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Complete Probe in Slaying Of Wingate Bank Robbers

County Attorney Roy L. Hill, assisted by an attorney for the Texas Bankers' Association, Sheriff W. A. Holt and others practically completed investigation Saturday afternoon of the killing of two bank robbers at Wingate December 22. The investigation was begun Friday noon and two afternoon were spent in hearing witnesses who gave testimony on incidents at the time of the robbery and immediately following. All witnesses had testified Saturday afternoon with the exception of Dr. John H. Barron and he was expected to make a deposition before Justice of the Peace R. W. Lloyd Monday morning to complete the chain of evidence.

Authorities in charge of the investigation are of the belief that E. E. Whitfield will receive \$5,000 for the killing of Archie Harton, the first of the robbers to fall after the bank robbery. He may also share in the \$5,000 which will be paid for the killing of H. C. ("Peewee") McMinn who was "fatally wounded later as he ran through a field in attempting to escape.

Evidence given by E. E. King, undertaker, and Dr. Charles Bailey who attended McMinn, shows they attribute death to wounds received from a shot-gun. Harton's death was also said to be by the same cause.

In the man chase that followed the robbery Whitfield and Ross Bethea were armed with shot-guns and the rest of the party had pistols. There seems to be no evidence to the contrary which would indicate that Harton met death any other way than from a shot fired by Whitfield.

McMinn died after leaving an automobile in a ditch in which he was attempting to escape. Practically all the party fired at him while he was in the car or running across the field. Evidence shows that a load from Bethea's gun struck the car window next to McMinn, shattering the glass.

Miss Leila Harter, employee in the bank, gave officers a complete detailed story of how the two men entered the bank, demanded and received the money and locked her in the vault.

Statements were taken from Duncan Hensley, cashier of the bank; Whitfield, who operates a barber shop next door to the bank; Bethea, who owns and operates a cafe two doors down the street from the bank; John Phillips, laborer and who was one of the men armed with a pistol in the man chase; Pete Humphrey, a youth; and Miss Harter. Miss Winona Jones, stenographer for Mr. Hill, made a record of the investigation, which will be made a part of the records of 119th district court here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Forman and two children have moved here from Coleman and will farm three miles north of Ballinger.

Rev. E. W. McLaurin was a business visitor in San Angelo Friday.

New Rifle Range For Guard Company

The rifle range for Company C, 142nd Infantry, T. N. G., is being rebuilt and made strictly modern. Captain Ross Murchison recently made application to national guard headquarters for funds with which to make some needed improvements on the local range and last week the money was received and several men employed on the project.

Three members of the local company were placed in charge of the work. Sergeant Sam Davis, expert marksman, Sergeant Price Middleton and John Frank Davis are supervising the work and with the aid of a detail from the company and a stone mason will soon complete the contract.

A new pit for targets is being built, all old targets are being rebuilt, new firing points are being located and exact distances are being surveyed for different firing problems. When finally completed the range will be one of the best in use by any company in the regiment.

Location of the range is the same as heretofore, between the Ballinger Country Club grounds and the Colorado River.

Students Training For County Meet

Hundreds of Runnels county students are being trained by teachers and coaches for participation in the county interscholastic meet which will be held at Winters on March 24 and 25.

A number of events will be held prior to the opening of the county meet so that enough time can be allowed each event. Selection of a championship basketball team will be made in a tournament at the Winters gymnasium February 3 and 4. A schedule has been arranged for all teams entered in the various classes and at the conclusion the class A high school team will meet the county championship team for the team to represent this county in the district meet at San Angelo later in the year.

On the Saturday preceding the meet, all those entered in playground ball, volley ball and tennis will assemble at Winters and the entire day will be spent in deciding winners. Last year some thirty playground ball teams came to Ballinger to participate in the county meet and an entire day was required to decide winners in each class.

With field game winners decided the literary events will be held March 24, and all day Saturday, the last day of the party will be devoted to track and field events for rural schools, ward schools, class B high schools and class A high schools.

Practically all schools have selected entrants for each contest and these are being trained at this time.

Ballinger to Lose Two Fine Families

Ballinger will lose two excellent families this week when E. A. Jeanes, Jr., and Sam Daugherty and families move to Brownfield to make home. Messrs. Jeanes and Daugherty will take over the M System store there. Both men have had connections for years with Ballinger business enterprises and are splendid citizens.

Mr. Jeanes is one of the pioneers in the poultry business in Runnels county. He has devoted years of study to the raising, handling and marketing of poultry and is one of the best posted men in this line in West Texas. For the past few years he has also experimented in truck farming and has been highly successful in this venture.

A majority of the poultry shows held in this county were under Mr. Jeanes' direction. He managed seven annual shows for the Runnels County Fair Association, one mid-winter show in Ballinger and another at Winters. His collection of ribbons would fill a truck.

The Ballinger school board also will realize a loss as Mr. Jeanes is a member of that body and at present is chairman of the teachers' committee. Earl Morley, chairman of the board, said Monday that he regretted very much to see Mr. Jeanes leave here as he had been one of the hardest workers on the board and was vitally interested in every good move for the school system.

Mr. Daugherty has been connected with leading business firms in Ballinger for the past 20 years. An expert accountant and office man, he has had years of experience in grocery stores and in the handling of produce. Mr. Daugherty also has been prominent in the civic and religious life of the city ever since moving here. The two men make an ideal combination for a progressive business enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cherry and two daughters, of Wolfe City, and Bill Chandler, of Dallas, were guests last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cherry. Messrs. Cherry and Chandler spent the week hunting quail near Robert Lee and were very successful, finding plenty of birds each day out.

It pays to read the ads.

Border Club Heads



From a nucleus of five members, the Border Commercial club of Hudspeth and El Paso counties, has grown to active membership of 159 in less than one year. Here are the club's first president, J. H. Hendricks of Fabens, right, and the incoming head, Mart Silverman of Tornillo, left. Problems of the Upper Rio Grande Valley comprise the chief activities of the organization.

Name New President For Cemetery Assn.

The annual meeting of the Ballinger Cemetery Association was held Friday afternoon in the Security State Bank. One of the first items attended to was the reading of the resignation of E. Shepperd as president of the association. The directors accepted the resignation with regrets, and the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved: That it is with very deep and sincere regret that we have received the resignation of E. Shepperd, president of this board.

"For twelve years Mr. Shepperd has given his best thought, his unselfish labor, and his fine constructive ideas for the upbuilding and the betterment and beautification of our silent city of the dead and we wish in this official way to express to him our deepest appreciation for his splendid service which was always given freely, cheerfully and with no thought of reward except the satisfaction of duty well done.

"Resolved: That this be made a part of our permanent record, and that a copy be furnished Mr. Shepperd with our esteemed consideration.

"(Signed) M. M. Gregor, president; Ross Murchison, secretary." Two other vacancies occurred on the board of directors: Mrs. Jennie Kirk has moved from Ballinger, and J. W. Bigby resigned. Those elected to fill the vacancies were Malcolm McGregor, Mrs. J. F. Currie and K. V. Northington. These three with the following old members will compose the directory board for 1933: Mrs. George Vaughn, C. J. Lynn, A. R. Murchison and J. McGregor.

Malcolm McGregor was elected president of the association. A. R. Murchison was reelected secretary-treasurer, and C. J. Lynn, vice-president.

J. McGregor was appointed to his former position as superintendent of work at the cemetery and will have supervision of maintenance and improvement of the grounds. In commenting on what can be done this year Mr. McGregor stated that it depended altogether on how well taxes were paid. Each lot owner is assessed a tax of \$5 per year and for the past two years payments of these taxes have been greatly decreased. Officers of the organization have been extremely lenient in forcing

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Blasig to be Speaker For Annual Banquet

Ticket sales for the annual meeting and banquet of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce were started Friday morning and a report on the number of plates required will be made Wednesday evening. After that date no tickets will be sold in the city. Each director has a limited number of tickets for which he is responsible and the expected attendance is around 300.

The directors request that citizens who desire to attend procure their tickets. Tickets are 50 cents for the four-course menu.

At the conclusion of the banquet Joe Neff, retiring president of the chamber, will preside over a short business session at which resolutions will be offered for changes in the constitution and by-laws of the organization. Following this the nominating committee will name a directory board for the next year which will be elected by those attending the banquet. These will be the only items of business to be transacted.

Harry Lynn has consented to act as toastmaster for the evening and as soon as the business is finished Mr. Neff will introduce Mr. Lynn who will start the fun. All members of the novelty program have not been announced by the committee. Homer Carsey will direct an orchestra selected from the local band.

Carl A. Blasig, secretary of the Brady Chamber of Commerce, will be the principal speaker. Mr. Blasig will be accompanied by a delegation from Brady. Besides being an excellent speaker, Mr. Blasig is an original comedian. He speaks with a slight dialect, uses original witty expressions, and has the faculty of mixing humor with seriousness in a way that makes him an ideal banquet talker.

Another number will be the Simmons University male quartet. This group of harmony singers is one of the best in the state and has a repertoire to fit any occasion. The invitation was extended the collegians Monday and accepted.

Secretary J. D. Motley stated Tuesday that other out-of-town entertainers had been invited to appear here and were expected to accept.

The dining room at the Central Hotel will be decorated for the occasion and will be open to receive the banqueters at 7:45 p. m. Those holding tickets are requested to assemble in the lobby of the hotel earlier in the evening.

A number of out-of-town visitors from nearby cities will be here to attend the banquet as guests of the commercial organization.

FORGEY GOES TO MILES TO COLLECT TAXES

W. A. Forgey left this (Tuesday) morning for Miles and will office there for the day in the Donalson garage for the convenience of citizens of that section desiring to pay taxes at this time. He will receive property taxes and also register motor vehicles while in Miles.

Mr. Forgey or a representative of his office also will visit several other places in the county to collect taxes in the near future. Dates will be announced before visiting any community.

Face Charges



Mrs. Lillian Hiburn

These two women of West Dallas have been charged as accessories to the holdup of the bank at Grapevine, Texas. Charges followed the fatal shooting of Deputy Sheriff Malcolm Davis in front of the home of one of the women, which was allegedly a hideout for Odell Chambliss and Clyde Barrow. A statewide man hunt for these men is now in progress.

Would Abolish One Court at Coleman

The directors of the Coleman Chamber of Commerce last week voted unanimously to petition the abolishment of one of the district courts which has jurisdiction in that city. It is estimated that by so doing approximately \$10,000 could be saved the county annually.

After the vote was taken a committee was appointed to make further investigation and report back to the chamber at an early meeting. If it is learned that two district courts are not needed the organization expects to take definite steps to have one abolished and thereby save the county the extra expense.

Both the 35th and 119th judicial district courts divide time in Coleman. The 35th district is one of the oldest in this part of the state. The 119th district was established a little more than one year ago when litigation and crime in this section were heavy. District Judge E. J. Miller, District Attorney C. L. South and Court Reporter L. D. Hillyer are the officers of the 35th district. District Judge O. L. Parish, of Ballinger, District Attorney Eugene Mathis, of San Angelo, and Court Reporter R. P. Haun, of Coleman, are officers of the 119th district.

Several directors of the Coleman Chamber of Commerce stated that a few years ago when there was an oil boom in that territory two courts were needed but today the business of the courts are much less and one is thought to be able to transact all cases docketed.

An opinion in the matter received at Coleman from Attorney General James V. Allred states that a court may be abolished at any time and that it is not necessary to wait until the end of a judge's term, and in such case the judge could not claim salary after the court is abolished.

MRS. TRAIL VICE-PRESIDENT OF PAINT ROCK BANK

Mrs. Nellie Trail, of Ballinger, was elected vice-president of the First State Bank of Paint Rock at the annual meeting held last Tuesday. She succeeds W. M. Houston, who recently moved to Pearsall. Mrs. Trail had been a stockholder in this institution for a number of years.

Directors elected for the ensuing year are: J. M. Patton, Mrs. Nellie Trail, J. A. Wade, H. H. Ratchford and T. A. Shultz.

Relief Work Starts Here Tuesday; Ballinger and Winters Get \$6,000

A number of men started work in Ballinger Tuesday morning on public projects which have been provided through the efforts of the local committee with money secured from the reconstruction finance corporation. The central committee for Winters and Ballinger received a check for \$6,000 at Sweetwater Saturday on the joint application made by the two towns recently. For January, \$1,800 has been placed in the local treasury and \$1,200 in the Winters treasury. Like sums will be available for the month of February and applications have been made for additional relief during March and April.

Registration of those desiring work commenced last Friday morning at the city hall, approximately 250 having already signed application cards. It is not thought that this number will be exceeded.

The city commission has provided three superintendents for crews in various projects to be carried on. Bruce Creasy will be in charge of a crew at city park. During the past year Mr. Creasy supervised work in the park for several months and most of the completed playground is a part of his planning and construction. He has the entire plot of ground planned.

Charles Strum will be in charge of a crew at the rock quarry and will look after masonry in various sections of the city. Mr. Strum

has had many years' experience as a mason and contractor and none better could be employed in this capacity.

G. W. Dunlap will be in charge of the crew working on the streets and will check gravel and other material, and the labor done by these men. He, too, has had many years' experience in contracting and supervising public construction.

Men will be employed as soon as the executive committee can provide work and get it under way. The list of applicants will be studied closely and any who are not worthy of employment will be removed. The committee desires to use the money for the purpose for which it was appropriated.

Large Still, Liquor and Equipment Taken in Raid

County Schools Get \$3,916 from State

County Superintendent R. E. White received notice Monday morning that a warrant for the first \$1 per capita of the state apportionment for the year had been received by the county depository. The check was for \$3,916.10 and includes the first \$1 on this fund and 50 per cent of county administration assessment. The state apportionment has been set this year at \$16 per capita and this is the first payment made to counties from this fund.

A warrant was received two weeks ago which is being held by the county depository for 50 per cent of the rural state aid money. The warrant is on the general fund and cannot be cashed until a later date. The number of this warrant is 73,583 and notice has been received cashing all warrants outstanding up to 41,900.

All schools in the county are operating full time with good attendance.

CLAUDE R. STONE, JR. TO RETURN THURSDAY

Mrs. C. R. Stone and son, Claude R., Jr., will return home Thursday from Temple, where they have been for the past two months. Claude was taken there in a very serious condition before the holidays and for several weeks following a number of major operations was very low. His condition has improved rapidly for the past month and friends will be glad to know he is able to return home.

Alleged Robber of Local Homes Held

The arrest of Roy H. Howard, alias Ben Chaney, at Abilene Sunday afternoon, may solve a number of burglaries in Ballinger and other West Texas cities. Officers from a number of towns in this section were in Abilene Monday to grill Howard and inspect articles found in his home there. He has admitted entering houses at Abilene, Coleman, Winters, Putnam and a number of other cities but did not mention Ballinger in the list given officers.

Chief of Police Lee Moreland, who went to Abilene to inspect the loot, is certain some of the clothing and valuables found in the house where Howard was arrested belongs to Ballinger citizens. Those whose houses were burglarized will go to Abilene Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday to describe and identify their lost articles. Chief Moreland stated on his return here Monday evening that from descriptions he had, he felt sure part of the loot held at Abilene was taken from Ballinger residences and on two different occasions, which would indicate that Howard visited this city both times that a number of homes were burglarized.

Howard was arrested following a series of robberies at Clyde Saturday night and an attempted kidnaping of an 11-year-old girl. He is being questioned in regard to the attempted abduction but has not made a confession to this crime.

The prisoner has a long criminal record according to a dispatch from Baton Rouge, in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram Tuesday morning. The story follows:

BATON ROUGE, La., Jan. 16.—Roy H. Howard, 32, who twice escaped after being arrested in Webster parish in 1931 for burglary and attempted criminal attack, and for whom federal and Louisiana authorities have conducted a nationwide search, has been captured in Abilene, Texas, R. L. Whitman, state identification bureau superintendent, announced today.

Whitman said Howard was arrested by Abilene police and that W. R. Sibley, Abilene police chief, notified him of the arrest after checking a bureau circular

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Robert Gerhart was arrested Thursday afternoon following a raid by the sheriff's department at his home, 15 miles north of Ballinger. An 80-gallon still and other equipment and 35 gallons of whiskey were confiscated. About 300 gallons of mash were poured out by the officers.

Sheriff W. A. Holt and Deputies Carl Henson, J. A. McDonald and Towner Dickinson left Ballinger soon after noon Thursday for the Gerhart place. The cache was so large that the officers had to secure a truck to bring the equipment and whiskey to Ballinger. All the evidence was locked up in the Runnels county jail.

Gerhart was granted bond in the sum of \$750 Friday morning. The case will be investigated by the grand jury at the February term of 119th district court. Gerhart will be charged with possession of whiskey and with possession of equipment for the manufacture of intoxicants, according to Roy L. Hill, county attorney.

STUDENTS PREPARING FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC MEET

Students are being selected in Ballinger schools for special work in the county interscholastic meet to be held at Winters in March. All the local schools will have entries in the various literary and athletic events.

Entrants are being selected at this time so that they may receive special training and be ready for competition with pupils of other class A schools of the county. The high school, the elementary school, and the west ward school will enter individuals and teams in all contests.

DRILLING TO START SOON ON CASTOR-HALL WELL

Drilling is expected to begin the latter part of this week on the Leo C. Castor-Thomas C. Hall No. 1, three miles north of Ballinger. The well was spudded last week and all details are being completed for a regular schedule of drilling as soon as possible.

Mr. Hall is expected here this week to complete final details on leases and other matters necessary before drilling is commenced. Practically all machinery is on location and ready for use. Plans are for a hole more than 3,000 feet deep or until pay oil is encountered.

Mrs. Minnie Mayhew, seventh grade teacher, is reported to be resting well in the Halley & Love Sanitarium after a serious illness.

Orville Turner, of Brownwood, attended to business and visited friends here Monday.

Oil Mill Operating On Full Time

The Ballinger Cotton Oil Mill resumed operations Sunday night with two full crews employed. The mill closed down December 21 and had only been grinding cake since that time.

The mill has begun working up the large amount of seed on hand and will continue until this is consumed. From twelve to sixteen men are employed on each shift.

During the past thirty days the local plant sold much of its products to livestock feeders. Trucks come here day and night from points west of Ballinger. While much of the products on hand has been sold there is still enough stored here to supply many feeders.

INVITATIONS RECEIVED FOR INAUGURAL BALL

A number of Ballingerites have received courtesy cards and invitations to attend the inaugural ball in honor of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson and Lieutenant-Governor Edgar E. Witt, Tuesday, January 17, at Austin. The principal reception will be held in Gregory auditorium at the University of Texas, and other balls for which the invitations are good will be held at the Driskill and Stephen F. Austin hotels.

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A number of local citizens were given employment this week on public works. There is a two-fold benefit derived by this method. It furnishes employment to those who are actually in need and provides improvement of projects that could hardly be completed at this time. Streets, parks, school campuses, etc., are being improved in many West Texas cities with this money.

Runnels county farmers would like to see a period of good weather that would permit work in the fields. The surface has remained wet for a long period due to the moisture being drawn up by freezes. It soon will be time to begin planting small grain and a majority of the farmers still have much land to break.

Local citizens are invited to attend the annual chamber of commerce banquet Tuesday evening. The plates are being sold at a very reasonable price and the menu and program will be worth far more than the fifty cents asked. Thirty directors of the organization have agreed to sell eight tickets each and attendance will be held to about 300. No long business session will tire the banqueters and practically the entire evening will be filled with fun and delightful entertainment.

Burglary has been very general in West Texas recently, hardly a community having escaped a visit from thieves. At Abilene a house-breaker was arrested the past week-end and a number of officers from nearby counties were there Monday trying to identify articles in the loot. So far as known here this is the only burglar captured. Two different times recently thieves have plied their trade without detection.

Governor Miriam A. Ferguson was sworn in as governor of Texas today. For two years she will be the highest officer in this great domain. She cannot successfully govern alone but needs the co-operation and aid of all the people in administration of the multitude of duties. Those who opposed her in the recent election should forget politics and line up to pull together for Texas, insuring a forward march to progress and prosperity.

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payment of taxes. Every effort will be made to maintain the cemetery in its present state and do what improvements are possible with the money available. Trees have been pruned and are in excellent condition at this time. The city will use its maintainer to improve the streets. Caretakers have experienced some trouble with grass growing in the lots and along alleys and streets. To dig the grass out means to destroy flowers and to burn it during the winter does not kill it. The secretary is preparing to mail each lot owner a notice of taxes due the association and urge that payments be made so that nothing will be lost of the splendid work that has been done during the past twelve years.

Card of Thanks
 We desire to thank the good people of Ballinger for their kindness in all they did in the arrangement and burial of our dear son, Archie Harton, who was buried December 25, 1932. We shall never forget the gratitude of these good people, and shall always hold and cherish them in our hearts.

The unfortunate affair has depressed us severely and we pray the Lord to be with us and the good people of Ballinger. Again thanking you for all that you have done.

We remain, sincerely,
 A. G. Harton
 Lou Harton 17-11

Holiday Notice Issued by Ballinger Banks
 Please take notice that the undersigned banks will not be open for business Thursday, January 19, same being Robert E. Lee's birthday anniversary. Patrons are requested to make necessary banking arrangements Wednesday afternoon.
 Farmers & Merchants State Bank
 First National Bank
 Security State Bank. 17-11



JUST PALS Written by Paul Hawk

Each time Juanita went with a new man for a few times—and that was enough for him to be interested!—she had to listen to this question from him: "Say—just how do you stand with this Gilbert Fairchild?"

Each time she would laugh amusedly and answer, "Just pals. We've known each other forever."

And when Gilbert became acquainted with a new woman, he, too, would hear a question: "Why is it you're always with this Juanita Paige if you're so interested in me?"

When this occurred, Gilbert would laugh and say, "Why, we're just pals. It's just that we've always sorta buddied around together."

Then, when they saw each other again:
 "Say, J. You're accused of being that certain person again. Agnes hopped on me about you today Rich?"

Juanita laughed. "Priceless. And guess what! Donald wanted me to explain just what my intentions were towards you, too."

"Isn't it funny how they're always mistaking our attitude. As if we could ever fall in love after knowing each other so long!"

"Right, Gil, ol' sport! Put 'er there."

"Say, J. Wanna go swimmin' with me tomorrow about four?"

"I'll say I do. Pick me up at Sally's"

Gil left his law office early the next day, and they were soon at the pool at the Lakewood Country Club. They jumped in and raced to the other end. Gil got out first and stretched out a hand to Juanita. She stood laughing on the bank beside him, holding her cap in one hand and shaking out her long golden hair with the other. She made a pretty picture with her blue bathing suit to match her eyes, and Gil was not the only one there to appreciate it.

"Ya know, you create quite an effect," he remarked lazily. "Hear the galleries cheering."

She looked at his tall, well-muscled body, his piercing brown eyes, his black hair, and said carelessly, "You're something of a handsome brute yourself."

It was nice there. They lay in the shade, sometimes dozing, sometimes drawing a remark and getting a monosyllable in reply.

"That's the beauty about us, Gil," Juanita remarked suddenly. "We never have to be on pins and needles. We're always at ease with each other."

"Uh-m," said Gilbert. Pretty soon he said, "Carryin' coals to Newcastle tomorrow. Go?"

"Sure."
 Birds were singing, the air was full of perfume from the flowers and trees by the road as they whirped by. The drive was exhilarating, but Juanita was strangely silent most of the way.

"Trouble?" Gil asked.

Juanita looked off toward the hills in the distance. "Marriage mart."

The car lurched suddenly; then resumed its even purring.

The wind caught part of Gil's voice, but it was almost hearty. "Congratulations! Didn't know you went in for that sort of thing. Always thought you should get married."

Juanita seemed to regain her usual high spirits. "Aren't you interested enough to inquire who?"

"Who is the lucky mastiff," Gil asked lightly.

"Martin Crenshaw."
 "Whoops. Featherin' the nest well, uh?"

They were carefree the rest of the trip until they were nearing home. Then it was Gilbert who became silent.

"Tell me," Juanita commanded. "Thinkin'," said Gilbert. Then: "Swan song of famous pair, what?"

"Why, what do you mean?"
 "Society girl marries banker. Lawyer now free to attend to law practice. Success assured by reason of added efforts," Gil re-

marked facetiously.

"No!" said Juanita. "Banker famous addict of 'three's a crowd' slogan. Crushes lawyer beneath heel," explained Gilbert. "No! Lawyer removes obnoxious presence."

"But that's silly," Juanita protested.

"Wait and see," said Gil shortly. "Well," as they drove up before Juanita's house, "lawyer bids adieu. Been fine knowing you," he said sincerely.

Gilbert was right. Martin Crenshaw, who looked and acted as if his three million dollars bore down heavily on his shoulders, propounded the inevitable question and was given the usual answer about Gilbert.

"But I'd rather you wouldn't," he told Juanita in a way that emphasized his belief in the importance of his preferences. "It just doesn't look right for you to be engaged to me and seen with him."

And that was that. It wouldn't have been that, however, had Gilbert not ceased coming around her, for Juanita had her own will. But Gilbert had said, "We're too good friends for me to cause any trouble."

So that was that rather than something else. And Juanita didn't see Gilbert for a long time, but she heard of him. And so she called him.

"Gil, I'm so glad you're engaged! I've always thought you needed someone."

"Thanks, J. It's not official yet, but thanks for the felicitations anyway."

Then it was true—or about to be! A little crease puckered Juanita's brow, and she was late coming down to meet Martin.

"Weren't you feeling well?" he asked.

"Yes. Why?"
 "I wondered. You're late. And you know that business men are always punctual," he said smilingly, but in such a way she knew he was bothered about such a trifle.

She looked at him queerly. The usual number of parties, of buying tours, and of arrangements to be made kept her busy for weeks. Despite the thrilled voices of those who congratulated her and the activities as the wedding date approached, Juanita was not her usual buoyant self. Something was lacking somewhere. She was liable to snap at the servants or her friends without excuse. She was liable to be found staring into space, equally without excuse. She ate as if on a diet; yet she was just right without reduction.

Then she saw Gilbert at a reception. Through a rift in the people, they caught a glimpse of each other simultaneously. Their solemn faces broke into smiles. They moved toward each other. It was like sighting a friendly ship from a desert isle. She thought Gilbert looked slightly worn, but still he had never seemed so good to look upon.

"I believe I know you," said Juanita.

Gilbert bowed. "Madam, the delight at being remembered by one so beautiful moves me." He moved.

Juanita laughed. Come to think of it she hadn't laughed like that since she'd seen him last. A vivid recollection of their many good

Relieves Women's Pains

Here is an example of how Cardui has helped thousands of women: "I was very thin and pale," writes Mrs. F. H. Scott, of Roanoke, Va. "I suffered from weakness and a severe pain in my back. This pain unnerved me, and I did not feel like doing my work. I did not care to go places, and felt worn, tired, day after day. "My mother had taken Cardui, and on seeing my condition she advised me to try it. I have never regretted doing so. I took three bottles and it built me up. I gained in weight, my color was better and the pain left my back. I am stronger than I had been in some time." Cardui, the purely vegetable medicine which so many women take and recommend, is sold by local druggists.

times came to her with a pang. They moved out on a balcony. Hours later, although it seemed only minutes, they were interrupted.

"Gilbert," for the second time, "if you don't come on I'm going without you."

"All right, Agnes," said Gilbert. He added in a lower tone, "Detest masterful women."

Gilbert stayed.

Martin Crenshaw came to the door. "Juanita, for the last time I must ask you to come with me or I'm going anyway."

"All right," said Juanita. "Pom-pous men!"

She stepped inside. "You can take this with you," she told Martin, handing him a ring.

Gilbert looked surprised when she returned. "I thought you had gone."

"I wanted to ask you a question. Gil, do you still think I should get married?"

Something like a light flashed in Gilbert's eyes. "More than an ever!" he declared.

As she turned to go, he caught her hand and pulled her into his arms. "But to me, sap," he added, "A little while later, Juanita, sighed "Oh-h-h."

Still later, she said, "I think so too."

Notice of Execution Sale

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels: By virtue of an order of sale (execution) issued out of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, on the 30th day of December, A. D., 1932, in favor of Robert W. Bigham and against C. P. Dooze, Tom Schultz, B. W. Bigham, C. A. Dooze, Sr., and O. L. Greer, in the case of Robert W. Bigham vs. C. P. Dooze et al, No. 3868 in such court, I did on the 2nd day of January, A. D., 1933, levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated in Runnels county, Texas, as the property of C. P. Dooze, to-wit:

Being all of block Nos. 3 and 10, comprising 166.3 acres each, a subdivision of the Houghton & Robinson 15,000 acre ranch as made thereof by C. A. Dooze, said blocks being a part of survey No. 584 in the name of Eleanor Gallion, certificate No. 30/29, abstract No. 198, comprising 332.6 acres in the aggregate, which land is on the western side of the said Runnels county;

And on the 7th day of February, A. D. 1933, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock, a. m., and 4 o'clock p. m., on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of C. P. Dooze, Tom Schultz, B. W. Bigham, C. A. Dooze, Sr., and O. L. Greer in and to said property.

Ballinger, Texas, January 2nd, 1933.
 W. A. HOLT, Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas. 3-10-17

Notice of Execution Sale

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels: By virtue of an order of sale (execution) issued out of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 8th day of December, A. D., 1932, in favor of Roxie V. Alexander and against T. B. Poe, L. E. Poole, Mrs. L. E. Poole, Mrs. M. A. Baumgardner, J. W. Evans, F. S. Mills, J. A. Brashear, Pauline Jones and Martin Neistler, in the case of Roxie V. Alexander vs. Pauline Jones et al, No. 2876 on the docket of said court, I did on the 2nd day of January, A. D., 1933, levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of lands situated in the county of Runnels, State of Texas, as the property of said defendants T. B. Poe and Pauline Jones, to-wit:

Situated in Winters, Runnels County, Texas, and beginning at a point on the EB line and 10 feet N. of the S.E. corner of lot 1, block 9, Murray's West End Addition to Winters, north 100 feet; W. 50 feet; S. 100 feet; E. 50 feet to beginning, being same land described in Vol. 113, page 252, deed records Runnels county, out of the D. Floyd survey No. 518 located in the north central portion of Runnels county, Texas.

And on the 7th day of February, A. D., 1933, being the first Tuesday in said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock, a. m., and 4 o'clock, p. m., on said day at the court house door of said county I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of said T. B. Poe, L. E. Poole, Mrs. L. E. Poole, Mrs. M. A. Baumgardner, J. W. Evans, F. S. Mills, J. A. Brashear, Pauline Jones and Martin Neistler in and to said property.

W. A. HOLT, Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas. 3-10-17

STOP TAKING SODA! FOR GAS ON STOMACH

Much soda disturbs digestion. For gas or sour stomach Adlerika is much better. One dose rids you of bowel poisons that cause gas and bad sleep. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

Beville—Plans are underway for an airport on the Roy Vance property, 3 miles north of town on the San Antonio highway.

Runge—A railroad underpass on highway 72 near here has been completed at a cost of \$3,600.

Get your Mimeograph Supplies from the Ballinger Printing Co

MILES BANK ELECTS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS
 W. R. Hunton, of Miles, attended to business in Ballinger Friday for the Guaranty Bank. Mr. Hunton, a member of the board of directors of the Miles bank, was reelected president of the institution. A statement issued by the

directors stated that they were exceedingly well pleased with the condition of the bank as shown by the financial report at the close of the year's business.
 Cameron—A contract has been let for rebuilding the County Club House, which was practically destroyed by fire recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Home Owner

This is to remind you that now is the time to plan and plant your evergreens, shrubs, roses and hedges, also to put out pecan and fruit trees. Remember I have a large and complete stock of all kinds for your yard or orchard at prices far below what you pay when you order them. I have over fifty kinds of decorative plants for your yard, and all kinds of fruit trees and berry plants, hedge plants, roses and bulbs. Ladies, let me help you plan your yard? It is cheaper for you as I make no charge. Start your planting right in an artistic manner then you can add to it. Phone me or drive out to the nursery. See what I have and tell me your yard troubles and I will gladly help you. Let's plan and plant and make Ballinger and Ballinger yards the prettiest in West Texas. It's not a home 'til it's planted.

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Athlete's Foot is a fungus germ (Tinea) which appears on the feet in the form of a little yellow blister, causing severe irritation and itching—especially between the toes. This disease is very contagious and is spreading with alarming rapidity among all classes of people.

The failure to successfully treat Athlete's Foot in the past has been due largely to the fact that these germs hibernate in the pores of the shoes. Salves and liquids applied only to the feet DO NOT PENETRATE THE PORES OF THE SHOES.

Meritt Foot Powder quickly eliminates excessive perspiration and itching of the toes. It heals irritation and is unsurpassed for chafing and has a deodorant. Why suffer another day when this fast working treatment is positively guaranteed to overcome these distressing conditions or your money refunded?

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A permanent record of all cash transactions—an indisputable receipt—that's your safeguard when you pay bills with a checking account. Don't wonder where the money has gone—KNOW!

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HERE'S QUICKEST, SIMPLEST WAY TO STOP A COLD

FOLLOW DIRECTIONS PICTURED BELOW

Almost Instant Relief In This Way

If you have a cold—don't take chances with "cold killers" and nostrums. A cold is too dangerous to take chances on.

The simple method pictured above is the way doctors throughout the world now treat colds.

It is recognized as the QUICK-EST, safest, surest way. For it will check an ordinary cold almost as fast as you caught it.

That is because the real BAYER Aspirin embodies certain medical qualities that strike at the base of a cold almost INSTANTLY.

You can combat nearly any cold you get simply by taking BAYER Aspirin and drinking plenty of water every 2 to 4 hours the first day and 3 or 4 times daily thereafter. If throat is sore, gargle with 3 BAYER Aspirin Tablets crushed and dissolved in a half glass of warm water, repeating every 2 or 3 hours as necessary. Sore throats ease this way in a few minutes, incredible as this may seem.

Ask your doctor about this. And when you buy, see that you get the real BAYER Aspirin Tablets. They dissolve almost instantly. And thus work almost instantly when you take them. And for a gargle, Genuine Bayer Aspirin Tablets dissolve with sufficient speed and completeness, leaving no irritating particles or grittiness. Get a box of 12 or bottle of 100 at any drug store.

Ask your druggist about the recent price reduction on the 100 tablet size Bayer Aspirin.

NO TABLETS ARE GENUINE BAYER ASPIRIN WITHOUT THIS CROSS

New Chevrolets Add Over 85,000 People to Payrolls of Nation



TOP: New 1933 Chevrolet roadster climbing hill at General Motors Proving Ground.
LEFT: New Fisher "No-Draft" Ventilation system illustrating how each passenger may have individually-controlled ventilation instead of being subjected to a sweep of air through the car, with resultant discomfort and danger to health.
RIGHT: New rear-end of all closed models screening all unnecessary underparts of the car.

Chevrolet's public showing of its new 1933 line means a material spur to national employment and materials consumption, since this company is the largest manufacturer in the largest industry in the world. More than 85,000 people are back at work, 30,000 in the company's twenty domestic factories, 21,000 more in Fisher body plants working exclusively on Chevrolet-Fisher bodies, and more than 36,000 in dealerships throughout the nation. As many more are indirectly benefited by the announcement, through making their livelihood by building parts for the car which Chevrolet buys from independent suppliers. Chevrolet's 1932 volume totals nearly 400,000 cars and trucks with a retail value in excess of \$200,000,000. This is said to be one of the greatest contributions made by any company this year to the economic welfare of America. In the new line, now on display at all dealers, is a variety of models

featuring longer wheelbase, new Fisher "No-Draft" Ventilation and many other features which the company has designed to retain for it the leadership in the industry it has enjoyed for four years out of the past six. Other features included in the new line are more power and speed in the engine, which is newly cushion-mounted; improved free wheeling, plus Syno-Mesh transmission with Silent Second gear; a new "Starterator" that greatly simplifies starting; such safety elements as shatter-proof glass in the windshield, larger and lower bodies by Fisher, in the new "Aer-Stream" mode; three fewer controls, with really automatic features in some of those retained; an Octane Selector that insures the highest possible operating efficiency from all grades of gasoline, besides a uniform gasoline cost per mile; dash instruments of airplane type, for instant, easy reading; positive brakes; and still easier steering.

With all these, and many more, the price range continues to be mindful of the buyer's pocketbook. It has been found possible to equip the new Chevrolets with many fittings that used to be confined to cars selling at several times Chevrolet's base price. Since October first, trained former employees have been going back to work in Chevrolet's widely distributed manufacturing and assembly plants, with welcome additions to the general purchasing power, made possible by more wage money in circulation. Throughout November, the increase in employment continued to a seasonal peak to the middle of December, when concentrated operations incident to prompt dealer stocking were in full swing. More than twenty million dollars worth of the new cars were in dealers' hands when the national introduction was made.

Senior Class Play Thursday Eve

The date for the Ballinger high school senior play has been set for Thursday evening, January 19, at 8 o'clock. This was announced last week by E. R. Sublet, director of the class production. The date was originally set for Friday evening of this week but was postponed in order not to conflict with the chamber of commerce banquet.

Admission prices are 15 cents for students and 25 cents for adults, the cheapest ever charged for the senior play. Money derived from the presentation is to be used for commencement expenses, and some applied to special funds, including purchase of music for the high school orchestra, glee club, and for records used in music memory courses. Supt. H. C. Lyon stated this week that all these funds were about exhausted and it was hoped that the play would be liberally patronized. Heretofore it has been the custom to take care of all commencement expenses from this fund and not assess commencement fees on the students.

Mr. Sublet has selected for the offering this year a very pleasing comedy-drama in four acts, "Arizona Cowboy." A well balanced cast has been selected and for the past several weeks rehearsals have been underway. Specialties and orchestra music will provide an entire evening of wholesome entertainment.

Part of the stage scenery for the attraction will be painted by John A. Nicholson.

The cast, selected from the class of '33, is as follows:
"Farley Gant" — Marion Connelly
"Paul Quillan" — Chester Taylor
"Duke Blackshear" — Jno. Nicholson
"Hezekiah Bugg" — Jno. McAdams
"Big Elk" — Jack Lynn
"Grizzly Grimm" — Harrell Flynt
"Marguerite Moore" — Mary Alice Leathers

"Youngen" — Wilma Neas
"Mrs. Bugg" — Mary Lee Gentry
"Fawn Afraid" — Margaret Ladwig
"Cora Lee Blackshear" — Clare Mae Forgye

Bob Miller, former sheriff of Concho county, now of Littlefield, attended to business in Ballinger Friday.

Fewer Business Failures Recorded in Texas During 1932

AUSTIN, Jan. 16.—Contrary to popular opinion engendered doubtless by the uncertainty and distress which have characterized the business history of 1932, the record of commercial failures in Texas for the year is decidedly encouraging, according to the Bureau of Business Research. Many firms have been forced to close their doors, it is true, but the number compares well with those for previous years, the bureau's report pointed out.

"While most indexes of business activity have ended 1932 one third or more under the corresponding figures for 1931, the number of commercial failures, according to weekly reports to the bureau by R. G. Dun & Company, reached 911, which is 8 per cent under the total of 991 reported for the year 1931," the report said. "Of course, both of these totals are high when comparison is made with the years 1928, 1929, and 1930; but when compared with the totals for 1921, 1922, and 1923, when 1,491, 1,408, and 1,181 business houses were forced to close their doors, the showing is hopeful to say the least. Furthermore, although Texas has 5 per cent of the total population in the United States, Texas had only 3 per cent of the total commercial failures for the year 1932, and the relative number in Texas has been lessening since early fall.

"The average size of the failing concerns was a little larger in 1932 than in 1931. Average liabilities per failure amounted to \$21,670 for the year 1932, whereas they were only \$17,897 for the preceding year. Total liabilities for the 911 failing firms were \$19,471,000, an increase of 11 per cent over the \$17,736,000 reported for 1931. Total assets were \$8,941,000 in 1932, compared with \$8,941,000 in 1931; the increase in assets, though, was not quite in proportion to the increase in liabilities, so that a book value of only 45 cents on the dollar was available for creditors on the basis of reported assets during 1932, as compared with 48 cents in the preceding year.

"Of the total number of failures, 206 occurred in cities with population of 100,000 or more, 149 in cities having a population

between 25,000 and 100,000, 113 in cities ranging in population from 10,000 to 25,000, and 444 in towns and cities smaller than 10,000 population.

"Groceries and meat markets accounted for 134 of the failures during 1932, dry goods and clothing stores were second with 123 failures, and 105 drug stores were forced out of business. Of the remaining 60 were general stores, 54 were men's furnishings shops, 46 were manufacturers, 38 were furniture stores, 34 each were hardware stores and women's specialty shops, 30 were jewelers, and 27 were garages.

"The record of failures for December continued the very encouraging tendencies which have been in evidence since last fall. Only 39 failures occurred during December, the lowest number for any December in the past thirteen years. Furthermore, the average size of the failures was unusually small, \$11,615, especially when compared with the average failure for the year 1932, \$21,670. Assets were reported as worth \$224,000, and total liabilities were \$453,000; a book value of better than 49 cents on the dollar will therefore be available for creditors. No failures with liabilities amounting to as much as \$100,000 were reported in December. In December a year ago, 76 failures with average liabilities of \$19,895 were reported; total assets were reported at \$631,000, and total liabilities at \$1,512,000."

Card of Thanks

We wish to express thanks to our good neighbors and friends for their kindness during the recent illness and at the death of our beloved brother and uncle.
Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Miller
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brevard
and family
Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Faubion
and family 11

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Checks Colds first day, Headaches or Neuralgia in 30 minutes, Malaria in 3 days.
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AUTOMOBILE WRECKED AT COLORADO BRIDGE

An automobile belonging to Benny Stewart, of Paint Rock, was practically demolished at the Colorado River bridge on highway No. 4 Sunday night, according to W. A. Holt, who was called to the scene. The car struck the railing of the approach, tore down several posts and part of the fencing, turned over several times, and landed on the wheels facing town. Mr. Stewart was reported to be suffering from possible internal injuries Monday morning and unable to return to Ballinger.

Dumas—A contract has been let for grade and drainage on highway No. 137 from Andrews to Seminole.

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MOVIES

Spirit of Cotton Fields Caught by Camera for "Cabin in the Cotton"

Authentic cotton field locations were used in the filming of Richard Barthelmess' latest epic of the South, "The Cabin in the Cotton," a First National picture to be shown at the Palace Wednesday and Thursday.

The cries of the cotton pickers, their haunting songs, bird sounds, the noise of the cotton gin, the creaking and rattle of the cotton wagons, the enraged protests of little negro babies left lying in the shade of an old shack while their mothers pick—all these and many more were taken on actual location in the "land of Old Black Joe."

This is in line with the modern motion picture policy to travel even to the ends of the earth, if necessary, to get actual scenes and sounds.

Before the picture's filming started, Michael Curtiz, director, spent several weeks wandering through southern countrysides, studying the people and the customs.

Not the old South of former romanticized novels is presented here, but the new South of the present day—a South struggling for education, diversification and other modern industrial advantages.

The cast supporting Dick Barthelmess has Bette Davis and Dorothy Jordan in the feminine leads, Henry B. Walthall, Tully Marshall, Edmund Breese, Berton Churchill, David Landau, William LeMaire and Clarence Muse.

"One Way Passage" Sixth Film to Co-Star William Powell and Kay Francis

"One Way Passage," the Warner Bros. production which comes to the Palace Theatre for three days' showing next Sunday, marks the sixth time that William Powell and Kay Francis have been teamed, to the delight of their thousands of admirers all over the country.

Seldom has the popularity of two stars grown so steadily with each succeeding story in which they have played together, as has been the case with Powell and Miss Francis. "Behind the Make-Up," and "Street of Chance" marked their first joint appear-

ances, followed by "For the Defense" and "Ladies Man." For more than a year after that there were no Powell-Francis pictures.

Then Warner Bros. decided that "Jewel Robbery," the sparkling Viennese romance woven around a gentleman robber and a capricious baroness would be an ideal vehicle for the combined talents of these two stars. So decisive was their success that "One Way Passage" was immediately selected as another Powell-Francis production.

The unusual drama of "One Way Passage" is enacted on a Pacific liner en route from the Orient to San Francisco, with a brief land interlude at Honolulu, where the transoceanic steamers put in for a day.

In the supporting cast are Aline MacMahon, Warren Hymer, Frank McHugh, Herbert Mundin, Douglas Gerrard and Frederick Burton.

The Sunbeam Beauty Shoppe offers permanents from \$1.50 to \$5.00
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A GENERAL MOTORS VALUE

Chevrolet has also introduced an entirely new type of rear axle with the outstanding mechanical advantages of a four-pinion differential and a straddle-mounted pinion with bearing support on both sides.

In addition, the Chevrolet 131-inch truck now has a much stronger frame, with deeper, heavier side members. The 1 1/2-ton models have a sturdier universal joint, as well as larger brakes, improved springs, and a new 15-gallon fuel tank.

Nothing that Chevrolet has ever done before in trucks can equal the importance of this announcement: A stronger, more powerful, more durable six-cylinder line. Even more economical than last year. And priced as low as \$440!

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Want Ads

Rates and Rules

Two cents per word first insertion, no advertisement accepted for less than 25 cents. All subsequent insertion 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.

LOST—White Persian Cat about seven months old. Comes to name of Prince. Phone 259 or see Camille Behringer. 17-1t

FOR SALE—Bundle feed—cane and hegar. 4 1/2 miles south of Ballinger. Call Rural 6932. 10-3t

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping, at 701 Twelfth Street. 10-3t

Deaths

Thelma Cox

Thelma Cox, 21, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cox, of the Talpa-Crews section, Friday morning at 7 o'clock. Miss Cox was ill for several days with influenza and later developed pneumonia which resulted in death.

Funeral services were held at the Talpa Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. W. F. Smith, of Waco, officiating. Interment was made in the Norwood cemetery.

Miss Cox had been employed as a teacher in the Herring school this year. She had taught there for the past three years and was very popular in that and her home community. She was a member of the Talpa Methodist Church and a faithful Christian worker.

Her death is the second sorrow to enter this home during the past year. In July of 1932 a younger sister died. The father and mother are the only immediate survivors.

Pallbearers were J. L. Farmer, W. A. Hale, Arthur Kirby, Marvin Hale, Milton Petree, and Ira Klutz.

King-Holt Company undertakers were in charge of arrangements.

Henry Miller

Henry Newton Miller, 79, died at the home of his brother, S. H. Miller, of the Herring community, Saturday, January 14, after a short illness of influenza and pneumonia.

Mr. Miller was born in Arkansas December 13, 1853, and came to Texas when a small boy, residing at Lometa most of his life. He moved to this county to make home several years ago and resided in the Herring community ever since.

Decedent professed Christianity in his early manhood and became a member of the Christian church. He was a faithful member of that denomination until death.

Survivors include two brothers, W. J. Miller, Lometa; and S. H. Miller, Talpa; and two sisters, Mrs. Mandy Gideon, Gouldbusk, and Mrs. Augustine Blauvelt, Lometa.

Interment was made in the Glen Cove cemetery Sunday afternoon. Rev. Sparks, of Herring, officiating.

Notice to Friends

I am connected with the Gulf Station operated by Felton Wright and will appreciate patronage from my friends. I receive a commission on washing and greasing jobs I get and solicit my Ballinger friends to bring me their cars. I guarantee wash jobs and regular Gulf service will be found at the station at all times. Come to see me.

Claude ("Buddy") McIntire 17-1t

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Weeks and Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw and son left Sunday for San Antonio to visit and attend to business several days.

Stow Would Form West Texas League

The following clipped from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram tells of plans to revive the old West Texas League for the baseball season of 1933.

"An effort to revive the Class D baseball league in the heart of West Texas is to be made by Bobby Stow, veteran Texas League player and club official.

"He announced Saturday that he would leave his home here Monday to make a trip to Abilene, Coleman, Ballinger, San Angelo, Big Spring, Midland and possibly Lubbock and Sweetwater.

"Stow says he has no ambition to connect himself with the league in any manner as he will return to Beaumont with the Exporters during the coming season.

"My only idea," he says, "is to reestablish baseball in a section which should have it. Now that players' salaries and general expenses have come down there should be a chance for such a league to survive. It would be a place for young ball players. Baseball needs smaller cities in leagues and the cities need baseball."

"The idea is to organize and operate the league on the Nebraska State League plan—a sort of cooperative plan where all the business is handled by one central office.

"Stow's plans have no connection with those of another group to organize a West Texas-New Mexico league. He believes the latter is too scattered for practical purposes, whereas the cities he has in mind are near enough together to make traveling inexpensive."

Wood for Sale

We will sell dead wood from our Pecan Spring pasture beginning January 18th and ending January 18th at \$1.00 per load and Mr. Will Galloway will be found at the double gates on Glen Cove and Crews road where payment must be made. This will be the last time we will open up these pastures for a considerable period.

J. E. McCORD & SONS 13-2t

Alleged Robber—

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asking Howard's detention.

Howard escaped from a state bureau of identification operative nine miles west of Shreveport November 26, 1931, while ostensibly trying to locate some stolen money. He was in custody at the time on six charges of breaking and entering in the night, and one charge of attempted criminal attack, and a federal Mann act charge.

He was arrested as "John H. Pegram" in Arcadia, California, October 6, 1932, but escaped again before he could be returned to Louisiana.

Whitman said Sibley notified him that the fugitive was held in Abilene for local burglaries. The superintendent in reply asked that "every precaution be taken against escape," and inquired whether he would be turned over to Louisiana.

SHERIFF GOES TO BRADY TO INSPECT LOOT THERE

Sheriff W. A. Holt left early Tuesday morning for Brady to examine loot found there which is believed to have been taken from the Hatchel store, operated by Louis Voelker and Key Williams. Brady officers notified Sheriff Holt that arrests had been made there and a large amount of merchandise recovered which was thought to have been stolen.

Charity Dance Here Thursday Evening

Ballinger and Runnels county dance devotees are invited to attend a charity ball to be held Thursday evening at the national guard armory. Plans for the affair were completed Monday afternoon and invitations are being sent out by letter, telephone and otherwise to assemble the largest crowd of the season.

Sheriff W. A. Holt stated Monday night that the building had been donated by the local guard company free of charge, music had been secured, and that all proceeds would be given to the united charities. Admission of fifty cents will be charged for dancing. Both old time square dancing and modern steps will interest all classes.

Several very successful charity dances have been held this winter but none have had the proper advertising to draw attendance. Dancers in all parts of this county and a number outside of the county have been invited here for the Thursday evening affair.

SOCIETY.

Y. W. A. Has Annual Banquet

The hospitable home of Mrs. J. H. McClain, who is also Y. W. A. counselor, was the scene of a lovely affair on the evening of January tenth when the annual banquet took the form of a mother-daughter banquet.

The Y. W. A. colors of green and white were combined in an attractive way with the New Year motif to make an affair of unusual beauty. Hand-decorated New Year bells were covers for the programs. Green tapers in green holders lent a soft light to the banquet table while favors were candle holders and candeliers in miniature. Nut cups in green with tiny bells held salted nuts.

The program consisted of piano numbers by Miss Hattie Mae Dunlap and Miss Zemina Street, a vocal solo by Miss Grace Murchison, and reading by Miss Mary Elizabeth Truly. Mrs. Sivells spoke thanks while the chief part of the program was an inspiring talk by Mrs. J. E. Leigh, state secretary of the State Baptist W. M. U.

Mrs. Chas. Sivells, district W. M. U. president; Mrs. Leigh and Mrs. C. J. Lynn, local W. M. U. president, were guests of honor.

Miss Vhelma Parrish was toast-mistress for the happy occasion. Miss Esther Parish is president of the Y. W. A., and Mrs. E. P. Talbott is assistant counselor.

Houston—This city has spent more than \$1,000,000 during the past year on expansion and creation of facilities on the Houston Ship Channel.

DON'T SUFFER ANOTHER DAY

Sufferers from rheumatism need more than the mere temporary relief that comes from the use of pain relievers. The system must be freed from the poisons of this agonizing disease.

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West Texas News Notes

The sheriff of Coleman county has recommended buck-shot for thieves. This statement was made by Sheriff Frank Mills after a number of Coleman homes were burglarized last week.

The Coleman city commission entertained Coleman volunteer firemen and their families with a banquet Monday evening. At the beginning of the year 1932 Coleman firemen made a pledge that fire losses there would not exceed \$60,000. At the close of the year the loss totaled only \$6,000, the lowest in years.

Coleman county will retain both its county agent and home demonstration agent for another year. Salary cuts for each were made but the work will be continued.

The First State Bank, of Valera, in its statement of December 31 showed to have over ten times the capital stock in funds. With a capital of \$10,000, surplus and profits of \$7,359.50, the institution shows deposits of \$125,547.31. The following resources were listed: loans, \$55,360.98; overdrafts, \$72.09; banking house, \$3,184.32; other real estate, \$500; and cash quickly available, \$83,789.42.

The Winters Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting and banquet January 24. The program will be in the nature of a surprise as none of the speakers and entertainment features will be announced until the toast-master calls for them the night of the banquet. The meeting will be held in the new home of the American Legion post which is nearing completion, and the menu will be served by members of the Legion auxiliary.

S. P. Smith, of Comanche, is one of the best known collectors of coins in this section of Texas. For the past 43 years he has made a collection of coins that is attracting much attention at this time. In the collection are more than 1,500 coins from all parts of

the world and Mr. Smith knows something of the history of each.

Brownwood business men are putting forth strenuous efforts to reopen the Citizens National Bank which closed last week. Depositors are signing up for restricted withdrawals and offering other inducement to save the institution.

Sutton county shipped more than 600 carloads of livestock during 1932, according to figures recently compiled. Of the total, 463 cars were filled with sheep, 134 cattle, 8 horses, 2 horses and mules, and 5 goats.

The Sonora Lions Club is furnishing lunches for 15 school children of that city. These pupils are attempting to keep up their school work without a noon meal. When this became known the Lions quickly provided a wholesome lunch for the underprivileged children.

Concho county officers last week arrested and charged three men with burglarizing an Eola drug store Monday night, January 9. The trio entered the building and stole money and merchandise totaling \$300.

The Kimble County Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting in the near future. Citizens of all sections of the county will be invited to attend this meeting, which probably will be in the form of a banquet and entertainment program.

Figures compiled at Melvin show that 90 per cent of the farmers of that section paid their crop production loans last year. Federal loans in that section in 1932 averaged less than \$80 per farmer, only a few of which remain unpaid.

A verdict for \$84,282 in favor of the Commercial National Bank of Brady against the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company

has been upheld by the federal circuit court of appeals. This sum, awarded the bank in a suit in 35th district court, was appealed to the higher court and affirmed.

The Miles city commission entertained the fire department of that town with a banquet Monday evening, January 16. At the conclusion of the meal a concert was played and later tables were arranged for cards and dominoes.

Concho county schools were inspected last week by State Inspector P. L. Stone. All schools inspected qualified for maximum state aid.

LITTLE FUR SOLD HERE

Local dealers report fur sales this season have been few due to the price and because of the few fur bearing animals in this section. Practically everything that has been sold here so far has been skunk and o'possum and they have been scarcer than in previous years.

Moore Produce Company bought a number of pelts last week but lost them to a thief when the plant was burglarized. The robber took all the skunk hides and carefully selected the best o'possum hides from a large stack.

Towns south of Ballinger with large ranches surrounding them have had excellent receipts of furs this winter.

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TWO FINED FOR DRUNKENNESS

W. J. Addington and J. N. Pappell pleaded guilty to charges of drunkenness and were fined \$14.50 each in justice court here Friday morning. The men were arrested and brought here by Deputy A. A. Fischer, of Rowena. They began work on the court house yard later in the day.

George Hill, of Winters, transacted business in Ballinger Friday.

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To Our Friends and Customers

A Change in Price Policy

In early October we signed a contract with a sales operator, who we had employed on a previous occasion, to sell completely our stock and fixtures.

In the opening advertisement we placed our cards on the table and gave the public our reasons. We had given the matter much consideration and had firmly decided to sell out—stock and fixtures—and enter another field of employment.

Whether it was the inability of this operator or whether our stock was too large for a community of this size to absorb, we do not know, but the fact remains that we have a large portion of our stock left and all of our fixtures.

The operator we employed admits that we have given him 100% cooperation. In a last final attempt to sell out we advertised in several papers that we would let the customer set the price and that no reasonable offer would be refused, still it was impossible to move the balance. We did not even ask or expect wholesale prices for the balance that remained unsold.

As long as the price of cotton held up the response we received was very gratifying. With the slump in cotton came a slump in our selling regardless of the low prices offered.

There is but one choice for us and that is to continue in business.

We are going to handle, as in the past, only Nationally advertised brands of merchandise and all the high grade lines that we have always carried, but we are going to sell them for less.

Today is a cash business with short date credit accommodations. Our goods will be priced for cash and every department will show a reduction of from 5% to 15% and in some departments more. It has always been our aim to conduct a high class store, selling only high grade merchandise. It has been our one aim, year after year, to create and maintain a business with which we could serve you more adequately—a business that could be considered a credit to Ballinger and vicinity.

In order to retain your confidence we have never sold shoddy or No-Name merchandise, for a business which is not built on a foundation of confidence cannot long continue.

The patronage the buying public extended us symbolizes but one thing—confidence in our merchandise and our methods of serving you.

Under the new arrangement we will be in a position to serve you with the same lines we have always carried, but at lower prices and during the new year we pledge you our every effort will be directed in an endeavor to render you a better service than at any time in the past—to merit in even a fuller measure, your confidence.

We ask you to make our store YOUR STORE. We want you to feel free to visit our store whether or not you intend to buy. We want you to feel free to leave your parcels with us while shopping down town—use our telephone—meet your friends here and permit us to deliver your larger parcels.

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