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

Runnels county has been greatly benefited by a general rain of more than two inches. Farmers have an excellent underground "season" is to be found in every section of the county which is a great boost towards a good crop.

The next few weeks is an excellent time to plan and start yard and garden improvement. Gardens increased here at a rapid rate last spring and many plan to have even better ones this year.

Property owners and motorists have the remainder of January in which to visit the office of the county tax collector, pay their taxes before they become delinquent and secure their automobile and truck license plates.

Business in Ballinger started as usual on the first day of the new year with all stores open and doing business. No stores were closed and no business changes reported of any consequence.

HOW'S your HEALTH

Arteriosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries, is a disease condition recognized for many centuries. Yet, despite a great deal of study, there is as yet little positive information on the mechanisms involved in its development.

This first injury he gives the generic name of atony, by which he means that due to excessive strains imposed upon the arteries either by great physical effort or by intoxication, by poisons, or as a result of systemic disease conditions, the muscle cells have lost their normal tone or strength and have become atonic.



With Kid Gloves

By Paul Hawk

"The day you're married," Mr. Vance said genially, "is the day I make you general manager of the factory—and give you half interest. Think you two can live on that?" Nanette looked at Hal, but she could see no signs of elation.

What Is ATHLETE'S FOOT Over 30 Million Americans Now Have It—Is This Dreaded Disease Becoming a Plague? Athlete's Foot is a fungus germ...

"I almost didn't make it," she told him lightly. "But you will need these." She held out the ticket and passport. "Your father," she explained.

Would Oust Hoover



When it was suddenly suggested recently on the floor of congress that Hoover be impeached, congress quailed the idea overwhelmingly, only eight of some 400 present voting to continue with the attempted impeachment.

"Mrs. Vance? I tried—the kid gloves," she said simply. "My dear, you come and stay with me a while." Nan wandered aimlessly about in Hal's room. She touched objects here and there. She felt like a martyr—and she didn't like being a martyr, for with the passing of each sixty-two minutes since he had gone, the lump in her heart had grown heavier.

Star-Telegram Readers: Monday's paper will be delivered immediately after 7:30 a. m. Frank Holliday, agent. 30-2t

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during the early scenes of the picture is declared by fashion experts to eclipse anything this star has presented for the delectation of women fans since she came to the screen.

Action in "Life Begins" Laid in Maternity Ward

For the first time in movie history the camera invades the sacred confines of a hospital maternity ward. This first public exposition of the role of motherhood forms the background for the First National film drama, "Life Begins," which will be shown at the Palace Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Eric Linden. Others are Aline MacMahon, Preston Foster, Frank McHugh, Glenda Farrell, Walter Walker, Gloria Shea, Dorothy Peterson, Vivienne Osborne, Clara Blandick, Elizabeth Patterson, Gilbert Roland, and Hale Hamilton.

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# Rural

### SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Mrs. A. E. Dennis and son, Ben, spent Christmas with relatives at Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Parrish, of Ballinger, were guests in the Henry Rezzle home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pepper and children, of Rochester, and Mr. and Mrs. Babney were guests in the Henry Leach home Sunday.

### SPRING HILL NEWS

Rev. M. C. Golden filled his regular appointment here Sunday afternoon.

We are sorry to report Francis Allison on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Curtis Hampton and baby spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Hoverack, of Rowena.

Troy Reese, of Blanton, spent Wednesday night with Earl Ingle.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Clifton and children visited friends in Albany Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ingle and family were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Allison on Christmas day.

Herman Mitchel, of Crews, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Top Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Aycock and family, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Aycock and family and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Best and family, of Ballinger, enjoyed Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Aycock.

Miss Zell Reese, of Blanton, who has been visiting Miss Estelle Ingle, returned to her home Wednesday.

Billy Aycock, who is attending school in Austin, is spending the holidays here with home folks.

Leldon Clifton is visiting friends at Norton.

### HERRING TOPICS

The rain of last week filled tanks and creeks, furnishing an abundance of stock water, which was getting very low, and also revived the grain which was almost dead in places for the want of moisture. Most of the farmers are through picking cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hale spent Christmas with relatives at Lometa.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Allcorn visited Mrs. Allcorn's father and other relatives at Santa Anna during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hale and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Payne and family, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hale and children and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hale were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Allcorn Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brevard, of Blanton, and Mrs. and Mrs. Marion Kerby, Misses Mildred Kerby, Selma Morton, Bernice Hale and W. A. Hale were guests in the J. P. Brevard home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brandon spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Allcorn.

Mr. and Mrs. George Faubion and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Faubion.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Madison, of Carrizo Springs, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mullanax spent the holidays in the Joe Bragg home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fuller and family and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fuller and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Odell, of Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brandon visited relatives in Talpa Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Avent and family and Miss Evelyn Payne spent the holidays with relatives in San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Peetrie and daughter spent Christmas with friends in Wichita Falls.

### EAGLE BRANCH EVENTS

Christmas was very pleasantly spent in this community. The warm sunshine made it even more pleasant.

Those of our community who have influenza are reported to be improving.

There will be quite a bit of moving done in this community.

H. H. Carter and family are moving to one of the Hall farms.

Albert Henson and family, of Benoit, are moving to the place vacated by Mr. Carter.

Jack Halliburton, of Ballinger, spent the Christmas holidays with Alexander Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rowe are moving to a farm near Ballinger.

J. W. Nelson, who had been living at the O. V. Cooper home for several months, left Tuesday for his home at DeLeon.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, who had been residing on the J. T. Irven

farm, are moving to the Frank Miles place near Eagle Branch school house.

### BETHEL NEWS

Everyone is enjoying the Christmas holidays, and it seems that Santa Claus remembered all.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Mathis and two daughters spent the week-end with Mrs. J. D. Tullos and family. Mrs. Mathis is a niece of Mrs. Tullos.

Miss Ada Simmons and brother, Claude, spent Christmas day with Mrs. W. A. Hall and family.

Mrs. Hedrick Shelbourne and son, Billie, and Mrs. Paul Richardson, of Ballinger, went to Brownwood Saturday to spend Christmas with their sister, Mrs. Renie Silvey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Tullos and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Landers, of Blanton, Sunday.

Lon Muncy is on the sick list this week.

R. D. and Claude Goodwin were called to the bedside of their mother, who is reported to be very ill at her home at Mount Pleasant.

Albert Koenig, Melburne Harvey and Miss Fay Muncy, students of Simmons University, Abilene, are at home for the holidays.

Mr. Mays, of California, is here for a visit to his sister, Mrs. Jack Carroll.

A number of young people from our community attended a party in the home of W. W. Paschal Monday night and also a social in the McKay home.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Nash and Miss Louise Johnson, of San Antonio, came in Sunday night to spend the holidays with their sister and mother, Mrs. Dick Johnson, and family. Miss Louise is attending school at San Antonio.

### BENOIT NEWS

Everyone had a merry Christmas and enjoyed the rain which fell here.

Mrs. Ina Buchanan and son, and Mrs. Todd, of Ballinger, were guests in the W. D. Lewis home Monday.

Gordon Gressett and Ed Wilson, of Sheffield, spent the Christmas holidays in the F. Gressett home.

Miss Arzeal Jones, of Crews, spent the week with Miss Faye Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoffman and family were dinner guests in the Greenwood home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Green, and Mr. and Mrs. George Odum were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lewis Sunday.

Miss Zaza Chenoweth spent the holidays with friends at Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Hoffman and family visited Mrs. Hoffman's mother at Amherst this week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Dishman, of Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hill, Mrs. Tennie Dietz, and Arzeal Jones were dinner guests in the A. W. Hill home Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Vogelsang, of Hatchel, and Miss Lurline Brookshier were guests in the F. Gressett home Sunday.

Mrs. Milton Gibson and little son are reported to be ill this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cless Howell, of Ballinger, visited in the G. W. Williams home Sunday.

Estelle Williams is spending the holidays with Miss Ruby Howell.

We are sorry to report that Woodrow Cox had the misfortune to be injured by a hog Christmas eve. He was rushed to a doctor and fifteen stitches taken in his knee.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pullin and sons were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hoffman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lange, of Blanton, visited in the J. S. Reese home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Clayton were dinner guests in the Arch

### Boom Hill



Here is Grover B. Hill of Amarillo, Texas, who will be assistant secretary of agriculture in Roosevelt's administration, if the Texas Panhandle has anything to say about it. Hill is a veteran stockman of the Panhandle. Border cities in Oklahoma, Colorado and New Mexico also are for him.

## Odd Texas

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### The Conservation of Soil and Water in Texas

By A. D. Jackson  
(Editor, Experiment Station Publications)

That the interest in farm terracing is more widely spread and in healthier condition in Texas than ever before, is apparent from reports of extension agents and the current news in local and state papers. Terraces are being constructed more nearly level than ever before and the rows are being run parallel with the terraces. The object is two-fold. In the first place, farmers have learned that they need to save the water where it falls on their farm lands and they have learned that proper terracing and laying out of the rows not only holds some of the water on the land to make crops but helps to hold it off the lower lands and prevent drowning out of valuable crops. A great number of demonstrations during the past season, where moisture was a most important factor in crop production showed that where the water was carefully held on the land with contour rows and terraces the crop yields were surprisingly larger than on land where the water was allowed to run away on sloping rows. In the second place, the farmers have become convinced that anchoring their soil and fertilizers with level rows and terraces tends to prevent sheet washing and gully washing on their farms, and enables fertilizers to do their full share toward crop production. They see that their properly terraced lands are getting better and their carelessly managed lands are getting poorer.

These farmers have not obtained this information by mere accident. The extension service and the press and other agencies including the federal land bank have "thundered their teachings from the housetops." They first found out what practices are most helpful in saving both water and soil and have set about to teach the best application of these methods.

The experiment station has for more than five years been carrying on experiments at its water-run-off station at Spur to determine not only what the losses of water and of soil amount to during rains of various types but to determine means of reducing these losses to a minimum. Some of the information brought out in these experiments has been startling. For instance it was shown that almost one-fourth of the rainfall in the Spur region is lost as unnecessary run-off under the ordinary farming practices that have prevailed there. Also where this loss was avoided by means of level terraces and contour rows, the yields of crops have been increased consistently, amounting to more than 30% in most instances. These experiments have also shown that on land with a 2% slope, where the rows were run up and down the slope, the loss of the soil in a period of 27-inch rainfall amounted to as much as 40 tons per acre.

These astonishing facts have enabled the county agents and others interested in a permanent and successful agricultural program to present the case more effectively than ever before and the farmers are acting on the information more generally than in the past.

In the meantime congress became interested in the subject and made, three years ago, an appropriation of \$160,000 to institute studies at several points in the United States similar to those being made by the Texas station. Two of these points are in Texas, one in the blackland section near Temple and one in the sandy land section near Tyler. Another is at Guthrie, Oklahoma, and the other located in several other states are expected to serve the important soil areas of the nation. These studies will cover a long period of time and will require constant support at the hands of congress. These new stations in Texas are being operated in cooperation with the Texas experiment station and the findings will be promptly available after passing the required tests. The findings at the Spur station to date have been published as bulletin No. 411 which is available for free distribution.

The last annual report of the Texas extension service says: "After 17 years of county agent effort Texas passed the million-acre mark in area terraced against

soil erosion and for rainfall conservation in 1931 with 1,031,888 acres protected in 174 counties. The grand total terraced or contoured in the state to date is roughly 5,500,000 acres, which is about 20% of the entire acreage in need of protection. Half the state terracing in 1931 was done under county agent supervision, and about 10% of this was accomplished by 4-H club boys. Individual farmer initiative and aid from other agencies accounted for the balance, but almost the entire terracing job in Texas is directly due to the work of county agents since 1912. The wholesale training of farmers and others to lay out contour lines and build the terraces in special county and community terracing schools is illustrative of the vigorous work of the extension specialist. The use of county road machinery has proven more economical in general than teams and was used in 75 counties last year. Two-horse team construction is becoming a rarity, and four or more horses or mules are commonly used. Terraces add about \$5 per acre to the productive value of land, according to the averaged estimates of farmers. Last year's terracing was worth \$5,159,440 to Texas."

Commenting on this report the Fort Worth Star-Telegram of November 5, 1932, says: "Slowly but surely the farmers of Texas are yielding to the progress contained within the process of terracing land to prevent constant loss by erosion. Statistics available state that the county agricultural agent estimate of land value increases of \$5 an acre for terraced land has been increased by the estimate of farmers at least 50 per cent. It is a proven fact that terraced lands produce crop increases ranging between \$1 an acre and double the previous yield."

"A survey discloses the fact that Texas contains approximately 7,000,000 terraced acres and the increased earnings of those acres this year over the earnings of the crop season prior to terracing is not less than \$10,000,000. This is a bright spot in the Texas depression. Anything which shows increase over pre-depression values must be credited with superior qualities."

"It never has been explained—that intangible reason for farmers bowing their necks at the suggestion of terraces for their sloping fields from which latter they easily may watch the valuable top soil wash during any heavy rain. That washed-away top soil is the most valuable real estate in the world. But when it leaves the farmer he may never hope to see it again."

"It is good news to hear that terracing is making progress in spite of existing market conditions. When the market improvement comes the terraced land will be the standard of land values in Texas."

Hugh Simpson returned to Abilene Monday to resume his position with the Radford Grocery Company.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Martin spent Christmas with relatives and friends in the lower Rio Grande valley.

Fritz Dahmann, of Rowena, attended to business in Ballinger Monday.

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