling, gives it a totally different, ultra-modern appearance. The new Fisher bodies are larger, wider—faultlessly streamlined—swung lower to the road—and offer the first basic improvement in travel comfort in over ten years: Fisher No-Draft Ventilation. Chevrolet performance in every gear is faster, flashier, more brilliant. The time-proved six-cylinder engine is more powerful

as well as more economical. Improved Free Wheeling is combined with a "silent second" Syncro-Mesh gear-shift. Chevrolet engineers have developed a remarkable new invention that wins a complete victory over vibration: The Cushion-Balanced Engine Mounting. And as far as prices are concerned, several models now sell at the lowest figures in Chevrolet history. Chevrolet is able to do all this because Chevrolet has the advantage of being the world's largest builder of cars for 4 out of the past 6 years. Chevrolet builds cars in greater volume—buys materials in greater quantities—does everything on a bigger, more economical scale. Hence, Chevrolet is in a position to provide a better car at a better price than could possibly issue from any other source. The leader can accomplish what others dare not try!  
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Mother wants to find someone to help her with the housework. Dad's interested in finding some property on the River to make a vacation headquarters for next year and the children are looking for a used radio which they have been promised they can have for their very own in the nursery. They'll find what they want in the Ballinger Semi-Weekly Ledger Want-Ads . . . but they'll be looking for something else tomorrow.



# Want Ads

**Rates and Rules**  
Two cents per word first insertion, no advertisement accepted for less than 25 cents. All subsequent insertions 1 cent per word each insertion.  
All classified advertisements must be accompanied by cash unless advertiser has a regular account with the paper.  
No classified advertisement accepted on an "until ordered out" basis. The number of times the ad is to run must be specified.

**FOR SALE**—Two tons of Pecans. W. T. Padgett. 16-11

**WANTED**—At once, 999 people to buy us out of business. Look at these prices: 2 piece, all Tapestry covered, Living Room Suite \$27.49. 4 piece Walnut Finish Bed Room Suite (regular price \$65.00) \$32.43. All Cotton, roll edge Mattress \$3.25. 9x12 Gold Seal, new patterns \$6.75. No. 1 Pabco 9x12 Rugs \$4.89. All \$10.00 Walnut Rockers \$5.49. Four burner Nesco Stove and double oven \$19.89. L. E. Bair Furniture Co. 16-11

**FOR RENT**—5 Room House, modern conveniences, close in. Phone 179. 9-31\*

## Hi Glee Club Will Present Cantata

The Ballinger high school glee club under the direction of Miss Katherine Todd will present a Christmas cantata at the high school auditorium next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The selection is "The First Christmas," by Kuntz, and a large group of girls has been rehearsing for several weeks on the production.

During the performance opportunity will be given the audience to make a free will offering which will be turned over to the Good-fellows to aid the poor this Christmas. No admission will be charged and the offering will be for those who want to give and help the girls to have a part in spreading cheer.

The principal role in the cantata will be assumed by Miss Katherine Wilson, who will portray Mary. Angels will be represented by Misses Juanita Lane, Wanda Lane, Beatrice Bryan and Bobbie Avey.

Members of the club who will sing in the chorus are: Misses Jewel Fulton, Lois B. Evans, Sadie Simecek, Kathleen Haverland, Gladys Cervenk, Katherine Mayfield, Frances Gustavus, Marcella Fryar, Pauline Morris, Gladys Lee Morgan, Ila Mae West, Aileen Stinebaugh, Charlotte Willingham, Gladys Kemp, Mozelle Brown, Margie Mae Halstead, Sybil Jenkins, Adeline Simecek, Henry Ethel Shiller, Florence Davis, Winnie Lee Jones, Katherine Wilson, Ruth Wilson, Melba Marlin, Clara Mae Forgey.

**Much Food Canned**  
LIVINGSTON, Dec. 15.—On the basis of dealers' sales of tin cans and glass jars in Polk county, Miss Ruth Causey, home demonstration agent, estimates the county canning at half a million containers this year. This makes an average of 250 containers per farm family.

## Two Champions



Two Texas champions met in Chicago recently at the International Livestock show. It wasn't their first meeting. Marvin Maherry, champion 4-H club boy of Texas, from Fisher county, saw the calf which he fed last winter made grand champion of the Chicago show. When Marvin fed "Texas Special," the steer was called "Bumpy Lad," and was bred by Marvin's father. Bought by C. M. Largent and Sons of Merkel for \$5 a pound after being named grand champion at the Lubbock show, the steer brought \$125 a pound in Chicago.

## Joe's Christmas Job

by H. Lucius Cook

TWO weeks before Christmas, Joe was elated to be offered a new job, a real position this time. For five years, since he was thirteen, he had worked for a photographer and was earning only sixteen dollars a week. It seemed to him that he would remain at that humble wage the rest of his life if he did not get out and do something right away. At eighteen a boy should be making good if he is ever going to—at least so Joe thought—and with a sick father and two younger brothers to help support, he really needed more. So when a competitive firm offered him twenty-five dollars a week, he jumped at the bigger opportunity and resigned his old place.

But Joe was no slacker and although he was "getting through" on Saturday night, the Saturday before Christmas, and though he had to be at his new place bright and early Monday morning, he stuck by his post with his former employer until all the "proofs" were out. That meant hours of slavery, for in the photographic world, practically the whole year's business is done between Thanksgiving and Christmas, and everyone connected with it has to buckle down to work, nights as well as days. Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, none of the men went to bed at all. At five in the morning they would skip over to a Turkish bath for a plunge, and recline on the divans for an hour. But seven o'clock found them back at the studio, developing, drying and retouching negatives, making proofs, and getting them mailed to customers. There can be no loafing on such a job as all the work must be done to order in a short time, and cannot be stocked up.

Joe showed his pluck in sticking with the gang, for the work was hard and no extra recompense went with it. He knew the extra work his pals would have to do if he should quit, and so for them he stuck it out. Such is the Christmas spirit in the shops, behind the scenes, where Christmas joy is made for others over night, and tired camera-men stand in line, too courageous, proud, and loving to desert each other though muscles ache and home lies call. Joe did not have to stay, but did—and got no extra pay except the satisfaction of it all when at ten o'clock Sunday morning the work was finished.

At lunch time Monday noon Miss Meechem of the studio found Joe standing on a street corner and stopped to talk with him. "How do you like your new place?" she asked.

"I haven't one," he said. And then in answer to her further queries, for Joe was never over-talkative, he added, "The beasts! They said another boy had come last Monday just after I left there, and as he could begin at once they took him on, and had no piece for me, I've been to every studio in town, and no one wants me now. It is too late, for after Christmas they have no more work. I don't know what I'll do."

"Do!" exclaimed Miss Meechem. "Do? Why, come right back to the old studio with me where you belong. They need you there. We miss you terribly. They can't pay you twenty-five, but a sure thing is better than this treachery. They ARE beasts!"

No one but Miss Meechem could have ever dragged poor Joe back to his old job, but false pride could never withstand her arguments, and a few minutes later Joe was in the office of his former employer.

Mr. Bangs was infuriated at the abuse the boy had had, and called his competitor on the phone to tell him what he thought. But first he sent Joe out to work, so that the boy would not hear the complimentary things he had to say, nor the abusive language that he used to his competitor. Then he slipped out of the studio for a few minutes and later that day there was delivered at Joe's door a large, mysterious package, plainly marked "Not to be opened until Christmas."

Joe did not have an increase then, but his job was permanent, and Santa Claus had delivered at his door much better things than he could have bought himself even with the extra pay that he had hoped to have.

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## The Christmas Tree

According to a Germanic legend, all trees blossomed on Christmas Eve. To make fact agree with legend, small cherry twigs were properly cultivated at home so as to bloom about Christmas time.

## Pere Noel in France

Children in France look for the coming of Pere Noel with the same pleasure and impatience as ours do for the coming of Santa Claus.—Farm and Ranch.

## Calf Gives Milk When Four Months Old



R. M. Thomas, who lives near Anson, Texas, doesn't know what to think of his calf, with which he is pictured. The calf has been giving milk since it was four months old. The two teats on the right hand side are fully developed, and she gives more than a pint of milk daily. The calf has the appearance of a full grown cow, but is perfectly normal otherwise.

## New Chevrolet Car On Display Dec. 17

The salesroom of the Batts Chevrolet Company on Eighth Street will be the center of automobile interest on December 17 according to an announcement that has just been made by E. F. Batts, Chevrolet dealer. Mr. Batts is more enthusiastic than ever about the splendid line of cars Chevrolet is introducing for 1933 and feels confident that the public will share this enthusiasm when they have seen this new line.

According to Mr. Batts the new Chevrolets present a distinctly new body styling which offers new features revolutionary in the low priced field. The cars are larger with more powerful motors and represent a substantial step forward in modern automobile safety engineering.

The new car incorporates 192 improvements. A longer wheel-base, a more powerful six-cylinder engine, an entirely new body styling which reflects the master craftsmanship of bodies by Fisher, and new skirtd fenders which conceal all the under parts of the car are just a few of these many improvements. Mr. Batts was very emphatic in pointing out that in spite of the greater power of the engine and the increased size of the car the 1933 Chevrolet is more economical. The new Chevrolet also incorporates what is probably the greatest advancement in driving comfort since the advent of the closed body—the new

**Save at SAM BEHRINGER'S**

Specials for Friday and Saturday

BANANAS Dozen	12c
ORANGES Texas Sweets, 2 dozen	35c
APPLES Fancy Delicious, dozen	25c
LETTUCE Firm and Crisp, head	4c
DATES 2-lb. packages	35c
PECANS Broken Halves lb.	25c
PINEAPPLE Two No. 2 cans	27c
PEAS Two No. 2 cans	35c
COFFEE Maxwell House, 3-lb. can	95c
OATS 55-oz. box with Premium	19c
COMPOUND Swift's Jewel, 4-lb. carton	25c
SALT PORK lb.	8c

Dressed Chickens, Hens, Bakers and Fryers

Dressed Turkeys, the Cheapest Price We Have Ever Had!

## Slow Motion Pictures

Jack Sharkey's eyes look green sometimes, blue and gray at others.

Bowling Green is the oldest park in New York.

Lou Reichers, the flyer, is one of the best patrons of the cigaret makers.

All of the Greenwich Village night places have cut their charges. It now is possible to have a very good time in some of them (speaking of a couple) for less than five dollars an evening. It still is quite possible, even probable, that ways will be found to "stick" you in the rest.

Margaret Livingston, Paul Whiteman's wife, is a Salt Lake City girl.

One of the latest panhandlers to approach me, asked me for two cents to buy a stamp for a letter going back home!

Jesse Lasky's father was a shoemaker.

Three columnists on daily newspapers now have penthouses in the Village.

Lynn Fountaine chews gum in public. And she doesn't care what you think about it.

The newest thing in hairdressing is an Amelia Earhart cut.

## Itinerant Items

The sidewalk fad for roller-skating has been a huge boon for the skate makers this year, but adults (most of them society damsels who scooted along the Central Park walks) are quitting. They're either tired of it or find the weather too warm.

Goeta Ljungberg, the Metro-

## Manicrist Rewarded

BY GIFT OF TENEMENT

BARCELONA, Spain, Dec. 15.—Senorita Montserrat Costa, manicrist with a big heart, has received a big fee for a manicure and a tenement building for her kindness.

Among her recent customers was a sun-burned man wearing smoked glasses. As she worked on his calloused hands he told her that he had been in Fernando Po, Africa, doing hard work. As he left he gave her a tip of \$60 and an envelope containing a deed to the tenements.

Years ago, when he was gay and wealthy, he was a steady customer. He married, but his wife died after giving birth to a girl. Losing all, he lived in poverty, and Senorita Costa anonymously

sent food, clothing, books and toys to the child.

The man went to Africa, made good, and his first act when he returned was to reward the manicrist.

An 81-year-old negro has started his 25th term as town clerk at Cadiz, Ohio.

More Minnesota high schools engaged in interscholastic declamation contests than in football, a survey revealed.

politan's Swedish nightingale who will be a headliner next year, doesn't use any cosmetics except a little powder. And she's gorgeous. Every time a new beauty comes over from that country, this type pounder gets more and more excited about a contemplated trip to Sweden.

Those bird and animal sound effects which struck you as being so realistic in a number of jungle pictures were produced by a gentleman named Donald Bain. Frequently he takes his recording paraphernalia out to Bronx zoo, where he catches the genuine screeches, croonings and growls of fowls and mammals of distant lands. These can be inserted whenever a picture calls for such effects.

## Cinderella



The clock has struck 12 for Sunshine, little Cinderella, now girl of Ft. Worth. Her parents in bad financial circumstances, Sunshine Margaret Heard had been taken into the home of Gordon Whately, well-to-do bachelor. He wanted to adopt her, but her parents objected on the grounds that he took her to prize fights and did not have her put to bed early at night. The jury ruled Saturday that she go back to her parents.

**SAFeway STORES**

Friday and Saturday, December 16 and 17, in Ballinger

<p><b>Flour</b> A Family Flour 48-lbs. 59c</p> <p><b>Coffee</b> Airway Brand—Always Fresh Pound 21c</p> <p><b>Dates</b> Fancy Bulk—For Cooking and Baking 2-lbs. 29c</p> <p><b>Crackers</b> Brown's Saltines 2-lb. Box 23c</p> <p><b>MILK</b> Max-i-mum Brand 6 Small Cans 17c 3 Large Cans 17c</p>	<p><b>Fruits and Vegetables</b></p> <p>Apples Extra Fancy Iraho Wine Saps 2 doz. 25c</p> <p>Lemons Golden Colored, Sunkist 23c</p> <p>Oranges Med. size, Juicy, doz. 19c</p> <p>Cranberries Fancy, 2-lbs. 29c</p> <p>Celery Large, Bleached, Stalk 10c</p> <p>Potatoes U. S. No. 1 Idaho Rurals 10-lbs. 14c</p>
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<p><b>Steak</b> Baby Beef Lb. 10c</p>		



**MOVIES**

**"American Madness" Acclaimed a Great Picture**

One of the most compelling screen dramas of the 1932 season will make its bow to Ballinger when Columbia's "American Madness" opens a two-day run at the Palace Theatre Sunday afternoon.

Considered tremendous in scope and of sweeping power, "American Madness" is a film that strikes at the vitals of present-day America.

Walter Huston, whose reputation as one of the greatest actors on the American screen is unquestioned, has the feature role of a strong, clear-thinking banker whose courage and faith in people leads him successfully through a run on his bank and an attempt to break up his home.

"American Madness" has a superb supporting cast, headed by Constance Cummings, one of the most talented and charming of the younger screen actresses. Pat O'Brien, who made the role of Hildy Johnson in "The Front Page" an unforgettable one, plays the part of an ex-convict whom Huston has given a chance to make good in his bank. Kay Johnson, remembered for her performance in "Dynamite," is cast as Huston's wife.

Critics all over the country have praised "American Madness" for the timeliness of its plot, bringing to the screen, as it does, the dramatic situation that has touched the lives of everyone in the world in the last three years or more.

Not to be ignored is the fact that "American Madness" is mounted in a spectacular fashion, with the largest sets ever built at the Columbia studios and the largest number of "extras" ever seen on the lot at one time. More than 1,000 "extras" participated in the stirring scenes of the bank run.

**Two Famous Screen Stars Appear in "Tiger Shark"**

Two famous screen names are at the head of the cast of "Tiger Shark." First National's exciting picture of the colorful tuna industry which comes to the Palace Theatre for a two-day run Thursday and Friday of next week.

Edward G. Robinson, star of the picture, and Richard Arlen, long a screen favorite, play together for the first time in this stirring and sensational epic of the seas, a story of life among the fishermen who take their lives into their hands practically every time they go to sea.

In this picture Arlen sings for the first time, rollicking songs of

**Texas Seamen Who Saved Britishers at Sea**



This is the crew of Lifeboat No. 4, on the Beaumont (Texas) Tanker, "The Sylvan Arrow." These men snatched seven men from the face of death in a storm off the Florida coast recently. Shortly after sighting distress signals from the British schooner, "The Edith Dawson," the Beaumont ship sent these men to the rescue. They did a good job of it, not a man being lost. From left to right, they are: Charles Jorgenson, A. Holmstrom, A. L. Masterson, Otto Maki and Chief Officer G. O. Karlsson, all of Beaumont.

the sea. He plays "Pipes," a mate on Robinson's fishing boat, and gets his nickname from his vocal accomplishments.

Many of the spectacular sea shots were made off the west coast of Mexico, where man-eating sharks are found in great schools. These scenes are said to be thrilling in the extreme.

Another member of the cast is Zita Johann, talented Hungarian actress, who has recently come to this country to enter pictures, and who has been a sensation in Broadway productions.

**Card of Thanks**

We take this method of thanking our many friends for their many deeds of kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of our dear husband, father and brother. We also wish to thank them for the beautiful floral offering.

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Newspaper advertising enables manufacturers to check advertising results and costs in every market which they enter.—The Leitchfield (Ky.) Gazette.

**WILL BUY NEW FURNITURE FOR HAGAN SCHOOL HOUSE**

County Superintendent R. E. White went to the Hagan school Thursday morning to confer with the trustees, Chester A. Crimm, L. S. Nunn and Archie Wiley. The board and Mr. White will make a decision on the new furniture to be bought which will include desks, window shades, stoves and blackboards. An order will be placed for the needed equipment so that it can be installed in time for the reopening of school in the new building after Christmas.

**A Chance**

He (after argument)—"I'd like to meet a girl who could take a joke."

She (sweetly)—"Then you might stand a chance of getting married."—College Life.

C. A. Crimm attended to business for the Hagan school here Wednesday.

**Offer Concert of Christmas Music**

At the First Methodist Church Sunday evening at 7:30 a sacred concert will be presented by the choir. Thirty voices will sing "Music of Bethlehem," which will require about an hour to present.

For the past month the choir has been rehearsing the concert and is ready to present to the public one of the finest programs ever prepared here. On this year's program are two numbers from last year's concert which will be repeated. All other selections are new, having never been sung by chorus in Ballinger before.

A committee will spend the last several days of this week decorating the front of the church. The color scheme is solid white and special lighting effects will be employed to make the scene very impressive and appropriate.

Included on the program will be the following numbers:

- Organ prelude
- Opening—"And They Shall Call His Name Jesus"
- Christmas prayer
- Anthem—"The Lord is Come"
- Male quartet—"Goodwill to Men"
- Anthem—"The Little Old Manager"
- Solo—"Glory to God," Mrs. J. A. Schnable
- Anthem—"Let Us Go into the House of The Lord"
- Reading—"A Christmas Story," Mrs. C. F. Bailey; piano accompaniment, Mrs. W. B. Halley
- Anthem—"The Song of the Star"
- Violin solo—Miss Katherine Todd
- Anthem—"Our Lord Emanuel"
- Female quartet—"Jesus"
- Mixed octet—"All Hail, the New-born King"

**Schools Will Sell Christmas Seals**

The sale of Christmas seals will be staged all over Runnels county this week-end and the first several days of next week. County Superintendent R. E. White has sent a supply of seals and a letter to teachers of rural schools urging them to begin an active campaign at once and report the first part of next week as to the sale.

Some plan will be put in action for a city-wide sale of the little stickers in Ballinger next week. Plans have not been formulated for the sale here, however.

Following is a copy of the letter sent by Mr. White to the rural teachers:

"To the Teacher Addressed:  
This enclosure brings you Christmas seals with the urgent appeal that you offer them for sale to the people of your community this week-end, and make your returns early next week.

"This year as never before, those who have any income are needed to cooperate in this movement, for the good of the national and state program of tuberculosis education and prevention, funds for which are derived from this source. The writer knows personally three former teachers of Runnels county, who have had tuberculosis and who have received care and instruction through the state and national tuberculosis facilities, which seems to us to be sufficient appeal to every teacher in the county, to not only lend their cooperation, but purchase seals, to aid in this splendid humanitarian enterprise. Every civic and welfare organization of the country, headed by President Hoover and President-Elect Roosevelt, are giving the seal sale their support

this year, which surely is enough to recommend it to us.

"In addition to the educational work done by the state and national organizations through the literature which you have received the local organization receives 60% of all funds collected, which is used in aiding our public health nursing service, which is an added reason for our hearty participation.

"The allotment to your community is small and should be easily sold if properly presented. Please read this letter to the school, add to it, whatever information and appeal you are to make, and ask everyone whom you think can do so at all to purchase some seals. Make the presentation promptly upon receipt and do not lengthen the sale too long.

"Faithfully yours,  
"R. E. WHITE,  
"Chairman."

Be wise and advertise

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PRAGUE, Dec. 15.—This city has a new apartment building that fulfills the house-hunter's dream. It is the first apartment in the country fully equipped with modern electric appliances. All light, power and heating energy is furnished by the Prague municipal electric works.

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**Christmas Gifts that Charm**

There is no gift that women and men will appreciate more than **Fine Jewelry**

BAGUETTE WRIST WATCHES, made by Elgin and Bulova, that are reasonably priced. DIAMOND RINGS, DIAMOND PENDANTS, the very newest creations in up-to-date jewelry at NEW LOW PRICES.

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# Rural

## SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Miss Bessie Brown returned home Saturday from Dallas, where she spent several weeks at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Gentry. Miss Annie Midgley was the guest of Mrs. Bill Farmer, of Hagan, last week.

Mrs. S. V. Parrish and daughter, Miss Alta, of Ballinger, were guests of Mrs. Ed Farley Monday.

Mrs. R. E. Brown and daughters, Misses Bessie and Corinne, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Melton Sunday.

James Midgley is on the sick list this week.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Parr is reported to be seriously ill.

Miss Corinne Brown is improving after a relapse from the flu.

Mr. Van Nort has been ill several days with a bad case of flu.

The Mack Brown baby has been on the sick list.

Miss Berta Mae Lowry is still ill and confined to bed.

The Bob Justice baby has been sick for several days.

Mrs. M. G. Justice is reported to be ill.

## TALPA TOPICS

Mr. and Mrs. Tabor and children, of Valera, visited in the Sam King home Sunday.

Miss Letha Givens is visiting in Valera.

A. D. Richey, Jr., of Eldorado, is at the bedside of his father, who is very ill.

Misses Myrtle Tate, Marie and Curtiss Gregory spent the week-end with home folks.

Miss Elizabeth Evans, who is attending Simmons University, Abilene, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Evans.

Mrs. Wayne Bennett, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. E. H. Richey and Misses Stella Herring and Adelaide Watkins attended the missionary zone meeting at Bangs Thursday.

Mrs. Rucker and daughters, of Brownwood, spent last week in the H. E. Evans home.

Mrs. Kelley and Mrs. Glenn Mitchell visited Howard Kelley at New Central Tuesday.

Rev. Hall preached Sunday morning and evening at the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharpton, of Winters, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. John Parker.

Clarence Cole, teacher in Talpa high school, spent the week-end at Valera.

## WILMETH EVENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Brown, of the Plains, came in Tuesday to visit Mr. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Brown probably will make home here next year.

We are sorry to report sickness in the Marshal Simon home and in the Tom Rumpy home.

No Parent-Teacher Association meeting was held Friday night on account of bad weather.

Rev. Easterwood, of Abilene, conducted the preaching services at the Baptist Church last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Blackmon and son, Cam, went to Collin county this week, being called to the bedside of Mrs. Blackmon's mother, who is reported to be ill.

Loyd Badgett and Miss Veda Rae McDonald were united in marriage Sunday afternoon.

Several from this community attended the zone meeting at Pumphrey Sunday.

Little Willis Royce Armstrong went to Rising Star this week to attend the wedding anniversary celebration of his great grandparents.

Hubbard Young, who had been spending a few days in Dallas, has returned to his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Long and

Miss Ella Long visited in Abilene Thursday. Miss Ella remained with friends for a short visit.

Darrell Harkins went to Water Valley this week to receive a herd of cattle recently purchased by him. Mr. Harkins will drive the cattle back.

Miss Marguerite Cox, of old Runnels, is visiting relatives here.

## BETHEL NEWS

Everyone is glad to see a few days of rain as moisture was certainly needed.

Quite a number have missed school this week on account of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Tullos and family and Miss Corene Nunley visited in the G. H. Dierschke home Saturday night.

Many from this community attended the funeral of Eugene Richardson, of Ballinger, Sunday.

Miss Corene Nunley spent Saturday night with Miss Evelyn Tullos.

Mrs. John Batts and daughters are on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Greenhill, Jr., spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Mapes.

Mrs. Patrick Fox and children and Miss Elsie Gilkerson visited Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Prusser, of Winters, Sunday afternoon.

Bernadine Greenhill is on the sick list this week.

Jim D. Harrison returned to his home at McLean, Texas, Tuesday after a week's visit with relatives here.

Jaunis Nunley spent Monday night with Maurine Goodwin.

## HARMONY HERALDS

We have just completed the first month of our school term. Reports were issued Monday and the following were found to have made a grade which entitles them to have their names on the honor roll: Ellen Gearhart, Ferrell Gene Billups, Ruth White, Johnnie Bob Brandon, Wade White, F. L. Gearhart, Doyle Oliver, Wayne Yeager, Wayne Cummings, Weldon Worthington and Travis Oliver. These pupils were neither absent nor tardy.

The faculty and student body are rehearsing a Christmas program which will be presented Friday, December 23. The people of this as well as other communities are invited to attend this program. Following the program Santa Claus will make his appearance and distribute gifts to the children.

Two of our teachers are new to us this year, Mrs. J. S. Tierce, the

## Texas Steer Is International Grand Champ



Here is "Texas Special" owned by C. M. Largent and Sons, of Merkel, Texas. This steer was named the grand champion of the International Livestock show at Chicago. He brought \$125 a pound when sold following the show.

principal, and Miss Irene Smith, intermediate teacher. Miss Aletha Schwartz is teacher of the primary grades. The work is moving along nicely and all seem to be well pleased with the faculty.

Miss Aletha Schwartz spent the week-end with Miss Alice Rumpy, of Wilmeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughlen Yeager spent Monday night with relatives in the Eagle Branch community.

Mrs. Tierce, Mrs. Billups, and Miss Irene Smith visited in Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Seals transacted business in Ballinger Monday.

Grandmother England has been ill with influenza for the past several days. She is reported to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Pumphrey moved to Winters this week.

## BENOIT NEWS

We have been having some very cold weather the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Elam, of Miles, and Mr. and Mrs. Arch Brookshier and daughter, Lurlene, called on Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hill Sunday afternoon.

Several of this community have been ill with the flu and colds.

Miss Virginia Bartlett, of Ballinger, was the week-end guest of Miss Laura B. Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moody, of Ballinger, were guests in the C. M. Gibson home Sunday.

Grafton Brookshier spent Saturday night with Vauna Lee Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brookshier are the proud parents of a big boy, born Saturday night. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kelly and family and Mr. and Mrs. Walter

infancy.

Thea Lucas and Miss Nona Northcutt motored to Bronte Saturday afternoon and were united in marriage at 4:30 by Rev. J. A. Branaman. The bride is a resident of the Harmony community, having made home with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Lun Gilbreath, for some time. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Lucas and has resided in the Crews vicinity since childhood. Their many friends extend best wishes for a happy future.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Norris, of Talpa, visited Mr. and Mrs. Edgley Jayroe Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Madison have returned from Carrizo Springs, where they made home the past year. Mrs. Madison is reported to be ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mathis and family, of Bangs, visited relatives here Sunday.

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Branaman, of Bronte, marriage vows were spoken that united Miss Nestella Branaman and Lloyd Jackson. The bride is a graduate of the Winters high school, later attending Baylor College, and has since taught school in both Coke and Runnels counties. For two years she, with her parents, lived near Crews, but moved to Bronte a few months previous. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Jackson and is well known, having spent a number of years in our midst. May theirs be a happy life is the wish of all.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Crews cemetery for the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Hixon, of Winters. The little girl was laid to rest by the side of her twin sister, who died in early

Finley, of Ballinger, visited in the W. D. Lewis home Sunday evening.

## CREWS NEWS

Cold and disagreeable weather Sunday prevented good attendance at both churches.

The Methodist ladies postponed their Christmas bazaar, scheduled to be held Saturday night, until more favorable weather.

A large crowd attended the play, "Kicked out of College," Thursday night at the Methodist church. It was a good play and well performed.

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## Camp Fire Girls Serve Rotary Lunch

Ballinger Camp Fire Girls served the Rotary Club's luncheon Tuesday noon at the camp house near city park. Guardians of the troops planned and supervised preparation of the menu which was declared by the members of the club to be one of the finest they have enjoyed this year.

The table was decorated in Christmas colors and a cheery blaze in the large fireplace added to the spirit of the occasion. J. W. Macune presided in the absence of E. E. King and after a number of songs the meal was served.

A talk by one of the Camp Fire Girls gave the members an insight of the real work of the organization. She stressed the character building portion of the program and the many useful things taught. Educational work taught in caring for health and being happy was also pointed out.

H. C. Lyon was called upon for a few remarks regarding his observation of the organizations activities. He said all such agencies were good and needed more today than ever before to add to the training in the home in making better men and women of tomorrow.

J. H. McClain complimented the Camp Fire Girls but, the city park nearby and all such things for the use of the young people of Ballinger. He pointed to the growing need of such places and praised those who were responsible for their inception.

Mrs. W. J. Young is reported to be ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilkerson are said to be improving and will be dismissed from the hospital soon.

## EXTENSION SERVICE EXPERTS GIVE DEMONSTRATIONS HERE

Paul Cumyus, poultry specialist of A. & M. College, and Miss Vetha McInnis, home industry specialist of the extension service, spent Friday in Ballinger giving demonstrations and lectures to county workers. Mr. Cumyus demonstrated killing of turkeys at the dressing plant of the Runco Poultry Association, and Miss McInnis showed methods of canning turkey and chicken.

Demonstrators from all clubs in the county were expected here for the special feature but due to cold weather only a few were present.

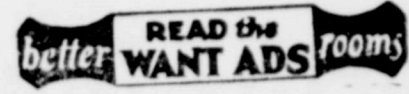
Montana School of Mines gave a six-week "prospectors' course" last winter, that attracted men from many walks of life, including a blacksmith, an embalmer and a clairvoyant.

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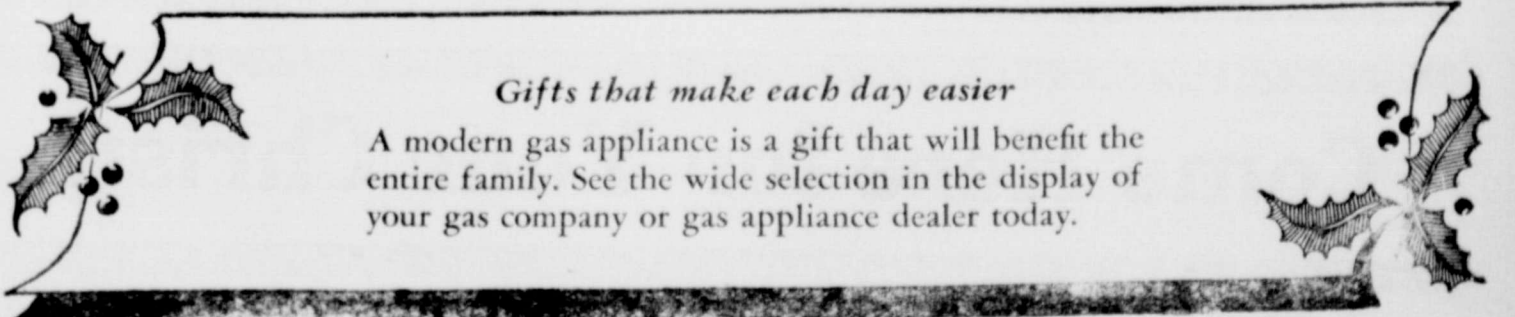
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Eight more shopping days and our big Golden Jubilee Sale goes down in history as our greatest merchandising, the greatest value giving campaign of our 50 years of serving. During our 8 glorious golden days of rare saving opportunities you may reap,

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