

THE BALLINGER LEDGER

BALLINGER READY FOR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY
THREE CHURCHES WILL STAGE HOME-COMINGS SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Three Ballinger churches have arranged programs for home-coming services to be held here Sunday, June 28, beginning in the morning. The Baptist, First Christian and Methodist churches are prepared. Other churches of the city will not present programs, due to other affairs.

Members of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church are in their annual young people's encampment at Buffalo Gap where women from the Ballinger church have charge of the dining room. Practically the entire membership will be there on this date and this will make a home-coming service impossible. This camp was arranged almost a year ago and the date could not be changed.

The First Presbyterian Church has no pastor at this time and have been unable to secure a prominent speaker for the home-coming occasion.

The Eighth Street Church of Christ is engaged in a revival meeting, with G. C. Brewer, nationally known evangelist, in the pulpit twice daily. Their home-coming will be at the regular morning service which will be evangelistic in type. All members, former members and friends of the church are invited to attend.

First Christian Church

All plans are complete for the home-coming of the First Christian Church which will begin at the Sunday school hour and run until the middle of the afternoon. Rev. G. Lyle Smith, of Waukegan, Okla., a pioneer pastor of this church, will be here for the main address at 11 o'clock. Rev. Smith, still remembered by many old timers, was pastor here soon after Ballinger became a town. Some of the members of the church today were received into the fellowship under his pastorate.

Another feature of the morning service will be in the music. Judge C. O. Harris, of San Angelo, a charter member of the Ballinger church and choir director for years, will be here to lead the choir and will also be heard in a short address about the pioneer days and the early history of the church.

At the close of the morning service, the members will spread a basket dinner in the basement of the church where they will mingle together socially until mid-afternoon, dismissing in time for other programs. In the evening they will assist in the pioneer service at Fair Park.

First Methodist Church

Methodists are looking forward to a great home-coming and many pioneers who have promised to attend the morning service. The Sunday school classes will meet at the regular time. These departments will be decorated for the occasion. Pioneer members will make short talks to the various groups.

Congressman C. L. South will be the principal speaker at the 11 o'clock home-coming service. Mr. South, a prominent Methodist layman, for many years has worked in this section of West Texas. As soon as congress adjourned Saturday, he telegraphed that it would be possible for him to fill the Ballinger engagement. A group of pioneer pastors and other well known laymen will also be heard on this program.

A robed choir of 30 voices is rehearsing the musical program which will feature some of the old songs so well known and loved by the old time members. The committee invites every old member to be present at the morning hour and will furnish transportation to those who need it.

At 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, the women of the church will serve tea in the Doss Bible class room to the entire membership and special invitation have been mailed many pioneers to be present for this occasion. The congregation will dismiss at night to take part in the memorial service at Fair Park.

Ballinger Baptist Church

Home-coming day at the Ballinger Baptist Church will be a great event. Committees for sev-



Congressman C. L. South To Address Methodists Sunday Morning

Temperature Here Sunday Tops 106; State High is 110

Sunday was a hot day in Ballinger, the high recording being reported at 106 degrees F. The heat wave was not confined to this immediate section but covered the entire state with 110 the highest reported. Many points reported from 103 to 106.

Ballingerites suffered from the heat most of Sunday and all Sunday night. Monday was little better, a breeze offering some relief, however.

The highest reading reported in the state was at Grapeland, 110. Abilene reported 103, Wichita Falls 105, Austin had an all time record of 106, Sherman 106, Consvicana 107, San Angelo 103, and Lubbock was comparatively cool at 98.

Farmers here this week from the north end of the county where rains have been plentiful stated that the hot weather was good for the cotton and was sending the tap root deep into the earth. Feed was not standing the heat so well, however. In the southern portion of the county, most of the farmers are needing rain.

Mrs. Frank Rubin has returned from San Antonio. She was accompanied home by her son, Marvin, who attended school there the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Reynolds left Monday for their home at Sherwood, Tennessee, after a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Cox.

From Cow Trails to Pavement Is Highway Story of County

Many of the pioneers coming here for Ballinger's Golden Anniversary celebration remember the roads of Runnels county as only cow trails which wound along the line of least resistance, made long curves in order to find suitable crossing on creeks and rivers and to hit gaps in mountain ranges. The modern car would have found trouble with stumps, brush and high centers, but they were little trouble for the ox wagons that used them.

In another era of the county's development roads were surveyed and marked but were unworked except as the wagons and horses beat out paths through the open range. For a while there was no delay caused by gates as fences were not in use for several years after the county was organized. Later as the county was colonized, land holdings were enclosed with fences and gates delayed travel.

Road improvement was slow in this county until in 1921 when citizens began to realize the importance of surfacing and voted bonds for most of the highways in this county. The county's part was matched with federal and state money to construct a system of pavement on all designated highways which has cost approxi-

Local Club Plans For Annual Affair On Fourth of July

Plans are being perfected as fast as possible for the Ballinger Country Club's annual celebration on July 4. Committees are preparing for the barbecue dinner, a bridge tournament in the morning, the annual golf tournament to select the club champion, and other amusements.

Golfers will play eighteen holes for qualification, posting their scores on the pair of rounds. From these scores the flights of eight each will be arranged and play will commence at 6 o'clock. Elimination rounds will be played with consolations until champions of each flight are established. Prizes will be offered the winner of each flight, the runner-up, and the winner of the consolation.

H. G. Agnew will defend the club trophy this year, having won last Independence Day in a close match with Charles Thorp. Thorp is looked to as the likely competitor in the finals of the first flight this year. E. R. Griffin, Dr. J. G. Douglass, Joe Forman, Dr. C. F. Bailey and W. A. Nance, Jr., will also furnish plenty of fight for the top bracket.

Men and women will compete in a Scotch foursome in the late afternoon, furnishing one of the humorous events of the day. This match was won last year by Charles Thorp and Mrs. J. G. Tuckey.

Bridge players will begin their tournament at 10 a. m. and complete the games soon after the noon meal. Tables for 42 and dominoes will be provided for those who desire to play these games.

Swimming, boating and fishing will furnish extra entertainment during the day.

DAIRY DELIVERY TRUCK SMASHED IN COLLISION

A delivery truck of the G. E. Kemp Dairy was smashed Sunday afternoon when it was struck by a truck driven by a Mexican. Both trucks were damaged considerably and Mr. Kemp lost a large amount of milk in the crash.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff went to Menard Tuesday morning to attend the Baptist encampment. Mr. Grindstaff spoke at the ten o'clock session Tuesday morning.

Ballinger Stores To Close July 4, Canvass Shows

Business will be suspended in Ballinger on Saturday, July 4, for the entire day. This definite action was taken Tuesday morning when a committee canvassed firms in the business district to see if the managers wanted to close or remain open.

In view of the fact that July 4 is always observed locally, every one interviewed was in favor of taking the day off and giving their employees an opportunity to attend celebrations in this section or have time for fishing or other outings.

Many local citizens will take advantage of the two days off to visit the Texas Centennial exposition at Dallas, while a good many will go to Brady, Stamford or Sweetwater, where celebrations will be in progress.

In previous years the city has been closed on Independence Day without a canvass but due to the fact that the holiday fell on Saturday, it was thought best to talk to the business managers to determine the sentiment.

Week-end specials will be featured on Friday, July 3, by all the grocery stores and the patrons in this town are asked to come to town on Friday for their week-end shopping.

Cafes will remain open and drug stores will observe regular Sunday hours on the Fourth.

Norton Club Girl Is Given First Place In Bedroom Contest

The 4-H girls' club bedroom contest in this county ended Friday, Miss Stuart Evelyn Setser, of Norton, winning first place; Miss Mary Reese, of Blanton, second place; and Miss Dorothy Brooks, of Dale, third place.

The judges completed the scoring Thursday afternoon and announced the winner Friday morning. Miss Setser's room will be entered in the district contest and will be scored by the district home demonstration agent within a few weeks.

Miss Setser made her room improvements at a cost of \$4.51 and turned the room into a beauty spot with real conveniences.

To provide space for clothing a closet that formerly opened into another room was turned into her room and made modern in every respect. An old dresser was converted into a beautiful dressing table. Miss Setser also refinished a library table, a large chair and other pieces of furniture, adding much to the attractiveness and convenience of the room.

In one corner a built-in wash basin center was installed with a drain for waste water. The floor was completely refinished and all woodwork was repainted. Handwork curtains were hung at the windows and a tufted bedspread was made. Bookshelves were built and the entire room was repapered. One of the most useful articles in the room was a chest for flat linens built from a part of an old fireless cooker.

Marvelous transformations were made in other contestants' rooms and of the nine entered in the competition all revealed careful planning and much work.

SWIFT FAMILY WILL ATTEND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The J. C. Swift family will assemble here Monday to attend Ballinger's Golden Anniversary celebration. They will meet with their sister, Mrs. R. A. Dickinson, and hold a family reunion at the same time. Some of the children will be here in time for the Methodist church home-coming Sunday and the rest will arrive Monday morning.

First Bonus Checks Are Received Here By World War Vets

The first shipment of checks in payment for cashed bonds received for World War veterans of this vicinity came in Wednesday morning and distribution began at once. There were approximately 100 checks in the mail Wednesday for an average of about \$500 each for former service men who get their mail at Ballinger. Other postoffices in the county also have received checks and a steady flow is expected to continue daily for the next several weeks.

Up to Monday afternoon 150 veterans had received bonus bonds at the Ballinger postoffice and a few envelopes were arriving in each mail. Postmaster Tom Caudle stated that the bonds received here were being called for promptly and that no rush had been experienced in handling the additional registered mail.

To date about 70 per cent of those who have received bonds have endorsed them and sent them in for immediate cash payment. Bonds certified here go to Dallas and a staff is maintained there to give fast service in sending out checks to the former service men.

The average amount received here by World War service men is slightly above \$500 but a good many who had borrowed half on their policies are drawing the maximum which is around \$780, and for the few who had not borrowed about \$1,575.

A number of those certifying bonds at this time are only sending in a few and keeping the others for an investment. The bonds can be cashed at any time and if held for a year bear interest at the rate of 3 per cent a year. Those who hold the bonds until maturity in 1945 will receive \$63.50 for each \$50 bond.

There has already been an increase in business here because of the bond payments. Several veterans in this section have gone ahead with purchases on the strength of their bonus and the checks that have been received have started some shopping. Checks are expected to arrive here almost daily until all veterans have been paid off.

Other postoffices in the county have been delivering bonds every day and also certifying them to the paying office for this district



Lieut.-Gov. Walter Woodul To Address Pioneers Monday Morning

2-Day Encampment To Open Here July 8 For 4-H Club Girls

Plans are about complete for the annual 4-H girls' club encampment to be held at city park in Ballinger July 8 and 9. Miss Myra Tankersley, county home demonstration agent, is expecting large attendance this year with all clubs in the county represented. Last year 70 girls attended the encampment here.

Each girl will bring two cans of canned beans, a cushion which has been made for her bedroom, and a story of her club work. In addition the girls will furnish their own bedding, and each club will bring its own cooking and eating utensils.

The girls will register on the afternoon of July 8 and as soon as the evening meal is served will go into the first program of stunts and recreational activities. Each club in the county is preparing one stunt for this program.

Camp will be broken late in the afternoon of July 9, the girls spending only one night in the park.

Club sponsors were here Saturday attending to business and voted that delegations to the 1936 farm short course must be first place winners in major projects, as only three girls in the county will be provided with reservations at College Station this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cox, Mrs. Marshall Clements and Walter Cox, of Lawton, Oklahoma, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Cox.

at Dallas. It is thought that approximately 700 veterans will be paid off during June and July for a total of about \$350,000.

Early Settlers Found Rich Soil for Farms and Ranches

By John A. Barton County Agent

Early settlers of Runnels county from all accounts found a land rich beyond the fondest dreams in fertile soils, unlimited broad grass areas, finest of water, many bubbling springs, streams filled with the finest of fish and game, antelope, deer, turkey, and other wonders of nature that had been built through centuries by the laws of nature. Man found all of this and more and believed these things to be inexhaustible. It is said that no better grazing area was found in all of West Texas than that along the boundary of the Colorado River and her tributaries in Runnels county—a rich carpet of the finest of mesquite, buffalo and other fattening grasses for herb eating animals. No wonder livestock raisers became so interested in such a district of living waters, abundant grasses, plenty of shade and coolies with a climate conducive to good health for livestock and human. Nature had toiled long and faithfully to produce this soil that is now so level and black, that produces in such abundance for the benefit of all.

Census records give Runnels county 693,120 acres of land, with a crop land total of 316,672 acres in cultivation, with a possible 40,000 more acres of pasture land that could be put into cultivation. These broad acres are now divided into some 2,544 farms, ranging in size from 3 acres up into the thousands, with an average per farm of around 270 acres.

Our soil experts tell us that we are the most interested in the first seven inches of the top soil for in this is stored the plant foods that go to make up the food for the growing plants that produce human food and clothing for the human race. It is stated that nature takes from 800 to 1,000 years to produce one inch of top soil, but man with his wasteful methods and ways of over grazing and cropping can in one year destroy what nature took a thousand years to produce. In the last 100 years, it is stated by the United States department of agriculture, at least 50 million acres of cultivated land in the United States have been permanently destroyed, and another 50 million seriously damaged by erosion, and another 100 million more or less impaired by erosion. It is said

here for many years afterward. At 3 p. m. the program on the court house lawn will feature entertainment only and will be for everyone. All visiting bands will be given a place on this program and the Light Crust Doughboys will be featured in a full length program. This organization is coming here for this one event. They will greet the pioneers and render a program of old time tunes and cowboy songs which will refresh memories of the open range period.

In the evening the pageant will draw thousands to see the queen, Miss Ballinger of 1936, and her court assemble on a stage amid beautiful scenery.

Episodes in the pageant include historic events from Indian days to the present.

Ballinger merchants are paying for the one day program and there will be no charge for any of the programs or barbecue. It is the day when citizens entertain the pioneers and other friends living in this trade territory.

Invitations have been sent far and wide and many are coming back to mingle with friends and the progress of the city since here years ago.

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Church Founded in '79 of Early Religious Groups



Methodism in Runnels county had its beginning at Walthall, about four miles down the Colorado River from Ballinger, in 1879. N. T. Guest (a Baptist) who came to this locality in 1869 has handed down the information, through his family, that this Methodist church organized in 1879 was the first organized church in the county. G. W. Clayton and several others who came here before the county was organized verify this fact.

The charter members were Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel, their son, Sam and wife, and daughter, Alice, and Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Jones. A Rev. White organized the church and was the first pastor. Three ministers served as pastors, Brother White, Brother Morgan, and Brother A. P. Smith. Mrs. M. L. Patterson, of Winters, and Mrs. L. C. Proctor, of Midland, tell us that this church was organized in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hutchinson. Mrs. Proctor writes, "The pastors were traveling preachers and always stayed in our home and preached at our house."

In about 1883 or 1884 the Hutchinson family moved to Runnels, the county seat, and the Manuels moved to Maverick, and the Walthall church became a part of the Runnels church.

The Methodist church at Runnels was organized in 1883 with H. A. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Gressett, Mrs. J. C. Swift, and a Mr. Wells (a young attorney) as charter members. Brother W. R. D. Stockton, their first pastor, was the first resident Methodist minister in the county; and he mostly enjoyed the hospitality of the church membership with his bedroom in a small room at the court house. Charging a minister board in those days was unheard of. They were always welcome in our homes.

There was never a Methodist church building at Runnels. The Methodist congregation held preaching services twice monthly in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church until it was moved to Ballinger in 1886 and from then till 1897 the Methodists worshipped in the Baptist church, their pastors dividing the time each month with our pastors. This church became a part of the Ballinger church organization in 1897.

Our Sunday schools were in the beginning union as were our prayer meetings. Pastors of the Runnels church were: W. R. D. Stockton, Brother Reeves, H. C. Jolly, C. V. Oswald, J. T. Bloodworth, W. S. P. McCullough, R. B. Bonner, Brother Airheart, and Brother Childress. Presiding Elders were: W. T. Mahegen, J. P. Mussett, B. R. Bolton and O. F. Sensabaugh.

The Ballinger Methodist Church was organized in a carpentry shop on Hutchings Avenue about the middle of October, 1886, by Rev. John M. Neal, Rev. H. C. Jolly was the first pastor. Charter members were: Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Bonsall, Dr. and Mrs. T. A. Rape, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Gressett, Mrs. Nancy Sheets, Mrs. Etta Burroughs, Mrs. S. C. Royalty, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Crosson, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Green, and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Riley.

When the town lots were sold in Ballinger, June 29, 1886, the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railroad gave each denomination its choice of a lot on which to erect a church building. Two lots were chosen, 9 and 10 in block 117. The second lot was secured by purchase from V. L. Grady. A small frame building was bought and moved from Hutchings Avenue to the lots, though the deed from the railroad was not granted until July 2, 1888. The records show that W. M. Riley, T. A. Rape, N. F. Bonsall, H. M. Green and L. F. Gressett were the trustees who paid the required \$1 to make it a legal transfer. This small frame church was used for about five years, with the help each summer of a brush arbor during the season of evangelistic services.

In 1891 under the pastorate of Rev. G. W. Wilson a stone church was built. This building served the congregation well for about fifteen years, then it was remodeled and enlarged while Rev. E. P. Williams was pastor. The membership outgrew this building and in 1926 under the leadership of Rev. S. W. Culwell the first unit of our present church was built and paid for. For two years we worshipped in our basement church and rejoiced that we had no debts. Then while Rev. R. B. Hooper was pastor some of our wealthiest and most influential members became dissatisfied. They thought that a membership as large as our could not should finish our church and not go on indefinitely handicapped or space

in which to carry on our outlined educational program.

G. G. Odom and J. F. Currie made us an offer of the loan of \$20,000 at 7% on twenty years time through the Farmers & Merchants State Bank. At a banquet prepared by the Woman's Missionary Society complimenting the officials of the church, C. P. Shepherd, chairman of the board of trustees, presented the subject. After some discussion the bank's offer was accepted, and in a short time construction of the second unit was begun.

The building committee named was: W. A. Francis, chairman; W. L. Brown, secretary; U. E. Hartman, A. K. Doss, W. E. Middleton, Dr. C. A. Watson and Sam Behringer. This building committee rendered faithful service and much credit is due them. Perhaps W. A. Francis (deceased) took the responsibility most seriously. It has been said that he spent every bit of time that he felt that he could from his business on the ground during construction, and helped with thoughtful suggestions in having our church erected for permanency. A short time before he died he said, "I want to live to get my boy through school and to help get the church debt paid." The church was finished and ready for occupancy in December, 1928, and on April 4, 1929, Bishop John M. Moore preached from the text "Upon this rock will I build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," Matthew 16-18.

The Ballinger church is more or less a merger of three early mission churches, the Walthall church, the Runnels church and the Valley Creek church. The Valley Creek church was organized with six members about 1889. Charter members were Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Raby, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Padgett and Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Denison. With the help of friends they built a small church. It was blown away in a tornado that swept through that area. Only the floor and pulpit stand were left, and on the pulpit remained an open Bible where the minister had last read his scripture lesson. This Bible, a heavy large one of the type then used for pulpits, was presented by W. T. Padgett. The church was not rebuilt. The Valley Creek membership worshipped at the school house until some years later when it became a part of the Ballinger church. This church contributed much to the Ballinger church in a spiritual way, for to many of us the sweet fellowship and lingering memories of the Raby camp grounds will ever be dear; and to this day those who camped there each year tell the younger generation of the liberality of Bro. and Mrs. Raby. Each week during the summer meetings they would kill a beef and distribute amongst the campers; unhitch a wagon loaded with melons, vegetables and fruit and invite all campers to help themselves.

In the early days the Ballinger church received part of its support from the mission board. During Brother E. P. Williams' pastorate it became self-sustaining. The last year of Bro. Williams' four-year pastorate his salary was set at \$900.00 and we paid in full.

Our first parsonage was a small three-room house built by Rev. W. M. Lane in 1898. We make this statement advisedly because Bro. Lane had much to do with soliciting and acquiring the funds and had a big part in the labor put into the building. Sunday morning he would come into the pulpit with a blistered face and bruised hands while the building was under construction. In about 1910 or 1911 this building was sold to C. P. Shepherd and removed from the church lot. A relative of Brother E. P. Williams, a Mrs. Humphrey who made her home here, willed her home and contents and other property to our local church and to the Methodist Orphanage at Waco. She had no children, but at her death relatives in another state brought suit, so a compromise was brought about through the church's attorney, C. P. Shepherd. We received vendors' lien notes with which our present parsonage was bought from Mr. and Mrs. Scott H. Mack. The Woman's Missionary Society furnished it and paid the taxes and insurance for the first few years.

It is fitting that we mention others than charter members who rendered splendid service in the early days: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baker, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Odom, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Luckett, Mr. and Mrs. Y. W. McNeill, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Rabb and others. Pastors of the Ballinger church in order are as follows: H. C. Jolly, C. V. Oswald, George W.

Wilson, J. T. Bloodworth, J. D. Snow, W. D. Bradford, Walter Spence, W. C. Hilburn, W. M. Lane, W. T. Morrison, I. B. Manley, R. B. Shuffler, George White, E. P. Williams, J. T. Biggs, E. V. Cox, W. H. Doss, E. R. Stanford, J. B. Curry, C. M. Simpson, E. W. Bridges, S. L. Culwell, R. B. Hooper, T. E. Bowman, C. P. Jones, H. D. Marlin, W. H. Vanderpool, W. E. Fisher, Homer Vanderpool. Presiding elders to date have been: J. P. Mussett, O. F. Sensabaugh, — Matthews, B. R. Bolton, — Chapman, J. A. Whitehurst, J. H. Steward, Sam G. Thomson, T. S. Barcus, A. D. Porter, W. H. Coleman, R. O. Sory, J. T. McClure.

COMMITTEE.
Mrs. R. A. Dickinson, Chairman
Mrs. E. L. Hagan
Miss Cora Hays.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jackson, of South Ballinger, are parents of a fine 9-pound son, born Tuesday morning at 11:30. The young man has been christened Thomas Michael Jackson. The mother and baby are both doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Day announce the arrival of twin boys last Wednesday, June 17. The youngsters weighed 5 pounds and 1 ounce and 5 pounds 3 ounces. They have been named Jack and Gene. Mother and sons are all doing nicely, but "Papa" Clarence is still pretty chesly while waiting on trade over at the Safeway store.

Miss Corinne Coulson, of Coleman, visited friends here Tuesday

BARNETT BELL RINGERS

There was a nice crowd at Sunday school Sunday. We are glad to have the new members. We urge everyone to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tyree and son, Bobby, visited relations in Big Spring the first part of last week. Mr. and Mrs. John Duke and daughter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Larsen Barnett and family.

Mrs. W. R. Murphy and daughter, Ola Dee, and Mrs. W. R. Murphy, Jr., visited in the E. A. Norman home Friday evening. Miss Minnie Lee Camp is spending the week in town, visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Maxwell.

Mrs. C. L. Howell and children, of Ballinger; Mrs. Orval Powers and daughter, Mrs. G. H. Lander; Mrs. Cecil Lander and Mrs. Bertis Jones visited Mrs. E. A. Norman and family Monday evening.

Mrs. Rufus Allen honored her daughter, Mary Ann, with a birthday dinner Friday. The cake was topped with nine candles. Those present were: Delley and Glen Burks, Doris Ann Francis, J. C. Whesie, Bobby Tyree and Miss Lillian Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tyree and son were the dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tyree and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Harber, of Ballinger, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Thompson Sunday.

Those who visited in the E. A. Norman home Sunday were: Miss Hollis Camp, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tyree and son, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Norman and daughter, of Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hynson, of

Ballinger, and Neal Hynson, of Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Jones visited in the W. P. Jones home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. John Duke and daughter went to San Angelo Saturday where Mrs. Duke took treatment in a clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Wiley and Mr. and Mrs. Charley Ashton spent Sunday at Hatchel, on the creek, where with a number of others they enjoyed a big birthday dinner in honor of Grandmother Paschal.

Mrs. E. A. Norman was taken by surprise Monday when the women's Sunday school class presented her with a lovely pot plant. She wants to thank each one who took part in this.

Mrs. Lee Howell and daughters spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Menshaw.

BETHEL BEAMS

Both Sunday schools were well attended Sunday. Rev. Scott, of Abilene, preached at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Gassiot visited relatives at Coleman Sunday.

Mrs. Lem Harvey was able to attend church Sunday morning.

W. H. Wilde and daughter, Miss Cora Wilde, made a business trip to Brady Tuesday.

Mrs. L. M. Causey is in a San Angelo hospital where she will be operated on this week. Her many friends hope she will soon recover. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Tullis and daughter visited in the Robert Wood home Sunday.

The ice cream supper sponsored by the 4-H club girls at the Bethel school Friday night was well attended. Miss Alice Koenig was elected queen of the Bethel community and will take a part in the pageant at Ballinger on June 29.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nunley and children, of Bethel; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Greenhill, Sr., of Winters; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Greenhill, Jr., and daughter, of Hatchel; Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Nunley and sons, and Earl Yancey, of Concho, enjoyed a picnic on the Concho river Sunday.

CREWS CHATTER

Rev. Martin, pastor of the Methodist church, delivered an unusually interesting sermon in honor of "Fathers" Sunday. Jewel and Troyce Lee O'Neal sang a special song honoring fathers of the present day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. King and family, and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Rainwater visited relatives at Bangs Sunday. Mr. Rainwater and Mr. King also visited L. R. Wilkerson at the Brownwood sanitarium in the afternoon. Mr. Wilkerson was operated on recently and was critically ill.

Mrs. Odie Clark, who had spent some time visiting her father, R. C. Perry, at Seagraves, the previous week, received a message Saturday morning that he had passed away. Mr. Perry was well known to "old timers" here, having been a resident a number of years ago. For the past few years he usually visited Mrs. Clark and family during the winter, but was not strong enough to be about among friends much. We extend sympathy to Mrs. Clark and family in the passing away of this noble Christian man, devoted father and grandfather.

Rev. H. B. Carraway was on the sick list last week, but was able to fill his appointment near Lawn Sunday.

Mrs. H. Carter, of Content, is all at the home of her mother, Mrs. King, this week. A light shower fell here Tuesday afternoon.

BENOIT BEATS

A rain would be very helpful to the crops and pastures as the hot winds are damaging things.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Green had as week-end guests, Mrs. Bill Wagner, of Florida; Miss Jean Green, of Bastrop; Mr. and Mrs. Hillen and Mary Elizabeth, of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Clayton and Doyle Condra were also visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Meaders, of Ballinger, were guests in the E. R. Martin home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Murphy, Jr., were week-end guests in the home of Mrs. Murphy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hill and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Cox and Wood El, of Ballinger, visited Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Cox Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hoffman and Lucille visited Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pullin Sunday.

Raymond Hoffman and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Hoffman and family.

Mrs. Cora Clayton and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lindeman spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Glass, of Millersview.

Ed Werner and Misses Olga and Clara Werner were visitors in Brownwood Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kilgore and son, of Novice, visited Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Clayton recently.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woods and family, of Lawn, were recent visitors in the Claud Brookshire home.

The ice cream supper here has been called off as another club was having one the same night. The club women have not decided when to have it yet.

Wade Swift, of Eastland, and Ira Swift, of Rising Star, attended to business and visited relatives in Ballinger Saturday. They will return here on June 29 to attend the Golden Anniversary celebration.

Rev. W. H. Doss returned to the Sealy Hospital at Santa Anna Saturday and will be there for some time for treatment.

WEDDINGS

Crockett-Dierschke
Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dierschke, of Olfen, announced the marriage on December 24, 1935, of Miss Winnie Dierschke and Earl H. Crockett, at a party Saturday night, June 1. The announcement came as quite a surprise to relatives and friends at Olfen and Bethel.

A miscellaneous shower of many beautiful and useful gifts was given the young couple.

The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Crockett, of near Paint Rock. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Dierschke, of the Bethel community. The young couple will make home in the Dry Ridge community.

Ice cream, cake and iced punch were served to the large number present at the announcement party.

SCATTERED SHOWERS HELP CROPS IN AREA

Scattered showers fell in Runnels county Tuesday afternoon, bringing a few hours relief from intense heat and doing much good in the territory covered. A sector extending from south of Miles to northeast of Winters received showers which will benefit all crops that were beginning to need moisture.

Some communities near Miles reported almost two inches. Hamp Byler was in from his ranch Wednesday and said at least an inch fell in that immediate vicinity. Hatchel citizens in town Wednesday reported about an inch and farms south of Winters got a heavy downpour.

A heavy shower fell at Ballinger, settling the dust and reviving lawns and gardens. Local citizens appreciated the cool breeze that accompanied the shower and furnished a cool night's sleep.

THOMAS ENGAGES TWO ORCHESTRAS FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY DATES

R. B. Thomas, dance promoter, has made arrangements to have two dance orchestras of distinction for dances on June 28 and 29. On Sunday, June 28, Soapy Hammark and his Sherry Orchestra will play for a dance at Komensky Hall, Rowena. This band is direct from Sherry's Supper Club on the West Coast.

For June 29, Ballinger's Golden Anniversary celebration, Joe Buzz and Band will fill an engagement at the national guard armory here. Miss Betty Wharton, featured blues singer, is an added attraction, having fame as a stage and radio entertainer.

Mr. Thomas announces that circulator fans have been installed in the armory and promises dance fans that the building will be comfortably cool all night.

Card of Thanks

We desire to thank our friends for their kindness and consideration during the recent illness and at the death of our father, T. W. Morris. Especially do we wish to express appreciation to the county officials and neighbors who were so thoughtful of us in this sorrow. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morris and family. 25-11-



Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Walker

J. A. Walker Business Pioneer In this Section of West Texas

J. A. Walker, of Brownwood, has played a big part in the progress of Ballinger as well as in many other West Texas towns. For many years he has operated business projects in West Texas which were the outgrowth of the organization of the Temple Grocery Company at Brownwood in 1894 and today in 16 towns where the Walker-Smith Grocery Company maintains wholesale distributing houses.

In January, 1906, Mr. Walker became affiliated with the Citizens National Bank of Ballinger and was a shareholder in that institution until its consolidation with the First National Bank in December, 1910. He then accepted a post on the directory board of the First National Bank, a place he still holds.

Success with his business affairs has made him a valuable member of the board and his advice is always treated as important because of his interests which are national in scope. During his years of business operations in West Texas he has kept posted on all national matters dealing with finance and business.

The Walker-Smith Company started business here in 1896 and has operated continuously ever since, supplying many retail stores of this section with standard brands of food. The headquarters at Brownwood operates a peanut butter factory, a coffee roasting plant, a candy factory, and other departments.

Mr. Walker was born in Selma, Arkansas. His father was a lieutenant in the Northern Army of Virginia, C. S. A., and was killed in the battle of Antietam. He came to Texas when quite young and Texas has been his home ever since. He received his education in the Baylor Univer-

sity of Waco, and Vanderbilt University. Certificates of distinction in scholarship were issued him from Vanderbilt University.

Mr. Walker has abiding faith in the future of Texas, and foresees great development for this section. He takes great pride in the organization that bears his name, and into this business went the strength and best thought of his active business years. The growth and expansion of this business is watched by him with interest, and is a source of great satisfaction to him. The principles laid by him and his collaborator, J. L. Smith, as a foundation for the building of this great business, have guided the directorate through the years. So convincingly earnest has been his espousal of these principles, they have become inexorable.

Mr. Walker has made Brownwood his home since 1900, and has ever been eager to help in the building of the town and country. His counsel has been anxiously sought and studiously followed by many successful men of this and other sections. Liberal always in helping a worthy cause, yet so modest concerning matters he sponsors and promotes that few men indeed know the extent of his donations and good work. Schools, churches and individuals could testify to the same.

Mr. Walker feels that a Christian education, as offered by denominational schools, affords the best opportunity to broaden and round out the lives of those seriously seeking learning. This belief caused him, while yet a young man, to serve as a trustee of Simmons College in its early days when it was struggling for existence. When he moved to Temple, he relinquished his place as trustee of Simmons, but was not

long to be out of the work. Baylor needed just such material to direct its destinies, and he was elected and accepted a place on its board of trustees. The far-reaching good done by this school and its glorious achievements are but the natural outcome of such sacrifices and labors of such men as he.

He is much interested in Howard Payne College, is a member of the board of trustees of that institution, and is responsible in a large measure for the present state of excellency this school has attained. He has been of great financial assistance to the school, and proceeds from the endowment fund he established for the school has rendered a needed help. Just recently he set up a large trust fund, the income from which will augment the proceeds from his endowment fund; and these incomes are badly needed and much appreciated by the college. In the years to come his influence will be felt in the student body, the faculty and board of trustees. He is honored and loved by all true supporters of this world-serving institution.

Mr. Walker has the faculty to select and fathom good investments. His interests in gold and silver mines in Mexico, and some of the best stocks and bonds of this country, are proofs of his almost unerring judgment. His banking interests and mercantile investments scattered over Texas and other states stand as a monument to his business sagacity.

He is a deacon in the First Baptist Church and contributes liberally to the support of same. He is a member of the Brownwood country club, a golf enthusiast, and when his health permits, takes great delight in this recreation.

Welcome Pioneers to the Golden Anniversary of Ballinger. Congratulations to the management of the Texas Theatre on their opening Friday Ballinger Floral Co. 1006 8th St. - Phone 263

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Epic Drama of Days of '49 At Ritz Stars Warner Baxter

Thundering out of the most vivid pages of America's history, "Robin Hood of El Dorado," comes to the screen of the Ritz Theatre Sunday, heralding the rebirth of the spectacular outdoor feature. Starring Warner Baxter, it is one of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's more pretentious new-season photo-plays. The engagement is for three days—Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

The featured cast includes M-G-M's new "discovery," Ann Loring; Bruce Cabot; the Spanish dancing beauty, Margo; J. Carrol Nash; Eric Linden, of "Ah Wilderness" fame; Edgar Kennedy; Charles Trowbridge; Harvey Stephens and two score others, in addition to thousands of extra players.

"Robin Hood of El Dorado" is the romantic story of the life of Joaquin Murrieta, glamorous bandit-patriot who roared through the Wild West at the head of 400 men in the lawless days of the California gold rush of '49.

Romance, stirring action and spectacular settings vie for principal interest. The romantic phases of the picture are at once tender and powerful. Joaquin loved with the delicacy and the abandon of all his wild Latin blood. Action abounds, with sensational feats of horsemanship and personal bravery recurring constantly. In its spectacular aspects, the picture can be compared only to "Viva Villa!" for entire gold boom towns of early California were rebuilt and repopulated to give it a tone of authenticity.

Murphy's Diggings, Sawmill Flat, Angel's Camp and other roaring settlements of the gold rush, names that are listed in every history, sprang to life for this photo-play. Most of the picture was filmed in the actual locales. "Robin Hood of El Dorado" falls in the same class as "The Covered Wagon," which was laid in the same period of America's growth.

Incidents in the life of Murrieta, incorporated into the screen play, are from the novel, "Robin Hood of El Dorado," by the late great western historian, Walter Noble Burns.

"Last of Pagans" Vivid Romance
Dreamy romance of the South Seas; the fury of a tropical typhoon; maelstroms of primitive passions and emotions, and the haunting loveliness of a Pacific paradise—all these elements are woven into a sometimes haunting, sometimes exciting, sometimes romantic drama in "Last of the Pagans," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's saga of the islands, to be shown

at the Ritz Theatre Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

It is gripping entertainment of an unusual sort, therefore hard to describe. It has thrills galore. It shows the audience intimate details of native life to rise to a crescendo of emotion, and it tells a delicately romantic story of love. And it is all set in an island scenery of almost breath-taking beauty.

Maia, Eskimo actor, and Lotus Long play hero and heroine, the rest of the cast being composed of natives of the coral island where the picture was five months in the making under the direction of Richard Thorpe. The only white players in the cast are a few sailors and overseers enlisted on the islands.

Thorpe's deft direction brings out the fine dramatic highlights and intimate artistic touches in the portrayal of native life and customs, their barbaric dances and ceremonies and the haunting loveliness of the theme of John Villiers Farrow's story.

SOUTH BALLINGER HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The South Ballinger home demonstration club will meet in the home of Mrs. J. C. Reese July 7. All members are urged to be present.

SERVICES AT OLD FASHIONED BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. B. A. Whitten, pastor, announces the following services at the Old Fashioned Baptist Church:

9:45 a. m., Bible school, for all the family, studying Genesis 4-5.
11 a. m., morning worship, "Origin of Satan," "Why Did God Permit Adam to Sin?"

6:45 p. m., young people's meeting.

8 p. m., great gospel service of song and sermon, "The Coming World-Wide Jubilee, That Will Make Ballinger's Golden Jubilee Seem as Nothing."

8 p. m., Wednesday, prayer meeting.

MORE ENTERTAINMENT

The program committee for Ballinger's Golden Anniversary celebration this (Thursday) morning booked "Happy" Jack Darling and wife to present a special "rube" act in the parade and in the afternoon show Monday. This duo has scored a hit in various cities this summer and will be here all day to put pep in the programs.

Presentation to be Made Wednesday Of Beauty Winner

H. Ford Taylor, manager of the Ritz Theatre, announced today that the winner of the beauty contest which has been underway at the theatre for the past few weeks will be presented on the stage of the Ritz next Wednesday night, July 1. At that time the winning young woman will be presented with a beautiful diamond dinner ring which is on display at the L. R. Tigner jewelry store.

Girls entered in this contest represent various communities in Ballinger's trade territory and the winner will be decided by votes of patrons who have attended the theatre during the contest and voted for their favorite beauty.

Those entered in the contest are: Miss Gladys Jones, Norton; Miss Margaret Burk, Ballinger; Miss Rhoda Gallia, Rowena; Miss Maxine Alexander, Talpa; Miss Jean Stevens, Paint Rock; Miss Frances Lyle, Winters; Miss Ann Wilson, Miles; and Miss Billie Teague, Ballinger.

Mrs. Lawrence Boynton, of Midland, who has been in a Temple hospital following an operation, is recuperating rapidly and will go home this week-end.

RITZ

"Ballinger's Finest Entertainment"

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John Mack Brown

in

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Sunday-Monday

Tuesday

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Warner BAXTER
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Bargain Nights

2 PERSONS ADMITTED for the price of 1

GO TO THE SOUTH SEAS—

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Last OF THE PAGANS
with Mala E. Lotus
Beauties in cast of 5,000!

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- PICKLES C. H. B. Sour or Dill Qt. 28c
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- CATSUP C. H. B. or Heinz, 14-oz. Bottle 25c
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- FRUIT COCKTAIL Del Monte, No. 1 Tall 20c
- CHERRIES Del Monte Royal Anne, No. 2 Can 20c
- PEAS Del Monte, Early Garden, No. 2 Can 20c
- ASPARAGUS Del Monte Mary Washington All Green, No. 2 28c
- SALMON Rascaland, No. 1 Tall Can 2 for 25c
- VIENNA SAUSAGE Red Crown 3 Cans 25c

- Grape Juice ROYAL PURPLE Pint 20c Quart 35c
- LIME RICKEY De Soto Qt. Bottle 20c
- GINGER ALE De Soto Qt. Bottle 20c
- TOMATO JUICE 3 Cans 25c
- PRUNE JUICE Spear, 12 1/2-oz. Can 3 for 25c
- PINEAPPLE JUICE Del Monte Can 10c
- ORANGEADE Banner 1/2 Pt. 5c Qt. 12 1/2c
- GRAPEFRUIT JUICE Can 10c
- HI-TONE, FLAVOR-ADE, FRUTO Pkg. 5c
- CONCENTRATED FRUIT JUICE Bot. 10c



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1-4 lb. 25c 1-2 lb. 45c 1 lb. 90c

A Large Iced Tea Glass Given Free With Each Quarter Pound



- Crustene 8 lb. ctn. 1.00 4 lb. ctn. 55c
- SALAD DRESSNG Shur-Good Qt. 35c
- SARDINES Packed in Cottonseed Oil Can 5c
- RELISH Shur-Good Qt. Jar 35c
- SANDWICH SPREAD Shur-Good Qt. Jar 35c
- MUSTARD Shur-Good Pt. Jar 22c

- SOAP F. & G. 6 Bars 25c
- CAMAY TOILET SOAP Bar 5c
- OXYDOL Lg. Pkg. 25c
- SOAP CHIPS Clean Quick 5 lbs. 40c
- SOAP Crystal White 6 Bars 25c
- PALMOLIVE SOAP Bar 5c
- SUPER SUDS Lg. Pkg. 10c
- SOAP CHIPS Crystal White 5 lbs. 40c

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(Political Advertisement)

Ranger Band Coming; Program is Complete

The Ranger Band, under the direction of Robert Lee Maddox, will be here next Monday to play all day for Ballinger's Golden Anniversary celebration. The band will arrive here in time for the parade and will make the third band to be featured in the parade besides two special entertainment groups.

This band stopped in Ballinger last fall for a brief concert while en route to San Angelo for a football game. Mr. Maddox, former Ballingerite, has developed a musical organization at Ballinger of approximately 50 instruments and their concerts are excellent. The band will be featured in street music and concerts morning and afternoon.

The Coleman Band of 65 pieces and the Ballinger-Cherry Band of 30 pieces will also be on hand to supply plenty of music.

Traffic Police

Chief of Police Lee Moreland has secured the services of state highway police stationed at San Angelo and Abilene, to be here early Monday morning and remain through the day to assist in parades and other traffic matters. These officers will cooperate with local police in every way possible.

Parade at 10 a. m.

Lieutenant-Governor Walter Woodul will lead the parade with a special guard of honor furnished by the Texas national guard unit. Mr. Woodul will arrive here on the early morning Santa Fe and remain in the city until the east-bound train at night.

Queen in Parade

Miss Ballinger of 1936 and her maids in waiting accompanied by a special escort will be the first entry in the parade. A float representing a throne, will be constructed and the seven young women in regal raiment will be seated around the dais.

Committees steady

Every committee working on the celebration reported Wednesday morning that it was ready. Each program is complete with definite assurance that every number will be presented. A special decorator has arrived to work on the streets, drape the stages and pioneer banquet hall and scenery for the pageant stage is about finished. This scenery will not be set on the stage until late Monday afternoon.

Street Dancing

Blocks facing the court house park on Hutchings Avenue will be roped off for street dancing. This location will allow spectators standing room on the court house lawn and give all the pavement for dancing.

BAPTISTS ATTENDING

MENARD ENCAMPMENT

A large delegation from the Ballinger Baptist Church left Monday for Menard to attend the annual Baptist encampment. They will take the courses until the latter part of this week, returning here in time for the Sunday services here.

Attending the encampment from here are: Rev. and Mrs. J. H. McClain and son, James, Miss Louise Hahn, Miss Mary Elizabeth Truly, George Kemp, Elliott Kemp, Miss Claudia Compton, Miss Theima Compton, Miss Mary Edith Welhausen, Miss Mildred Doherty and Miss Nadia Doherty.

Frank Holiday was in Dallas the past week-end, transacting business and attending the Centennial exposition.

Want ads are economical and bring results.

Fletcher Family Honors Father; Reunion Planned

J. A. Fletcher was the honor guest Sunday, June 14, at a home-coming held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Tom Crockett, near Paint Rock. Dinner was spread at the noon hour and was enjoyed by the large group present.

Mr. Fletcher is 82 years old and reads the daily papers without the aid of glasses. His memory is keen and he recalls many incidents during the Civil War, when he was a lad of 16. During the war he carried the mail by horseback to the neighbors in his community. His father was serving in the army at the time.

Mr. Fletcher has a record of his family for the past 900 years, which was on display at the Runnels County Fair in 1935. He boasts that of all the persons in his family as far back as can be traced none of them have been haled before a court of law and fined.

The day was pleasantly spent by those present. Only one child, Mrs. M. E. Casey, of Lubbock, was not present. The family is planning a family reunion on July 3 and 4 at the home of Bert Fletcher.

Those attending the dinner in honor of Mr. Fletcher were: Mr. and Mrs. George Fletcher and daughter, of Mullin; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fletcher, Mrs. R. D. Martin and two children, Mrs. Kenneth Fletcher and two children, of Maverick; Mr. and Mrs. Baylis Fletcher and two children, of Ballinger; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Simmons; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crockett, of Bethel; and the family of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crockett.

Friends Support George Sheppard For Comptroller

Friends in this section of George H. Sheppard of Nolan county, candidate for state comptroller, are rallying to his cause. Mr. Sheppard has many personal friends in West Texas who are working in his interest in the 1936 campaign.

His first public office was tax assessor of Nolan county and later he served as mayor of Sweetwater for five years. He was a director of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce for several years.

Based on this experience, Sheppard was a successful candidate for the office of comptroller and has served well in this capacity.

One effect of his work is apparent in the fact that the motor fuel tax income was \$37,152,796 in 1935, an increase of \$3,273,082 over the previous year. Collections in other accounts have been equally as good and other state funds have been sweetened by efficient collections.

An ad elsewhere in this issue of The Ledger, paid for by local friends, calls attention of the voters to Mr. Sheppard's candidacy in the July Democratic primary.

Miss Joe Demmer was operated on for appendicitis at the Halley & Love Sanitarium Tuesday.

Mrs. W. B. Woody and daughter, Mary Brian, spent the week-end in Temple visiting relatives.

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- Powdered or Brown Sugar 2 for 15c
- Sunset Gold Peaches A Real Treat 15c
- Morton House Date Pudding 10c Crackers 2 lbs. 15c
- Heinz 10-oz. Apple Butter 10c
- Heinz Rice Flakes 2 for 23c Mother's Cocoa lb. 9c
- Skinner's Quick Aid 3 for 10c Martini Crackers 14c
- Comet Brand Macaroni, Spaghetti, Vermicelli 4c
- See Us for Picnic Supplies—Anything in Paper Line
- 1 lb. Corned Beef Splendid for Cold Lunch 2 for 35c

- World Over Coffee 1 lb. 17c 3 lbs. 49c
- Folger's lb. 29c
- Peaberry 2 lbs. 32c
- Rio 2 lbs. 25c
- Favorite Pure Peaberry With Spoon 15c

Pure Cane


Sugar

In Cloth Bag

10 lbs. 51c

25 lbs. \$1.26

- Astor Tea ¼ lb. 19c ½ lb. 37c 1 lb. 75c
- French's Bird Seed . . . 2 for 23c
- Bestyett Puff'd Wht. Rice 2 15c
- Jersey Catsup, 14-oz. . . 2 for 23c
- Baby Food
- Gerber or Libby 3 for 25c
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48 lbs. \$1.63

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- See Us for Canning Supplies
- Choice Recleaned
- ## Pintos
- 10 lbs. 37c
- Matches Carton 15c
 - Mustard Qt. 10c
 - Brillo 9c
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- Blue Ribbon Malt can 55c
- Potato Chips 2 reg. 10c pkgs. 15c
- Brooms - - with medium Ivory soap 25c
- Miracle Whip Spread qt. 35c
- Sugar Corn No. 2 can 3 for 25c
- Marshmallows lb. 15c

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Lamb The Ideal Hot weather Meat.

Leg o'Lamb 23c

Lamb Chops 24c

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Fresh Vegetables

- Watermelons** 20 lb. average 20c
- Lettuce** Large crisp heads 3 for 13c
- Bell Peppers** Very Nice lb. 13c
- Fresh Corn** Tender Home Grown doz. 15c
- Apples** 1c
- Oranges** 1c
- Limes** 1c
- Bananas** Golden Fruit lb. 3½c

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- Snowdrift 6 lb. Pail 98c
- Crisco 3 lb. Pail 57c
- 8 lb. Carton 88c

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GIANT BAR

- Camay Toilet Soap 5c
- White King Toilet Soap 3 for 14c
- White King Granulated, Med. Size . . 21c
- White Naptha Soap 6 Bars 22c
- Cotton Mop 25c

See Us for Insecticides

- Seminole Tissue 3 for 19c
- Camel Lye 2 for 13c
- Rippled Wheat 2 for 19c
- Imit. Vanilla Extract 8 oz. 9c

Potted Meat	Green Beans
3 for 10c	No. 2 Can, 2 for 17c
Pork and Beans 5c	Royal Gelatin 6c
Oval Sardines	Tall Salmon
3 for 25c	2 for 23c
Kelloggs Pep and Rice	Krispies, 2 for 19c
R. S. P. Cherries	Grape Juice
No. 2 Can, 2 for 23c	Qt. 25c
F. and P. California Spinach,	2 for 19c
Pineapple Juice	3 for 25c

The Doss Bible Class

of the
First Methodist Church
Ballinger

Extends an invitation to all Methodist men in Runnels county to attend their class Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. This is the 50th Anniversary of the church and will be observed with a great home-coming at the morning services.

Doughnuts and Coffee

Baptist Organization at Walthall Preceded Modern Baptist Church

The Ballinger Baptist Church, the largest religious group in Ballinger at this time, had its beginning under an elm tree, three miles south of Ballinger at Walthall, in 1877. A small group of pioneers met there to organize a church and provide a pastor and building where the families might meet for the study of the Bible and the worship of God.

The first pastor was Rev. J. T. Averett and the charter members were: Rev. and Mrs. Cotten, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cotten, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Cotten, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Cotten, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mune, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Guest, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Guest and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Copeland.

This was the first Baptist church in this section and began services three years before the organization of the county. In 1879 Rev. Cotten was elected pastor and remained with the church as pastor until his death in 1884. Rev. W. S. Maddox was then called and led the church until it was moved to Ballinger in 1886. In the new location the church was given a new name, the First Baptist Church of Ballinger.

The following pastors have served the church, Rev. S. R. Munsey, Rev. Finley, Rev. J. D. Robinet, Rev. A. J. Tant, Rev. A. E. Baten, Rev. Joe Stone, Rev. Key, Rev. S. B. Caperton, Rev. D. M. West, Rev. Holmes, Rev. W. J. Moore, Rev. Justice, Rev. M. E. Hudson. The last named served until in 1918.

In 1904 another Baptist church, known as the Ninth Street Baptist Church, was founded, and continued separately until in 1918 when a union was formed with the First Baptist Church and the name changed to the Ballinger Baptist Church.

Members of the first Baptist church in Ballinger met in a store building on Seventh Street and Park Avenue. Later they worshipped under a brush arbor on Broadway where the First Christian Church is now located and there erected a frame building where services were held for years. Desiring a better home the membership erected a stone building on the lot. This building is now owned by the First Christian Church.

The roster continued to grow, many Baptist coming in from Runnels, and other sections to place their membership in the local organization. Many new settlers in the town also swelled the rolls.

In 1918, while both local Baptist churches were pastorless, the two congregations perfected a union and in April, 1919, called Rev. Alvin Swindell as pastor. During his pastorate a modern rock structure was constructed on Eighth Street to fill the needs of the large congregation, as a cost of approximately \$50,000. A \$7,500 pipe organ was installed and the members later bought a \$6,900 home for the pastor and his family.

This new building was built to provide a modern religious education plant as well as for the regular church services. A heating system, dining room and kitchen and numerous rooms for the young people's activities are in the basement. A large auditorium with a seating capacity of approximately 1,200 is on the second floor and many rooms for Sunday school classes are on the second and third floors.

On March 1, 1927, Rev. J. H. McClain was called to the local church and is still serving this congregation. During the years he has labored here, he and his wife and son have endeared themselves to the congregation and to the entire citizenship of Ballinger. Besides the great work they have done for their church, they have entered into the civic, social and educational life of the town and have accomplished much for the community. Mrs. McClain is an excellent organist and pianist, sings, and is a leader of the women and the young people.

The present resident membership of this church is 750 and the general officers are: J. H. McClain, pastor; E. E. King, Sunday school superintendent; Ernest Moody, B. T. U. director; Mrs. Ernest Moody, president of the Woman's Missionary Society; B. C. Kirk, chairman of the board of deacons; E. Sheppard, treasurer; E. P. Talbott, clerk; R. E. White, chorister; Mrs. J. H. McClain, organist; E. Sheppard, chairman of the board of trustees.

The church will hold a home-coming on June 28 and expects to welcome many old time members at the morning worship service when Dr. F. M. McConnell will deliver the sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Weeks visited Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw on the Randolph Ranch Sunday.

Hodge is Pioneer Theatre Operator In West Texas

H. T. Hodge, of Abilene, pioneer West Texas showman, has been one of the leaders in operating motion picture houses in this section for many years. He began operation of the old Gem Theatre in Abilene in 1913 and since then has developed the H & H Theatre Company into one of the largest chains in this part of the state. There is a unique factor in the operation of these theatres. Mr. Hodge has four sons and three daughters, each of whom is an exhibitor in his or her own right, each owning a show or shows in some West Texas town.

The youngest son, Norman T.

Hodge, manages the Palace Theatre at Anson.

Sanford J. Hodge manages the Ritz and Alceve theatres at Stamford.

J. Howard Hodge has the Ritz and Grand at Midland.

The eldest son, Homer J. Hodge, has the Queen and Lyric at Winters.

Mrs. W. D. Scales, a daughter, with her husband, has the Palace and Texas at Ballinger.

Mrs. O. B. Laird, another daughter, with her husband, has the Lyric at Odessa.

Mrs. Alta Nesmith, a daughter, manages a theatre at Merkel.

The H & H circuit had its beginning in Abilene in 1913,

reaching a peak in numbers in 1929 when 15 show houses were operated. At present there are 12 theatres under the Hodge banner in six towns.

Foundation of the modest Hodge fortune, however, is laid in Abilene, where "Papa" Hodge is a permanent fixture. In his comfortable home at 340 Butternut Street, Mr. Hodge does most of the booking for the circuit, operates his own paper exchange in Abilene, and otherwise looks after his brood. In all this he is assisted by Mrs. Hodge, who Mr. Hodge smilingly admits, is the "boss."

Until a few years ago the elder Hodge was active in the management of his theatres. By degrees he has trained his children to take charge and, bit by bit, parceled out the Hodge holdings in West Texas. The H & H circuit is a closed proposition, operated by and for the Hodge family. Christmas two years ago was a happy occasion when the thirty members of the family met for a reunion in Abilene.

Mr. Hodge attributes his success to "Hard work and close attention to business. I have been successively farmer, ranchman, merchant and utilities owner, but I find the theatre game the most fascinating of them all. It is in

that field that I have registered my greatest success."

FORMER RUNNELS COUNTY CITIZEN SHOT TO DEATH

Charles N. Proctor, 39, formerly of Wilmett, was shot and killed at Hempstead Monday, according to information received here. Funeral services were held at Hempstead Monday afternoon and burial made there where he had resided for the past five years.

Proctor was shot to death in front of a cafe, Willis McRae, restaurant operator, was remanded to jail without bond, charged with murder.

Proctor was well known in this county. He was a World War veteran and a member of the Masonic lodge.

Survivors include the widow, who was attending a picture show at the time of the shooting; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Proctor, of Wilmett; and three brothers, Wallace and Lee Proctor, of Winters; and Will Proctor, of Big Spring.

Sales Books at Ledger office.

Former Ballinger Woman and Husband In Motor Accident

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pickett, of Temple, were seriously injured in an automobile accident five miles east of Temple last Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Pickett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Gressett of this city and relatives here received word of the accident early Friday evening and left at once for the bedside of the injured couple.

Just how the accident occurred is not known. A farmer who saw the car leave the road, stated that apparently something went wrong with the steering device, causing the machine to leave the grade, turn over and land on a high center.

Mr. and Mrs. Pickett were rushed to Temple, he being taken to the Santa Fe Hospital, and she to King's Daughters Hospital. Both are still in a very dangerous condition with broken bones and

other serious injuries. The broken bones have been set, however, and both are doing well considering the seriousness of their injuries.

Mrs. P. C. Straley, Mrs. John Huber, Mrs. Clyde Harville, J. E. Gressett, Mrs. LeRoy Nicholson and Robert Nicholson left for Temple as soon as word of the accident was received here.

Mr. and Mrs. Pickett have visited in Ballinger on numerous occasions and both are well known here.

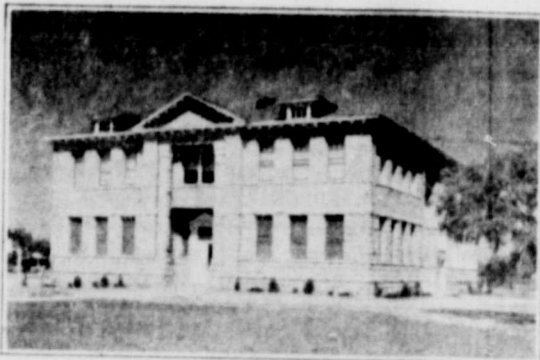
DUNLAP HOME PAINTED

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dunlap have just finished repainting their home on Hutchings Avenue. The house, which is built of native stone, has been made more attractive by the painting.

F. F. Gressett, of Roswell, New Mexico, spent a short time in Ballinger Tuesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Gressett. Mr. Gressett was on his way to Temple to see his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Pickett, who were seriously injured in an automobile accident.



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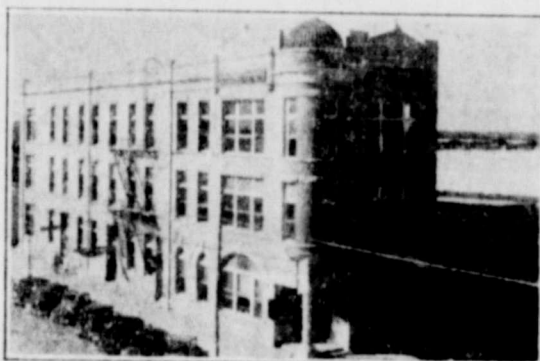
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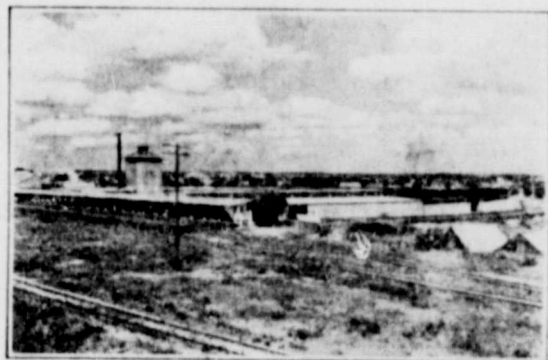
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Texas Compress Co.



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First National Bank



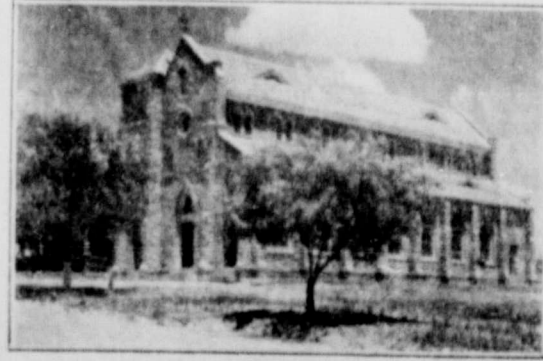
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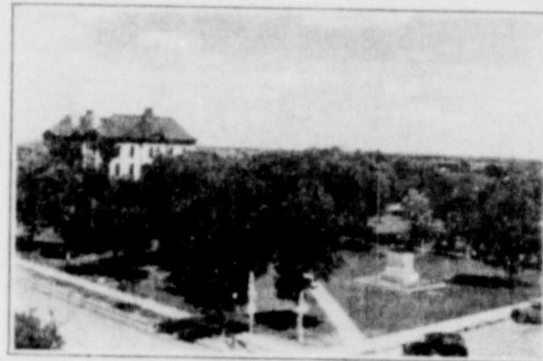
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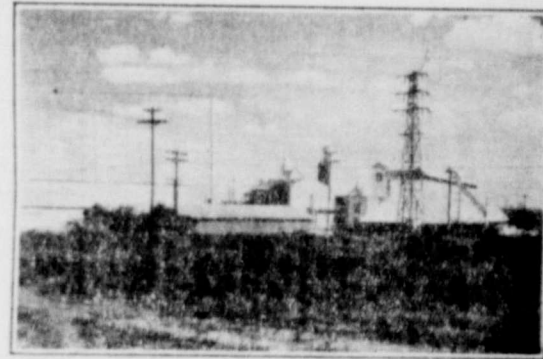
St. Mary's Church



Ballinger Baptist Church



Court House and Park



West Texas Cottonoil Co.



City Hall and Fire Station



Security State Bank



H. W. Lynn Residence

BALLINGER

"Just a Good West Texas Town"

PROGRAM

SUNDAY

Three churches will observe their Golden Anniversaries with home-coming services.

First Christian Church

9:45 a. m.—Sunday school home coming. Rev. Lyle Smith, pioneer pastor, will deliver the sermon at 11 o'clock. Judge C. O. Harris, of San Angelo, charter member of the church, will lead the singing and speak on the early days in the local church. A basket dinner will be served in the church basement at noon.

First Methodist Church

9:45 a. m.—Church home-coming in all departments of the Sunday school. At 11 o'clock Congressman C. L. South, of Coleman, will deliver the principal address to the assembled pioneers. At 5 p. m. the women of the church will serve a tea for all members of the church, and the pioneer visitors attending the home-coming.

Ballinger Baptist Church

9:45 a. m.—Home-coming in the Sunday school. Between Sunday school and the regular preaching hour special recognition will be given distinguished visitors and pioneers present. At 11 a. m. Dr. F. M. McConnell, of Dallas, editor of the Baptist Standard, will deliver the sermon. At 3 p. m. a special program will be presented, the Hardin-Simmons University girls' quartet leading.

Pioneer Service

8:00 p. m.—Pioneer memorial service on the pageant stage at Fair Park. Dr. McConnell will deliver the principal address and local ministers will assist. A massed choir will sing, the Ballinger Cherry Band playing the accompaniment.

MONDAY

10:00 a. m.—Opening parade featuring Indians, cowboy and girl riders, all pioneers present, county officials since the organization of the county who are still living, many decorated cars and floats, and several bands and special entertainment groups.

11:00 a. m.—Opening program. Mayor E. M. Lynn, presiding and Lieutenant-Governor Walter Woodall the principal speaker. The Tickville Band in a special humorous program.

Noon—Barbecue for pioneers who lived in the county 45 years or more ago. Special program presented following the meal.

3:00 p. m.—Entertainment program on court house lawn, featuring the Light Crust Doughboys, the Coleman Band and other visiting musical groups and performers.

8:00 p. m.—Pageant. This program will climax the celebration with the crowning of the queen, Miss Ballinger of 1936. A big vaudeville show will be presented in front of the queen's court of approximately 100. The Doughboys, the Tickville Band, the Tucker Twins, an Indian tribe, a chorus of singers, tap dancers, and a grand finale with several hundred taking part. Eddie Dunn, of Fort Worth, announcer.

10:00 p. m.—Street dancing.

Want Ads

FOR RENT—Five room bungalow on Broadway. J. E. Gentry. 25-11.*

FOR SALE—My home at 405 Seventh Street. For terms and price see W. E. Jackson at express office. 25-11.*

FOR SALE—Electric Washing Machine and tub in good condition. \$25. J. D. Justice. 25-21.*

For Sale—More fruit, nice vegetables, red-hot prices. JIM MATLOCK'S Fruit Yard "The buyer's best friend" 25-11.*

FOR SALE—Good young milk cows, fresh. See J. B. Estes, Hatchel. 25-31.*

WANTED TO RENT—4 or 5 room furnished house or apartment. F. A. Lawrence at Patrick Chevrolet Co. 25-11.*

FOR SALE—Lease or Rent: eight room house, partly furnished, garage, chicken house, garden. Write J. M. Coleman, route 2, Box 181, San Angelo. 25-21.*

FOR SALE—Used Junior Brunswick pool table and Air Rifle. Ted Truly, phone 1229, 702 Sixth St. 25-11.*

FOR SALE—or Rent: Six room brick house on Sixth Street, Double garage, servants quarters, desirable location. Clarence West, Miles, Texas. 18-21.*

FOR RENT—Five room cottage, well located at 905 North Tenth Street. Phone 189 or 156. 11*

FOR RENT—Modern cottage, 5 rooms, two galleries, all conveniences, close in at 409 Seventh Street. Price \$17.50. Phone 161 or 156. 18-11.*

WANTED—Bags. Premium paid for clean large pieces of white cotton rags. Ledger office. 11.*

FOR RENT—Two room apartment on Broadway. Phone 179. Mrs. D. C. Simpson. 4-11.*

ECZEMA RELIEF! Paracelife Ointment is guaranteed to relieve any form of eczema, itch, poison ivy or other itching skin irritations or purchase price promptly refunded. Large 2 oz. jar 50c at Weeks Drug Store. A-114

SHEEPMEN—Quit breeding sheep. Use Salers. Vexulate and clear your sheep and goats of lung, stomach tape worms and liver fluke. Feed with salt. Guaranteed. W. R. Kennedy, Winters. 14-11

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment. Phone 31. 14-11

TUCKER TWINS COMING FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY FIESTA HERE JUNE 25

Misses Annette and Janette Tucker, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Mord Tucker, of Winters, will be here on June 29 to appear on the evening program at Ballinger's Golden Anniversary celebration. These girls have become popular entertainers in West Texas and are in constant demand for appearances.

They will present one of the feature vaudeville acts before the queen's court in the pageant. The twins talk, sing and dance and wherever they appear score heavily with their audiences. The evening program will be the only one in which they will perform here and the committee thinks it is fortunate in securing them.

BALLINGERITES ATTEND BIG FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Bartlett, Bobbie Bartlett, and Miss Eloise Slaton, of Ballinger, and Mrs. R. E. Davis, of Brownwood, attended a family reunion at Bastrop Sunday. There were 188 members of the family present for this affair, held in the newly completed state park near Bastrop.

Captain Zebbie Howell, instructor at Texas Military College, Terrell, was in Ballinger last week—probably on a scouting trip for football talent.

Mrs. R. P. Canady is spending the week in Lamesa with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Striplin and children returned Wednesday night from near Junction where they had been camping for the past ten days.

Pearce Operates Drug Store Here Since Pioneer Era

J. Y. Pearce, pioneer Ballinger druggist, came here early in 1838 to make home. Until he moved West he had been a school teacher and druggist, and hearing of the wonderful opportunities in this region decided to cast his lot here.

On June 6, 1888, he purchased the Guest & Reeves drug store which was located where Jack's Cafe is now. He operated the store there for several years and moved it to about where the Cash Food Market now is, and in 1900 moved to his present location.

During the years he has kept the store strictly modern in every respect as to merchandise, fountain service and fixtures, and at all times has maintained a prescription department with graduate registered pharmacists in charge.

When the World War ended his son, Frank Pearce, returned home and in 1919 Mr. Pearce retired, or at least partly retired from active business. Employees state that when he is in town and at the store he is very active and still has the ability to make the entire force step about and render service to patrons in a pleasing manner. He spends most of his time on vacation trips in other sections of the country.

An additional business interest has been the banking business. In 1903 he became a stockholder of the Citizens National Bank and remained with that institution until it was consolidated with the First National Bank. In 1910 he became a director in the First National Bank and in 1914 was named president of the board of directors, a post he still holds.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearce have taken part in every phase of the city's development during the 48 years Ballinger has been their home. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church and are loyal to their church at all times and in every way.

Mr. Pearce enjoys accounts of the pioneers days when he was a young man from the East in this thinly inhabited region and expects to meet many old friends at the Golden Anniversary celebration here on June 29.

Miss Francis Gussenhoven, of Denver, Colorado, arrived Monday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hubbard and family.

Mrs. T. J. Forney and Mrs. Jack Nixon, Jr., returned Sunday night from Dallas, where they visited relatives.

Local Presbyterians Attend Buffalo Gap Youth Encampment

The West Texas district of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., is holding its annual encampment for the young people at Buffalo Gap this week. Practically all the young people and intermediates of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church of Ballinger are attending this week and will be there until after next Sunday.

The women of the Ballinger church will again have charge of the dining room and will serve all meals during the entire encampment. Practically all members of the local mission society are there this week, working in the dining room and kitchen, and others are making daily trips to haul provisions prepared here.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. F. Moore will attend the encampment and no services will be held at the Ballinger church next Sunday with the exception of Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. for those who remain here and attend the adult and junior departments.

The church has permanent encampment grounds under the big trees at Buffalo Gap and has constructed a number of buildings for use in summer meetings. The site offers excellent facilities for camping in the open.

The local delegation will return home next Monday, following the close of the encampment Sunday evening.

C. C. SESSIONS SPEAKS TO BRADY METHODISTS

C. C. Sessions went to Brady Sunday morning to deliver a laymen's talk at the Methodist church. Mr. Sessions served as lay leader for the Ballinger church for several years and recently has served as chairman of the board. His talk at Brady was centered around church finances and he used the plan of the local church for the basis of his talk.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reese went to Stephenville Sunday to visit relatives. They were accompanied as far as Brownwood by George Billy McCulley, who is visiting his grandparents in that city. On their return home Mr. and Mrs. Reese were accompanied by their little granddaughter, Carolyn Reese, who will visit here several days.

Miss Camille Behringer returned Saturday from the Speck ranch near Sterling, Tex., where she visited about ten days.

CAPABLE MANAGEMENT OF SCHOOL FINANCES HIGHLY COMPLIMENTED

The Ballinger school system has been complimented on numerous occasions by state school authorities upon the efficient management of local financial matters.

Since the school board took over the management of the finances there have never been warrants or checks issued which were not good upon presentation at the bank. During the recent depression school teachers all over the nation were paid in scrip, which really was nothing but a promise to pay at a later date (usually not specified definitely). The Ballinger independent school district has never issued such paper. It has always been able to pay off its teachers in cash or checks which were honored at any bank.

This one phase of management of the local school speaks volumes for both the trustees and the citizenship.

Before it was constitutional for a city to levy a school tax upon its citizens the school board levied taxes on Ballinger citizens and collected most of them. Many persons refused to pay these taxes, but there was always enough collected to pay the bills and salaries for the school year.

The secretary of the school district has a very difficult position to fill and must do many things which are not particularly specified for him to do. There have been many efficient men in this position during the past 30 years, but A. F. Brock, the present secretary, is proclaimed by board members to be one of the best that ever handled the district's affairs.

Since 1926 when \$100,000 bonds were voted to build the new high school building to bring the total indebtedness of the district to \$130,500, there has been a total of \$56,500 of the bonds retired between the years 1922 and 1925 there was nothing paid on the principal of the bonds, but the interest was paid each year on the \$50,500. Now there is only \$80,000 in bonds outstanding, and these are being retired on schedule.

Mrs. Scott Mangum and daughter, Dorothy, of Temple, are guests of Mrs. John Currie.

50 YEARS AGO

See My 1907 Model Pope Toledo Automobile In The Big Parade Mon., June 29



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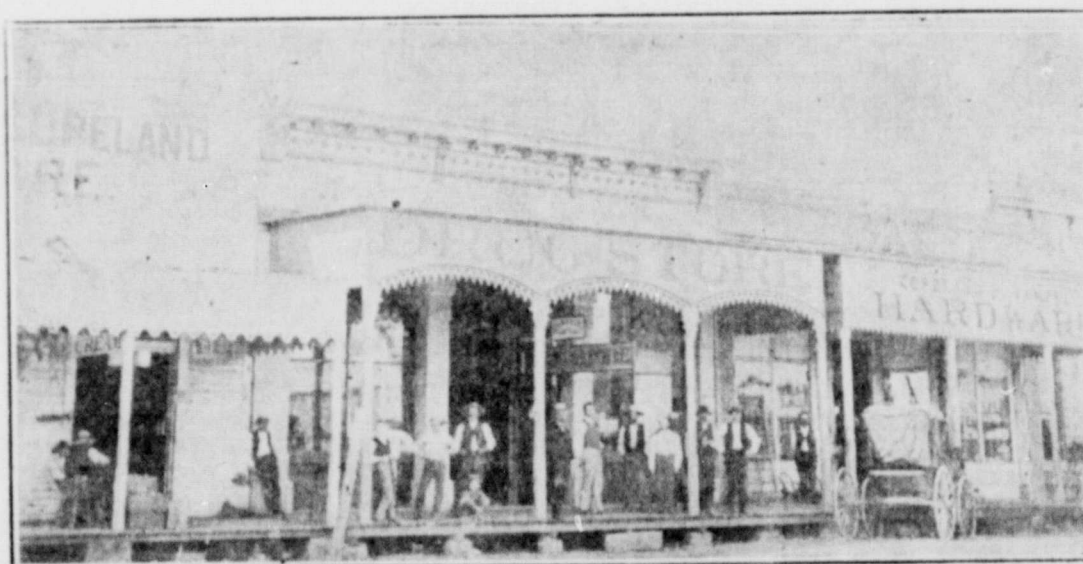
This store has been a part of Ballinger and Runnels County for 34 years Sharing its prosperity and misfortunes.

Pioneers, You are Welcome at U. E. HARTMAN GROCERY

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PIONEERS

Welcome to Ballinger's Greatest Celebration Since The Town Lot Sale



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Who Helped Pioneer Ballinger

and Runnels County

Pioneer Relates Interesting Items Of the Long Ago

By Mrs. W. L. Hayley

Time hung heavy on the hands of the clerks at Runnels city through the morning hours as most of the customers came in from the ranches in the afternoons or at night, so for amusement they began giving the younger boys five cents each to engage in fist fights, the winner of the fight to get five cents extra. The younger boys, which included my two brothers, went at the fights in earnest to win every nickle they could. As the days went by, the fights became harder and more frequent. The little boys came home dirty and with bloody noses and black eyes and neighbors became mad at each other because of the way their boys were bugging up each other.

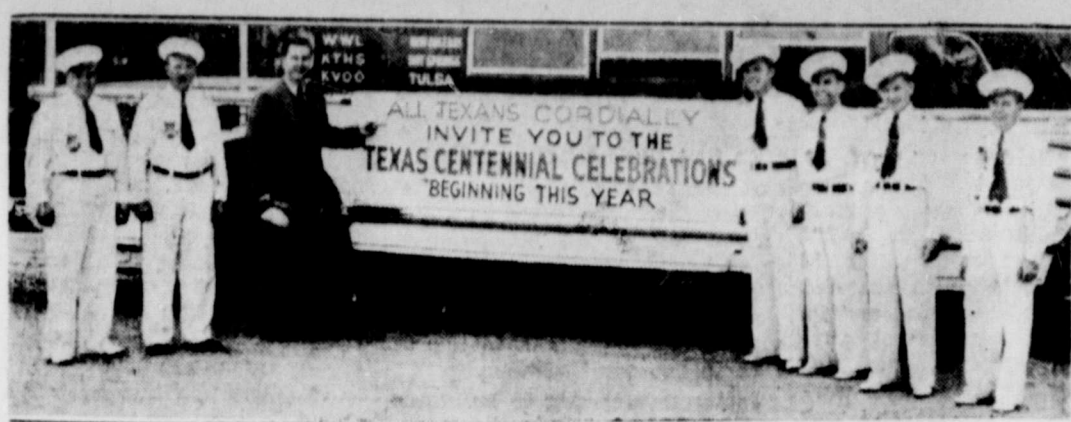
My mother tried to get my father as justice of the peace to interfere but he thought it good sport and was inclined to let the boys fight it out. One day my mother heard a loud hurrahing down the street and as she expressed it herself, she became fighting mad, put on her bonnet, walked down the street and proceeded to break up all the fun. She offered to fight any of the young men who ever gave her boys another nickle to fight and told them they were making regular toughs out of the little boys.

She stated that the young men were very much astonished and only two of them, Dave Baker and Jack Guy, who were her boarders, ever attempted to answer her. They assured her that they had no idea of making toughs of the boys but were only having some fun.

This was the end of the first prize fights in Runnels and years later my mother would laugh and tell how the young men actually thought they would have to fight her or cease to promote the fights between the young boys.

The very early settlers of Runnels county realized they were making history, and in this story, which I have heard my mother often tell, there is proof that they wanted that history to go on record as good history.

When the district judge came to Runnels county to hold court a few years before Ballinger was a town, the Pearce family was living in the Rock Hotel at Runnels. The judge and a lawyer engaged in a fist fight in the office of the hotel and had to be parted. H. D. Pearce, as justice of the peace, proceeded to make out papers and fine them. The leading men of the town got together and went in a



The Light Crust Doughboys, with their announcer, with their announcer, Eddie Dunn, standing beside their mammoth broadcasting bus. The center of interest is the banner which adorned the bus on the Doughboys' recent trip to Hollywood where they appeared in a motion picture. This popular radio organization will appear in person in Ballinger on the afternoon of June 29, in connection with the local celebration. They are, left to right, Buddy, Doctor, Eddie Dunn, Abner, Junior, Bashful and Zeke.

body to try to dissuade him from trying the district judge in the justice court. They said "Pearce it will never do in the world to have it go on the county record, that you fined the biggest judge in the whole country." My father argued that if the judge disturbed the peace he should be fined the same as anyone else, and I understand the judge and lawyer both paid their fines. I wanted to verify this and made a trip to Ballinger but could not locate the early day records of the justice court.

My father was appointed justice of the peace in 1881, according to the county clerk's records, and served two more terms in the town of Runnels. Many interesting things happened. A couple came from one of the big ranches to get married. He did not know this was one of the duties of the office and it took him several hours to look up the law. The couple remained seated in their buggy and by the time he was ready to perform the ceremony, practically all the inhabitants of the town were out to witness the ceremony. He had it circulated among the boys that this was a solemn occasion and if there was any hilarity displayed, he would have the offender up in justice court and assess a fine, so it turned out to be a solemn, dignified marriage ceremony.

FORMER CITIZEN HERE IN INTEREST OF BULLOCK

F. E. Norton, former resident of Maverick, but now a teacher in the Dallas school system, was in Ballinger Tuesday electioneering in behalf of Pat Bullock, candidate for state superintendent of public instruction. While here Mr. Norton renewed many acquaintances of former days and distributed political matter for his friend.

Miss Marie Thomas and Miss Ruby Garrett spent the week-end in Del Rio and Mexico.

Light Crust Doughboys to be Big Feature Attraction Here

The famous Light Crust Doughboys, heard daily on six of the Southwest's leading radio stations, will be in Ballinger Monday afternoon and evening, June 29, to make several personal appearances in connection with the local celebration.

This popular radio band, accompanied by their commentator, Eddie Dunn, who will act as master of ceremonies, has recently returned to the air after a three weeks' vacation trip to Hollywood, California. While in the movie-land capital the Light Crust Doughboys took featured parts in a musical western motion picture, which according to Mr. Dunn, should be released for showing within the next few months and is titled "Oh, Susannah."

During this time of the year the Doughboys are deluged with invitations to play personal appearances in cities throughout the Southwest, but their many radio programs keep them pretty much at home in Fort Worth. However, the local general celebration committee was so sincere in its desire to have the people of Ballinger and vicinity know the boys personally, and the invitation was backed by so much enthusiastic cooperation on the part of everyone locally, that the Doughboys say they take delight in deviating from their usual policy of staying at home. Word received from them in Fort Worth indicates they are looking forward with much pleasure to making a personal appearance for Ballinger crowds.

The Light Crust Doughboys will make the trip from Fort Worth in their new sound-equipped bus, the same palatial vehicle in which they traveled to the West Coast last month for their movie work,

and which incidentally was used in parts of the picture. It is said to be quite unique in construction, featuring a beautifully grided and decorated observation platform on the rear, from which they play many of their programs when appearing in person. The bus carries its own electrical plant to supply the power for operating the loud speakers which are permanent equipment on it.

From Cow Trails--

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drainage structures built. At this time two large bridges are under construction with funds furnished by the PWA. So far there has been no let up in providing a network of hard surfaced roads in Runnels county as good as can be found in the Southwest.

A state resident highway engineer and staff of assistants maintain headquarters in Ballinger.

Three paved highways now entering Ballinger are both state and federal routes. The highway passing through the county north and south is state highway No. 4 and federal highway No. 83. The route east of Ballinger to Coleman is state highway No. 16 and federal No. 67. From Ballinger west to San Angelo is state No. 30 and federal No. 277. The only other designation in the county is the route from Ballinger to Bronte, now under construction, known as state highway No. 109.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gregory and children, of Eldorado, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Keaton, of Abilene, and Mrs. Kirk Gregory, of Stamford, will be here Sunday and Monday to attend the home-coming and birthday celebration.

Early Settlers--

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there are 1,987,000,000 acres exclusive of water and city territory, of which two-thirds in some degree is affected by erosion.

Has Runnels county been exempt from this general erosion that has been going on over the nation? From reports of the "old timers" it has not. In fact crops need more rain now than 30 or 40 years ago, due no doubt to depleted soil humus. The yield per acre is not as great as it was in the beginning, when no trouble was experienced in producing a feed crop with only a small amount of rain. Cotton yield average was around 200 pounds per acre and now it is around 132 pounds, which at that is the highest in some 20 or more counties around Runnels. Records show at one time Ballinger was the greatest county marketing center for cotton in the world, when most all of Concho, Coke, part of Taylor and all of the Runnels crop were marketed at Ballinger. Runnels is still a great county in soil fertility, but it is the duty of every citizen to aid in the great national program at this time to keep it a great county. "Better soil—better citizens," is a slogan that might well be adopted. George Washington stated that, "Nothing in my opinion would contribute more to the welfare of the states than the proper management of the lands." Runnels county farmers are to be congratulated in that they recognized some twenty years ago the need of a soil program and a number started the save-the-soil movement that has grown to such national importance at this time.

Records of the Texas extension service reveal that Runnels county has more terraces constructed and contour lines run than any county in Texas and probably in the United States. There is only one stopping place in this soil work and that is when all land of this

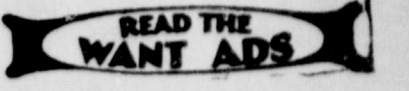
county and the nation is so protected that it will cease to wash and blow away. The land can die just as surely as animal life. A dead soil is largely the result of man throwing nature out of balance. Records show that when the soil dies man perishes with it, desolation saddens all the terrain, houses go to rack, the morale of the people decreases, they lose their pride, citizenship declines, and the nation or county is an empty hull. Parts of China at this time are in just such a condition, millions of people starve to death each year due to dead soil that once was productive, rich and fertile, but due to improper uses and handling is no longer productive.

John Greenleaf Whittier, can poet, expressed the idea of land that had been allowed to die:

"Against the wooded hill it stands
Ghosts of a dead home startle
through
Its broken lights on wasted lands,
Where old-time harvest grew."

Mrs. J. H. Wilke and Miss Rosemary Lasater returned Monday from Raymondville, where they visited relatives several weeks.

James Lasater left Monday for a visit with friends at Lubbock.



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Wesson Oil pt. 25c. qt. 49c 1/2 gal. 98c	Red & White Flour 6 lbs. 26c	Oranges dozen 15c
SUN SPUN Salad Dressing qt. 23c	" Flour 12 lbs. 46c	Lettuce head 5c
ALL SWEET Oleo lb. 20c	" Flour 24 lbs. 89c	Early Riser Coffee lb. 17c
	Prunes gal. can 25c	Ground as You Like it
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Pioneers Coming Monday To Attend Celebration

any of the early day residents Ballinger and Runnels County have sent in word that they would be present on June 28 and 29 for the Golden Anniversary celebration. A mailing list of some 600 names has been compiled and personal invitations mailed to each of these to be guests of the city on this occasion. Several have been heard from who have not visited here in many years, several who left when they were mere children do not even remember the town except as their parents have told them of it, but practically every pioneer contacted in any way expects to be here if his health will permit.

Below are a few personal responses to the invitations sent out and from publicity given the 50th birthday program.

Reuben G. Carlton, of Beaumont, writes an interesting letter:

"I notice in the newspapers where Ballinger is preparing to celebrate a golden anniversary. This may be interesting to you; I was one of the first to be born there on November 24, 1887, but have never had the pleasure to return, however, my mother has kept Ballinger fresh in my memory. A very unfortunate thing happened, probably some of the old timers can relate you the particulars. My father, Tom Carlton, and a man by the name of Carter engaged in a gun fight and my father was victorious, killing Carter. This all took place 50 years ago. I would like to visit Ballinger and help in the celebration, and if I can arrange my affairs at that time I intend to return to the city of my birth."

Mrs. Hattie B. Cotter, who resides at Ballinger, route 1, has informed the committee that she will be present for the big party. She came to Runnels county in October, 1884, and has lived here since that time. She writes, "My parents came to Runnels county in 1881. They bought land and farmed and raised stock with the first settlers and was one of the first to build a fence around his land. My father, S. R. Muncy, was a Baptist preacher and a missionary for several years. He was also a trustee that helped build the first school house in Ballinger."

Mrs. Minnie L. Patterson, of Winters, will also attend and in her letter to the committee stated that she came to the county in 1879. "My father, Capt. A. B. Hutchison, helped organize the county and we had the first post office at Runnels."

Mrs. Annie Cox, of Benoit, has also accepted an invitation, stating that she has lived all her life in Runnels county. "I was born on the F. E. Clayton ranch near the old Norwood school house and spent all my school days in that old Norwood school."

Sterling P. Hathaway, of Ballinger, knows Runnels county and its history as well as any man living here today. He came to the county on August 8, 1880, and has lived here since that time. He worked cattle belonging to himself and his father on the open range for the first few years. The brand used was "J. W." his father's initials. He also owned and operated, with his father, a store in Runnels and operated a freight line in connection, working with J. R. Holliday and Frank Miles on the line from Abilene through Runnels to Fort Concho. The partnership of Hathaway and Holliday moved the greater part of the houses which were transported from Runnels to Ballinger in 1887 and 1888.

His father organized the first Presbyterian church in Runnels county, with himself and Capt. Townner as the first elders. This same church was moved to Ballinger and later became the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Hathaway is senior elder today.

He farmed for a while west of Runnels before coming to Ballinger to engage in the furniture and grocery business. He was connected with T. S. Lankford in the furniture business under the firm name of Lankford & Hathaway, now the King-Holt Company, and was in the grocery business with F. C. Miller and J. J. Erwin, the firm being known as the Miller Mercantile Co. He retired from this business in 1919.

John M. Burson, who lives on

Novice route 1, came to Runnels county in the fall of 1885. Soon after coming here he constructed a log cabin with split logs covered with dirt for a roof. Later his father bought land between what is now Crews and Content and the family home was built there. He first attended school in a house which still stands and is owned by J. W. Tippet. A Miss Hunter was the "schoolmarm." This, he said, was the beginning of the Star district, which after five moves became part of the Content school. Mr. Burson recalls the dry weather in 1885 and 1887 which is remembered by many of the old pioneers.

From Sterling City comes word from John, Jeff and Fanny Copeland, who are planning to join the pioneers at the celebration. A letter states: "Jeff, Fanny and myself are three pioneers who plan to attend the celebration on June 29. We three Copelands settled in Runnels county in February, 1882, and engaged in the ranching business. We were all in Ballinger when the lots were sold on June 29, 1886. Jeff and Fanny do not have any families but like myself belong to the Baptist church. Our brother, W. N. Copeland, was the first county and district clerk. He died several years ago."

Lawson Allen, of Norton, who came here in 1890, will attend the celebration.

Mrs. Jennie McAulay came to Runnels county in 1880 and is now making home in Ballinger.

Mrs. Cora Gibson, of Benoit, is expecting to meet many old friends here. She has lived in the county since 1887.

Mrs. Oscar Pearson, of Ballinger, came here from Alabama in 1891 and is looking forward with pleasant anticipation to the Golden Anniversary celebration.

Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Pearce, of Winters, who has resided in the county since 1879, intends to be present June 29.

E. L. McAlpine, of Dallas, was a citizen of Ballinger in 1886 and is planning to attend the birthday party.

Mrs. C. P. Shepherd, who has lived in the county since 1881, is serving as a member of the invitation and reception committee.

Lon T. Muncy, who came to the county in 1888, will be present to greet the pioneers June 29.

Richard Gottschalk, of Winters, who immigrated to the county in 1889 from Germany, will help the other old timers celebrate.

Mrs. George P. Holman, who has

resided in Ballinger since 1886, will help greet those who attend the home-coming.

Mrs. Maud Robertson will attend the anniversary fete as a pioneer, having lived here since 1889.

Hans Gottschalk, who came here in 1889, plans to attend the celebration.

Mrs. Ella May Rogers has been a citizen of Ballinger since 1886. She expects to renew many former acquaintances at this year's celebration.

Arch Brookshier will be here to shake hands with friends of the open range days. He came to the county in 1884 and has lived in the Benoit section most of this time.

Mrs. Lee Evans, of Ballinger, has resided in Runnels county since 1888.

Mrs. C. D. Harris is a native of Runnels county. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Nichols came to Runnels in 1878 and located at Runnels. Later Mr. Nichols acquired land about 11 miles down the Colorado River from Ballinger, where he operated a sheep and cattle ranch for more than 40 years, retiring a few years before his death in 1929. Mrs. Harris states that at the time her parents came to the county wild game such as deer, antelope, turkeys, beaver and buffalo were plentiful.

Mrs. W. L. Hayley, of Norton, the first white child born in Runnels county, on March 2, 1880, will attend the celebration. Mrs. Hayley remembers the history of this county and has an extensive collection of clippings, old papers, photographs of early day scenes. She is the daughter of H. D. Pearce, who was postmaster at Runnels seven years and at Ballinger one year. Mrs. Hayley is expecting all the Pearce relatives to assemble for a reunion in her home and attend the fiftieth birthday program here together.

Mrs. R. A. Dickinson has resided in the county since 1881. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Swift, came to Coleman county in 1877 and a short time later came on to Runnels. When others left there to move to Ballinger in 1886 the Swifts remained and both are buried in the Runnels cemetery near where they reared a large family of boys and girls who have each had a part in the making of Runnels county.

These are only a few of those who will be present at the Golden Anniversary celebration. The event is planned to honor those who pioneered here and it is the desire of citizens of Ballinger that each one living, whose health will permit, be here next Monday.

Mrs. George Holman returned Monday from an extended visit in Peoria, Illinois.

Love and Halley Physicians In Ballinger for 38 Years

Drs. A. S. Love and W. B. Halley came to Ballinger in September, 1898, to establish a practice and both are here today, active in their work after 38 years of ministering to the sick and suffering in this section. Coming direct from school, physicians and surgeons, into this sparsely settled region, their work was arduous for a time and took them on many long trips, usually in a lively stable buggy.

Their experiences of the trials of a pioneer doctor with poor means of transportation, make stories that bring both tears and laughter. It was hard work and often gave them very little time for sleep and rest.

Dr. Love and Dr. Halley have been associated for the past 42 years. They attended school together and came west to form a professional partnership.

Dr. Love stated that he had started to Abilene and stopped for the night in Trickham, Coleman county. In some way it was learned that a doctor was staying over night at the hotel and calls from the sick came which kept him at work there for a month. When he caught up he came on to Ballinger and decided to remain.

At first there were no telephones and most calls were a "hello" ringing out in the night as a distressed relative on horseback or in a buggy gave directions how the place could be reached. There were no electric lights and night surgical work was next to impossible in the rural sections.

Just before coming to Ballinger, and during the Philippine insurrection, Dr. Love had decided to enter the army. He was to meet a recruiting officer at Santa Anna, but remained on a case for several days and arrived too late to sign up.

"I have driven a buggy over almost every foot of Runnels county," said Dr. Love, "and it was doing this that I learned to sleep while driving, a habit I still have since the advent of automobiles."

On long trips the doctors usually hired a lively stable rig and driver so they could sleep. Dr. Love did this at one time on a call to a patient near Crews. Fences were just being built at that time and while a boy did the driving that night, Dr. Love had to open and close 23 gates which kept him fairly well awake. From the patient's house, he made five other calls before

arriving at the Hatchel store the next day, very hungry. When they arrived home the young driver remarked that he was through driving for doctors.

Dr. Love recalls a June 29 celebration in 1899 that he was very anxious to attend. Early on the day of the celebration he was called to near Sweetwater for a consultation and, without a driver, set out to find the patient's home. After being lost a number of times he followed a telephone line which extended from Robert Lee to Sweetwater into the neighborhood and arrived where a sick child was near death. The doctor attending refused to give an anesthetic while he performed the operation. In order to save the child and finish the task before night, Dr. Love did the job alone, and the child lived. He drove back to Hilton to spend the night and citizens in the community where the child lived made up a purse of \$60 and brought it to him. In this way citizens of Hilton found out he was a doctor and it was three days before he arrived home.

Both doctors could tell experiences by the hour, some humorous, some sad. "Practically every kind of an experience has come our way during the 38 years," Dr. Love said.

In 1905 the two physicians founded the Halley & Love Sanitarium, which is still being operated, and in 1912 started the

Ballinger Training School for Nurses. No record has been kept of the number of operations performed, but more than 4,000 appendectomies have been done in the institution. Drs. Halley and Love performed the first Caesarean operation known of in Texas, in which the mother and baby both survived. The operation was performed at the hospital here.

Both doctors admit there is a great difference in their practice today as compared to that of the past.

J. S. JONES' AUTOMOBILE STOLEN FROM GARAGE

Thieves entered the garage of J. S. Jones on Broadway last Monday night and took his new 1936 Chevrolet sedan. The car was taken from the garage without any of the neighbors being disturbed and was not missed until Tuesday morning. Officers have asked police in nearby cities to watch for the stolen car.

Mrs. Lee Sykes, Mrs. Florence Reed and Miss Elva Sykes have returned from a visit to Royalty, Monahans, Wink and Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Middleton spent the past week-end at Bradshaw, visiting Mrs. Middleton's parents.

Mrs. M. S. Karmany was ill and confined to her home the first part of the week.

- WELCOME PIONEERS -

Save at Sam Behringer's

We extend a warm welcome to all old timers as well as new timers. We are just across the street from the Court House Lawn. Step across and make yourself at home, we have plenty of free Ice Water, plenty seats and rest rooms.

In appreciation of those who have pioneered the way and those who are carrying on today. We offer a few Specials and a house full of true values in groceries and meat for Ballinger's 50th Birthday Celebration.

Prices Good Friday 26, Saturday 27 and Monday 29

Ice cream Fresh Homemade
 qts. 25c, pts. 15c Double dip 5c
Coca-Cola, Dr. Pepper, Sodas
 IT'S ALL ICE COLD OR DOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACK
Plums bushel \$1.25
 Plums about all gone—better buy now.
Corn Fresh home grown dozen 19c
Fresh Tomatoes pound 6c basket 25c
New Potatoes 10 lbs. 29c

Howell's Market

Lamb Chops	Milk Fed	lb.	20c
Leg o' Lamb		lb.	25c
Sliced Bacon		lb.	28c
Veal Steak	Seven Cut	lb.	15c
Fryers	Milk Fed	lb.	28c
Beef Roast		lb.	12½c

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Community Gas Co. Has Served Ballinger For Past Ten Years

Joining in Ballinger's celebration of her 50th anniversary is the Community Natural Gas Company which lacks only a few months of being able to celebrate its own tenth anniversary of the construction of its Ballinger plant in 1927.

For almost ten years the Community Natural Gas Company has been an important factor in the civic life of Ballinger. Headed by J. A. Schnable, manager for the company in this territory, its staff of employees include Walter A. Neely, sub-manager; John B. Pratt, foreman; Owen B. Forbes, service man; and Miss Vernie Lee Downing, cashier. The district for which Ballinger is headquarters and which Mr. Schnable supervises includes the towns of Winters, Valera, Lawn, Ovalo, Talpa and Tuscola.

Through the past decade the gas company has not only furnished the homes of this city with a clean, convenient, uninterrupted fuel service, but has made an unlimited quantity of cheap fuel available for industries. That cheap fuel will be a large factor in the future growth of this section is indicated by a recent news item which states that economy of gas in West Texas is given as one of the main reasons why West Texas could serve as location for a wool scouring and carbonizing plant by two New England men making a survey of this territory.

The local gas distribution plant was built in 1927 by Community Natural Gas Company, following the discovery of marketable quantities of gas in Runnels county. Lone Star Gas Company, the pipeline company which supplies gas wholesale to the Ballinger plant, earlier in 1927 had laid a pipeline from the recently discovered gas wells in the southern part of Runnels county to serve the Community Natural.

In order to assure Ballinger and its other customers in this territory an ample supply of gas, Lone Star geologists continued to build

up gas reserves for this area, until today a great reservoir of gas is available from wells in Coleman and Brown county fields, chief of which are the Janelin in Brown county and the Valera field in Coleman county. In addition to these reserves, the ten-inch pipeline which serves Runnels and Coleman counties could be tied into the Lone Star's main system in southern Taylor county within a short time.

The Community Natural Gas Company, which was organized in 1925, is outstanding in southwestern gas circles. It was the first gas company in this section of the nation to be organized for the purpose of serving gas to small towns, and its record of building more than 170 town gas plants in a five-year period is still regarded as an outstanding engineering record.

Sixteen years older than the local distribution company, the Lone Star Gas Company is the state's pioneer gas pipeline company. Organized in 1909, it built the first long distance pipeline in the Southwest, running more than 100 miles from the Petrolia field in Clay county to Fort Worth and Dallas. After long years of struggle to build up its gas reserves, which it assured in 1924 through perfection of a method of utilizing gas from oil wells and through building lines to the vast reserves of the Panhandle, the company has grown into one of the strongest in the country. Through 4,000 miles of pipeline it serves gas from 1,000 wells in 31 separate fields in Texas and Oklahoma to approximately 300 cities and towns in these states. It is responsible for the fuel service of a million and a half people.

ARCHIE PARR LOCATED AT CHRISTOVO PARK

Archie Parr has located for the summer at McKee's Park in Christoval and will operate his motor boats on the lake there for vacationists. He has a new fast boat, "The Centennial," which he invites Ballinger people to ride in when they visit Christoval.

Charles Shepherd, of Abilene, transacted business here Tuesday.

Farming Has Paid Wilmeth Man Well

J. D. Smith, of Wilmeth, came to Runnels county just before 1900 with a horse, a hack, and \$34 in cash. He began buying land on the credit and today is one of the most prosperous farmers of this section.

Fields well set in Johnson grass appealed to him and when he found one whose value had decreased because of that fact he bought the tract, farmed it carefully for two or three years and came out with a clean place, fertile above the average.

Today with a sizeable number of blackland farms, he and his sons are among the largest operators in this county. Mr. Smith was in Ballinger last week and told of buying groceries on the credit from M. D. Chastain, soon after arriving in this county. This favor Mr. Smith has never forgotten.

He and his family have no desire to leave the farm and move to town. "The farmers place is on the farm," Mr. Smith says, and Mrs. Smith and the children agree.

A combine owned and operated by J. D. Smith, Jr. and T. M. Hogan, a son-in-law, has had a busy season, operating day and night.

Mrs. Victor Miller and children have returned from a visit in Austin and Rockport. Miss Laura Edith Miller, student of the University of Texas, returned home with them for a month's visit and will go back to the university for the last term of summer school for a journalism course she is taking besides regular work for a B. A. degree.

David Baker was in Brownwood for the week-end visiting Mrs. Hugh Latham.

Sam Behringer left Monday for Dallas and Ft. Worth to transact business and attend the Texas Centennial exposition.

W. O. Wallace returned Saturday from Menard where he attended to business several days and witnessed the rodeo and race meet.

DEATHS

Hays Infant

The one-day-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hays died in a Lubbock hospital Sunday morning at 2:15. Mr. and Mrs. Hays formerly lived near Ballinger but have been residing near Lamesa for the past three years. Mrs. Hays is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bigby, of Bethel.

The body was brought overland to Ballinger and funeral services held at the graveside Sunday afternoon, Rev. Homer Vanderpool officiating.

Jennings Funeral Home undertakers were in charge of arrangements.

Lon D. Owens

Lon D. Owens, 68, died at his home in Miles Sunday morning at 9:30 after illness of a week's duration. Mr. Owens came to Miles three years ago from near Waco and had been farming since moving to this county. Besides the widow seven daughters survive and all were present at the funeral service which was held at the graveside in Miles, the Baptist minister officiating.

Jennings Funeral Home undertakers were in charge of arrangements.

A. B. DAVIS, HATCHER FARMER, IS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

A. B. Davis, Hatcher farmer, was struck by lightning at his home Tuesday afternoon. The bolt rendered him unconscious and caused his left side to be partially paralyzed. He was improving Wednesday and could move his left arm a little.

Mr. Davis had just stepped upon the front porch of his home with fifty pounds of ice in his hands when the bolt hit a radio aerial a short distance away, raced down a gutter and sprang to his body. His condition is not considered serious.

One hundred and fifty marines with the famous Fifth Marine regimental band are stationed at Dallas for duration of the centennial exposition.

Horace Gustavus returned Saturday night from Northwestern University dental school, Chicago, where he graduated this year. He went direct to Houston, where he took the state board examination and came on here for a short visit with his mother before going to Cincinnati, where he will serve an internship in a general hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lynn, H. W. Lynn and E. M. Lynn returned Tuesday from Atoka, Tennessee, where they attended a church home-coming and visited relatives.

Mrs. W. P. Slater, of Ennis, spent the week-end here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Behringer. Miss Camille Behringer returned home with her Monday and will attend the Texas Centennial exposition this week.

Miss Eula Mae Clark is visiting relatives and friends in Ft. Worth this week.

Mrs. C. R. Stephens and Mrs. Alex Saunders left Sunday for Kerville to attend the annual Presbyterian encampment.

Miss Myra Tankersley spent Sunday in Mertzon, visiting relatives and friends.

Fred Kiechle and daughters returned Sunday from points in Indiana and other eastern cities where they attended to business and visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Shepherd spent the past week-end in Cleburne, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Howard Parker.

Rev. and Mrs. Wallace Jones returned home this week from Millersview, where Rev. Jones conducted a ten-day meeting.

Mrs. Lula Noyes, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller and Ralph James Erwin have returned here from San Antonio where they visited the first part of the week.

Hal Mohr, academy prize winning movie cameraman, began as an amateur in San Francisco.

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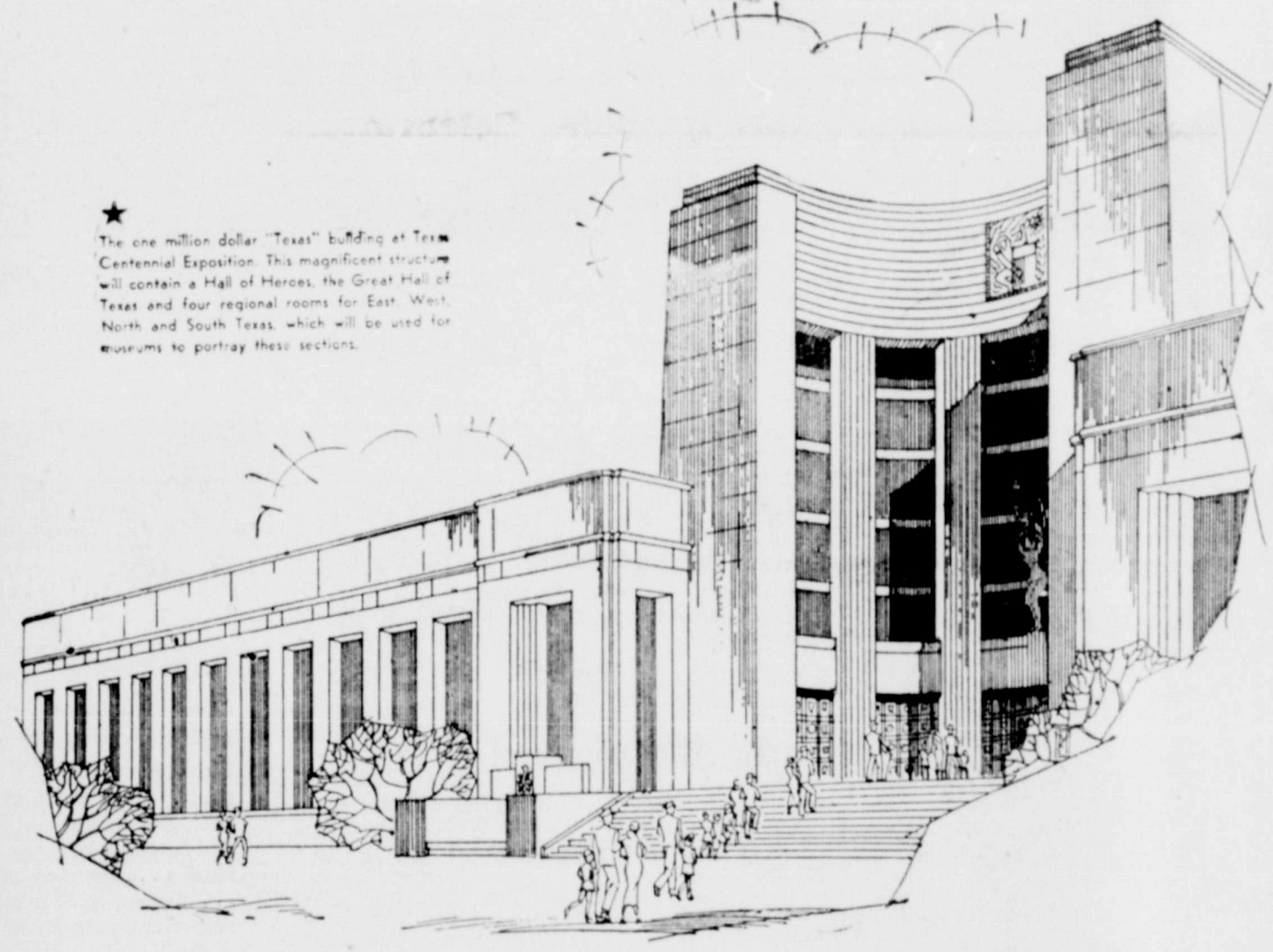
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12-lb. sack	49c
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Carrots	Bunch 1c
200 doz. bunches for this sale	
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Squash	lb. 1c
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Not Overripe	

A-Y Bread	2 16-oz. Loaves	15c
Airway Coffee	3 lbs.	50c
Karo Syrup	No. 10 Pail	59c
Cream Meal	10 lb. Sack	23c
O. K. Soap	6 Big Bars	19c
Greenwich Lye	2 Cans	15c
Sunbrite Cleanser	2 Cans	9c

Fruit Jar Lids	Regular Kerr	3 dozen	25c
Tomatoes	New Pack	No. 2 can	7c
Kerr Jars	Doz.		19c
Quart Jars	Case		69c
Assorted Spices	Can		5c
Corn Starch	Pkg.		9c
Silk Tissue	6 Rolls		25c
Macaroni			
pkg.		4c	
Oxydol			
Large pkg.			19c
Cold Lunch Meats		lb.	23c
Frying Chickens	Dressed and Drawn	each	39c
Bologna	lb.	11c	
Sliced Bacon	lb.	25c	
Weiners	lb.	15c	
Salt Bacon	lb.	16c	
Pickles	2 for	5c	
Chuck Roast	lb.	12c	
Seven Steak	lb.	15c	
Barbecued Beef	lb.	25c	
Ground Meat	lb.	12c	
Cream Cheese	lb.	16c	



The one million dollar "Texas" building at Texas Centennial Exposition. This magnificent structure will contain a Hall of Heroes, the Great Hall of Texas and four regional rooms for East, West, North and South Texas, which will be used for museums to portray these sections.

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Colorful romance . . . ceaseless struggle . . . brilliant achievement—mark Texas' amazing advance to its present position of wealth and culture. This fascinating history of 100 years Texas Independence is revealed to the world in a magnificent exposition which opened in Dallas on June 6th. At historical spots scattered over the state other celebrations are being held. And, of course, the whole world has been invited to come and see "Texas on Parade."

Texas will show the inflow of Centennial visitors a clean and beautiful state. Already homes are prepared, flower gardens are growing, families are making plans for the entertainment of their guests. Whatever Texas undertakes, it does in the only way it knows how—in a big way!

The cleanliness of Texas cities and their sparkling skylines will give visitors something to marvel over. They will see on all sides the benefits of a natural gas service like this community's—a service that not only keeps skylines spotless, but has brought comfort and health to the family and given the mother leisure for the small cost of 15 cents a day for the average Texas household the year around.

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SAFEGWAY STORES

Visit a Centennial of Romantic History—on Parade in Texas

Three Churches—

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eral weeks have been working on the plans and letters have been mailed to all members, who do not live here now, urging them to come back for this occasion.

Dr. F. M. McConnell, of Dallas, editor of the Baptist Standard, will deliver the morning sermon. Dr. McConnell has been a noted state worker in the Baptist denomination for years, and perhaps knows more pioneer history of the church than any other man in the state. He is an excellent speaker and the committee thinks it has secured the best man in Texas for this special assignment.

At the close of Sunday school the general assembly time, other prominent visitors will be recognized, some being given time for short talks and greetings. The entire morning service will be of a pioneer nature and special effort will be made to have all old timers in this immediate section present.

General Program

A program for the general public will be held at the Baptist church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. All church members of the city are invited to take part in this service which will be appropriate to the occasion. The Hardin-Simmons Girls Quartet will take part in the program. These young women are well known in this section and are popular wherever they have appeared. An invitation has been extended to the McMurry Boys' Quartet but a definite answer has not been received to date. A local colored quartet will likely be presented for a few numbers. If the audience is too great for the Baptist church, another program will be offered at the Methodist church, the principals appearing at each church and switching in order for both crowds to hear the same program. Only one program will be held, however, unless there is need for both churches.

Pioneer Service

All citizens are invited to attend the pioneer memorial service at Fair Park at 8 o'clock Sunday evening. Dr. F. M. McConnell will deliver the principal message with local and visiting pastors taking

parts. All singers of the city are requested to be in their places in the choir at 7:50 to lead the old time songs with band accompaniment.

SOCIETY.

Methodist Circles in Socials

Mrs. W. E. Midgley and Miss Thelma Midgley were hostesses to Methodist circle one members Monday afternoon on the lawn at the John Weeks home on Eighth Street.

Mrs. John Loveless presided over the business session and Mrs. Troy Simpson gave the Bible lesson from "The Parables of Jesus."

A salad plate with punch was served to twenty members and Mrs. Hugh Lewis, a visitor.

Mrs. C. C. Sessions and Mrs. Wilbur Redwine entertained ten members of circle two in the Sessions home on Ninth Street.

Mrs. Clinton Glover gave the Bible lesson.

Miss Mary Louise Sessions, of Altus, Oklahoma, assisted the hostesses in serving an ice course with cookies.

Miss Louise Batts Hostess to Palmer Club

Miss Louise Batts was hostess to the Palmer bridge club last Thursday afternoon in her home on Ninth Street.

Shasta daisies decked rooms where summer scenes decorated tables on which game scores were recorded. Mrs. Raymond Evans received high guest award. Miss Cathleen Connelly, high club, and Miss Helen Thomson the traveling prize.

A salad course with Russian grape juice was served to: Mmes. J. C. Wilson, Frank Holliday, Evans, Jones Parrish, Misses Thomson, Elsie Motley, Mary Parks, Emma Jean Jones, and Connelly.

Little-Jones Nuptials Solemnized at Winters

Wednesday morning, just at sunrise, in a beautiful garden setting, at the home of the bride's parents in Winters, Rev. Wallace Jones, of Ballinger, read the impressive ring ceremony uniting

Brewer Delivers Stirring Sermons At Local Church

Good interest was shown in the beginning of the revival at the Eighth Street Church of Christ this week. Grover C. Brewer, of Memphis, Tennessee, who is conducting the revival is proving that he is among the outstanding speakers of the day. His manner of delivery is pleasing and his subjects are very interesting. He is kind to his hearers, yet forceful in his presentation of the subject.

The subject for this (Thursday) night is "Pentecost," the second in the series.

Attendance has increased nightly, the extremely hot weather having no appreciable effect on lessening the interest. Everything possible is being done to make the auditorium comfortable and many fans are in use.

Services will continue daily the remainder of this week and until Friday of next week at 10 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. The membership of the church invites citizens of Ballinger and nearby communities to hear Mr. Brewer during this special campaign.

POLITICAL SPEAKING TO BE HELD AT WINGATE JULY 3

Citizens of Wingate are preparing for a big entertainment on Friday evening, July 3. All county and district candidates are invited and will be given an opportunity to speak, and an ice cream supper will be served.

Entertainment numbers consisting of accordion music and male quartet renditions will be given. The public is invited.

A Ventura, California, man was forced to swim back from an automobile ride when he drove his car over a cliff—and landed in the ocean below.

in marriage his cousin, Miss Ruth Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Jones, and Eddie Little, of Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Wallace Jones was one of the hostesses assisting at the wedding breakfast which followed the ceremony.

Cracker Jack Dress Styles for

July Fourth

Watch the fireworks in BETTIS & STURGES dress department tomorrow. For everyone who wants a smart, new frock for the Fourth, or for Centennial wear, will certainly want to be the first to select from these new printed chiffons, new solid navy and black chiffons, new washable crepes, tub silks—many just arrived this week.

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As well as many new desirable Nelly Don's, the smartest fabrics and styles—and JUST TRY ONE ON—if you do not know how you will enjoy these Nelly Don's

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\$5.95 - \$7.95



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We hope you enjoy every minute of the time you are here attending Ballinger's 50th Anniversary Celebration.

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PRICES GOOD FRIDAY, SATURDAY, MONDAY - - 26, 27, 29

Pickles	Lg. Jar	13c
Sour or Dill		
Pimientos	Can	7c
Spanish Trail, 4-oz.		
Pork and Beans	Can	5c
Phillips Delicious		
Olives	Lg. Jar	39c
Wapeo Brand		
Vienna Sausage	3 Cans	25c
Red Crown, Pure Meat		
Grape Juice	Qt.	33c
White Swan		
Cake	Each	35c
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Saltine Flakes		

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Steaks	lb.	23c
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Roasts	lb.	14c
Fat and Juicy		
Sliced Bacon	lb.	25c
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Assorted		

FRUITS - VEGETABLES

Lettuce	Head	5c
Firm, Crisp		
Tomatoes	lb.	5c
Firm and Pink		
Onions	lb.	3c
White Bermudas		
Potatoes	10 lbs.	39c
Red or White		
Bananas	lb.	5c
Golden Ripe Fruit		
Oranges	Doz.	25c
Large and Juicy		
Cherries	lb.	25c
Fresh Oregon		

SALAD Dressing

	pt.	15c
	qt.	25c
Pinto Beans	10 lbs.	39c
No. 1 Recleaned		
Flour	48 lbs.	\$1.69
Light Crust		
English Peas	3 Cans	29c
Early Garden, No. 2		
Coffee	3 lb. Can	79c
Maxwell House		
Soap Chips	5 lb. Box	35c
Crystal White		

Bring your crowd to Harber's next Monday, get your picnic supplies and eat out here. There's plenty of parking space.

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EXTRA SPECIAL

Extra Value—25c Print Pre-shrunk, vat dye, broadcloth finish, special for three days

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A beautiful sport cloth, a practical cloth for travel wear, cool comfortable and washable, colors maize, seagreen, copper, blue and pink, regular 59c value, special for three days

35c

Printed Bemberg

Many new beautiful patterns, a silk cloth that will not fade nor pull at the seams, regular \$1.00 value, special

89c

Celenese Chiffons

The coolest, smartest and most desirable hot weather cloth there is—thin, soft, clingy, newest patterns, brilliant coloring—will not fade or pull at seams, regular \$1.00 value, special

89c

New Patterns in Printed Silks

39 inches wide, new bright colors and designs, regular \$1.00 value, special

89c

Eyelet Embroideries and Laces

39 inches wide, new patterns, cool comfortable dresses from these, regular \$1.00 value, special

89c

Humming Bird NEVER WAVERED

Humming Bird Quality STAYED HIGH

(And, Humming Bird prices stay reasonable) Now Humming Bird quality hits a new high... new sun vibrant colors and new soft rich neutral shades... new, fresh silk... glass-clear... dainty seams... sturdy reinforcements.

Two thread sheer to seven thread sturdy... a weight for every occasion... genuine Humming Bird quality all through.



89c to \$1.19

A full case of 3-thread, 45 guage Mojud regular \$1.00 value, slightly irregular

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3 Pairs \$2 Knee length, special 3-thread, all silk, full fashioned, 45 guage, Friday, Saturday and Monday

59c

BETTIS & STURGES

Ballinger's Exclusive Ladies' Store

GROCCERS OF BALLINGER ANNOUNCE . . .

COTTONSEED OIL

"FROM THE OIL OF COTTONSEED COME THESE MANY THINGS YOU NEED"

Food Products Week



Here's What the Cottonseed Oil Industry Means to Ballinger and Runnels County

As late as 1860 cotton seed were considered worthless in most southern states

Today, the nourishing oil from the tiny cottonseed appears in millions of American kitchens in refined cooking oil and shortening and on dining tables as salad oil, mayonnaise and margarine.

These delicious food products contribute to man's comfort and well being.

Through them the farmers' cottonseed has become a cash crop, worth many millions of dollars annually — the second largest cash crop in the south.

Ballinger and Runnels County have shared liberally in the progress of the cottonseed oil industry.

The value of the cottonseed oil mill, compress and gin investments in Runnels County constitute the largest industrial investment in the county.

Give employment to hundreds of heads of families every season.

These industries pay wages and salaries well over \$100,000 annually.

Pay many thousands of dollars annually in taxes for the support of the state, county, city government and schools.

In addition thousands upon thousands of dollars have been paid for cotton seed from Runnels County cotton crops which for the past seventeen years have averaged 49,807 bales.

Truly the women of Ballinger and the county have personal reasons for preferring manufactured products prepared with oil from Runnels County cottonseed.

The reason for the popularity of this truly southern product is that for economy, flavor and digestibility, cottonseed oil products cannot be excelled.

The money spent for these products comes back to the county in better cash markets for this second greatest farm product.



COTTONSEED
The Second Largest Cash Crop for Southern Farmers!

Economy-Flavor-Digestibility

YOU GET ALL THREE IN PRODUCTS MADE WITH COTTONSEED OIL

Local grocers are uniting this week in featuring products using Cottonseed Oil. There are two good reasons for this: 1. The money local housewives spend for these products comes back home in cash for the South's own cottonseed. 2. Cottonseed oil products are "best sellers" because their goodness, economy and purity have been tested by the housewife and found superior. Added to these advantages, the nut-like flavor of the cottonseed gives a delicious, nourishing, easily-digested goodness that makes each dish a "favorite", regardless of what you serve.

See your grocer's display of Cottonseed Oil food products this week. You'll be amazed at the many delicious ways this nutritious oil is used. And remember, our community is an important producer of COTTONSEED.

Your household money spent for COTTONSEED OIL PRODUCTS comes back to you!

Try these delicious RECIPES made with COTTONSEED OIL SHORTENING—SALAD OIL—MARGARINE



FRENCH DRESSING

6 T. cottonseed salad oil 1 t. salt
2 T. lemon juice 1/4 t. pepper
2 t. sugar 1/2 t. mustard

Mix all ingredients together in bottle with clove-stopper. Shake until well blended. Serve cold.



PARISIAN DRESSING

1 t. salt 2 T. tomato catsup
1 t. mustard 1 c. cottonseed salad oil
1 t. sugar 1/4 c. vinegar

Mix dry ingredients with tomato catsup and gradually drop in the cottonseed salad oil about one tablespoon at a time, beating well after each addition; add vinegar. Chill before serving.



MAYONNAISE

1 whole egg 1 t. salt
2 c. cottonseed salad oil 1 t. sugar
1/2 t. mustard 1 t. chili powder
3 T. vinegar

Break egg into bowl, add seasonings and beat until thick and lemon-colored. Add cottonseed salad oil, one tablespoon at a time, beating well after each addition, until mixture begins to take form. Add vinegar and then oil until mixture stands up in peaks.



THOUSAND ISLAND DRESSING

To 1 cup of mayonnaise add:
1/2 c. chili sauce
2 T. relish
1 pimiento or green pepper, chopped
1 hard-cooked egg, sliced

Mix ingredients thoroughly and serve cold on vegetable or meat salads.



WHITE CAKE

1/4 c. Cottonseed Oil 2 1/2 t. baking powder
1/2 c. shortening or margarine 1/2 t. salt
1 c. sugar 1/2 c. cold water
2 1/2 c. flour 1 t. vanilla
6 egg whites

Cream shortening or margarine and sugar together. Sift flour with baking powder and salt; add alternately with the water to the creamed mixture. Add flavoring and then fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Bake in two layers or loaf in moderate oven (350° to 375° F.) about 25 minutes.



FRIED CHICKEN

Chicken Flour
Salt and Pepper Cottonseed cooking oil or Shortening

Select young tender chicken; disjoint, wash thoroughly and then chill in refrigerator. Drain chicken, season with salt and pepper and dredge with flour. Put about four tablespoons of cottonseed cooking oil or shortening in frying pan and, when hot, add chicken; cover, and allow to steam about 10 minutes. Uncover and allow chicken to brown, turning frequently.



PASTRY FOR LEMON MERINGUE PIE

1 1/2 c. flour 1/2 t. salt
1/2 c. Cottonseed Oil 1/4 c. ice water

Sift flour and salt together; cut shortening into flour until a coarse, granular mixture is formed. Gradually add sufficient water until mixture may be gathered together in one lump. Roll out on slightly floured board, about one-eighth inch thick. Shape to pan and bake in hot oven (425° F.) about 15 minutes or until crust is delicately browned. Cool; add filling; cover with meringue and brown in slow oven.



CREAMY FUDGE

3 c. sugar 2 T. Cottonseed Oil
1 T. corn syrup shortening or margarine
2 sqs. chocolate 1/2 t. vanilla
1 1/4 c. milk 1/4 t. salt

Mix sugar, corn syrup, chocolate and milk and boil to the soft-ball stage (238° F.). Add shortening or margarine, vanilla and salt. Remove pan from fire and pour in a bowl of cold water until cool. Beat until creamy; add chopped pecans or walnuts and pour into a well-greased pan. Cut into squares when cool.



CORN FRITTERS

1 c. canned corn 1/2 t. baking powder
1 egg, beaten 1 t. salt
3/4 c. flour Cottonseed cooking oil or shortening

Mix ingredients in order given. Drop 1/2 spoonfuls into deep hot cottonseed cooking oil or shortening (360° F.). Fry until a golden brown and then drain on absorbent paper.

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IN COOPERATION WITH BALLINGER GROCERS

Dramatic Story of Fall of Alamo Excited Newspaper Readers of U. S.

By Lorena Drummond

AUSTIN, June 24.—That the dramatic story of the fall of the Alamo echoed if not around the world, at least throughout the United States of America, is revealed by an account of that tragic battle which appeared in the Goshen Democrat, of Goshen, New York, on April 16, 1836. A copy of that newspaper of that date has come into the hands of the library of the University of Texas. It was the gift of William Kenneth Duryea, a student in the architecture department of the university, whose mother, Mrs. William H. Duryea, of Middletown, N. Y., sent it to him. It was through the efforts of Samuel E. Gideon, university professor of architecture, who is keenly interested in the preservation of any material relating to early Texas, that the gift was presented to the university library.

The report of the fall of the Alamo, published in the Goshen Democrat, is practically identical with one published on March 28, 1836, in the New Orleans Post and Union, and reproduced on April 12 in the Arkansas Gazette. The university library does not have a copy of the Post and Union but does possess the Arkansas Gazette which carries the account.

The New York paper evidently received its report of the battle in a round-about manner. The article follows:

From Texas

The following intelligence was received by the express of the Courier and Enquirer on Monday last.

From the Louisiana Advertiser, March 23.

THE FALL OF BEXAR—THE ENTIRE OF THE TROOPS IN THE GARRISON PUT TO DEATH—COLS. CROCKETT AND BOWIE KILLED!

We are indebted to a gentleman passenger on board the steamer Levant, from Natchitoches, for the annexed letter giving the particulars of the fall of Bexar—it is a copy of one addressed to the editor of the Red River Herald:

"Sir—Bexar has fallen! Its garrison was only 187 strong, commanded by Lieut. Col. W. Travis. After standing repeated attacks for two weeks and an almost constant cannonade and bombarding during that time, the last attack was made on the morning of the 6th inst. by upward of 2,000 men under the command of Santa Anna in person; they carried the place about sunrise; with the loss of 520 men killed and about the same number wounded. After about an hour's fighting the whole

garrison was put to death, (save the sick and wounded and seven men who asked for quarter)—All fought desperately, until entirely cut down; the rest were coolly murdered. The brave and gallant Travis to prevent his falling in the hands of the enemy, shot himself.—Not an individual escaped, and the news is only known to us by a citizen of Bexar who came to our army at Gonzales but from the cessation of Travis' signal guns there is no doubt of its truth. The declaration of Independence you no doubt received; and you will, in a few days receive the constitution proposed by the republic.

"Cols. James Bowie and David Crockett are among the slain—the first murdered in his bed, to which he had been confined by illness—the latter fell fighting like a tiger. The Mexican army is estimated at 8,000 men; it may be more or less."

A. Briscoe

FURTHER PARTICULARS—We learn by the passengers of the sch. Comanche, 8 days from the Brazos River, that the war in Texas has at length assumed a serious character. Many of those who left this city have laid down their lives in the cause of Texas; have bravely yielded them up at Bexar. Three young men from our office, we learn, are among the slain; the names of Wm. Blazey and Robert Moore have been mentioned to us; that of the other we could not ascertain.

On the 25th of February the Texian garrison in Bexar of 150 men only, commanded by Lieut. Col. W. B. Travis, was attacked by the advanced division of Santa Anna's army of about 2,000 men, when the enemy was repulsed with the loss of many killed and wounded, variously estimated from 450 to 600, without the loss of a man of the garrison.

This great slaughter was ascribed to the fact that every man of the garrison had about eight guns loaded by his side. About the same time Col. Johnson, while reconnoitering to the westward of San Patricio, with a party of 70 men, were surrounded in the night by a large body of Mexican troops. In the morning the commander sent in a summons to surrender at discretion which was refused, and an offer to surrender prisoners of war made. This was acceded by the Mexican officer, but no sooner had the Texians marched out of their encampment and stacked their arms than a general fire was opened upon them by the whole

Mexican force, when the prisoners endeavored to escape—three only of whom effected it among them was Col. Johnson and one man who had been wounded.

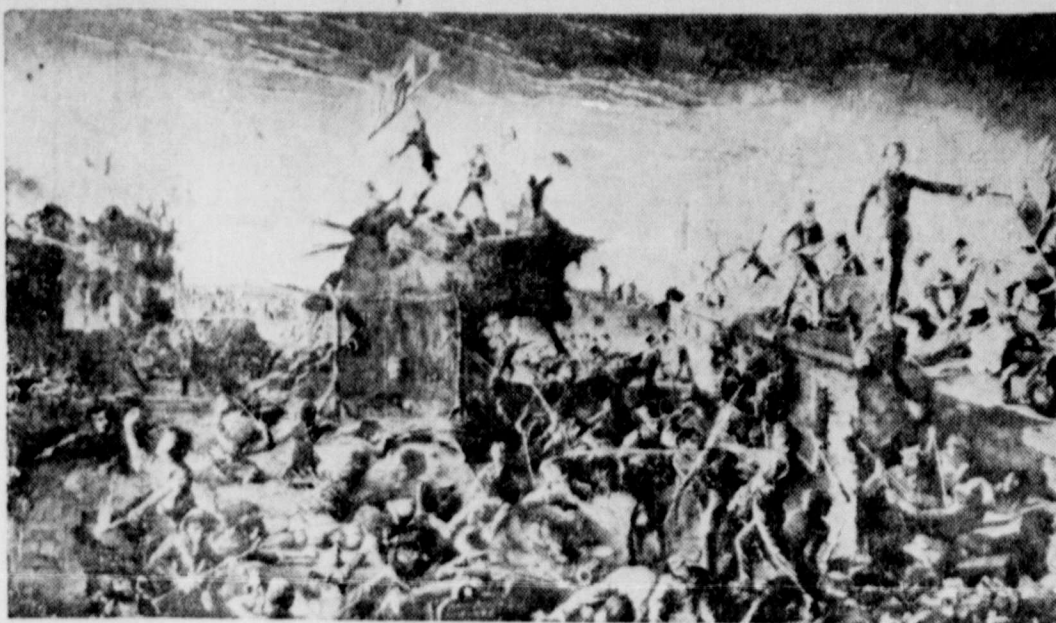
Between the 25th of February and 2nd of March the Mexicans were employed in forming entrenchments around the Alamo and bombarding the place. On the 2nd of March Col. Travis wrote that 200 shells had been thrown into the Alamo, without injuring a man.

On the first of March, 32 men from Gonzales made their entry through the enemy's lines, and reached the Alamo—making the whole number in the garrison 182.

On the 6th of March about midnight the Alamo was assaulted by the entire force of the Mexican army commanded by Santa Anna in person. The Mexican fought desperately until daylight, when seven only of the garrison were found alive. We regret to say that Col. David Crockett and his companion Mr. Benton, also the gallant Col. Benham, of South Carolina, were of the number who cried for quarter, but were told there was no mercy for them. They then continued fighting until the whole were butchered. One woman (Mrs. Dickinson) and a wounded negro servant of Col. Travis were the only persons in the Alamo whose lives were spared. Gen. Bowie was murdered in his bed, sick and helpless. Gen. Cos on entering the fort ordered Col. Travis' servant to point out to him the body of his master; he did so, when Cos drew his sword and mangled his face and limbs with the malignant feeling of a savage.

The bodies of the slain were thrown in a heap in the center of the Alamo and burned. On Gen. Bowie's body being brought out, Gen. Cos said he was too brave a man to be burned like a dog; then added never mind, throw him in.—The loss of the Mexicans in storming the place was estimated at not less than 1,000 killed and mortally wounded and as many more disabled—making in the first assault between two and three thousand killed and wounded. It is worthy of remark that the flag of Santa Anna's army at Bexar was a blood red one, in place of the old constitutional tri-colored flag. Immediately after the capture of the place, Gen. Santa Anna sent Mrs. Dickinson and Col. Travis' servant to Gen. Houston's camp accompanied by a Mexican with a white flag, who was bearer of a note from Santa Anna, offering the Texians peace and a general

Dawn at the Alamo—March 6, 1836



"I shall die like a soldier who never forgets what is due his own honor and that of his country." Shortly after William Barret Travis penned the most heroic document in American history, the Alamo garrison which he commanded was put to the sword. One hundred and eighty stalwart Texans gave their lives; none survived. Perpetuated in the devotion of all Texans today to the "Cradle of Texas Liberty" is the ideal for which its defenders fought and died. Shown above is the painting which hangs in capitol halls in Austin.

amnesty, if they would lay down but the Texians are not yet take the field, marched forth their arms and submit to his gov- whipped." The effects of the fall with to the scene of war.—It was ernment. Gen. Houston's reply was of Bexar throughout Texas was believed that not less than 4,000 "True, sir you have succeeded in electric. Every man who could use riflemen were on their way to the killing some of our brave men, a rifle, and was in a condition to army when the Comanche sailed,

to wreak their vengeance on the Mexicans, and determined to grant no quarters.

Gen. Houston had burnt Gonzales, and fallen back on the Colorado with about 1,000 men.

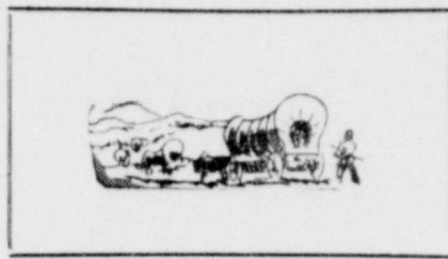
Col. Fannin was in the fort at Goliad, a very strong position, well supplied with munitions and provisions, and from 400 to 900 men.

The general determination of the people of Texas seemed to be to abandon all the occupations and pursuits of peace and continue in arms until every Mexican east of the Rio del Norte shall be exterminated.

SWISS MAY COLONIZE

BERNE, June 24.—Swiss colonies may be established in South America. A commission sent from Berne to southern Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay reports that the plan is feasible. Some settlements will consist of between ten and thirty families. Individual Swiss of means may also emigrate to these and other South American countries in large projects.

Southern Rhodesia government will build on the outskirts of towns settlements of three-room concrete cottages for native workers who may not live in the towns.



PIONEERS

To the noble and courageous men and women of 1886 we owe a debt which can never be paid.

Their Untiring Efforts Made Possible Our City and County

Our thanks also go out to our predecessors in office... those men and women who served their citizenship in times of trouble and despair. Our hats are off to them all—

Runnels County Officials

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County Clerk

MRS W. A. FRANCIS
County Treasurer

W. A. FORGEY
County Tax Assessor-Collector

C. C. SESSIONS
County Attorney

PAUL TRIMMIE
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JOHN B. RAYBURN
District Clerk

E. C. GRINDSTAFF
County School Superintendent

W. A. HOLT
County Sheriff

The Old and New

Ballinger is 50 Years Old
On June 29

DeLuxe Tailors Will be Only a Little
Over 4 Months Old

DELUXE TAILORS . . .

The newest business in town opened only four and one-half months ago.

The newest cleaning equipment, the very latest that can be purchased anywhere . . . all of it entirely new.

Supertone method of dry cleaning.

The best workmanship. We guarantee every garment cleaned in our plant to be cleaned and finished to perfection.

Welcome Pioneers

One of Ballinger's "youngsters in business" invites you to visit this establishment while you are here.

Mail Order Service Given Immediate Attention

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Ballinger

Telephone 91

Finish Assured On 565 Miles of Cotton Highway

NEW YORK, June 24.—Completion of 565 miles of eighteen-foot wide cotton roads in nineteen states this summer has been assured by the department of agriculture, a bulletin from the Cotton Textile Institute revealed recently.

Under the department's program, designed to aid in the development of new outlets for cotton, every state is eligible to receive gratis sufficient quantities, not only of cotton fabric to demonstrate superior advantages of cotton reinforced bituminous-surfaced highways, but also of cotton mats to be used in curing concrete pavements.

In a cotton road, a fabric membrane is applied between the road base and the bituminous top surfacing to form a bond, which, extensive tests in half a dozen states over a period of years show, prevents cracks and other faults with substantial economy.

A total of 75,325 cotton curing mats have been applied for already, Texas leading the list with a requisition for 30,000.

Potentialities of these new uses for cotton are emphasized by the fact that 565 miles of cotton road now projected will absorb a total of 5,961,562 square yards of cotton fabric. The 75,325 mats, each 6x22 feet, total 2,330,000 square yards, not to mention the filling in the mats specified at not less than eight ounces of cotton per square yard.

National Jury Decides Tastes For Confections

PORT CHESTER, N. Y., June 24.—A practical solution of a problem which so far has baffled laboratory science, that of measuring good or bad tastes, is reported by Sidney W. Edlund, president of a candy company.

This company is experimenting constantly on entirely new flavors and on slight changes in intensity either of these new flavors or of the older ones. Before putting out any new or changed flavor it is important to be sure that enough purchasers will like it.

There still is no such thing as a "taste meter" to measure average taste intensity, as sound meters now measure hearing or light meters measure seeing. Even if taste intensities could be measured, no one would know just which intensity or which flavor would be most liked.

To solve this practical problem, Mr. Edlund's company has set up what it calls its "taste jury," consisting of some 125 persons in various parts of the United States and Canada. New flavors or degrees of flavor that are under consideration are submitted to all members of this jury, care being taken to prescribe the exact way to taste the candy but to avoid leading questions which might suggest a biased answer.

Mr. Edlund reports the company's experience to be that this taste jury tells with reasonable accuracy what the general public will do. In one recent instance, company officers could not agree about a cherry-flavor. The taste jury said that it was good. Sales show that the public agrees.

Some free glycerine is found in nature in palm and other oils, but most of the world's glycerine supply is produced in treatment of fats and oils to make soap.



Bringing Cotton to Ballinger in the Early Days

Chinese Crushed Cottonseed To Get Fuel For Lamps

One of the oldest of the world's trades is that of seed crushing. Many years before Christ, oil was extracted from olives and from coconuts. History does not give us the date when cotton seed were first crushed, but it is known that centuries ago, the Chinese crushed cotton seed to secure the oil for illumination and the residue of meat and hulls was fed to cattle.

In 1783, Great Britain recognized the possibility of cotton seed as a source of edible oil. In 1826, America's first cotton oil mill was built at Columbia, South Carolina. This was followed, in 1829, by the erection of a mill at Natchez, Mississippi. About this time, a machine was perfected in the United States for the removal of the hulls and the preparation of the seed for the extraction of oil. In 1832, Georgia had a mill at or near Savannah. In 1847, a mill was built at New Orleans, Louisiana. In 1869, we had

seven mills; three in Louisiana, one in Tennessee, one in Missouri, one in Rhode Island and one in New York.

By 1867, there were only four mills in active operation and it was in that year that the first mill west of the Mississippi was built near Weimar, Texas.

Difficulties of securing seed by wagon over unimproved roads, the lack of markets for the crude products, the limited transportation facilities, and the undeveloped oil-refining methods were factors that made for slow growth in the cottonseed crushing industry, and as late as 1857, one finds that the state of Mississippi passed a law forbidding the accumulation of seed around gins or the dumping of seed in the rivers. Other states had similar laws.

Cotton seed, therefore, continued to be regarded, mostly, as a waste product until about 1880. At that time the annual production in the

United States was between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 bales. The amount of seed crushed in the United States was between 130,000 and 220,000 tons annually.

Just following this, there was a very rapid expansion of cotton production west of the Mississippi river. The annual crush of cotton seed reached a million tons in the United States by 1891; two million tons by 1898, and by 1911, the four-million-ton mark.

The average annual tonnage expected, now, is from four and three-quarters to five million tons. The maximum production for any one season was that of 1926-27, when 6,300,000 tons of cotton seed were crushed by cotton oil mills in the United States. The cottonseed crushing mills now number approximately 500 and are scattered from the eastern margin of the cotton belt in the Carolinas to California.

Cottonseed Oil Development is Held Necessary

Cotton producers should be interested to know that in addition to producing a big part of the world supply of lint cotton, they also rank third in the production of the edible fat supply in this country. This, within itself, is a big business, since with normal production the nation never produces more fats than should be consumed by the country's own people. If this business is to be properly developed, it can be made to mean as much to the cotton South as hog production means to the corn belt and butter production means to the dairy states. It all depends on the way the people of the South cooperate in the use, promotion of this, their second most important money crop.

An analysis of the bankrupt conditions of the cottonseed oil market in 1932 showed that the 1929 cottonseed crop of 5,009,034 tons had a market value, according to the federal government of \$143,695,000, whereas the 1932 cottonseed crop of only 54,000 tons less, had a market value of only \$34,155,000, or a net loss to the cotton growers of the South of \$109,540,000.

This led to an investigation of the shortening, salad dressing and margarine industries. It was apparent that within these three industries there was a potential outlet for every pound of animal

fats and vegetable oils, including cottonseed oil, produced in this country.

This investigation revealed that in 1931 the shortening industry used 929,000,000 pounds of cottonseed oil and the salad oil and salad dressing industry used approximately 150,000,000 pounds of cottonseed oil. This was about an average for the preceding five years and was all one could reasonably expect them to use.

But during this same year, when American farmers were heading into the worst depression in modern times, the margarine industry used 156,000,000 pounds of cheap coconut oil against only 22,000,000 pounds of cottonseed oil.

In 1932, when the bottom of the depression was hit, and growers were forced to sell a \$200,000,000 cottonseed crop for \$34,000,000, the margarine industry again imported 128,000,000 pounds of coconut oil, while they bought only 15,000,000 pounds of our cottonseed oil, in spite of the fact that every storage tank in the country was full and choice beef fats were going into the soap kettles in a steady stream. The manufacturers of margarine, however, were no more to blame for this situation than the cotton producers, because the cottonseed producers had made no special effort to sell them on cottonseed oil. It was evident, however, that this industry held a partial solution of our surplus animal fats and vegetable oils problem.

Pepper grass is not a grass at all, but a weed.

10-YEAR AIR EXPANSION PROJECTED IN JAPAN

TOKYO, June 24.—Tokyo is preparing a ten-year program for civil air expansion, estimated to cost nearly \$700,000,000. The plan is being outlined by a committee composed of representatives of the war, navy, foreign and home offices and the ministries of finance and communications.

The new draft raises the expenditures nearly \$20,000,000. Nearly \$50,000,000 is provided for the inauguration and expansion of air routes within the next three to four years.

The program calls for the establishment of three new aerodromes and fifteen emergency sea bases; improvement of six other airfields; extension of international routes; subsidies to local authorities for the establishment of thirty smaller airfields; protection and control of the aircraft manufacturing industry; and the training of aviators and mechanics.

BROTHERS PARALYZED

SYDNEY, N. S. W., June 24.—As the parents of 12-year-old James Clark watched over him in a Sydney hospital, his 14-year-old brother was brought in a victim to a similar accident. Both boys had been paralyzed in falls from horses. William died shortly afterward, but James may live.

Smugglers are running greyhounds into England from the Irish Free State, paying fishermen as high as \$50 for every dog smuggled in.

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A wholesome oil dressing containing

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1934

Clay Building Material Company buys Clay Lumber Company properties.
Lumber comes with "eased" or smooth edges.

1936

50th anniversary of Ballinger.
Clay Building Material Co. acquires four additional yards at Cleburne, Comanche, Brady and Ballinger.

A Century Ago . . .

Homes were built with logs and the cracks filled with mud.

Fifty Years Ago . . .

Homes were built with unfinished lumber and put together with crude nails and tools.

Today—1936

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Builders' supplies of all kinds are in our stock at all times**

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Cotton Caravan Carried Staple from Texas Fields to Old Mexico

The death of George Huebner, father of Mrs. J. F. McMillan of this city, a pioneer Texan and one of the oldest citizens of Fayette county, removed a unique character and one who knew and remembered the roaring Southwest of the Civil War period. Mr. Huebner died three months ago at his home in LaGrange.

In 1863 Mr. Huebner became a teamster and a member of a caravan that hauled cotton into Mexico. He made several trips and his experience make interesting "copy." Below is one of the last interviews of his life relative to pioneer days, which was published in the LaGrange Journal.

By Leonie Rummel Weyand

Memories of the days when great cotton caravans meandered through miles of bandit-infested mesquite and cactus to bring fantastic profits to their owners still live vividly in the minds of George Huebner and John Speckels now living in LaGrange. These two are the only living survivors of the Fayette county crew who so deftly handled ox-teams with the chant, "Haw," "He," and "Gee." The redoubtable two have lived to see this mode of transportation superseded, first by railway, then by truck, and now by the unbelievably fast air express. Not that they are impressed by these fast moving contraptions. Oh, no! They see in the slow moving ox-teams which they so skillfully manipulated, disciplinary value to the young entirely absent in the breezy transportation used by the younger generation. In fact, they attribute much of the jazziness of the present generation to the devilishly fast machines which enable the young folks to be "on again, off again, gone again, Flannigan." These hardened ox-team drivers further contend that the hazardous occupation of hauling cotton to Mexico during their teen years when boys of today haven't yet finished high school, developed in them brawn and brain and fortitude to see a thing through. These two boys, both in their eighties and as tough as pine knots, are brilliant examples of the efficacy of their "take 'em young and treat 'em rough" theory.

George Huebner, one of the two who did teamstering duties during the sixties, has a remarkable memory and a ready flow of picturesque words. He lives about twelve miles from LaGrange on a rich black land farm, an inheritance from his pioneer father. Near his home is the burial ground of the unfortunate men of Mier, who were executed in Mexico and those of the Dawson Massacre. Members of the Huebner family were present at the burial in September, 1848.

Until recently, Huebner's physical vigor was a match for his alert mentality. A year ago, against the advice of his children, he tried to break a wild horse which promptly threw him. An injured leg now hampers his movements but in no way diminishes his remarkable energy.

Huebner has no patience with the mamby-pamby "finickiness" of the present generation. "I wonder," he says, "How they would have survived just one trip to the Mexican border." He made five. "The dust," he continues, "was awful—like a dense cloud. We looked like mounds of earth slowly moving along." Huebner's description of the dust menace is borne out by a story appearing in the Houston Tri-Weekly Telegraph of April 29, 1863. "The drought extending from the mouth of the Rio Grande to within thirty miles of the mouth of the Nueces, has proved to be the most thorough vegetation destroyer of any kind that has visited the country in years. The country begins to look as if seared with red hot irons. Surface water sink holes give a feeble supply of water highly impregnated with offensive gases and saline properties. Oxen by droves are falling by the wayside, never again to bear the yoke or put their shoulders to the cotton loaded wheels. Rain we must soon have or the transportation jig will assuredly be up; the dust of the earth filling the eyes, nose, mouth and hair—making one feel gritty often and dusty always—dust of which a man eats his peck monthly and breathes daily—a terrible, inhuman, diabolical dust. A kingdom for a shower is the standing offer." And not a shower bath, girls.

In his smooth flowing style, Huebner tells the following story of his cotton hauling experiences: "Slave owners in Fayette county gave the Confederacy all the cotton they could spare. Those not owning slaves were forced to suffer confiscation of one-half of their cotton crop. Hauling cotton was a branch of military service that found favor among some Fayette county citizens; for, in spite of the long, hazardous jour-

ney, it was safer than serving in the army. Before being permitted to haul cotton, the teamster had to procure a detail, a contract with the government which pledged the teamster to haul at least five bales of cotton to Mexico, the round trip not to take longer than three months. The contract provided that certain contingencies such as a broken wheel, lost oxen and failure to secure food for the animals would be considered legitimate reasons for a tardy return. Some of the drivers obtained a detail from the government, but once across the border, they abandoned the ox-team and proceeded by steamer to New Orleans where they joined the Union forces. These men later drew fat pensions. Christian Loman, an expert ox driver of the sixties, whose partner left his ox team in Brownsville, performed the unusual feat of driving back both ox-teams from the border.

Since it was impossible to maintain a check on the drivers, killing time systematically was the order of the day among some of them in order to increase the time between the trips and to postpone compulsory military service. The teamsters received for services rendered, twelve cents per pound of cotton transported—but in Confederate money.

Fayette county teamsters hauled to Mexico not only the cotton raised in Fayette county, but also cotton that was raised in East Texas and Louisiana. Cotton raised in these two sections was not hauled directly to Mexico, but was dumped at certain convenient concentration points, from which it was relayed to its destination. These points were Alleytown, Bernard, Columbus in Colorado county, and LaGrange and Round Top in Fayette county. There were two cotton agents in Fayette county, Judge J. C. Stiehe, stationed at LaGrange, and A. Meerscheidt, at Round Top. Cotton sent to Fayette county was hauled to one of the following places for re-shipment to Mexico: Brownsville, Mier, Rancho Davis, Laredo or Eagle Pass.

A cotton convoy usually consisted of from three to fifteen wagons. From five to seven yoke of oxen were necessary to pull one wagon. It was necessary to take along sufficient food for the entire trip, for often food was not available. Procuring enough food for men and oxen was often quite an undertaking.

The difficulties of the Confederate, state and county governments were by no means ended when the cotton had been hauled to the border. Here the cotton was likely to be seized by the Mexicans, the Federals, or even by the Confederates. On one occasion a convoy of eighteen wagons was captured by Mexican bandits. The Mexicans stripped the teamsters of everything—cotton, wagons and ox-teams. The men had to thumb a ride home or walk. Bryan Lane, an unfortunate member of the party, was killed by the Mexicans

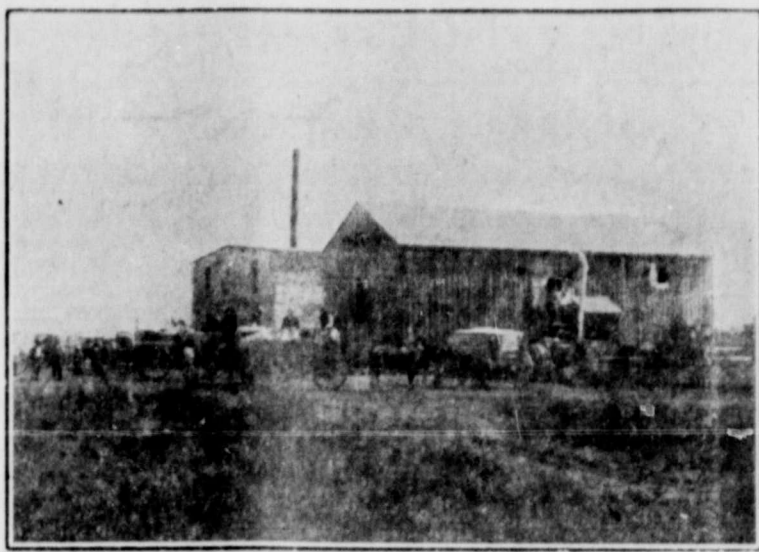
and, as a warning to future teamsters, was buried with his hands and feet sticking out of the ground.

The Fayette county commissioners in 1863 conceived the idea of buying cotton and selling it to Mexico for relief of the county's destitute war widows and orphans. In accordance with this plan, they bought thirty-two bales of cotton from William J. Russell to haul it to Mexico. At King's Ranch, the party was seized by General Bee, who had been forced to evacuate Brownsville as a result of the Federal invasion. Negroes, teams and cotton, according to Russell, were impressed into service by General Bee, who compelled Russell to sell him the cotton at fifty cents per pound, Confederate money. When Russell made his report to the commissioners' court, they agreed to let him keep the money given him by Bee as a remuneration for freight charges.

Still another large shipment of cotton that was a total loss to the owner, belonged to William Neese of Warrenton. He had sent thirty-eight bales of cotton to Mexico with the following teamsters in charge: J. C. Moss, F. Holman, Conrad Tieman and Mano Gabardes. In Brownsville, Neese's cotton was taken away from him by order of General Brown, the Federal commander in charge of the Forty-third Indiana Infantry, the Sixty-second Ohio (a colored regiment), and the Second Texas Regiment. It was the colored major of the Ohio contingent who actually took possession of the cotton.

The fraud in the cotton business which aroused such indignation among the soldiers and the patriotic citizens of Texas was not entirely absent in the Fayette county teamsters' trade. A Confederate law prohibited teamsters from carrying more than ten bales a trip and special agents were placed at Flatonia and Gonzales to supervise the transportation. By splitting with them, it became an easy matter to arrange with the agents to carry an extra bale or two, and with cotton selling at forty cents per pound, such a rascally procedure was highly profitable.

The second of the surviving teamsters, John Speckels, eighty-five, and as peppy as a sophomore, recalls that the Confederate government sponsored the first trip of cotton hauling that he made to Mexico. The heavily laden ox-teams left LaGrange and did not return for eight long months. This unsatisfactory schedule, Speckels explained, was due to the fact that the necessary food for men and oxen through the long desert stretches along the last part of the journey was not promptly furnished by the Confederate government. During the waiting period, perhaps the most satisfactory of all to the men, hunting parties were organized, which netted rich bags of turkey and deer. Deer and turkey



First Gin Built in Runnels County

meat with rye coffee and bread made a satisfying meal. The Speckels had was unfortunate and contracted measles on the trip. A rain storm came up and the sick boy spent the night trying to hold a flapping wagon cover back in place. He suffered a relapse and as a result his hearing today is slightly impaired.

The exhausted men and oxen finally reached Eagle Pass, the place named as a cotton depot by the Confederate government. Here the Confederate officials ordered machinery to be placed on the wagons and delivered in San Antonio on the return trip. A sturdy band of German farmers, all neighbors of his father, were Speckels' next companions on a cotton hauling trip to Mexico. By agreeing to turn over one-half the profits to the government, Speckels secured permission to take cotton to Mexico. The hazardous journey was safely negotiated. The cotton was sold in Rio Grande City for thirty-one cents per pound. The youth carried the money paid him for his father's cotton (in doubloons) safely in his belt. The same financial success that attended Speckels' trip to Mexico has followed him

throughout life. His business ability has made profitable all his ventures. Speckels, in addition to the part he played in transporting cotton during the Civil War, has assisted materially in the industrial development of Fayette county. He represented his county in the state legislature during the years 1895-97.

Brownsville, on Texas soil, and Matamoros just across the Rio Grande, on the Mexican side, formed the hub of the contraband cotton trade during the war days. These two places became the Sodom and Gomorrah of the Southwest. It was said of Brownsville that it was at that time the rowdiest town in the most lawless state in the Confederacy. And Matamoros, her sister city and mecca for the riff-raff and adventurers of three nations, did her worst to outdo her American twin in sin. As a result of the cotton boom, Matamoros mushroomed in population from eight thousand to forty thousand almost overnight. Men made millions in the cotton business. The Stillman and Ranger fortunes are brilliant examples. The Ranger brothers bought 650 bales of cotton from the Willis family in Houston, at

six cents a pound. The Willis were forced to sell at a sacrifice to prevent confiscation by the Confederates, but neither side could confiscate cotton owned by Gus. Ranger because he was a German Jew and an alien. He carted the cotton at once to Matamoros, from whence he succeeded in shipping it to England when cotton prices were at their peak. He was said to have received the fabulous price of a dollar and eighty cents per pound. He became later one of the "cotton kings" of the world.

People from every corner of the globe rushed to Matamoros, lured thereto by fantastic tales of immense fortunes made with effortless ease. Union sympathizers and draft evaders drank beer with cotton agents, importers and merchants of all nations. There was just one person who was "persona non grata" and that was an abolitionist. Any person was privileged to shoot him down at sight, and all the year round was open season on these vermin and conviction for such sport was unknown.

Business was good in Matamoros during the war. Importers who opened with well stocked shelves often had to close within a week because their merchandise stocks were completely sold out. The town was filled to overflowing with goods of all descriptions, and people rented and moved into thrown-up shanties. Even then, constantly arriving merchandise could not be housed. Owners were forced to stack their goods on the ground and expose it to nature in the raw—which is never mild. Ingenious Yankees shipped in a big lot of tarpaulins which were hired out to the merchants at a dollar a night. Harassed merchants used them to cover a valuable store load of imported goods. Such is the picture painted by George Huebner and John Speckels of the thriving business in contraband cotton hauling and trading between Texas and Mexico in the hectic and hustling days of the Civil War.

Value of Seed Is Determined By Oil's Price

A ton of cottonseed produces approximately 300 pounds of cottonseed oil; a normal cotton crop is good for approximately 1,300,000,000 pounds of the highest quality vegetable oil produced in the world. The price paid for cotton is governed by the price paid for cottonseed oil, because the oil represents about 60 per cent of the value of the cottonseed.

For that reason it is of extreme importance to all the South to see that every pound of cottonseed oil produced goes into human consumption in the highest type and most palatable foods possible.

A pound of steel made into barbed wire is certainly not as valuable as a pound of steel made into butcher knives, nor is a pound of cottonseed oil made into soap as valuable to either producer or consumer as is a pound of cottonseed oil made into salad oil, salad dressing, margarine or shortening.

Consequently, it is the cotton growers' job to see that it has preference over low-priced foreign oils in the American food markets; and, furthermore, that no selfish interests are permitted to discriminate in any way against any cottonseed oil food products.

RING GOES THROUGH FIRE

VAN REENEN, Natal, June 24.—Losing her engagement ring in the kitchen fire, a young woman hastily scraped out the burning coals, but not before the gold had melted and the diamonds dropped from the metal. The melted gold and gems were recovered from the sifted ashes and remade into another ring, which she now proudly wears.

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Lost Cemetery and Ghost Fort Stand Side By Side With Modern Ranch Home in Coke County

JINGLING spurs of the ghosts that flit about the ruins of old Fort Chadbourne probably dance a sweet tune of rejoicing over the fact that the old gentleman for whom the fort was named hasn't been entirely forgotten. The faint wraiths of the past must join now and then with the ghosts that walk the street in San Angelo with the same name of the mill-lary post and be glad that the traditions and aims of the West that was their ideal still live.

Fort Chadbourne served its purpose long ago. It was established in the 50's in the northeast corner of Coke county under its protection settlers—pioneers and wandering stockmen—settled Coke and Rannels counties. The old fort was garrisoned by federal troops until the Civil War, and in the troublous times of the war decade the county was practically abandoned.

Gaunt chimneys stand there now—lone sentinels where walls of the old fort have fallen. Should a trumpeter with power to recall the old times in the fort sound reveille, many's the mysterious whisper that would go the rounds of the crumbling old adobe walls—mystery, romance and tragedy all followed the same paths through the weed-grown military post. The barracks and officers' quarters, built of stone walls more than two feet thick, with blocks smoothly cut and joined, still stand. They are roofless, except where used as barns and sheds by the Odoms, who have a modern ranch house near by.

Two "lost" cemeteries are on the place—an officer's grave that has no date and no remains—a sarcophagus made ready for a cowboy who was never buried in it.

Over the old fort with its grim reminders of Indian days and of war between the North and South, Mr. and Mrs. Pate Fancher reside.

Fancher came West with a herd of cattle from John Aston and Joe McConnell in 1877, and stayed on as a cowhand of the Odome ranch, with headquarters at the old fort. Recently, at a celebration in Blackwell, the nearest town, Fancher received the Centennial hat offered to the oldest resident in this section of the state.

But Mrs. Fancher arrived in the same year and month, accompanying her father, Felix Daniel Monteith, who had driven ahead of him 100 hogs and some cattle. She and Fancher, who is 81 now met and were married and have lived in the Odome ranch country in Coke and Rannels counties ever since. Both are native Texans.

Fancher remembers that there was but one grave in the present large cemetery when he came. It was that of an army officer, under a live oak tree now gaunt and dead. Then it had a cross above it, but now has neither name nor date. Years ago the United States government commissioned the father of Fred McDonald, of Fort Chadbourne, to open the grave and send the remains to Washington for burial in Arlington National Cemetery, but when the grave was opened it was empty.

Leading against this stone wall is a limestone cover for a grave that never was dug. By the date on it, Fancher establishes the date of his coming to this country. The inscription reads: "Stephen A. Douglass Odome, born March 4, 1834, Died May 8, 1877, The Beautiful and the Good Die Young."

Fancher remembers that Odome was killed in a fall from a horse in May before he came in July. This occurred on the Bob Wylie range, and young Odome, the cowboy for whom this inscription was prepared, was buried near Bill Brown, the last man killed by the Indians. The two graves are west of Maverick.

Odome's mother was preparing to have his body moved to the Fort Chadbourne burial place, when she sickened and died, and so he still rests where he fell on the open range.

There are four cemeteries in the neighborhood, two with neither headstones nor inscriptions. Skeletons unearthed in the "lost" graves and the manner of burying show them to have been white people, who were buried near the stage route that passed the old fort. People were guessing about them even in 1877.

In two other cemeteries, simple inscriptions conceal interesting stories. One reads:

"G. G. Warren, born January 27, 1843, died February 10, 1885."

Warren was the state's star witness in the trial of several men charged with wire cutting. The case was set for trial February 11, 1885. A pistol shot through the window of a Sweetwater hotel kept his testimony out of the record on earth.

Mrs. Fancher, who passed her childhood in Brown county a few years before the Comanches left that country, tells of the first

time she went to church. The preacher was known as "Grandpa" Childress. The services were at a neighboring ranch. The women and children were loaded into an ox-wagon and the men rode horseback, with guns on their saddle horns and a pistol on each side, with several guns thrown into the wagons as spares.

"It looked more like going to war than to church," she said.

At the services men squatted or stood around the room with guns in easy reach. Later when services were held at schoolhouses, the men usually laid their guns on the desks in front of them.

Going first to Walthal, below Ballinger, for their mail, the Chadbourne settlers later got their mail at the fort when Buffalo Gap was built. Blackie Robertson had the first mail contract over the road from Buffalo Gap to San Angelo by way of Fort Chadbourne. The Fanchers believe the postoffice was moved to the R. E. Douglass home in 1887.

A town later grew up several miles west of the fort, and when the Orient railroad came through in 1909 flourished for a time with several stores and a weekly paper owned by Robert Hall, of Robert Lee. A well on the main thoroughfare was found to contain medicinal properties, and a townsite once was laid off as a health resort.

But the highways missed it and other towns grew up near. Gradually business houses closed, the school was consolidated with another and the building razed, the stone Methodist church was abandoned. The depot, little used, is hidden down among the mesquites, and the community with a country postoffice, has settled down to the near oblivion which is the fate of so many of the first towns of the West Texas frontier. The grove of liveoaks in front of the empty store buildings remain about the same as when Fancher first dropped the reins of his saddle horse there 59 years ago.

But farming and ranching flourish. A new fence and gate have been built at the cemetery, the oldest in Coke county still used, just off the new highway 158 on the Odome ranch. Neighbors have met and worked the grounds.

Here it was that Albert Sydney Johnston, famous Confederate general, saw his first service in Texas. Here Gen. Robert E. Lee visited in his tour of inspection of Texas outposts.

Established October 28, 1852, when Fort Chadbourne was abandoned in 1868 the Comanches still were coming down from the Plains, following the great herds of buffaloes and camped at the big spring on Yellow Wolf Creek, across the mountains to the west. Few, if any, white men needed room had enough to try ranching in the country.

The German Immigration Company, which held many thousands of acres here, under the Fisher-Miller contract, let its holdings go back to the state in a sheriff's sale at San Antonio in 1851, when this was part of Bexar county.

Astronomers Find Asia's Width Varies 40 Feet in a Month

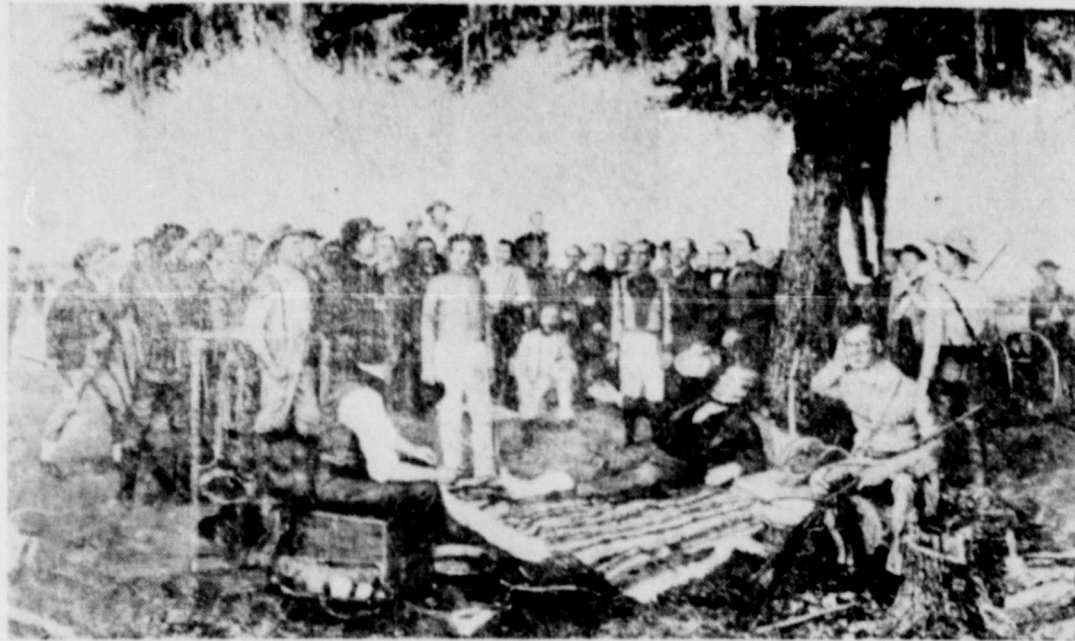
PEIPING, China, June 24.—The moon dance of the earth's continents already suspected by geologists has been disclosed by recent measurements of the exact longitude of the astronomical observatory at Zi-Ka-Wei, made by help of radio time signals from the stations at Nauen, Germany, and at Bordeaux, France.

It is impossible to measure long distances over the earth's surface with tapes or rules, as one might measure a small sphere in a laboratory. Errors which cannot be avoided in carrying tapes in a straight line across thousands of miles of country prevent any such method. It is possible, however, to measure very accurately at any two observatories the precise instants that a selected star passes overhead.

Together with accurate time, provided by the radio signals, this gives the difference in longitude from the local meridian of one station to that of the other. From thousands of such observations made during several years, astronomers at Zi-Ka-Wei find that the difference of longitude between their observatory and the one at Paris seems to increase and decrease each month by about sixty feet.

Twenty mining companies operating with 150 white men and 1,000 natives, are now at work on the Fiji Islands, where gold was discovered three years ago, and a mushroom town has sprung up on the Tavua goldfields.

Surrender of Santa Anna at San Jacinto



On the day following the Battle of San Jacinto, which was waged April 21, 1836, and achieved the goal of Texas Liberty, Santa Anna was captured and brought before General Houston. The reproduction above of the painting hanging in the state capitol shows the wounded Houston lying beneath the oak while Texans hurriedly gathered to witness the final chapter in the struggle for freedom.

Old Time Coon Hunting Still Popular in This Area

Modern coon hunting may be a big sport in Virginia, where the so-called hunters want even the coon furnished, but coon hunting of the old variety still obtains in West Texas. In Tom Green and Rannels counties of this area where there are rivers and creeks, it is still a great sport. Like "possum huntin'", though, it has fewer devotees than it once did.

Frank C. Van Horn, Sr., Christian newspaper publisher and president of the Old Settlers' Reunion, has the name of one of the best authorities on "possum and coon huntin'" in this area. He says he hasn't done much of the hunting in recent years. He crippled a leg and can't follow "Old Red" or his followers like he used to.

As many as half a hundred persons have gone on some of the hunts Mr. Van Horn directed years ago. There were times when some of those from Dallas and other "big cities" found out to their great sorrow the difference between a coon or "possum" and a skunk.

Vacationists in the Virginia area wanted to hunt coons in the old Virginia manner, and they wanted not only to hunt the coon but to get him. Therefore, they quickly gave up the traditional oil lantern and ax in favor of high-power flashlights and the latest in firearms.

"We've even supplied the coon," said Julian Whitehurst, one of the coon-hunting guides in the Old Point Comfort area. "People who go on coon hunts don't want to tramp around all night and come back empty-handed. They want the coon furnished along with everything else."

In the old days, Mr. Whitehurst said, a coon hunter's equipment consisted of the kerosene lamp, an ax and hounds, and a stone jug of corn liquor. The coon hunters drank the corn liquor and told tall tales while their hounds were running down the coon. When the hounds had treed the coon they hurried to the spot and chopped the tree down. Often the coon escaped when the tree fell.

Sometimes, Whitehurst said, these coon hunts would keep up all night, with the hunters leaving fallen trees in their wake.

Coon hunting in the modern manner has become so popular of late years in the Point Comfort resort area that the Chamberlin Hunt Club has been formed to unite all the coon hunting enthusiasts under one banner. When the coon is treed by the hound, the powerful searchlights pick him out immediately in the topmost branches of the tree and a well-aimed shot brings him to the ground. This eliminates laborious chopping and saves a lot of timber.

The stone jug, however, is still retained as standard equipment. In fact, it's a lot more important than the coon.

Street Car

While the conductor was on top of the bus collecting fares a flurried passenger, wishing to alight, got up from her seat and rang the bell twice.

Then evidently she remembered that a single ring was the signal for stopping the bus, so she gave the bell another vigorous push.

Just then the motorman applied his brake causing the passenger to swerve forward. To save herself from falling she made a clutch at the rail overhead, missed it, and struck the bell push, causing it to ring again.

The conductor, who by this time had descended the steps, regarded her quizzically.

"Look here, madam," he said.

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Symbols

The Covered Wagon



The covered wagon is a symbol of independence. The drivers were looking for land where independence for themselves and their families could be obtained.

The Log Cabin

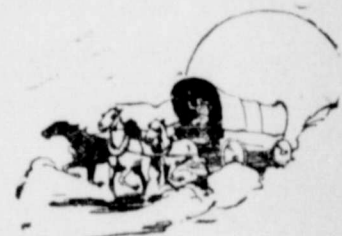


The log cabins built by the independent pioneers meant faith—faith in the community in which they chose to build their homes. Independence and faith have always been the keys to success in any venture—to the pioneers of this city and county we extend a warm welcome to a celebration in their honor.

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Home Raised Vegetable Oil is Goal for Farmers

By Victor H. Schofflemayer
(Agricultural Editor of the Dallas News)

Probably the greatest opportunity for the Texas farmer in need of industrial markets for his products is to raise a substantial portion of the huge quantity of vegetable oils annually imported into this country.

From a farm chemurgic standpoint the farmer of the cotton belt has much to gain by becoming interested in attempts to produce such oils as those extracted from the soybean, tung nut, perilla seed, flax, cottonseed, castor bean, peanut and probably other sources. They are used extensively by great industries, including those making paints and varnishes.

In order that our farmers and land owners will have a yardstick with which to measure the relative importance of a southern vegetable oil industry the writer submits the latest official figures of the department of commerce for 1935 showing that imports of vegetable oils or their equivalent in terms of crushed oil, amounted to 2,262,735,068 (billion) pounds compared with 1,378,589,106 (billion) pounds for 1934 (a poor year) and a five-year average (1930-34) of 1,629,717,758 (billion) pounds.

These importations of foreign vegetable oils for 1935 were 884,145,962 pounds above those of 1934 and 733,017,310 pounds above the five-year average.

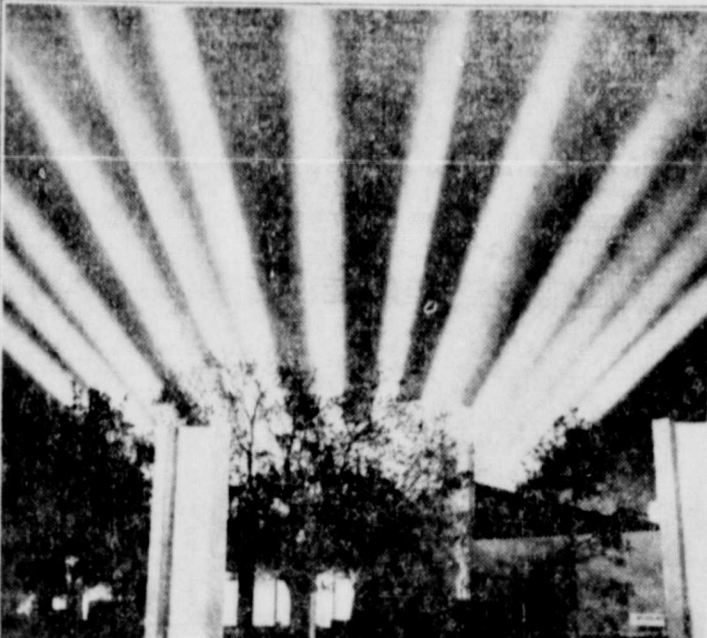
Texas farmers may be surprised to know that among the imports of foreign edible vegetable oils into this country last year there were 166,873,367 pounds of cottonseed oil. This, of course, was due chiefly to reduced cotton production in Texas and the South which forced the oil industry to import substitutes as well as foreign cotton oil.

Other leading imports of foreign oils for last year are: Sunflower oil 37,051,732 pounds as against 10,045,992 in 1934; corn oil 25,746,090 and 10,769,150 pounds; olive oil 70,788,530 and 56,007,636; palm kernel oil 7,977,812 and 952,521; peanut oil 80,723,225 and 2,722,383.

Among the vegetable oils not listed as solely edible which were imported during 1935 the following are shown:

Tung oil 120,058,817 pounds, compared with 110,977,188 in 1934; coconut oil 353,296,002 and 314,802,433; palm oil 296,502,422 and rapeseed oil 60,297,892 and 16,626,060; perilla oil 72,327,864 and 25,164,203; soybean oil, 14,284,574 and 2,828,523; and many others totaling 1,074,065,139 (billion) pounds, compared with 711,121,063 pounds in 1934.

Exposition Lights Sweep Lake



The north battery of "sky lights" for the Texas Centennial Exposition's lights are given a tryout for each night. The glare can be seen from the June 6 opening in Dallas. Four batteries will sweep the skies from each side of the \$25,000,000 fair lot each night. The glare can be seen as far as Shreveport, La.

To those interested in the whole range of imported vegetable oils and animal fats the following 1935 import figures for animal fats may prove important:

Animal oils and fats, edible, 18,895,241 pounds in 1935, compared with 1,720,776 in 1934; whale oil 23,073,165 and 19,939,923; cod oil 20,085,765 and 10,939,763; cod liver oil 34,553,198 and 26,026,942; wool grease 5,626,890 and 4,596,831; tallow 245,850,922 and 42,813,299; stearic acid 5,507,650 and 2,159,546, or a grand total of 354,817,949 as against 111,432,480 in 1934.

The item of tallow imports alone is sufficient to make anyone pause.

It may be seen from the foregoing import figures how important the vegetable oil industry is to the United States. It also may be reasoned how much better off farmers of this country might be if they were in position to produce at least a part of these huge imported totals and thus add to their income. After all, the whole farm economy must be considered from the standpoint of the producer's income, his purchasing power, his higher standard of living.

It is not to be expected that the farmers of the South or of the nation as a whole suddenly can supplant the vegetable oils of Asia. That would be undesirable. It is better to make steady though slow progress and learn the process of producing oil crops from the ground up. It is certain, however, that the Texas farmer soon will raise more vegetable oil than he now produces. He will grasp this new opportunity offered by industry.

Lobo Wolf Said Smartest Animal in West Texas

DEL RIO, June 24.—"A lobo wolf," says Louis Martin who traps out in the Indio county, "is the smartest wild animal of 'em all." Folks in this part of Texas, where there is plenty of space between communities for fauna to express individuality, generally accept Louis' conclusion without reservation because he has dealt more with wolves than with humans. He has been trapping them 46 of his 56 years. Ranchmen say he can speak their language.

"Give a wolf the same chance as a dog," Martin says, "and he'd be twice as smart. When something registers in a wolf's brain it's there to stay."

Familiarity hasn't bred contempt as far as Louis is concerned. To him wolves are "gentlemen" and he recalls crafty raiders he trailed with patience equal to others who run down human public enemies. He landed "Old One-Toe," a notorious sheep killer, last fall after the animal had escaped numerous traps.

When Louis was 10 his father gave him a horse, a Winchester and two dogs, and set him on an invisible trail. He has been hunting lobos and other predatory animals since and is proud of his record.

The first day he killed three wolves, one so big he couldn't load it on his horse. "It was as big a wolf as I ever brought down."

Martin says he trapped for "Wild Bill" Hickok, notorious gunman, on the Pecos River in the spring of 1905, and for ranchmen in every part of Val Verde, Edwards, Sutton, Crockett and Pecos counties, where the rural population does not crowd the 13,913 square miles of area.

Louis never married. "Reckon I've been too busy with my wolves," he explains. "Wolves," his experience has taught, "have their own language. They can speak to each other across miles of space and even relay messages as rapidly as Indians did with signal fires."

In his early hunting days Martin used dogs but discarded them long ago. He admits he soaks bait in whisky "both to preserve it and attract animals. Wolves are particularly partial to the odor, but then, so is every other animal," he explains.

"Why, those 'gentlemen' are smarter than lots of humans," he insists, dwelling upon the wolf's craft. "A human gets stung again and again by the same thing but if a wolf gets out of one trap you'll never get him into another without using different bait and camouflage."

"A wolf never forgets."

COTTONSEED NOW GREAT CASH CROP DESTROYED BEFORE THE CIVIL WAR

Cottonseed, today the South's second largest cash crop, was a nuisance before the Civil War.

In 1857 Mississippi passed a law requiring destroying of all cottonseed. A fine of \$20 a day was imposed on ginners who failed to destroy the seed.

Similar laws were passed in other states.

Development, therefore, of the cotton oil industry, in which Ballinger has played an important part in West Texas, gave the cotton growers an outlet for the seed, and this by-product, once worthless and a nuisance—now brings Southern farmers an annual income of from \$100,000,000 to \$200,000,000.

Alaska's gold and silver production in 1933 reached a 16-year high of \$16,157,658.

Shrewd

How to be shrewd without being dishonest is an art with the Scots. Sandy took his wife and baby to a show and obtained good seats down in the first row. The show was billed as a double feature and promised to be excellent. Just as Sandy had settled himself comfortably to enjoy the performance, the baby began to cry very loudly and shrilly. After a few moments an usher came down the aisle and

said to Sandy, "If that baby cries again I will have to ask you to step to the box office and get your money back." Toward the end of the second part of the show Sandy told his wife to stick the baby with a pin.

Read the ads—save money.

SEED ONCE WORTHLESS

Cottonseed, once a worthless crop, has become the South's second largest cash crop; second only to the cotton lint, which is removed from the seeds.

Sales Books at Ledger office.

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50 YEARS OF GROWTH

PIONEERS:

As one of those who appreciate your work and sacrifices in building this city and county, I desire to express my thanks

Sincerely yours,

L. R. TIGNER

Jeweler and Optometrist
Ballinger

50 YEARS OF PROGRESS IN MANY WAYS

This sketch pictures the typical grocery store of the early days . . . the cracker barrel, the old "Katy Depot" stove, etc., are all a part of it.

Today's grocer uses many modern methods in merchandising his wares and in many instances loses the "oldtime" air of hospitality and service

We do not have the newest grocery store in Ballinger, nor all the newest equipment, but we always have high quality goods, "oldtime" hospitality and service.

Pioneers, This Youngster Welcomes You

M. L. Forgey Grocery

Phone 700

The Meeting Place For Runnel County People

For almost two years RUBIN'S DRY GOODS has been operating in Ballinger. The pioneers of Runnel county and Ballinger probably never dreamed of such modern merchandising and quality merchandise as can be found at RUBIN'S. It is even hard to find as modern a store today.

I was not here when many of you lived in Ballinger so I do not know you and you do not know me.

It will be a great pleasure for me if you will come in while you are here for Ballinger's Golden Anniversary "Party" and let us get acquainted. Just drop in and ask for Frank.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Rubin

P. S. Look at the new car I'm giving away soon. You might win it.

FLORIDA ORANGES IMPORTED

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., June 24.—Most of the orange trees in Florida are believed to be the offspring of seed brought from Spain and planted at St. Augustine by the explorer Ponce de Leon.

Bank to Present Tickville Band as Special Feature

One of the most important entertainment groups which will appear in Ballinger on June 29 is the Tickville Band, of Ranger. This band is well known in Texas and several other states after years of public appearances in which it has scored numerous hits.

A number of years ago the band was organized by the Carl Barnes Post of the American Legion at Ranger. It still is sponsored by the Legion and plays only for clubs and welfare entertainments. At first the band made trips wherever its services were called but its popularity grew so rapidly that it was necessary to charge for out-

of-town engagements and still it is constantly sought for programs presented at a great distance from Ranger.

When R. G. Erwin, cashier of the First National Bank began planning the bank's cooperation in Ballinger's Golden Anniversary celebration he wanted to offer something that would help with the entertainment and at the same time have good representation for the bank, so he decided to try to book the Tickville Band. A contract was signed two weeks ago which will bring this band here for the entire day.

Mr. Erwin stated that this group

would be the bank's parade entry, and that it would help to entertain the pioneers at their program Monday noon and would be held over for a preliminary number at the pageant Monday evening. Three years ago this group attended Ballinger's birthday celebration and was such a hit that it was called for at every gathering during the day.

Dr. Harry A. Logsdon is director and manager of the organization which is composed of ten musicians. The players work in "rube" make-up and have perfected many original stunts. The red-headed lad who plays the washboard, sings, tells jokes and pantomimes, is still with the band and will be featured here June 29.

Recently the Tickville Band attended the American Gas Association



The Tickville Band

convention at Dallas and banquet and practically stopped presentation at the executives commenced at American Legion

conventions in West Texas where it appeared in humorous programs.

SAVING TRAPPED LION EARNS FINE FOR MAN

TABORA, Tanganyika Territory, Africa, June 24.—Long after Aesop wrote the fable about the mouse who made friends with a lion, a Tanganyik native has proved that truth is stranger than fiction.

At the approach of wet weather and the possibility of the long grass encouraging lions to haunt the paths between the villages for the purpose of raiding stock and possibly human beings, influenced the native authorities to set traps. An old native found a lion in a pit trap, hurriedly made a ladder down which he climbed, and released the beast. Native authorities

hailed him before the court, where he was fined. The native's plea was that he knew that particular lion and it was on such friendly terms that it always left part of its kills for him.

ELEVATORS CARRY UP ONLY

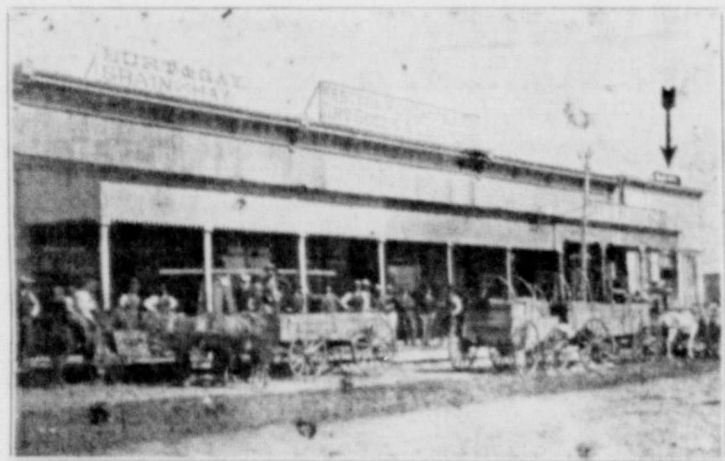
NAIROBI, Kenya, June 24.—Use of the electric elevators in the palatial new court house in Nairobi is to be restricted. One rule is that they are to be for upward traffic only. Government officers earning less than \$3,000 a year may not be permitted to ride in them at any time.

The Huey P. Long memorial bridge, which spans the Mississippi at New Orleans, was dedicated two months after the senator's death.

ANNOUNCING OUR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY Fifty Years of Safe Banking In Ballinger

1886

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The Home of the First National Bank 1886



June 29th Our Fiftieth Birthday

Had it not been for the loyalty of our patrons and friends, for the confidence placed in us by them, we would not be celebrating "A Golden Anniversary." Hence, the officers and directors of this bank wish to take advantage of this "Golden" opportunity to express our deep appreciation for the confidence YOU have placed in us during our first fifty years and to assure you that we will strive as never before to merit a continuation of your patronage and friendship during the next fifty years.



The Home of the First National Bank 1936

Last Statement—March, 1936

Resources	
Loans and Discounts	\$262,594.59
Overdrafts	78.89
Banking House	37,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,500.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	4,500.00
Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.	1.00
RESERVE	
U. S. Treasury Obligations	\$ 35,800.00
Bonds and Warrants	61,775.00
Bills of Exchange	1,536.89
CASH AND EXCHANGE	474,343.72
	573,455.61
	\$884,130.09
Liabilities	
Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	69,272.40
DEPOSITS	714,857.69
	\$864,130.09

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were coming down from... Plains, following the great herds... of buffaloes and camped at the big... spring on Yellow Wolf Creek... across the mountains to the west... Few, if any, white men needed... room had enough to try ranching... in the country.

The German Immigration Com... pany, which held many thousands... of acres here, under the Fisher... Miller contract, let its holdings... go back to the state in a sheriff's... sale at San Antonio in 1851, when... this was part of Bexar county.

Astronomers Find Asia's Width Varies 40 Feet in a Month

PEIPING, China, June 24.—The... moon dance of the earth's conti... nents already suspected by geolo... gists has been disclosed by recent... measurements of the exact longi... tude of the astronomical observa... tory at Z-Ka-Wei, made by help... of radio time signals from the... stations at Nauen, Germany, and... at Bordeaux, France.

It is impossible to measure long...

Going Forward with Runnels County

It is pleasing to look back for a moment upon the trail which this bank and this community have traveled together through the years—years of steady growth and faithful service, of community progress and mutually helpful association.

The history of this bank has been bound up closely with the prosperity of this community. The story of our growth is written in a volume of many pages—each page bearing the story of some individual depositor's success in which we have had a part.

This is a strong home bank, devoted to the welfare and development of this community. We are old in experience but young in our enthusiasm and in our conviction that our best years of service are still before us.

You will find in this old, safe in-

stitution just that quality of friendly, helpful service which will be most valuable to your own progress. Our officers are more than just experienced bankers, long familiar with local condition; they are friends and neighbors whose interests are the same as your own.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Since 1886

OF BALLINGER

Since 1886

Segrist Seeks Post Of Commissioner Of Agriculture

Kal Segrist, candidate for commissioner of agriculture, visited Ballinger last week, meeting old time friends and soliciting support in the coming elections.

"Cowboy" Kal Segrist is remembered in this section because of his professional baseball career in 1921 and 1929. He was first with the Abilene Eagles and in 1929 for a time was manager of the Midland team in the West Texas League. While here last week he was reminded of a time when the "ump" parked him here in a lively scene when Segrist protested a decision.

Later he played with the Dallas Steers in the Texas League and has been making home the re- ever since.

One of the major planks in his platform is to "appoint a state honorary advisory board, without pay, composed of leading compe-



Kal Segrist

tent citizens, representing the various farming sections of Texas. This board will keep the office in constant contact with all sections of the state, and will enable the commissioner to act immediately on various conditions which may arise, such as quarantines, insect control and extermination, disease control among livestock and any other emergencies which may arise."

New Eiffel Tower Planned in Paris To Draw Tourists

PARIS, June 24—A subject for animated discussion is the proposed new "Eiffel Tower" which figures prominently among the plans submitted for the 1937 exhibition.

M. Faure Dujarris, a government architect, and M. Lossier, an engineer, have worked out the project for this tower, to rise one and one-quarter miles, a mighty cone of concrete, from the flying ground of Issy on the west of Paris. There would be circular platforms one-third and two-thirds of the way up and another at the top, each covered by a corrugated, conical roof, so that three enormous mushrooms, placed one on top of the other, would describe the appearance of the new structure. Plans provide for motor roads within the tower, for winter sports centers and sanatoria on the platforms and

observation stations at the top. It is asserted by M. Lossier that since the tower would attract tourists by the hundred thousand, it would be a commercial proposition. Five million cubic meters of gravel, however, would be required for its building, as well as 1,200,000 tons of cement, 600,000 tons of steel, 4,000,000 tons of wood and an army of something like 50,000 workmen.

The general opinion is that even if the plans go through, the Eiffel Tower now existing is unlikely to be out-Eiffelled by anything like so soon as 1937. Still, the giant cone ranks among our higher possibilities.

Detailed and careful emergency arrangements are being made for the taking down, packing and removal of the principal windows of Chartres and Bourges Cathedrals, to save the incomparable loveliness of their stained glass from the ravages of a future war. For Chartres, 400 volunteers will be trained to meet and put this work into rapid execution should need arise, and a fund is being opened to collect the requisite \$25,000 for the necessary scaffold-

ing and packing cases and the preparation of some deep underground chambers near the cathedral for storing the glass.

Mrs. George Maddox and daughter, of Quemado, were here last week visiting friends and relatives, but were unable to remain for the 50th anniversary celebration.

WORK ON CATHEDRAL DELAYED IN MADRID

MADRID, June 24—Madrid has 400 churches but no cathedral. It is half a century since work was begun on its cathedral and it is not yet half finished. It looks as if the thirty workmen employed upon the Gothic edifice rising so slowly near the former Royal palace will be on the job to the end of their days.

So far, about \$2,000,000 has been spent on the building, toward which the state in 1882 decided to contribute \$15,000 annually. When the republic suppressed the budget allowance for the church in 1931, this steady income was cut off. Another and strange

Ancient Costumes Again Are in Vogue In Central Europe

VIENNA, June 24—Central Europe's extreme nationalism has brought about a revival in national costumes. Hungary and Croatia having revived their traditional dress and Austria flaunting the national costume of the provinces in town of late.

Even King Edward VIII of England sometimes wore peasant costume during his stay in Austria last year. Leather shorts and white jackets, with the green, brown or red trimming, were much favored by the men at the last

source of income is the sale of tombs in the crypt of the building, part of which is already finished.

It was hoped when work started on the cathedral that the eighteenth century royal palace also might be completed according to the original plans, but this hope is fading.

Salzburg festival.

Now the Alt-Wiener Bund has gone a step further and invited a famous artist, Ladislav Czettel, to design suitable dress for men and women, the provinces keeping their local costumes, but Vienna having its very own. The new designs, based on patterns worn about a century ago, are interesting and becoming.

Freeman's Tire and Battery Store, 113 South Eighth.

ONE-MAN SUBMARINES BEING BUILT IN SCOTLAND

GLASGOW, June 24—Manufacture of one-man submarines has just been started. They will cost \$150,000 and will be for peaceful purposes and, not for armament. The submarine is capable of traveling on the surface at a fast speed, and submerging, rising and going forward or astern while under the water. It is fitted with a lighting set, which enables the occupants to conduct a close examination of anything under the water.

Read the ads—save money.

- WELCOME PIONEERS -

To Ballinger's Golden Birthday Celebration



King-Holt Company succeeded one of the pioneer furniture houses of West Texas. T. S. Lankford, pioneer saddle man and later furniture dealer founded it.

We are proud to have had a part in recent years in the progress of this little city which is today known as one of the best in the state.

Come to See Us

It is our pleasure to join the present day citizenship of Ballinger in inviting the pioneers back to the 50th Birthday celebration on June 29.

Our entire force will be on the job and do our best to help entertain you while here and we predict it will be one of the most enjoyable days of your life.

We who live here today feel indebted to the men and women who braved the West to start towns and counties such as ours, and our hats are off to you.

Come and enjoy all the hospitality of this big free celebration.



King-Holt Funeral Home

A strictly modern institution is one step of progress we have contributed to the city's growth.

We Serve the Living

The greatest part of the service we render is to the living. It is they who are the sufferers, and it is for their comfort that our organization—its facilities and equipment have been developed.

We Offer Special Values for Birthday Week

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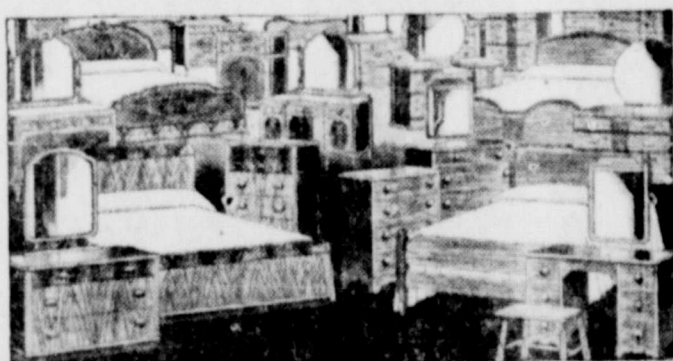
Covered in Mohairs, Damasks, Velvets, Friezes, Moquette, etc! Sturdy frames in newest designs, including Modern effects of unusual interest! Never before has it been possible to save so much money!

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Every Suite Reduced for Clearance!

Former selling prices, and original costs disregarded! We're out to make this July Sale a Record-Breaker—these reductions will bring in Wise Buyers!



Three to Six Piece Suites

Never in our history have we been able to give better values, lower prices, more complete assortment! Bedroom Suites to satisfy every preference! Choice models from leading factories! Every wanted wood!

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Time NOW to Buy and Save!

If you need a new Dining Room Suite now or later, then by all means come here at once! It will pay you well—and best of all we'll arrange the easiest terms.



Seven to Ten Piece Suites

Thrilling values! These low prices will be a revelation to you! We defy competition with these sensational bargains! Dining Room Suites in every period style, and modern effects, at prices that mean dollars in your pocket! Be here early! Save!

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Electrolux Refrigerator

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For rural homes kerosene burner operates for 3c per day.

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has held first place for 7 years
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King-Holt Furniture & Undertaking Company

Indian Adding Machine

Odd String Arrangement
When an Inca king of ancient Peru wanted to announce a law, count his army, send a message, record a battle, or issue an edict, he sent for his quipu maker. Unlike the Mayas and the Aztecs to the north the Incas had no written language, and so the quipu took its place. It was made of a number of strings all tied at one end to a main string, relates a writer in Pathfinder Magazine. At first it was used only to count and was quite simple, knots being tied to represent tens, hundreds, and thousands. Later, however, as the makers gained in skill, the quipus became more complicated. Strings of different colors were used, and instead of simply tying knots in the individual strings they were knotted together to convey messages. At the height of the empire quipu makers and translators were stationed in every important town and quipus circulated widely.

A few of these quipus are still in existence although their stories remain mostly unexplained because the art of translation was destroyed with the rest of the Indian culture by the Spaniards. The Field Museum, in Chicago, recently ended a ten-year search when a surprised scholar discovered one that had been lying unnoticed among other articles in the museum.

Mail for Tristans Not More Than Once a Year

To the inhabitants of Tristan da Cunha, the world's most isolated bit of land, Christmas comes when the mail comes, observes a writer in the Washington Post.

The day island is seen in the South Atlantic midway between the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Horn. Thunderous seas swirl almost continuously over its bleak and forbidding shores. Winds of hurricane force roar day and night.

But because it is a part of the far-flung British empire, Tristan receives at least one steamer visit a year, but few more. There is no anchorage so the vessel stops off shore and, awaiting a rare calm spell, sends landing parties in small boats.

The arrival of the vessel is the high spot of the year to the 130 or so Tristanians—descendants of a small group placed on the island 180 years back when England took possession. The people are hardy and frugal. Their diet consists entirely of fruit, potatoes, fish and mutton. Though monotonous, the diet agrees with them.

Revolutionary War Trick

Maj. David Zeisler, who upon appointment by President Jefferson became the first marshal of the Ohio district, was taken prisoner in Philadelphia during the Revolutionary war.

Early California

California was almost entirely isolated from the rest of the world, at the time it was admitted as a state, and during the gold rush era that followed. Somehow the printed words regarding the unpopulated western plains from the Mississippi to the Rockies, the herd of buffalo, tribes of warlike Indians, nonexistence of telegraph and railroad communication, just simply do not seem to click in the average mind. History asserts that gold seekers made the trip from New York by boat all the way down the coast of the two Americas, round the Horn and up the Pacific coast to San Francisco, in less time than it took expeditions starting from Chicago to cross the plains with prairie schooners, but either trip is hard to visualize.

Most Deadly Animal

The crocodile, not the lion, is the greatest killer of human beings in Africa. This slimy, foul-smelling monster, the largest living reptile known to man, lurks along pools near the water's edge and lies in wait below foot-logs hoping that the unwary traveler will fall into the water. He is the most hated, the most feared, and the most hunted creature alive. Yet his numbers seem to increase rather than diminish.

Graphic Term

"Alligatoring" is a term used to describe the appearance of a paint film that has cracked into large segments, resembling the hide of an alligator. Alligatoring is usually caused by one coat being applied over another before the bottom coat is thoroughly hard and dry, or by a less elastic material being applied over a more elastic coating underneath.

Rain Does Not Clear Air

Contrary to popular belief, rain does not clear the air, according to records made by health authorities in 14 of the largest cities in the United States. Automatic air filters, used to measure the degree of atmospheric pollution in these towns, failed to show any increase in cleanliness either during or after the fall of rain.

Tires on easy payments at Freeman's

ROBS HER NINE 'WIVES'

KADIEVKA, U. S. S. R., June 24—Anna Zvarikina, female "Blue-beard," has been arrested on swindling charges. She is said to have married nine "wives" and later made away with all their property. Authorities state that as a man and married

No Bum Steer Here—He's 'Tops'



Big Jim, a purebred shorthorn, is said to be history's largest steer. The animal stands 6 feet 2 inches, at the shoulder, and weighs 4026 pounds. Bred and owned by Jack Howard of Paris, Ky., Big Jim is only six years old, carries little fat, and is still growing. Mr. Howard is shown with his record steer.

Road Built by Napoleon Engineering Masterpiece

Napoleon invaded Italy by crossing over the St. Bernard mountain. When he had ended the campaign by destroying the Italian army at the battle of Marengo and had returned to France, he determined to emphasize and render permanent his success by constructing a great military road into Italy, states a writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The execution of the work was entrusted to M. Ceard, one of the foremost engineers of the day. It was begun on the Italian side in 1800 and on the Swiss side in 1801, and was finished in six years.

The road was made over a shoulder of the Simplicon mountains, from P'yriaz in Valais to Domio Fossola, in the north part of Piedmont, Italy. The summit of the mountain over which it passed was 6,392 feet above sea level. The road was from 25 to 30 feet broad, and had nowhere throughout its extent a slope of greater than one foot in thirteen. It was carried across gull bridges, over numerous galleries cut out of the solid rock or built of masonry, and through a number of tunnels. The road was one of the masterpieces of the engineering of that day, and cost about \$2,000,000, half of which was borne by France and the remainder by Switzerland.

READ THE WANT ADS

Pathologist Suggests Athletes' Muscles May Need More Blood

MANCHESTER, England, June 24—A possible explanation of why athletes and professional strong men so often die young and have worse health than people with less muscle was suggested by Prof. S. L. Baker at a recent meeting of the Pathological Society of Manchester.

It is that the individual fibers in the muscles of such strong men have swelled up so much that they are too large for their blood supply. In all muscles each tiny fiber is supplied with food and oxygen by blood passing through one or more still tinier blood vessels or capillaries. If this blood supply is cut off for even a few minutes severe pain is felt in the muscle and presently irreparable damage occurs.

According to Professor Baker's studies of the most important muscle of the whole body, the muscle of the heart, an enlarged and muscular heart does not contain any additional muscle fibers. The individual fibers merely swell up and thicken. This might do no harm if the sizes or number of blood capillaries supplying these fibers also increased, but Professor Baker believes that they do not. Accordingly, the too-muscular heart of a person suffering from high blood pressure or some other condition in which the heart is overworked, comes to have greatly enlarged muscle fibers each of which may be starved for adequate blood supply.

HORSE RIDES 30,000 MILES

DUMBARTON, Scotland, June 24—After riding 30,000 miles, Progressive Pink, a thoroughbred Clydesdale mare, is back on the farm of David Adams near Dumbarton, where it was reared. In July, 1934, Adams sold Progressive Pink to an Australian. The animal won prizes in that country and in New Zealand. Recently Adams visited Australia bought Progressive Pink at a Melbourne show and took her home.

Mark your butter with a rubber stamp. Inquire at Ledger office.

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I instinctively like beauty and style... and the handsome new Dodge with its lovely appointed interior and smart lines, appeals to me immeasurably.



No wonder it is acclaimed for its lavish beauty... it's so much more expensive looking than it is. I was surprised at the really low price.



...pleased with the many expensive-car features for one's safety and comfort... this extra attention to riding enjoyment makes long trips easy...



... On a recent trip from Kansas City to Los Angeles, I enjoyed every minute... and was not at all tired after a long day of driving. And with all this luxury...



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FINDING THE HEADS

THIS trick requires an ordinary match box filled with matches. To make it most effective, you should borrow the match box, and to add to the mystery you can repeat it with several other match boxes.

The trick consists of picking up a closed match box, holding it to your forehead and promptly naming the end of the box toward which the heads are pointed. When the box is opened your guess is found to be correct.

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PROGRESS

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Barbecue Committee Has Supplies Ready To Serve Old Timers

All meat for the Golden Anniversary celebration barbecue was bought last week-end, butchered Tuesday afternoon and placed in cold storage to chill before placing over the live coals. Pits have been dug at Fair Park and the cooking will be started at midnight Sunday. The hot barbecue will be served to the pioneers at 11 Monday morning.

New tin plates, cups and spoons have been purchased for convenience of the visitors and no paper plates will be used. A table committee of twenty has all seats and table erected and will be busy Monday morning arranging last minute details for the noon meal.

J. F. McMillan and Hatton Laxon stated that they were fortunate in securing excellent meat, including beef, lamb and goat. In addition there will be plenty of side dishes, including that famous West Texas stew. Coffee and lead tea will be served and the meal will be topped off with ice cream and cake.

The barbecue committee has bought all supplies, secured plenty of help to assist with the cooking and other work. The local national guard company will place several men about the pits early in the morning to keep the crowds back and another crew will be posted at the dining room to keep onlookers away from the doors and windows.

Physiologist Asserts Nerves Get Chemicals Stored in the Body

PARIS, June 17.—A new step toward understanding the mysterious way in which nerves make muscles contract or relax has been reported to the French Academy of Sciences by David Broun and Hermann Scheiner.

The action of nerves is known to be electric, consisting of repeated pulses of electricity not unlike those passed over a telephone wire. Muscular actions, however, are believed to be chemical. Bathed in one kind of chemical the muscle fibers contract, this chemical believed by many physiologists to be the adrenalin manufactured by the adrenal glands. Bathed in another and different chemical called acetylcholin, muscle fibers apparently relax.

The mystery has been how



Dr. F. M. McConnell

electric impulses from the nerves might translate themselves into chemical changes to set free adrenalin when muscles should contract and acetylcholin when they should relax. The missing link in understanding the process is what Mr. Broun and Mr. Scheiner believe they have supplied.

Their experiments show that in certain samples of blood liquid acetylcholin is present but has no effect on muscle fibers. As little as two drops of alkali turn these inactive liquids into active ones. The theory is that supplies of both the relaxing and the contracting chemical are present all the time in muscle fibers or in the blood but are kept in storage by loose chemical combinations.

Electric currents from the nerves change this by producing either a little acid or a little alkali, which it is known that electricity can do. If the nerves set free acid, that releases one chemical and the muscle fibers contract. If alkali is produced, the other chemical is set free and the fibers relax.

STUDENTS MARKED

CAIRO, Egypt, June 24.—Cairo police are using a harmless, but practically indelible liquid to identify rowdies. It was used recently when a mob of students stoned the police. The policemen then arrested them afterward and had no difficulty in identifying them.

We meet prices—Freeman's.

McConnell to Speak To Pioneers Here At Birthday Fiesta

Due to illness, Dr. W. D. Bradford will be unable to attend Ballinger's 50th birthday celebration and make an address at the memorial service Sunday evening, as was announced. A message from him Saturday morning stated that he could not possibly be here but would have to go to Tennessee at that time.

Dr. F. M. McConnell, editor of the Baptist Standard, has agreed to remain in Ballinger for the evening service and deliver the principal address to the pioneers. He is an outstanding man of the state, having engaged in church work for many years.

With the substitution of speakers the only change, the service will be held as planned. The band will play an accompaniment for the chorus composed of singers of the town from each church.

Loud speakers will be used so that everyone can hear and seats will be reserved for the pioneers attending. Practically all local churches will dismiss evening services and give members an opportunity to take part.

Dr. McConnell will also speak at the Baptist home-coming at 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

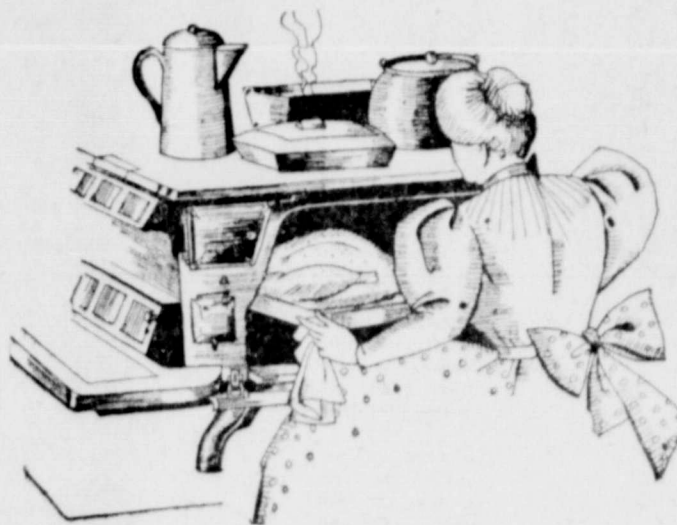
A reproduction of the old Judge Roy Bean Jersey Lily saloon is a very popular attraction at the central centennial exposition.

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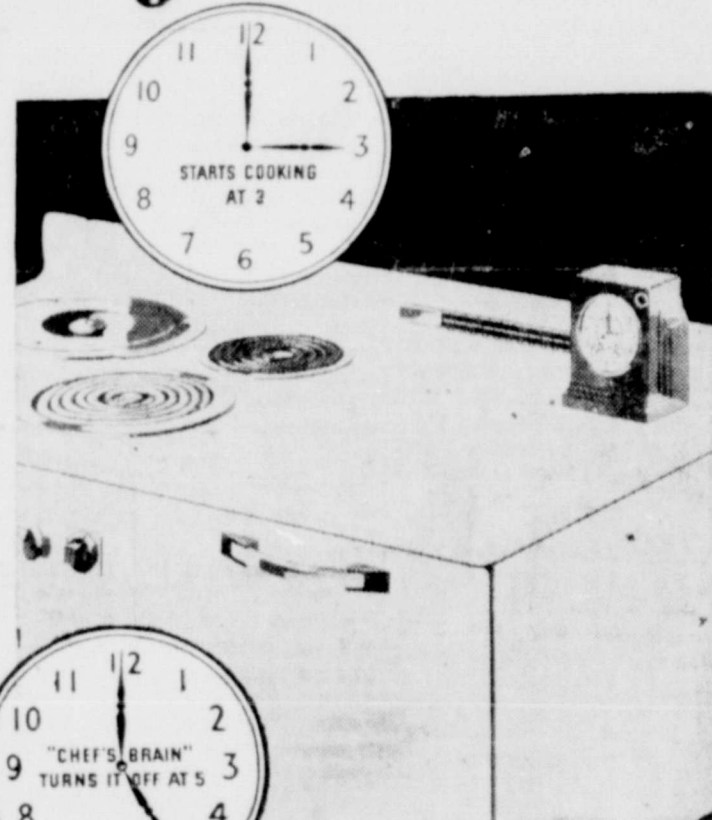


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WELCOME PIONEERS to the 50TH BIRTHDAY OF BALLINGER

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We express our appreciation to the pioneer grocers and those of today who have patronized us during our 40 years in Ballinger.

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There will be entertainment for all tastes and ages here on June 29. While the pioneers are entertained in one fashion, younger folk will be provided another class of amusement and all day there will be plenty doing with some of the outstanding entertainers of the state on the program. Everything is free—there will be no admission charged for any program.

Many have suggested and urged that the city be cleaned up before next Monday. Only two days are left now in which to cut weeds and otherwise clean up before the guests begin to arrive for the biggest "party" Ballinger has ever held. This was requested a week ago and resulted in much work being done but a few weedy lots are detracting from others that have been groomed. Cooperate with your neighbors and friends in this movement and show a bright and spotless town to those who come back for the Golden Anniversary celebration.

The reception committee for the celebration here on June 29 desires once more to call attention to one provision, so that no misunderstandings will occur. Pioneers who have lived or who did live in the county 45 years or more ago will be served a free barbecue dinner. When a man is eligible and his wife is not, both will be given tickets to the dinner and the same applies for women pioneers and their husbands. No children will be admitted and no extra guests will be served at this banquet. A special program will be presented when the meal is served.

Fifty years ago Ballinger was little more than a name and an ideal. Today—on the occasion of its golden anniversary—this city, after blazing the pioneers' trail, passed through successive and successful stages of interesting and intense development until it has become a real factor in making this section and county known far outside its own environs. The Rogers Clarks and Daniel Boones of that far-off day are fond memories of history, but the spirit of these old settlers is reflected in the progressiveness of its present day inhabitants. In commemoration of this golden anniversary, the present day citizens invite all those who blazed the way to be their guests. Ballinger, true to the ideals of years ago, stands ready to pay homage to those who made possible the town we enjoy today.

HIDDEN TREASURE

Too often, the thought of cotton brings to our minds only the lint or fibre value of the plant. But, we should remember that every 500-pound bale of cotton has its complement of approximately 850 pounds of cottonseed. We should know and appreciate the contents of these tiny seeds that nature has so carefully wrapped and protected by the lint to which they cling. These seeds are storehouses of wealth for the South. Development of the cotton oil industry, in which Ballinger has played an important part, gave to the cotton farmer an outlet for his cottonseed and this crop—once worthless and a nuisance—now brings to southern farmers an annual income of from \$100,000,000 to \$200,000,000. Cottonseed oil appears in our kitchens in the refined cooking oils and shortening and on our tables as salad oil and margarine. Thus, we see the producer as a consumer; and, easily seen it is that when more southern farmers and housewives insist on cottonseed oil food products the demand increases, making cottonseed prices more precious. Truly, your household money spent for cottonseed oil food products comes back to you! This, however, is but one phase of the many uses of cottonseed. Most certainly, the seed is a

"FAIR" WEATHER



**WEST TEXAS NEWS
NOTES**

The Winters Church of Christ is making an addition to its present building. The pastor, L. R. Mickey, stated that the improvements would include two new Sunday school rooms which are to be added to the front of the building and which can be thrown into and made a part of the main auditorium when occasion demands.

The second annual water regatta was held at Lake Brownwood last Saturday and Sunday, June 20 and 21, before a crowd estimated at about 20,000. Famous race drivers from all over the Southwest participated in the thrilling water events during the two days. Cash prizes totaling \$800 were awarded winners in the racing events and novelty contests, which included surf-board riding and swimming.

Saturday, June 27, the taxpayers of Melvin will vote in a tax and bond election, which was postponed from June 13. Two propositions will be submitted, one for equalization of the school tax and the other a \$5,000 bond issue to take care of extra expenditures during the past year. The extra expense included work on the Mexican school, the purchase of stoves and improvements in the home economics department of the high school.

H. H. Jackson, for the past 20 years publisher of the Coleman Democrat-Voice, was honored recently at the meeting of the Texas Press Association in Tyler. He was elected president of the leading press group in the Southwest. Jackson has been honored many times in his newspaper work, last year being elected to the vice-president's position of the state press association.

The past week-end was a high point in the life of Menard pioneers.

Hidden treasure in each boll. Cottonseed meal and hulls consumed by dairy cattle, beef cattle, sheep, swine and poultry appear on the dining tables in our homes, hotels, cafes, and dining cars as milk, butter, beef, mutton, pork, eggs and poultry. Linters enter into the manufacture of hundreds of articles of commerce. Hundreds of millions of dollars of new wealth have been created because man has used science in the development of new products that are important and valuable in meeting the needs and wants of an advanced civilization.

This hidden treasure in the cotton boll was considered a waste product in most southern states as late as 1860. The skill and labor of the great army of men employed at cotton oil mills and refineries have converted this "waste" into marketable products that add to man's comfort and well-being and have made the farmers' cottonseed a cash crop worth many millions of dollars annually.

of wool in its warehouse unsold.

C. L. Cooke, of Winters, is putting in a gin at Eden which will be ready for operation this fall. He was in Eden last week supervising the unloading of timber and equipment. No decision has been reached as to what will be done with the lights that were used to illuminate the softball field Cooke bought for a building site.

The scoutmaster and Boy Scouts of Paint Rock have been without a meeting place for some time, so they are building a hall. The building is being erected on a lot donated by Boswell and Hall. Citizens made contributions for the material and all the work is donated. Both lumber yards are giving the paint and nails and discounts are allowed on the lumber.

The entire Coke county commissioners' court was a delegation to Austin last week in the interest of the Coke county division of highway No. 208. A designation was obtained for the highway from Robert Lee to Colorado city. Colorado officials will make application at once through the Abilene office for an NRWR work program carrying the same specifications as the Robert Lee-San Angelo road.

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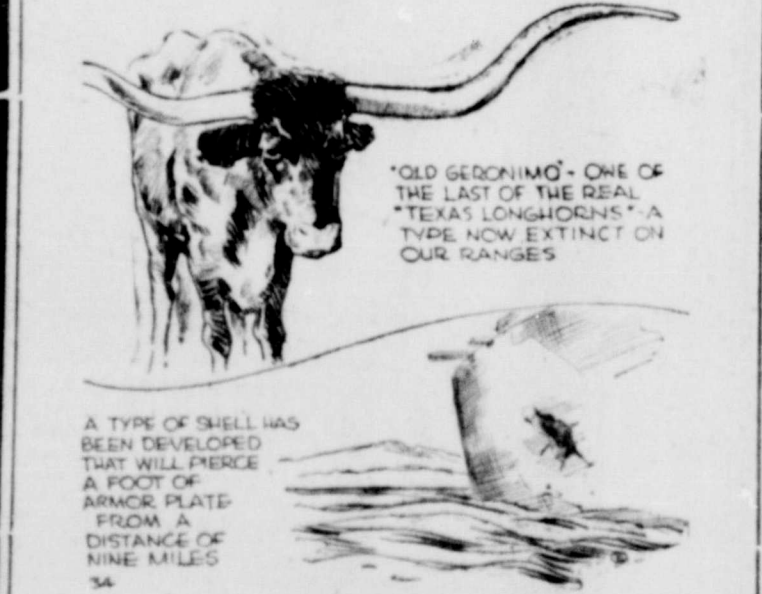
In most states, licenses must be obtained to hunt bullfrogs.

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**Coleman Band Will
Play for Birthday
Celebration Here**

The Coleman Band, heading a large delegation from that city, will be here June 29 to help entertain the throngs at Ballinger's Golden Anniversary celebration. A group of Coleman boosters and the band spent a short time in Ballinger Friday afternoon advertising their rodeo on July 13, 14 and 15, and accepted an invitation to return on June 29.

The Coleman Band, 65 strong, will arrive in time for the parade at 10 o'clock and will remain for the entire day's program and will be featured in a concert in the afternoon. Jimmy King, veteran band instructor of this state, directs the Coleman musicians and all the members will wear new uniforms in the parade here.

An invitation has been extended the Hardin-Simmons Cowboy Band but it has not been definitely decided whether it can attend. This band is playing for the Texas Centennial commission this summer and while it will make many engagements a way from Dallas, its time is booked practically solid.

The Ballinger Cherry Band will be on the job all day and there will be band music available for every occasion and to entertain the thousands of visitors during all intermissions.

The Ranger Tiekville Band and the Light Crust Doughboys will provide special entertainment for the celebration.

The Coleman delegation, while here Friday, extended an invitation to Ballinger citizens to attend the annual rodeo at Coleman and made arrangements for a Ballinger day at the celebration.

A big local delegation to Coleman will be headed by the Ballinger Cherry Band.

**WOULD FIND THE TOMB
OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT**

LONDON, June 24—To find the tomb of Alexander the Great is the present ambition of Howard Carter, archaeologist and explorer of Tut-ankh-Amen fame, but the expedition would be costly, he says.

If I should once make an important find concerning Alexander the Great it is pretty certain that the Egyptian government would take control and finance further exploration," he said.

"As it is, I must just mark time and hope the money will come from somewhere. These expeditions are expensive. It took us nine years to remove everything from Tut-ankh-Amen's tomb, and cost \$220,000." Carter believes that

Alexander was buried somewhere on the outskirts of the old town of Alexandria, Egypt. It is known that his last wish was to be buried there.

**FRANCE TO KEEP RECORDS
OF ALL PRECIOUS STONES**

PARIS, June 24—Precious gems are to be "finger-printed" by the government of France so that they may be identified when lost or stolen.

The new government service will make laboratory tests of gems and pearls voluntarily submitted to it in order to determine their exact nature, their natural or industrial formation, and their

places of origin if possible. It will issue certificates guaranteeing authenticity so as to avoid error and fraud. A file of identity cards will be kept for all stones submitted to it.

These records will contain microscopic photographs which will make it possible to identify the stones even though they may have been recut, it is stated.



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Location of County Seat Furnished First Election

After Ballinger was founded as the result of the Santa Fe Railway building to this point and the town lot sale promoted by this company, one of the first political fights to develop was over the question of moving the county seat from its location at Runnels to Ballinger.

There are those who declare that Ballinger was never the legal county seat, because the five-year required period between elections was not observed, but the time for a contest was barred by limitation long ago and this town for 49 years has been the county seat and the center of all court and governmental proceedings.

The first recorded election on this question was held in 1880 when two communities bid for the county seat. Maverick received 29 votes and the Elm Willet Holmes and Henry Garms Survey received 39 votes. This put the county seat at what was later known as Walthal, near Bethel. Later the county seat was moved to Runnels, where a rock court house was erected and where the affairs of the county were conducted until in 1887.

On October 9, 1888, an election was held in which Ballinger citizens sought the location of the county seat and Runnels citizens held out for it to remain in their community. Following is the result of that election:

Runnels Precinct No. 1	For removal to Ballinger	68
	For remaining at Runnels	108
Content Precinct No. 2	For removal to Ballinger	1
	For remaining at Runnels	46
Chadbourne Precinct No. 3	For removal to Ballinger	0
	For remaining at Runnels	10
Craig Precinct No. 4	No returns	
Maverick Precinct No. 5	For removal to Ballinger	0
	For remaining at Runnels	18

Totals
For removal to Ballinger 69
For remaining at Runnels 182

In the report of the canvass made by the county judge the following was spread on the minutes: "Ballinger being more than five miles from the geographical center of said county and Runnels a point within five miles from the geographical center of said county, a vote of two-thirds of all the electors in said county voting on the question is necessary for said removal, and Ballinger having failed as appears by the returns of said election to receive the requisite number of votes, it is adjudged that the county seat of Runnels county, Texas, be and remain at Runnels for a period of five years next succeeding, dating from the 9th day of October, A. D. 1886." This order was signed by Sylvester Adams, county judge.

Nothing is in the records to determine what transpired regarding the five-year clause of the state law, but just one year and one month later the following

order was issued by the same judge:

"Whereas, the county seat of Runnels county has never been located and said county is organized and over 200 resident voting taxpaying bona fide citizens of said county have petitioned me to order an election for the purpose of locating the county seat of said county, therefore, I, Sylvester Adams, county judge of Runnels county, by virtue of my office and the authority vested in me by law, do hereby order an election to be held in Runnels county on the 21st day of December, 1887, for the purpose of locating the county seat, and the sheriff of Runnels county, hereby ordered to post notices to this effect."

The results of the 1887 election were considerably different from that of the preceding election on this question. Citizens who moved to Ballinger in 1886 were eligible to vote and apparently most of the Runnels citizens had moved. The official returns were as follows:

Runnels No. 1	For location at Ballinger	11
	Against location at Ballinger	0
Content No. 2	For location at Ballinger	14
	Against location at Ballinger	1
Ballinger No. 7	For location at Ballinger	221
	Against location at Ballinger	0

This gave a total of 246 to 1 for removal and the change was ordered by the court on January 2, 1888.

On January 2, 1888, the commissioners' court assembled at Runnels and issued an order instructing Sheriff J. M. Formwalt to proceed at once to move all the records of Runnels county to the town of Ballinger. The court then adjourned to meet later in the day at Ballinger.

At 9 o'clock on the morning of January 3, 1888, the court met in Ballinger and rented the two-story Dan Sullivan building for a court house and offices for a year at the rate of \$26 a month. An order was issued at this meeting authorizing the purchase of furniture and fixtures as follows: one desk, \$12; one walnut chair, \$2; three chairs, \$3; and a table, \$3.50.

On August 13, 1888, Eugene T. Heiner, architect, submitted plans for a new court house, which were approved by the commissioner's court. Heiner was to receive 3 1/2 per cent of the cost of the building for the plans and 1 1/2 per cent for superintending the construction. The cost of the building was limited to \$30,000.

On August 16, 1888, a bond issue was authorized to pay for court house construction and the tax rate raised 15 cents on the \$100 to pay for same.

On October 1, 1888, a contract was awarded the firm of Lovell & Miller to build the court house, the bid being \$29,015.

On Saturday 16, 1889 the court

Feet Tell Female Character, Paris Designer Claims

PARIS, June 24.—The shoe designer, Andre Perugia, has brought something of a hornet's nest about his ears since he made known his readings of feminine character by the foot.

Years of study, says M. Perugia, have taught him that women with a firm, even walk have sex appeal, that splay-footed women are timid, that women who lack rhythm in their walk are nervous and that pigeon-toed women are stupid and dull. It is the last of these findings that has been hotly contested by public and press, with examples cited everywhere of pigeon-toed women who were and are brilliant intellectuals.

Eminent foot specialists have been asked for their views, some declaring that there is nothing in the theory and that there is little or no connection between feet and character, such things as pigeon toes and bunions being purely physical defects.

All the same, Andre has directed the Parisian masculine glance groundward, whence it is ascending somewhat anxiously. Arrangements are proceeding for the making of a costume museum at the Hotel des Reservoirs at Versailles. The shade of the Marquise de Pompadour, patron of the arts whose former home this was, should watch developments with interest, though the Hotel des Reservoirs has had many masters since the days of Mme. de Pompadour. It was a resort of week-end gatherings of cosmopolitan society and later was the house allotted to the Austrian delegates at the peace conference of 1919.

The Pompadour used to pass along a passage from her own apartments to those of the king in the palace and this very passage will be used to connect the museum with the Galerie des Glaces.

"MODEL SOLDIER" DIES

BRISBANE, Queensland, Australia, June 24.—Famous as the model used for figures on war memorials, William Derby, an original Anzac, has died at Brisbane at the age of 66. Sir Bertram Mackennel, the sculptor, who selected Derby as his model for the soldier on the Sydney cenotaph, declared that he was impressed with Derby's physique and "stern, warrior-like cut of face."

Fifty-five per cent of all traffic deaths occur at night, according to statistics.

house was completed and accepted by the court.

The Great American Home



Denies Plane Pilots Dodged Meteorites

DENVER, June 24.—Stories told by airplane pilots of how their planes were nearly wrecked by meteorites and escaped only by almost superhuman skill in dodging the celestial missile are ridiculed in a recent statement by H. H. Nininger, chief mover in the Society for Research on meteorites.

On March 24, 1933, a large meteorite shot across the sky of New Mexico and Texas. A transport pilot later reported that the flaming body had shot past just underneath his airplane. Mr. Nininger says no.

The path of this meteorite was plotted from observations made at various places on the ground. At no time was the meteorite nearer the ground of Northwestern New Mexico than about seventeen miles, far above any height at which airplanes can fly.

Another pilot reported that this same meteorite nearly hit him but Mr. Nininger's computation of the path shows that this pilot was more than one hundred miles from its nearest point.

In Nebraska in February, 1934, a pilot reported that he had escaped a meteorite only by dip-

ping his wing sharply to let it pass. Cold-blooded computation shows that this meteorite was 68 miles north of the plane and about twenty miles above it.

Other similar reports show misses by from fifty to one hundred miles instead of near hits. Mr. Nininger does not imply that the pilots are liars. His explanation is that the ball of fire around a flying meteorite is so large, bright and unexpected that the pilots think it much closer than it is.

Dwelling Building Fails to Keep Pace With Family Gain

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Figures compiled by the government indicate that during the last fifteen years the number of families in the United States has increased materially over the number of new dwelling units erected.

In the ten-year period begin-

ning with 1921 and ending with 1930 the number of families increased 5,600,000. The net increase in dwelling units is set down at 6,600,000.

In the five-year period beginning with 1931 and ending with the current year the increase in the number of families is believed to be 2,225,000. The net increase in the number of dwelling units is estimated at 375,000.

In other words, the 1921-30 period saw the erection of 1,000,000 more units than there were new families, whereas in the last five years it is believed that the increase in families exceeded new dwelling construction by about 1,875,000. For the full period there seems to have been an increase in the number of families over the increase in dwelling units of about 875,000.

There were erected during the period, the figures indicate, a total of 7,500,000 new dwelling units. However, it is believed that 525,000 units were demolished. The rate of demolition proceeded more slowly during the last five years than in the ten years previous.

This was due to the fact that much of the demolition was to make room for new construction. It is believed to have been 400,000 units between 1921 and 1930 and 125,000 from 1931 to date.

Government officials are careful to explain that it is improper to interpret the figures as indicating an actual housing shortage. They make the point that any consideration of "shortage" involves a consideration of housing standards. What undoubtedly has occurred, they explain, is that the new families have gone back to older units on farms and elsewhere and are doubling up to a greater extent than previously.

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Welcome Pioneers of Runnels County

The 50 years of progress and growth of Ballinger has written history that is dear to many hearts of those who pioneered back in 1886 and before. The citizenship of today feels proud to have these "old timers" as guests in this great home-coming program.

Whatever our part has been in the development of the town and county is of small importance to that of the men and women who were the first settlers.

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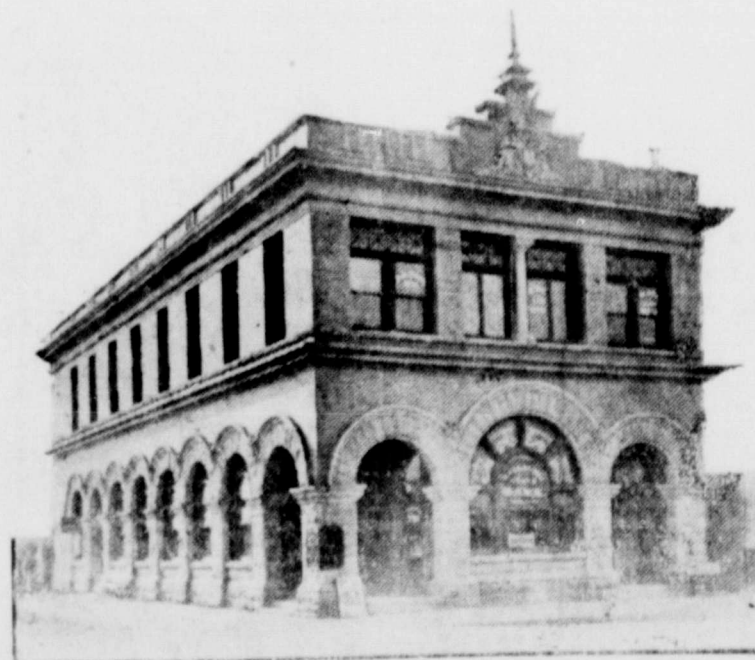
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Our Ballinger Home
Visit Us While Attending Ballinger's
Golden Anniversary Celebration

Security State Bank

Progress of Utilities Show Great Strides Past 25 Years

Many comforts and conveniences make Ballinger homes of today quite different from those of 1898. Not the least of these accessories to modern life are supplied by the public utilities companies. The progress of these local industrial plants is a small history in itself as these utilities were started in a small way and expanded to huge business concerns serving thousands of people in this section.

The saddle horse, used on the range by the cowboys, once filled the place of the telephone to summon the doctor or spread news. Hydrants in the kitchen, bathroom and yard replace the water which was brought by the barrel from wagons at a high price, the old-timers' supply being obtained from any stream regardless of its purity. Tallow candles or kerosene lamps have been supplanted by modern electric current which serves every household and also provides refrigeration, power, and heat. The old iron stove or fireplace which used wood for fuel is replaced by the natural gas heater and range and all these have given the housewife more leisure and eliminated much drudgery.

The first telephone in Ballinger was in operation soon after the town lot sale here. It had no switchboard and connected only the Rape Drug Store with the residence of Dr. T. A. Rape. Even in those days, the service was declared bad by those who tried to use the new-fangled contraption, nevertheless many of the curious made application to talk over the short line. A little later the Western Mercantile Company purchased a toll line, running from Coleman through Ballinger to Menard. This line provided limited long distance service for many years.

The first switchboard was installed here in 1898 by Sid Turner and a Mr. Majors and was operated with a few patrons until about 1906. At that time W. A. Norman bought the system and improved it considerably. Henry Hollingsworth was manager for a brief period and became asso-

ciated with Mr. Norman in the company.

In 1905 the West Texas Telephone Company was organized with four exchanges—Ballinger, Coleman, Brownwood and Goldthwaite. Magneto equipment was used by this company until 1910, when the common battery system was installed in all West Texas towns where the company held a franchise. K. J. Hardgrave was manager here until 1910 and was succeeded by a Mr. Day. Albert W. Woods was next in charge, C. C. Britton succeeding Mr. Wood, and M. C. Atkins came here to serve as the first district manager. I. M. Preston was here for a short time after Mr. Atkins was transferred to Bryan, and R. P. Canady, present manager, next assumed supervision of the district composed of Ballinger, Winters, Bradshaw, Buffalo Gap, Trent and Paint Rock.

In 1928 the West Texas Telephone Company was sold to the Southwestern States Telephone Company with headquarters at Dallas.

Much improvement has been made in the system in the past 20 years. Open wires have been replaced by cables, toll line connections cover the world, the Postal Telegraph Company is represented by the local telephone company and excellent service is maintained by twelve people in the district office here. On June 1 there were 377 stations in Ballinger, and the company was operating 180 exchanges. The present equipment was installed in 1914.

The heaviest damage ever sustained by the company was during the freeze on November 29, 1919, when ice collections on wires and poles caused many thousands of dollars' damage and disrupted service for quite a while.

It was also in 1899 that the first electric lights were turned on in Ballinger. From that day to this the service has been constantly improved, but it was many years after a light plant was built here before the service became modern.

W. J. Miller and J. A. Ostertag installed the first plant in connection with operation of the Ballinger flour mill. A few wires were strung for the distribution of the "juice" and for a time the 25 KW 110 volt plant served 23 customers, charging them \$1 per globe per month for lights. No power service was offered at this time as the night load was all the plant could carry.

In 1902 J. W. Norman and J. Everett Hardgrave purchased the electric plant and moved it to a sheet iron building on Railroad Avenue and Seventh Street, where the machinery was added to. A rate of 25 cents per KW hour was established.

This company continued operations until 1909 when it was sold to J. Y. Pearce, R. A. Hall, George Bird and J. M. L. Metz, who moved the equipment to what was then the Ballinger Cotton Oil Mill. Much new machinery was added and three-phase service inaugurated, which was the first of this kind west of Fort Worth. This company also supplied a 24-hour service. A rate of 15 cents per KW hour was set with \$1.50 and \$2 minimum charges.

About 600 meters were in use when this company sold to the A. E. Fikin Co. in 1915 and the equipment was moved again, this time to what was known as the Beckwith Ice Plant, where it was operated for several months until transmission lines were constructed between Ballinger and other points, the local current being generated at San Angelo.

In 1921 the city of Ballinger voted bonds and constructed a modern municipal plant which was operated successfully until in 1925 when the citizens voted to sell the plant to the West Texas Utilities Company and grant this concern a franchise to operate here.

As soon as the sale was consummated the West Texas Utilities Company commenced an enormous building program which carried transmission lines all over this part of Texas and established district G. A sub-station was erected here with transmission lines con-

Chosen Army's Best Athlete



Selected as the best all-around athlete of the West Point graduating class, Cadet William R. Grohs, above, of St. Paul, was to receive the Army athletic saber for his prowess. Grohs won two letters in football, three in baseball, and two in hockey.

Meeting Ballinger with the three central generating plants at Abilene, San Angelo and Brownwood.

The company maintains local and district offices and a merchandise room here and employs many people. W. O. Wallace is district superintendent.

An electric appliance serves almost every known need today and the load is constantly growing.

Ballinger residents were content with wood and coal heaters or oil cook stoves for many years and it was not until 1927 that the first natural gas franchise was granted which brought this domestic convenience to the citizens of this vicinity.

Chester May, representative of the Lone Star Gas Company, of Dallas, came to Ballinger the latter part of June, 1927, asked the city commission for a franchise and offered to post a certified check for \$10,000 that work would be commenced in one week from the date of granting the franchise. The city commission composed of S. B. Raby, mayor, W. A. Holt and E. M. Eubank, commissioners, granted the franchise on July 7, 1927, and within two days several hundred men were digging ditches, preparatory to installing a distribution system

in Ballinger.

Many other men and a large amount of machinery were shipped here and the work was rushed in order to supply the city before the beginning of cold weather. On October 7, 1927, the distributing system was connected with the main line and the gas was turned on.

During the time that the company was constructing the system, many homes were piped and new equipment had been installed in homes and business houses. In the first cold spell of the year local citizens were given a new luxury. The old drudgeries of cutting kindling, carrying in coal and wood or filling the oil stove, to say nothing of taking out the ashes and keeping soot out of the house, were of the past and all that was necessary was a match to ignite the bright blue flames.

H. D. Postwood was the first local manager of the Ballinger system. L. B. Paul succeeded Mr. Postwood and on October 15, 1930, J. A. Schnable, who worked here during construction of the distribution system, was transferred here as local manager. In 1935 Mr. Schnable was made district manager with Ballinger, Winters, Taipa, Valera, Tuscola, Lawn and Ovalo included in his supervision. M. L. Bird, formerly of Dallas, is superintendent of the Abilene headquarters.

An office and a merchandise department are maintained in Ballinger. In recent years the company has sold a large amount of modern appliances to customers here and also has made 42 Stargas installations in this territory, supplying rural homes with lights, heat and refrigeration.

Assisting Mr. Schnable in the local office are Miss Vernie Downing, cashier, and J. B. Pratt, service man.

See Freeman's for Batteries.

Joy of Accomplishment

Give thanks for the hard job! If it were not for the difficult thing there would be no joy in accomplishment nor any reward for effort. There is always room at the top because getting there is a hard thing to do. But bear in mind, once you are there it is the difficulty of reaching you that makes your place secure. If winning were always easy then the top would be crowded and where would be the challenge, the struggle that so stirs the spirit of a man? Difficulty is what saved the world from becoming but a mire of mediocrity.

Thoughts from the tongue that slowly part, glance quick as lightning through the heart—Sir Walter Scott

The working "year" lasts only from October to May, or the early days of June in the whisky distilling trade.

PIONEERS



You who had the vision, courage and wisdom to develop Runnels county, from the great open West, into one of the best ranching and farming counties in Texas, we Welcome You from the bottom of our hearts—to the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Ballinger.

Make our place your headquarters and let us serve you while in town.

Cameron's Garage

WELCOME

to Ballinger's 50th Birthday Celebration We are Offering "Birthday Values" June 26th to July 3rd

Dress Special
Eylets, brimbergs, sport crepes, linen suits
Close out
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Extra Special
Centennial Frocks
Chiffons, pastel suits, any sport dresses
Values to \$12.50, closing out at
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Dresses
Special lot of eylets and sports
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\$1.95

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White and colors
98c and \$1.95
Featuring
The Country Doctor, Quintuplet Style
Burton's Poplin
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Piece Goods
Cool cotton seersucker, in polka dot
Special
39c

Summer Prints
Thin quality, fast color
8c
yard

Prints
Excellent grade in beautiful patterns
Fast colors
Values to 22c, close out
15c
yard

Berkshire Hose
Sheer hose in new summer shades—
Willow, Gravel and Cinnamon
89c

MEN'S SOCKS
Anklets and full length, solids and fancy
Special
21c

Smart Frocks
Ideal for Centennial wear
Sheer chiffons and nets, solids, checks
and stripes
\$8.95 to \$19.75

Hat Specials
New mid-summer straws and felts
White and pastel
98c
and up
One lot of high grade straws and crepes
Dark colors and white
89c

Men's Shirts
Attractive patterns, fast color, standard make
\$1.29
and up

Men's Suits
Gabardine four-piece suits
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\$19.85
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\$9.85
and up

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Men's high grade shoes at almost the price of
ordinary shoes
Florsheims **\$7.45**
Friendly Five **\$4.38**

THE HUB

Hankies
To match your summer costume
Centennial prints and hand-blocked linens
25c
and up

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Gowns
Cool summer batiste gowns
Solids and prints
98c

Gowns
Good quality batiste, white and pastel
59c

Panties
Sheer cool jersey
Plain and lace trim
49c
and up

Slacks
Cool slacks, crash twills and jerseys
89c
and up

Men's Kerchiefs
White linen and fancy colors
Special
21c

Handkf. Bargains
Full size, good quality, white
4c

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All spring coats and suits, ideal for early
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Texas Centennial Hats
Special hat values to 75c
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Attractive patterns in summers colors
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Runnels City of Long Ago Was a Thriving Community

Before the organization of Runnels county in 1880, about ten or twelve families had clustered around, on or near Elm Creek and Coyote Creek. This little settlement became the county site of the newly organized county and was called Runnels.

The county officials elected to govern this new county were county judge, Sylvester Adams; county clerk, Newt Copeland; sheriff, John F. Formwalt; tax assessor and collector, J. B. Cotten; treasurer, T. M. Cotten; surveyor, H. E. Dickinson; and Henry Conner was appointed deputy sheriff. The court house was built in 1880 and was constructed of native stone.

As early as 1879 the little settlement had a drug store owned and operated by Dr. T. W. Helm and T. M. Cotten. A small grocery store was operated in connection with the drug business and there were two general stores. J. R. Nunn and Frank Vaughn and Joe and Jake Cotten were the owners of the general stores.

The law profession was also represented in the pioneer group. G. W. Perryman from Washington, D. C., and B. M. Burk were practicing attorneys when any practicing was to be done.

Until about 1883 Dr. T. W. Helm, brother-in-law of S. P. Hathaway, was the only physician in the county. In 1882 Runnels suffered an epidemic of measles. Hardly a family in the town escaped and in some instances the sick suffered from lack of attention because there were not enough well people to care for the stricken. Dr. Currie, father of W. B. Currie of Ballinger, lived in Paint Rock at that time. He went over to Runnels to assist Dr. Helm in order that all the ill persons might have proper medical attention. Although the epidemic was serious there was only one death during that time.

In about 1883 Dr. Henry Ransom located on Oak Creek and practiced medicine in Runnels county until his death. A Dr. Pough settled there about the same time, but in 1884 Dr. T. A. Rape came to this section from Nacogdoches county prospecting and Dr. Pough offered to sell out to him for 50 cents on the dollar on his investment. Dr. Rape accepted the proposition and became, as he thought, a permanent resident of Runnels. Dr. W. H. Wilson, father of Carl Wilson of Ballinger, came to this county a year or so later and practiced at Runnels until his death. Dr. Rape and Dr. Helm moved to Ballinger in 1886.

The church life of this small frontier town was not neglected in any sense. The Baptist and Cumberland Presbyterian churches were organized in about 1881. Rev. W. S. Maddox was the first pastor of the Baptist church, and Bro. Boatright was the first pastor of the Presbyterian church. J. W. Hathaway and W. L. Towner served as elders and Mr. Towner also served as clerk of the session in the Presbyterian church. Another Presbyterian minister who went to Runnels frequently was a Bro. Haynes from the Presbyterian college at Buffalo Gap. The Methodist church was organized in 1883 with five members. Rev. W. R. D. Stockton was the first pastor of the Methodist group.

Strangers and "drummers" who visited Runnels found ample accommodations in the two hotels there. The Brandt Hotel was housed in a comfortable rock building erected in 1880 and a little later the Green Hotel was established in a two-story frame building. In 1889 it was sold to Rev. J. W. Raby and moved to his Valley Creek farm and was the home of the Raby family for a number of years.

No enterprising western city would have been complete without a newspaper so Runnels was picked out as a good spot for the publication of a newspaper called the Runnels County Record. It was edited and printed by I. C. Huges. A few copies of the first editions are still to be found in Runnels county pioneer homes.

The first and only postmaster at Runnels was H. D. Pearce, who served in that capacity until the county site and the postoffice were transferred to Ballinger. He was also transferred when the county site was moved.

Business firms actively engaged in business when the railroad missed Runnels and the city of Ballinger was founded were: Nunn & Vaughn, general merchandise; Davis, Guy & Baker, general merchandise and banking; Cotton Brothers, dry goods and groceries; B. Hutchison, groceries; Dave Brider sold dry goods with Ab as chief clerk, a Mr. Allen had a mattress factory; E. D. Wagoner, drug business, which was moved to Ballinger in 1886; Fletcher & Webster, livery stable;

Swift Brothers (J. C. and Dee), livery stable; two saloons, Lithcum's Saloon and the Swift Saloon; lawyers were C. O. Harris, J. W. Powell, B. M. Burk, G. W. Perryman and T. T. Crosson, and Willingham and Taylor (C. H. Willingham and Nelson Taylor); C. H. Earnest and a Mr. Wills, real estate; D. C. Underwood, real estate; carpenters were J. W. Hathaway, S. P. Hathaway and Stone and Hobson.

Runnels mail came from Abilene by stage coach bi-weekly and later daily. The stage coaches were equipped for passenger service but stage coach robberies were not uncommon and were dreaded by passengers. The regular run was from Abilene to Fort Concho, touching all intervening settlements.

Supplies included lumber, furniture, groceries, dry goods, hardware and caskets for the dead were freighted from Abilene or sometimes from Brownwood. Prominent among the early day freighters were J. H. Holliday and Frank Miles. When the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railroad came to Runnels county and freighting no longer paid Mr. Holliday bought land north of Runnels and became one of the leading cotton farmers of the county. Mr. Miles along with many other home owners put his house on wheels and moved to Ballinger.

Although rough and crude in many respects the pioneer men and women did not lack instruction in fine arts. Among the first music teachers in Runnels were Miss Sallie McCutcheon, who later married C. W. Odom; Mrs. J. J. Erwin, Mrs. C. O. Harris, Miss Susie Wilson and Miss Ada Harrington.

The first church wedding in Runnels county had as its principals Miss Nellie Gossett and Reese Erwin. This wedding brought an unusual thrill to the children of Runnels and surrounding territory for it was true to form in that the bride and bridesmaid, Miss Laura Gossett, were beautifully gowned with the bride wearing a beautiful veil. The wedding party marched into the little Presbyterian church with Mrs. J. J. Erwin playing the wedding march. The small West Texas children were breathless with the beauty of the scene, all so new to them.

There were very few men in the county that could be classed strictly as farmers as early as 1886, but many of the men who were raising sheep, cattle or horses, mostly on open range, come to mind when ranching is mentioned. Among these men in the western part of the county were: R. K. and H. C. Wylie, called

by many of the pioneers the wealthiest men in the county; Henry Vandervanter, J. H. Parramore and his brother-in-law, a Mr. Lewis, Doc Vancil, Joe Vancil, Van Ness Lewis, J. M. Johnson, Dave Bradshaw, L. P. Wood, Amos Flocker. In the eastern part of the county there was another large group including Sam Brookshier, George W. Clayton and sons (B. J. F. E., and G. W. Jr.) H. E. Dickinson, W. L. McCauley, J. W. Clappitt, W. E. Allen, J. R. Key, J. L. Vaughn, A. M. Miller, A. J. Nichols, S. R. Muncy, Job Davis, Jack and Bill Mangrum, W. W. Scott, Ed Kelly, N. J. Allen, H. S. Murphey, J. C. and Dee Swift, W. R. Nunn, C. F. and R. A. Dickinson, J. J. Erwin, Thomson brothers (H. A., R. M. and T. A.), Frank Chriesman, Dudley Tom, Tom Shaw, John R. Blocker, Macon Blocker, Jake Stubblefield, Lon Mapes, Tom Mapes, Green Nixon, John W. Gilliam, Tom Dodson, John and Hood Formwalt, Guest brothers (N. T., Bart and Bill), the Holcombs, Dave Ransbarger, Walter and Bill Mullins, Joe B. Johnson, R. A. Smith, Jim and John Bigby, Henry Conner and C. C. Yaw.

The Gressett & Rabb blacksmith shop shod horses, mended the run-down buggies and wagons and sharpened an occasional plow point.

William Doose made all the shop-made boots for the cowboys and liked the job, but sometimes begrudged the time that had to be spent on putting half soles on the worn boots and shoes. There was entirely too much work for one shoemaker.

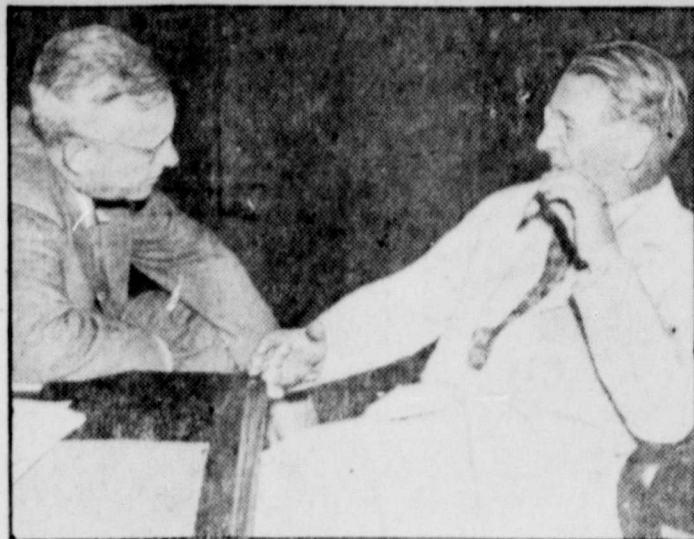
Runnels boasted of having a four-teacher school in 1886, but the methods of teaching were far from modern. It was not strictly speaking a "graded" school. The small children first learned the A.B.C.'s, then were advanced to McGuffey's readers and the Blue Back speller and the older ones studied Webster's unabridged dictionary (including definitions), the histories, geography, grammar, and arithmetic, first, last and all the time.

The first teacher was J. T. Preston, then J. R. Winters, a Mr. Cannon and a Mr. Stokes. The last two had assistant teachers.

The city of Runnels was never a very large settlement, but at one time there was a total population of 750. There was law and order in the small village most of the time, but the old timers tell us that occasionally someone would go on a "spree" and cause a little commotion, just like every other good West Texas town in the early 1880's.

Tires, Tubes and Batteries at Freeman's.

G. O. P. Candidates Chart Campaign



Faced with the biggest battle of their political careers, Gov. Alf M. Landon, left, and Col. Frank Knox, Republican nominees for president and vice president, respectively, are shown as they talked over plans for the coming campaign. Scene of the conference was Governor Landon's executive office in the state capitol in Topeka.

Pony Express Forerunner

Although history has never made it quite clear, the Lyon collection of Pony Express stamps and "franked" envelopes reveals that there were really two pony expresses, although the first was not officially known as such. This original organization was a Wells Fargo service that came into being in 1855 and undoubtedly paved the way for the official Pony Express, which made its debut April 3, 1860, financed by Senator Gwin and Alexander Majors, a pioneer freighter of the plains.

British Treaty

A sixty-three-year-old bishop of the church of England, John Robinson, in 1718, made the most important treaty in British history. He represented Britain at the Congress of Utrecht and secured as spoils of the war of the Spanish Succession, Hudson's Bay territory, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Gibraltar. The latter was what was important, for it gave Britain command of the Mediterranean and was the rock on which was founded Britain's naval and colonial supremacy.

"Police Dogs"

The term "police dogs," as German shepherd dogs are commonly known in America, is a misnomer. A real police dog is an animal which has been trained to do police work, whether it is a German shepherd, a Doberman pinscher, or any other breed. In Germany, airfares are known as "war dogs," because they were used by England during the war for service with the army.

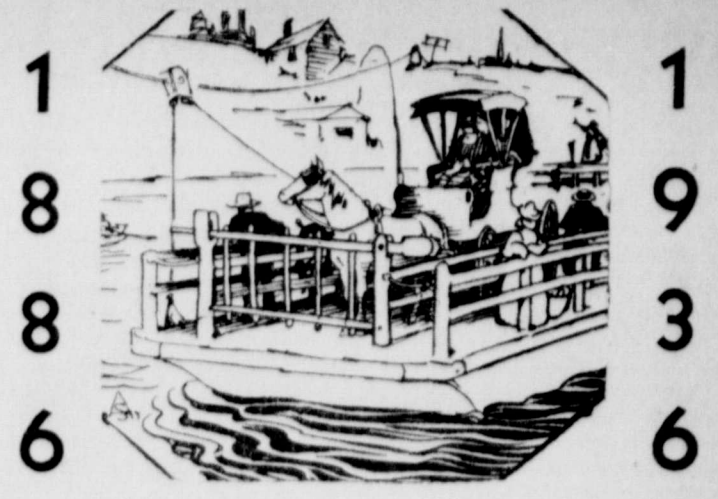
Furniture Names Traced to Far-Fetched Meanings

Often the names of pieces of furniture have strange origin. A divan is not a "carriage for two," as one might hastily guess, but a chair of state. It is from the Persian "diwan" and refers to a low couch without back or ends, on the authority of Webster's International Dictionary. Dayenport has the familiar meaning of "large upholstered sofa often convertible into a bed" and also refers to a kind of small writing desk, both designs by the gentleman of that name. The word desk itself is rather strange, since it comes from the Latin "disens" and is related to "dish."

That the word chair comes from "kathedra" (Greek), a combination of roots meaning "sit" and "down," has been remarked often enough. Chest comes from the Greek "kiste," a box; table from Latin "tabula," a board; cabinet from "cabinetta," Italian for a small cage or basket, and commode is from the French word meaning convenient.

These are reasonable, but consider bureau, a French word for desk with a Latin origin in "burra," a shaggy garment, desks once were covered with woollen cloth. It appears, "carpet" comes quite naturally from Latin words referring to carding and weaving, but rug is Norwegian. In Swedish, "ruzz" means entangled hair.—New York Sun.

Carbon paper for tracing embroidery patterns at Ledger office.



Above is sketch of scene on the Colorado River at Ballinger in 1886



Many Ballingerites did not know that at one time a ferryboat was used to convey passengers and freight over the Colorado. It's true . . .



And it's true that we have lived here that long, although all the time has not been spent in the produce business. We have an up-to-date, modern establishment to serve you.

W. B. Currie Produce Company
Feeds and Seeds Custom Hatching
Ballinger

BALLINGER'S Golden Birthday Celebration

Let nothing keep you away from this big free program. Iced Coca-Cola will help keep you refreshed so you can enjoy the events of the day.



It's a Birthday Party Worth Attending

Your friends of pioneer days will be present. A program of excellent entertainment has been arranged. There will be something to see and do every minute and it's all free.

When you become tired, refresh yourself with a bottle of ice cold Coca-Cola—Sold Everywhere.

ICE-COLD COCA-COLA IS EVERY PLACE ELSE—IT OUGHT TO BE IN YOUR FAMILY REFRIGERATOR

Coca-Cola Bottling Co.

You can be sure it is pure and wholesome. Coca-Cola is a pure drink of natural products, with no artificial flavor or coloring. Complying with pure food laws all over the world.

D. M. West



Candidate for REPRESENTATIVE 92nd District
Your Vote and Aid Will Be Appreciated
Subject to Democratic Primaries.

Who Told the Truth?

In the campaign last year I charged that Hon. Horace Sessions was not qualified under the constitution of Texas to hold the office of Representative. His reply was that I was falsely representing him, and made affidavit August 3, 1935, in his application for a place on the ticket at the special election, as follows:

"I have been a resident and citizen of the State of Texas, for a period of twelve years, and a resident and citizen of Runnels county, Texas, for a period of more than two years next preceding date hereof."

June 18, 1932, Hon. Sessions qualified as a voting citizen, at Altus, in Jackson County, Oklahoma, and a registration card was issued him, a photostatic copy of the duplicate of which registration card I hold, which is duly certified to by Hon. Frank Petres, secretary of the election board of Jackson county, Oklahoma, bearing his signature and seal of office as follows:

"This is to certify that HORACE SESSIONS has this day applied for registration as an elector in this precinct and ON OATH says that he is a qualified elector in School District 18, County of Jackson, State of Oklahoma, that his name is Horace Sessions, residence 401 E. Walnut St., Post Office, Altus Oklahoma Dated June 18, 1932."

I also hold complete photostatic copy of 2 pages of the Poll Book of an election held in Altus, Okla. March 20, 1934, giving complete list of voters, the number of each poll and residence of each voter. It shows Hon. Horace Sessions voted in that election—which was just seventeen months and four days before he was elected here, August 24, 1935, as representative of the 92nd district. His ballot as shown on the above poll book is as follows:

"230 Horace Sessions, 401 E. Walnut St."

We submit to you, the voters, whether or not we told the truth on Hon. Sessions when we stated that he had not been a resident of Texas twelve years, nor of Runnels County, two years preceding the election last year.

The Constitution of Texas says that one must be a resident of Texas two years next preceding the day of election, to be qualified to hold the office of Representative.

WHO TOLD THE TRUTH?
I have other documentary evidence regarding the citizenship of Hon. Sessions in Altus, Oklahoma, and his activities as a citizen there which I will give out later.

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Records Reveal Interesting Happenings in Pioneer Days

Looking over the minutes of the Runnels county commissioners' court for the past 56 years the following items were selected as recalling matters of importance, humor and progress to pioneers who resided in this section.

The county records are well preserved and almost any information needed may be obtained by reading them in the office of the county clerk. Some of the items mentioned below might inspire stories of several columns in length if all the information were known, but only the bare facts are disclosed in the records.

July 3, 1880.—Town lot sale held at Runnels, corner lots bringing \$50 and others ranging downward.

January 13, 1880.—The commissioners' court of Coleman county authorized the organization of Runnels county.

The original voting precincts as authorized by the Coleman court order were: No. 1, Wallhal; No. 2, Davesport; No. 3, Pemberton; and No. 4, Wylie.

May 12, 1880.—Runnels county commissioners' court ordered roads laid out toward Ft. Concho, Buffalo Gap, Coleman city, and Palm Rock. All roads were to be marked to the county line.

February 13, 1882.—The commissioners' court banned dancing in the court house.

April 5, 1887.—An election was held in Ballinger to determine "whether bugs should run at large." The result was 31 for the stock law and 18 against.

March 23, 1883.—The first bridge across the Colorado River was authorized by the commissioners' court.

February, 1883.—An order was issued in county court that the scalp law be put in force in the county and that the county clerk must issue scrip for the scalps when the law was fully complied with by the hunters.

July 12, 1883.—An order was passed by the court that all county convicts be worked on the public roads and the sheriff was ordered to carry this out to the strict letter of the law.

September 19, 1885.—\$1,700 was allowed R. M. Thomson, who donated land to the county in consideration that the county seat be located at Runnels. This sum was the amount received by the county for sale of lots and was returned to Thomson because "the county considers that consideration for said land to Thomson has failed."

November 8, 1884.—An election resulted in a tie in which C. H. Willingham and C. R. Crews were candidates for commissioner of precinct No. 1. At another election on December 3 Judge Willingham was elected to the office.

April 28, 1890.—Ballinger citizens voted on the question of incorporation. Proponents of incorporation met 119 votes while those casting ballots against the organization numbered 99.

May 24, 1890.—First officials of the newly incorporated town were as follows: mayor B. S. Taylor, aldermen A. Matthews, Dan Sullivan, D. Arenbeck, W. A. Davis and L. F. Gressett. The town marshal was Mark Henry.

Bridges across Valley, Elm, and Oak creeks were built in 1890.

From July 15 to August 13, 1891, payments were made to a number of people for scalps of animals on which bounties were offered by the county. Payments were made for 12 wildcats, 38 wolves, 764 rabbits, and 72 dogs.

June 16, 1895.—The second city election was held and two new offices were created. S. M. Dunlap was the first tax assessor and collector, W. A. Alexander was elected city attorney and secretary, and J. B. Wilmett treasurer. In this election the following officers were chosen: J. W. Powell, mayor; J. A. Hill, J. A. Hays, J. J. Erwin and C. S. Miller, aldermen; and T. S. Lankford, marshal.

February, 1901.—A pest house and a detention camp were established by order of the commissioners' court because of a threat of a smallpox epidemic. The pest house was located about 300 yards west of the mouth of Elm Creek and the detention camp about half a mile east of Ballinger. All persons suspected of having been exposed were sent to the detention camp and detained in quarantine under care of the county physician and at county expense. T. E. Butler was county health officer.

May, 1901.—It was ordered by the commissioners' court that the court house and jail be lighted by the electric light company. Ten lights were to be installed in the court house at a cost of \$10 and the rent on the ten globes was to be \$1.75 per month. Additional globes were to cost \$1 and the rental charge of 12½ cents per month. Four lights were to be installed in the jail at the same rates. The contract was entered into between the court and W. J. Miller.

January, 1904.—The office of county hide and animal inspector was abolished.

March 28, 1905.—The Ballinger independent school district was created by an act of the legislature. On March 29, 1905, an election was ordered to elect trustees. On April 1, 1905, the following board members were elected: D. M. Baker, C. S. Miller, J. McGregor, C. S. Bowden, John I. Guion, W. A. Norman and C. P. Shepherd.

April 8, 1905.—Miles citizens voted to incorporate for free school purposes and form an independent district. On December 2, 1905, Miles citizens voted full incorporation for the town to be known as "Miles City."

May 12, 1905.—Authority was granted to R. T. Steen to install telephone posts and lines on the streets of Miles. The franchise was for 20 years.

May 27, 1907.—The Winters independent school district was formed by choice of voters to incorporate the town for free school purposes only. The trustees elected were: H. A. Solvely, W. M. Smiley, L. A. Bedford, F. L. Pierce, Joe Vance, A. L. Roberts and H. L. Chapman.

June 19, 1907.—The Rowena independent school district was formed with the following board elected: Louis Pavlicek, O. Schuhmann, F. Ernst, P. J. Barron, R. S. Pieper, F. Schuhmann and L. Teplicek.

July 12, 1907.—E. L. Hagan began serving as the first county superintendent of public instruction.

RIG NEW AIRDROME PLANNED FOR BERLIN

BERLIN, June 24.—The new airdrome for civilian air traffic is to be the biggest in the world, for Hitler says the time is not far distant when nobody will travel distances exceeding 500 miles except by air. The airdrome will be oval-shaped, with a landing-place one and one-half miles by nearly one mile.

Planes will start and finish in a long, covered structure and the technical ancillary appliances will enable any type of machine to start with ease and safety in fog or any weather and by night or day.

Fifteen large hangars, each holding eight airplanes of the Ju 52 type, will be built next to the landing ground and many more smaller machines will be able to find accommodation. The architect is Dr. Sagebiel, who planned the great air force ministry in the Wilhelmstrasse, and the new drome is expected to be completed within three years.

SPAIN'S NEW HIGH ROAD CLIMBS TO 11,246 FEET

GRANADA, June 24.—One hundred and fifty miles to the northeast of Gibraltar and within forty-five miles of Malaga, Spanish engineers have completed a motor road which climbs to the height of 11,246 feet above sea level and attains the summit of

Old-Style Trend Invades Diamond



To celebrate its 60th anniversary, the National League will feature one game in each of its cities this year, with players garbed in the padded pants, wide belts, conductor caps, and detachable shirt fronts of grandpa's day. In Chicago, Harold Compton, above, displays one of the uniforms of 1876 vintage with a "Casey at the bat" stance.

the Sierra Nevada Mountains at the Pic Veleta in a distance of twenty-six miles from its starting point at Granada.

The road is, therefore, over 2,000 feet higher than any other in Europe, the famous Stelvio and Col d'Iseran not excepted. On the south side only 2.75 miles have been completed, leaving the central portion of the tunnel under the Pic and fifteen miles to its southern mouth to be finished. It is planned to complete this part of the road within the next two or three years. Beginning in May, excursions will be run daily from Malaga, Granada and Seville.

Card of Thanks

We desire to thank our many friends who were so kind during the recent illness and at the death of our loved one, Mrs. J. J. Fox. We deeply appreciate everything done for our comfort in this sad hour and thank those who sent flowers. Especially do we express appreciation to Dr. George Neersta, and the nurse, Mrs. Hulda Pagels, who so tenderly cared for her in her suffering.

J. J. Fox and family.
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Southwestern United States produces more borax than does any other part of the world.

Prince Taufa Ahau, 18-year-old ruler of the island of Tonga, is studying law.

Free Lots Brought Many Home Owners to Ballinger

From 1886 until 1888 there was the donated lots.

bitter feeling between inhabitants of Ballinger and Runnels over the location of the county seat. Old timers tell interesting stories of how citizens of Runnels, then the county seat, turned down a proposition from the Santa Fe Railroad to build into that city. The road came west, but missed the county seat and an announcement followed that a new town would be established. Ballinger was surveyed and lots offered for sale on June 29, 1886.

Leaders realized that two towns could not exist in this thinly settled section so near each other and at once there sprang up an intense rivalry between the towns. As soon as Ballinger was established it began to seek the county seat and soon had it located here.

Citizens were not content with this and the Santa Fe continued to build up the town and according to the pioneers offered a free lot to anyone who would move a home from Runnels to Ballinger. Many accepted this offer and for two years, contractors were engaged in hauling homes here and putting them on

complete fire loss was paid on a residence on Ninth Street which was moved here from Runnels and insurance agents declare that several others are still occupied.

The Santa Fe also offered a free lot to any church which would erect a building. Practically all churches in the city are built on these lots, except those erected in recent years.

NOES IN SAFE MAJORITY IN ENGLISH VILLAGE

LONDON, June 24.—East Tytherly, the Herms Village of England, is reported to be the most backward in that part of the country.

Though surrounded by progressive townships and villages, East Tytherly, with its 300 people, is cut off from the outside world except for a bus service three days a week. It has no shop, no postoffice, no public telephone, no trains, no doctor, no nurse, no school, no vicarage, no resident clergyman, no electricity, no gas,

no water supply and no gasoline station.

BRIGHT, NEW HOUSES ARE PROMISED IN BUDAPEST

BUDAPEST, June 24.—This city intends to do away with drabness. The new houses that are going up all the time in town—70,000,000 pengos worth (about \$21,000,000)

are to be erected this year—are very different in size and color from the typical pre-war apartment house which looked like a fortress and contained some fifty flats.

The new houses are washed with bright colors, contain only eight or ten flats and cost from a hundred to a hundred and fifty thousand pengos.

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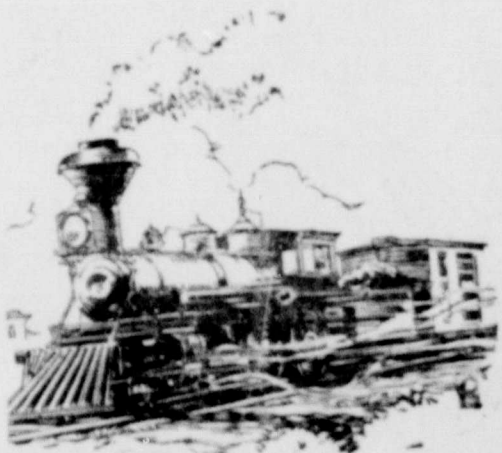
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Runnels County Students Sing in Centennial Chorus

Saturday morning at 10 o'clock the largest massed chorus of school children singers ever assembled in Texas presented a one-hour concert at the central Centennial exposition grounds in Dallas, the concert being broadcast over a coast-to-coast radio hookup. Impressions of the trip and a log of the children's activities have been written by one of the teachers who made the trip with the Runnels county group. This report follows:

Texas Centennial Sing-Song
By Gladys Lehman
At 1:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, June 12, delegates from Runnels county began their trip to Dallas to be present Saturday at 10 o'clock to sing with the massed chorus of 50,000 voices composed of school children from all the 254 counties of the Lone Star State.

Twenty-seven people composed the group to ride one of the regular school buses. They were: Lou Addie and Marjorie Aldridge, Content; Norma Jean Hoffman, Margaret and Louise Brookshier, Benoit; Phyllis Roper, Ada Patton, and Willard Lee, Norton; Leslie and Leland Carlton, Maverick; Christine Wood, Maxie Moore, Novell Davidson, Genova Boothe and Reta Elkins, Eagle Branch; Charlie Allison and another young man, Spring Hill; Mozelle Marks, Elaine Green, Wanetta and Shirley Cole, Victory. Sponsors for the girls were: Mrs. Bill Turk, primary teacher of Victory; Mrs. Bill Cole, a patron of Victory; and Miss Gladys Lehman, English teacher of Norton. Sponsors for the boys were: W. J. Poe, bus driver, and A. N. Wiley, County Superintendent E. C. Grindstaff, Mrs. Grindstaff, Mr. Grindstaff's mother and her niece, Mrs. M. Burroughs, a student of Hardin-Simmons University, made the trip by automobile.

The trip was made via Abilene, Albany, Breckenridge, Mineral Wells, Weatherford, and Fort Worth. The group camped out in the open some eight or ten miles east of Weatherford. A delicious picnic supper was greatly enjoyed. Cowboy and popular songs formed entertainment for a time and the group fell to sleep under the stars.

The travelers arose at 5 a. m., ate breakfast and continued the journey. The Grapevine route was followed from Fort Worth to Dallas. After Dallas was reached lunches were packed for each member of the group. The bus was parked in the Centennial parking grounds reserved for this purpose. Then began the highly interesting march to the Centennial exposition with thousands of others from all parts of the state. After entrance into the grounds, the visitors marched to the huge

Cotton Bowl to take part in the singing of Texas and cowboy songs. Complete and parts of songs were sung, as follows: "Texas, Our Texas," "Texas, Pride of the South," "Beautiful Texas," "I Am Coming Back to You My Texas," "Sing a Little Song When You are Happy," "The Leaf and the Bird," "Over the Heather," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "The Bluebonnet, Flower of Texas," "Rounded Up in Glory," "Will You Come to the Bower?" "Stars of a Summer Night," "Old Black Joe," "Billy Boy," "O, Susanna," "Whoopee Ti Yi Yo," "Old Chisholm Trail," "Home Sweet Home," and "The Eyes of Texas."

The chorus was divided into junior and senior group singing. The huge Cotton Bowl was beautiful during the performance because of the many brightly colored summer costumes. The program lasted from 10 to 11 o'clock and was broadcast over a coast-to-coast network.

After the program the visitors were free to visit the spectacular sights of the exposition. Some of these were: the beautiful glamour of the buildings themselves, the green of the grass, the mirror lakes and water fountains and the miracle exhibits inside the buildings. Music came from all parts of the grounds from singing towers connected with a radio building located on the grounds where leading radio stars performed.

Some striking features of the exposition are: the Cotton Bowl stadium, the Chrysler and Ford transportation building, the Ford building, Hall of Texas Heroes, Hall of Texas History, Texas ranger building, Law West of the Pecos, the Alamo, the federal building, agricultural building, the electrical hall, hall of communications, hall of varied industries, hall of petroleum, Sinclair exhibit, the Museum of Natural History, Cavalcade of Texas, Hall of Negro Life, Hall of Religion, and many other exhibits too numerous to mention.

The Runnels county group gathered to leave the exposition at 8 o'clock. Again camp was made in the open, this time at Grand Prairie. The remainder of the journey was made Sunday. Supt. and Mrs. Grindstaff and their group remained for a longer visit in Dallas.

The Runnels county group wish to express sincere appreciation to those who made this trip possible: to State Superintendent L. A. Woods, Miss Neil Parmelly, Mr. Murdock for the plan for the 50,000 singers to perform, for the free passes to the Centennial grounds and to the stadium, to

Her Dress Won 4-H Honors



With a winning smile, 15-year-old Frances Webb of Miami, Fla., displays above the dress she created to take first prize at a Florida 4-H style revue. An informal party dress, it is of white cotton set worn over a floral crest slip. The ribbon is blue pique. A dark blue moire jacket worn over the slip converts the ensemble into an evening costume.

Runnels county for the use of the school bus, to County Superintendent E. C. Grindstaff and Mrs. Grindstaff for their efforts in making the trip possible, to the teachers who trained the singers, and to those mothers and fathers who cooperated so graciously in sending their children, to the bus driver for his careful driving, and to every person who helped in any way to make the trip a success. We wish more of the children of the county had taken the trip. Many opportunities of an educational and entertaining nature were offered the child who took advantage of them. Some of the opportunities offered were: opportunity to sing in the only Centennial school chorus of the state, to represent our schools, our county and our state, to see a wide expanse of Texas perhaps never seen before, to associate with Texas people and to make new friends and to see the great exposition itself.

Citizens of Madrid protested a proposal for ridding the city of beggars, saying that the beggars form one of the chief sights of the city and that their removal would cause visitors to go elsewhere.

CARS BANNED AT FUNERAL

LONDON, June 24.—Only horse-drawn vehicles were permitted at the funeral of a London woman who put this clause in her will: "I particularly desire that no motor cars shall be used at my funeral." The will was that of Mrs. Hannah Kendall, a widow 83 years old, who left an estate

of \$42,000.

"How old would a person be who was born in 1897?"
"Man or woman?"

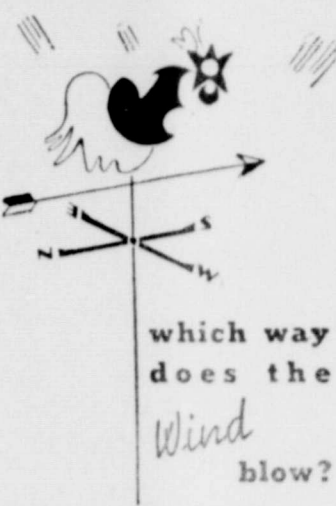
Bolet mushrooms were regarded so highly by the Romans that special pots, used in their preparation, were never used for cooking less noble foods.

'MARATHON' OPERATIONS GIVE OVER 1,500 PATIENTS EYE SIGHT IN A WEEK

PATNA, India, June 3.—In a "marathon" medical week more than 1,500 men, women and children had their sight restored. Dr. Mathra Das, an ophthalmic surgeon from the Punjab, per-

formed more than 200 operations a day. He spent a week at Patna to give charitable treatment, and hundreds of pilgrims came from near and far, on foot and by carriage, to undergo operations for cataract of the eyes.

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Convention of Cattlemen Half Century Ago In Austin Hotel Was Memorable Affair

Editor's Note—The story below, which appeared in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram recently, tells of Texas more than 50 years ago. It concerns Texas cattlemen and their convention, which was held at Austin. The writer, D. C. Earnest, now lives at Edinburg, but once lived on a ranch west of Colorado, punched cattle on Double Mountain, the Clear Fork of the Brazos, the North and South Concho rivers, and west of the Pecos.

By D. C. Earnest

About the year 1883, before the Driskill Hotel was erected in Austin, and the Avenue Hotel on Congress Avenue was the leading hotel in the capital city, the Texas Cattlemen's Association convention was held there.

Cattle were bringing good prices. There were millions of acres of free range, and cattlemen were unusually prosperous. They came from the Pecos, from Double Mountain, the Panhandle, the Conchos, the Clear Fork of the Brazos, the Nueces and from that great cattle territory west of Abilene. They came for the purpose of discussing with each other matters relative to the cattle business, to buy and sell—and for pleasure. J. W. Driskill, who afterward built the Driskill Hotel, and his three sons, all prominent cattlemen, were there; the Deats boys, Tom and Bob, from the Deep Creek outfit near Colorado, Texas; "Shanghai" Pierce, from South Texas; Winfield Scott, of Fort Worth; and a thousand others.

One small rancher from out on the Staked Plains near Odessa, had never before attended a cattlemen's convention; in fact he had never before been financially able to get very far from his ranch, but this time he rode from his ranch to Odessa where he caught a Texas & Pacific train and in due course arrived at the capital. The Austin hotels were crowded, but this bothered the small rancher not at all; it was his custom to "put up" at the wagon yard, so he finally located at a wagon yard in what was then known as East Pecan Street, now East Sixth Street.

The convention was held in the temporary capitol at the head of Congress Avenue on the west side. The old capitol had been destroyed by fire several years before and the new capitol was not completed until 1888.

When the convention was called to order by the chairman, the small cowman from the Plains was far in the rear of the crowded hall, but he was determined to see and hear. The chairman requested a local preacher to offer a prayer, and, as he began in a low tone the small rancher assumed that the speaker was giving some inside information on the cattle business, and, as he was unable to hear, he called out "Louder." This caused a subdued snicker over the audience, but had no effect on the preacher, who continued his prayer in a low tone not audible in the rear of the hall. Then our small but alert cowman from the Plains exclaimed: "Louder, old settler, we can't hear a damned thing you say back here." The audience made no attempt to conceal its amusement, and the parson hurriedly closed his prayer.

After concluding the business of the convention, the cowmen dispersed to "take in" the city. Many who were thirsty were able to get relief at the Iron Front Saloon on Congress Avenue, near where the Stephen F. Austin Hotel now stands. Others congregated in the hotel lobbies and swapped yarns, bought and sold large herds of longhorns, and still others visited J. C. Petmecky's gun store on the east side of the avenue down near the railroad station. However, they were not at Petmecky's to buy guns, but to buy the latest spur. The Petmecky steel spur was the most popular manufactured in those days. They cost \$5 a pair, regardless of quantity, and any cowman or cowpuncher not equipped with a pair of Petmecky's steel spurs was not properly dressed.

That night a cattlemen's banquet was held at the Avenue Hotel. The governor and other notables were invited. There was an abundance

of plain and fancy oratory—good stories were related. Champagne was as free as water. One of the most prominent and wealthy cowmen of Texas was there—better not mention his name, because in later years he was an ardent prohibitionist. Having consumed his full share of the champagne and other thirst-quenching beverages he was in a reminiscent mood. He wished everyone to know how he had penetrated the Far West, driven the Indians back, tamed the West and established his ranch beyond the borders of civilization. To illustrate how he quenched his thirst from a mud hole, he placed his glass of champagne on the banquet floor and got down on his hands and knees, but as he was in the act of drinking Ben Thompson, of Austin, who resented the fact that he had not been invited to the banquet, came in with a six-shooter in each hand. Bang! Bang! Bang! And all the lights went out. When order was restored it was discovered that when the shooting began the man who had "tamed the West" had not taken time to rise to his feet, but had escaped on hands and knees.

Early the next morning after purchasing a dozen copies of the Austin Statesman containing an account of the "shooting up" of the cattlemen's banquet, Thompson caught a train for Kansas City. It was his custom, after shooting up the town, to depart for Kansas City, there to remain until things quieted down. It was generally believed that the local peace officers always hunted for him up around the capitol or over on Shoal Creek, west of town, when they knew he was down at the I. & G. N. depot waiting for a train.

After this episode when banquets were held in Austin, Thompson's name always headed the list of guests. With all his faults, he was known as the best city marshal Austin ever had. He killed seven men but those familiar with his career say he was never the aggressor, he always let the other fellow draw first. While serving his second term as city marshal, Thompson was persuaded by King Fisher to accompany him to San Antonio and that night in Jack Harris theatre, on March 9, 1884, Thompson and Fisher were shot to death without being given a chance to draw their guns.

SANATORIUM BUSINESS IS LIKED BY HAPSBURGS

VIENNA, June 24.—The Hapsburgs seem to have taken to the sanatorium business. Two years ago three Hapsburg archduchesses, the three spinster daughters of the last Grand Duke of Tuscany, Archduke Leopold II, acquired a hydrotherapeutic institute in Badgastein, Salzburg, which is being run successfully under their management.

Now Archduke Max, only brother of the late Emperor Karl of Austria, has become a director of the famous Austrian sanatorium at Kallentzuegen, consisting of eighteen buildings and grounds extending over an area of more than 7,000,000 square feet. The institution, founded more than half a century ago by Professor Winterlitz, creator of modern hydrotherapy, is to be modernized by the British-Hungarian syndicate that has bought it.

Total expenditures of the entire household of Henry VIII for food and drink amounted to a sum equivalent in modern currency to about \$1,750,000.

When the Longhorn Passed



Stolid, bald-faced Herefords years ago replaced the spare but picturesque Longhorns which scamped across the plains long before Austin led his colony into the state. Today Centennial visitors will see the old frontiers transformed into an empire of usefulness, the old Chisholm trail having passed into distant memory.

Forgets How to Swallow, Nearly Starves to Death

NEW YORK, June 24.—Six people who literally forgot how to use their muscles and became paralyzed, as a result of pain, fright or some similar disturbance, are described by Dr. Abraham Myerson, of the Boston State Hospital, in a report to the American Medical Association.

One woman hurt her leg in an automobile accident, after which her leg became stiff at the knee and only slightly movable at the hip.

A young man hurt his spine while playing football and completely lost the power to move his legs. A third case was a laborer who hurt his back and became unable to move either back or legs, lying in bed thereafter with his back bent into a bow and his legs drawn up against his chest. After another football injury a boy victim lost power to move his

legs. A housewife lost the use of her right arm following an automobile accident.

In the most interesting case of the six, a university professor forgot how to swallow and was literally starving to death.

Decided from physical examination of nerves and muscles that there was nothing really broken or destroyed in any of these cases, Dr. Myerson concluded that the victims' minds simply had forgotten how to issue proper orders to the muscles.

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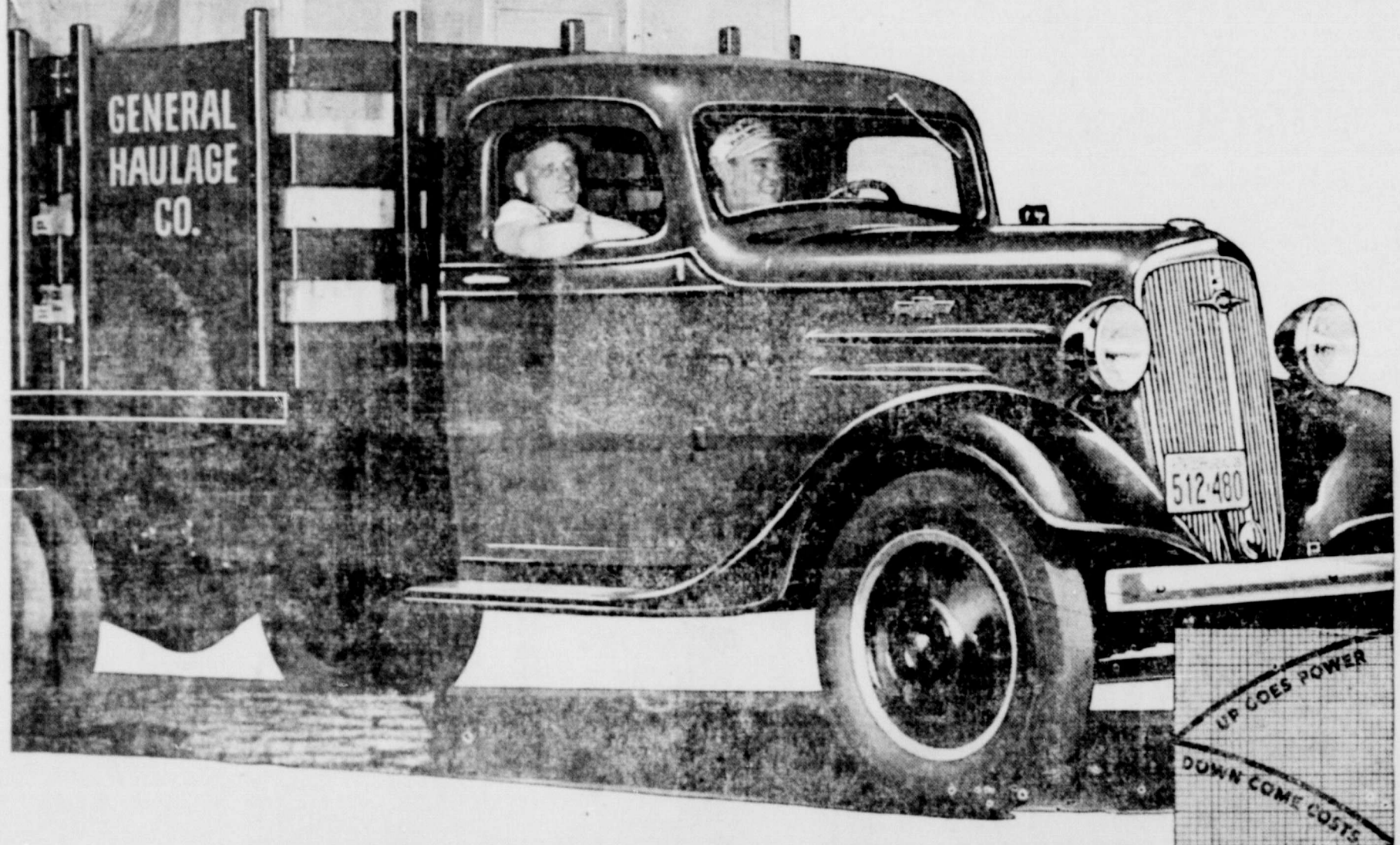
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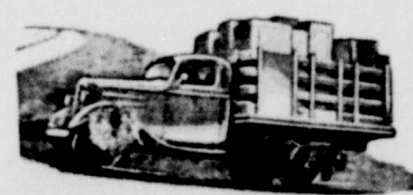
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Convention of Cattlemen Half Century Ago In Austin Hotel Was Memorable Affair

Editor's Note—The story below, which appeared in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram recently, tells of Texas more than 50 years ago. It concerns Texas cattlemen and their convention, which was held at Austin. The writer, D. C. Earnest, now lives at Edinburg, but once lived on a ranch west of Colorado, punched cattle on Double Mountain, the Clear Fork of the Brazos, the North and South Concho rivers, and west of the Pecos.

By D. C. Earnest

About the year 1883, before the Driskill Hotel was erected in Austin, and the Avenue Hotel on Congress Avenue was the leading hotel in the capital city, the Texas Cattlemen's Association convention was held there.

Cattle were bringing good prices. There were millions of acres of free range, and cattlemen were unusually prosperous. They came from the Pecos, from Double Mountain, the Panhandle, the Conchos, the Clear Fork of the Brazos, the Nueces and from that great cattle territory west of Abilene. They came for the purpose of discussing with each other matters relative to the cattle business, to buy and sell—and for pleasure. J. W. Driskill, who afterward built the Driskill Hotel, and his three sons, all prominent cattlemen, were there; the Deats boys, Tom and Bob, from the Deep Creek outfit near Colorado, Texas; "Shanghai" Pierce, from South Texas; Winfield Scott, of Fort Worth, and a thousand others.

One small rancher from out on the Staked Plains near Odessa, had never before attended a cattlemen's convention; in fact he had never before been financially able to get very far from his ranch. On this time he rode from his ranch to Odessa where he caught a Texas & Pacific train and in due course arrived at the capital. The Austin hotels were crowded, but this bothered the small rancher not at all; it was his custom to "put up" at the wagon yard, so he finally located at a wagon yard in what was then known as East Pecan Street, now East Sixth Street.

The convention was held in the temporary capitol at the head of Congress Avenue on the west side. The old capitol had been destroyed by fire several years before and the new capitol was not completed until 1888.

When the convention was called to order by the chairman, the small cowman from the Plains was far in the rear of the crowded hall, but he was determined to see and hear. The chairman requested a local preacher to offer a prayer, and, as he began in a low tone the small rancher assumed that the speaker was giving some inside information on the cattle business, and, as he was unable to hear, he called out "Louder." This caused a subdued snicker over the audience, but had no effect on the preacher, who continued his prayer in a low tone not audible in the rear of the hall. Then our small but alert cowman from the Plains exclaimed: "Louder, old settler, we can't hear a damned thing you say back here." The audience made no attempt to conceal its amusement, and the parson hurriedly closed his prayer.

After concluding the business of the convention, the cowmen dispersed to "take in" the city. Many who were thirsty were able to get relief at the Iron Front Saloon on Congress Avenue, near where the Stephen F. Austin Hotel now stands. Others congregated in the hotel lobbies and swapped yarns, bought and sold large herds of longhorns, and still others visited J. C. Petmecky's gun store on the east side of the avenue down near the railroad station. However, they were not at Petmecky's to buy guns, but to buy the latest spur. The Petmecky steel spur was the most popular manufactured in those days. They cost \$5 a pair, regardless of quantity, and any cowman or cowpuncher not equipped with a pair of Petmecky's steel spurs was not properly dressed.

That night a cattlemen's banquet was held at the Avenue Hotel. The governor and other notables were invited. There was an abun-

dance of plain and fancy oratory—good stories were related. Champagne was as free as water. One of the most prominent and wealthy cowmen of Texas was there—better not mention his name, because in later years he was an ardent prohibitionist. Having consumed his full share of the champagne and other thirst-quenching beverages he was in a reminiscent mood. He wished everyone to know how he had penetrated the Far West, driven the Indians back, tamed the West and established his ranch beyond the borders of civilization. To illustrate how he quenched his thirst from a mud hole, he placed his glass of champagne on the banquet floor and got down on his hands and knees, but as he was in the act of drinking Ben Thompson, of Austin, who resented the fact that he had not been invited to the banquet, came in with a six-shooter in each hand. Bang! Bang! Bang! And all the lights went out. When order was restored it was discovered that when the shooting began the man who had "tamed the West" had not taken time to rise to his feet, but had escaped on hands and knees.

Early the next morning after purchasing a dozen copies of the Austin Statesman containing an account of the "shooting up" of the cattlemen's banquet, Thompson caught a train for Kansas City. It was his custom, after shooting up the town, to depart for Kansas City there to remain until things quieted down. It was generally believed that the local peace officers always hunted for him up around the capitol or over on Shoal Creek, west of town, when they knew he was down at the I. & G. N. depot waiting for a train.

After this episode when banquets were held in Austin, Thompson's name always headed the list of guests. With all his faults, he was known as the best city marshal Austin ever had. He killed seven men but those familiar with his career say he was never the aggressor, he always let the other fellow draw first. While serving his second term as city marshal, Thompson was persuaded by King Fisher to accompany him to San Antonio and that night in Jack Harris' theatre, on March 9, 1884, Thompson and Fisher were shot to death without being given a chance to draw their guns.

SANATORIUM BUSINESS IS LIKED BY HAPSBURGS

VIENNA, June 24.—The Hapsburgs seem to have taken to the sanatorium business. Two years ago three Hapsburg archduchesses, the three spinster daughters of the late Grand Duke of Tuscany, Archduke Leopold II, acquired a hydrotherapeutic institute in Bad-Gastein, Salzburg, which is being run successfully under their management.

Now Archduke Max, only brother of the late Emperor Karl of Austria, has become a director of the famous Austrian sanatorium at Kalkenueggen, consisting of eighteen buildings and grounds extending over an area of more than 7,000,000 square feet. The institution, founded more than half a century ago by Professor Winteritz, creator of modern hydrotherapy, is to be modernized by the British-Hungarian syndicate that has bought it.

Total expenditures of the entire household of Henry VIII for food and drink amounted to a sum equivalent in modern currency to about \$1,750,000.

Why the Longhorn Passed



Stolid, bald-faced Herefords years ago replaced the spare but picturesque Longhorns which scampered across the plains long before Austin led his colony into the state. Today Centennial visitors will see the old frontiers transformed into an empire of usefulness, the old Chisholm trail having passed into distant memory.

Forgets How to Swallow, Nearly Starves to Death

NEW YORK, June 24.—Six people who literally forgot how to use their muscles and became paralyzed, as a result of pain, fright or some similar disturbance, are described by Dr. Abraham Myerson, of the Boston State Hospital, in a report to the American Medical Association.

One woman hurt her leg in an automobile accident, after which her leg became stiff at the knee and only slightly movable at the hip.

A young man hurt his spine while playing football and completely lost the power to move his legs. A third case was a laborer who hurt his back and became unable to move either back or legs, lying in bed thereafter with his back bent into a bow and his legs drawn up against his chest. After another football injury a boy victim lost power to move his

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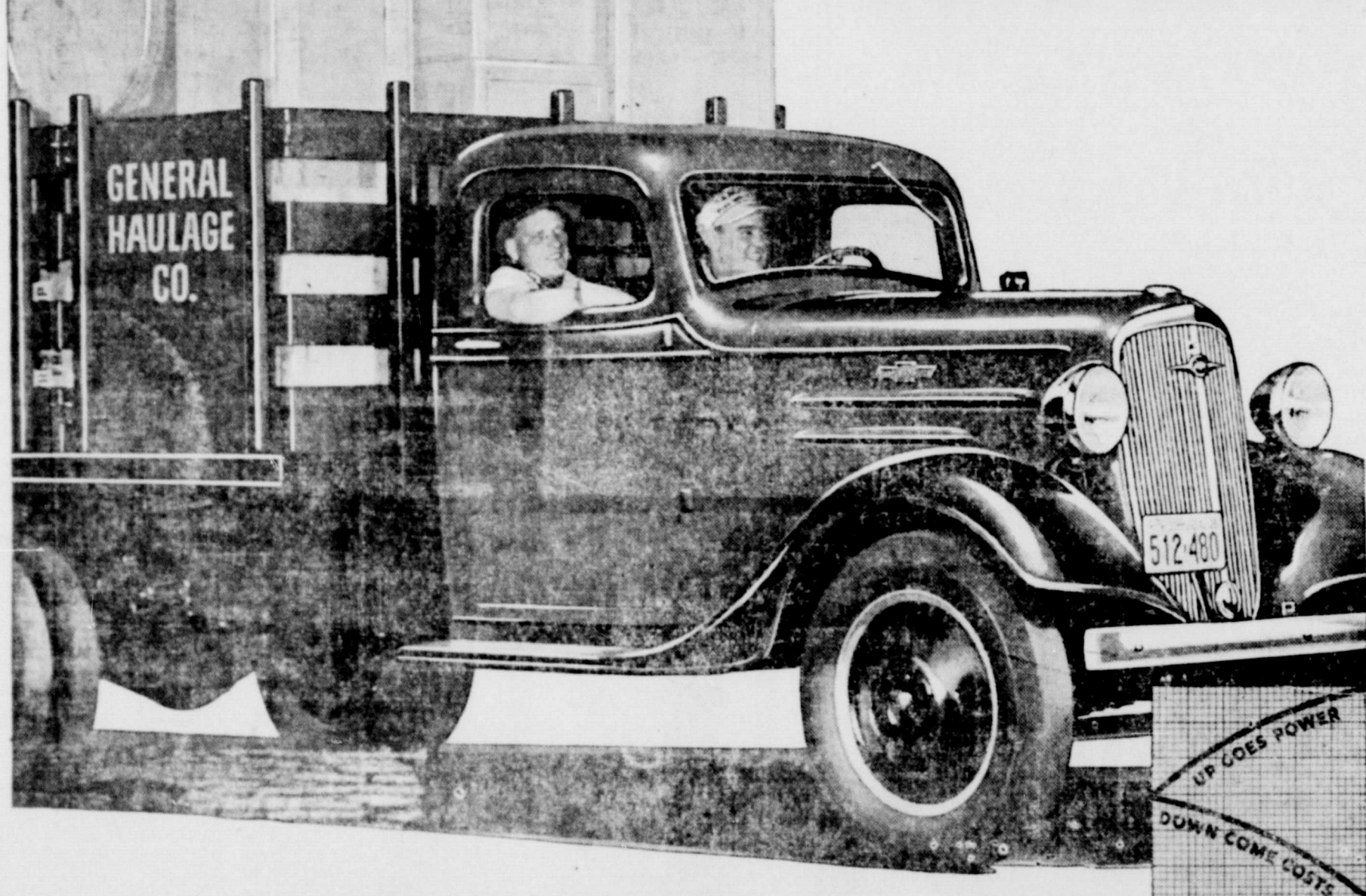
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Brady and Stamford Prepare for Annual July 4th Celebrations

Two West Texas celebrations will attract many people from here on July 4th. The Cowboy Reunion at Stamford has been greatly enlarged this year to observe the state's Centennial and the July Jubilee and Race Meet at Brady is also on a larger scale and offers excellent entertainment.

Sixty feet more of grandstand space has been built at the Brady park and the driveway widened from 50 to 100 feet. Starting stalls have been built for the race horses and approximately 200 speedy animals have already been entered.

Horse racing and rodeo events will be the main features each afternoon with six races on each card. Some of the fastest horses and best jockeys in the Southwest have entered these races for the big purses offered.

On the evening of July 1 the queen will be crowned in front of the grandstand in one of the special programs. On July 2 a parade of decorated cars picturing the times between 1836 and 1936 will be the feature. Other entertainment will be carnival attractions, band music, dancing. Speakers will include Governor Allred, former Governor Ferguson, Attorney General Wm. McCraw, Tom Hunter and T. W. Davidson.

At Stamford where the leading rodeo performers of the Southwest assemble annually, new feature have been added to this year's rodeo to make it one of the most important attractions of Centennial year in Texas.

Much time and attention is being given to the parade, a new feature have been added to this to rival anything to be staged in the state. Hundreds of entries have been made and professional decorators are assisting those putting floats in the parade. Six bands have been booked, including the Hardin-Simmons Cowboy Band, official musical organization for the Texas Centennial exposition. The parade committee has purchased a stage coach which was used in the early days in Texas and this alone will attract much attention.

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BERLIN, June 24.—Girls of Germany want brightly colored hair—and want it long. The dyed hair takes the form of colored plaits.

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King of Prussia Once Owner Of Vast Area in West Texas

BRONTE, June 24.—When a vast section of West Texas was a part of Bexar county, empires, overcrowded in Europe, were looking for new homes for their people—and wrote part of that search into records now in abstracts on file in the bank at Bronte, in the court house at Robert Lee, and in the land records of Runnels county at Ballinger.

The German Immigration Company, of which "Frederick, Prince of Prussia," was one of the titular heads, in 1851 made a sheriff's deed to John Crawford, sheriff of Bexar county, on large tracts of land along the Colorado River in what is now Runnels and Coke counties, and including land on which Fort Chadbourne later was built.

One of the abstracts which L. T. Youngblood now holds in the vault of his bank at Bronte goes back as far as "Headright Certificate No. 224" granted W. F. Evans, June 22, 1848, on 640 acres in the Fisher and Miller Colony.

This colony was to be settled by white foreigners under a contract made by Sam Houston, known as the Fisher and Miller Contract, in 1842, six years after the independence of the Texas Republic.

"The History of Tom Green County," a manuscript by Miss Susan Miles in the Tom Green county library, refers to tracts in the "Concho Country" bought

sheep men drifted in. The H. C. Wylie, later the Bob Wylie ranch, covered much of the original Fisher and Miller Colony lands in later years, and Wylie was ranching on them when J. R. Smith came in 1882 and earlier. His ranch extended at one time to the present Robert Lee-San Angelo road, according to Mrs. T. M. Wylie, of Robert Lee, whose husband was his brother.

The G. G. Odom ranch is a part of the H. C. Wylie land, and on this old Fort Chadbourne was built.

The Frederick mentioned in the abstracts must have been Frederick William IV, king of Prussia from 1840 to 1861. Prussia, a state in the German confederation, was extending its power and was later to dominate Germany. It was before the days of Bismarck and before Germany became a united empire.

The national parliament that later became the reichstag was formed under Frederick's rule. There was an internal struggle going on between the faction that favored centralizing the government in Germany and those who opposed it, at the time when the unfenced holdings, now worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, were sold for taxes by H. R. Jones, deputy sheriff of Bexar county.

Land titles were very uncertain, and there were 1,000 acres of land later bought in 1879 by H. D. Pearce, father of Mrs. Ethel Pearce Hayley, of Norton. Another man afterward appeared on the scene, holding a title to the same land, and a lawsuit followed. The plaintiff ate at a restaurant run by the defendant while the suit was in progress. Each became convinced that the other had what he sincerely believed to be a title, that one title was as valid as the other, so they divided the land between them—500 acres apiece!

SETS SKI RECORD

VIENNA, June 24.—Clearing 110 yards, Bradel, the Austrian skier, created a world's ski-jump record at Planitz. The previous record stood at 107 yards. Bradel was competing in the International Ski Tournament which marked the opening of the new ski jump at Planitz.

ON TEXAS FARMS

By Minnie Fisher Cunningham
Extension Service Editor

Under the non-interpretative title of "program planning project," men and women in the rural communities of Texas have been meeting during the last six months and analyzing land use customs on Texas farms and ranches.

The object of this work, which was inaugurated by the extension service, is to start a flow of live information from the farm to the department of agriculture, and the method was for small groups of neighbors to meet and, using prepared schedules, map their own and the whole community's land use.

Two hundred and four counties having been engaged in this work, 70 of these counties made out schedule seven which had to do with gardens, orchards, and sweet potatoes, all for home use.

Figures compiled for the state from these 70 counties are very revealing; 31,649 acres more of orchards are needed in these 70 counties to supply fruit for home tables; 20,715 more acres of garden are needed in these 70 counties to supply vegetables for home use; and 6,128 acres more of sweet potatoes are needed by the families in these 70 counties.

In releasing these figures which he has assembled from the county reports, George E. Adams, assistant state agent, who has had charge of this project comments: "These are not the findings of county agricultural and home demonstration agents, but of the men and women who themselves live on Texas farms and ranches. Having come to the conclusion that they need this additional acreage in food for home consumption, it is logical to expect that 1936 will see a considerable increase in home gardens and orchards."

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Setting up of an organization over the county in preparation for an extensive operation of the Runnels County Health Society upon resumption of school next fall is now underway by E. C. Grindstaff, general county chairman, and Miss Beulah White, county health nurse.

Addition of community chairmen, who have been named by Mr. Grindstaff, is being made to the organization. Acceptances to most of the appointments have been received and others have been intimated they would participate.

The appointments follow:
Bethel—Mrs. W. D. Drake
Barnett—Mrs. Roy Tye
Bell—Mrs. G. T. Gordon
Baldwin—Mrs. Earl Dorsey
Blanton—Mrs. J. W. Reese
Benoit—Mrs. Arch Brookshier
Brookshier—Mrs. L. H. St. Clair
Cross Roads—Mrs. John Book
Content—Mrs. J. W. Bright
Crews—Mrs. W. P. King
Cochran—Mrs. William Howard
Dale—Mrs. E. M. Crews
Dry Ridge—Mrs. B. M. Balta
Draco—Mrs. Mitchell
Dale—(No. 2)—Mrs. C. H. Stoecker

Eagle Branch—Mrs. H. L. Tucker
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Maverick—Mrs. Anne McAuley
and Mrs. Pearl Marshall
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Norton—Mrs. T. J. McCaughan and Mrs. W. W. Mitchell
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These chairmen in turn will appoint two other members to assist them, except in places where two chairmen are named and they will select only one other.
The Runnels County Commissioners' court comprises the board of directors of the society, including County Judge Paul Trimmer, chairman, R. A. Perry, Joe Mapes, Dee Oliver, and Troy Carter. Mrs. T. J. McCaughan is vice-general chairman, Dr. J. W. Macune is medical advisor and Dr. E. W. Stasney, dental advisor.

The new set-up will be completed before September, in time to get the wide reaching program planned by Miss White in operation immediately upon the opening of schools.

The tentative program which the county health nurse hopes to be adopted in all schools follows:
1. Daily morning inspection 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 grades. Seventh grade in rural sections.
2. Assist teacher with inspections until routine has been established.
3. Disinclination to play or

2. Unusual "tired feeling"
3. Drowsiness
4. Lack-luster eyes
5. Cheeks flushed or pallid
6. Chills
7. Vomiting
8. Cough
9. Profuse sweating
10. Eruption of skin
11. Discharge from nose, throat and ears
12. Swelling in neck
13. Eyes red or inflamed
14. Eyes discharging
15. Sore throat.

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2. Weight checked monthly—placed on wall chart. Height obtained every three months.
3. History on each child 1 and to 5 grades. Seventh in rural sections.
4. Check for problem children. Ask each teacher to check her room for the following:

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2. Those who do not pay attention to what the teacher says.
3. Children who fall asleep in their seats.
4. Children who do not like to play.
5. Those who have sores on their body.
6. Do you have children in your room who do not eat breakfast or do not bring lunch to school?
7. Children who are having difficulty in hearing.
8. Children who are crippled, either of school or preschool age, who received treatment.

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8. December, dental hygiene.
9. January, small pox protection.
10. February, check children who will qualify for five point perfect certificates.
11. March and April, all inspections through fifth grade complete.
12. May, summer round-up.

GIRLS ENCAMPMENT TO BE HELD JULY 8, 9

The Runnels County 4-H Club girls' annual encampment will be held at the City Park July 8 and 9. Miss Myra Tankersley, home demonstration agent, announced today. The program and all sub-committees to supervise the encampment have not been perfected.
Last year 76 attended. From the 248 girls now enrolled in 13 active clubs, Miss Tankersley is expecting this number to be duplicated or increased. Each group of girls is to be accompanied by a woman sponsor.



CENTENNIAL SHAFER AT CENTENNIAL—His parents named him Centennial 60 years ago when he was born, June 6, 1876. Sixty years later Centennial Shafer bought the first ticket at Texas Centennial Exposition opened in Dallas.

Railroader, Former Citizen, May Attend Birthday Fete

Postmaster Tom Caudle received a letter this week from R. G. Piner, of Sherman, seeking information about the celebration here on June 29, Ballinger's 50th anniversary. Mr. Piner wrote that he expected to return here for this occasion and hoped to meet some of the pioneers if any were left from the days of 1886.

In referring to his connection with Ballinger the writer said he was here when the town lot sale was held and the town opened and was an operator for the old Erie Telegraph & Telephone Company for several years. His letterhead shows him to be the general agent for the Texas & Pacific Railroad Company in the Sherman division.

Several of the old timers here remember Mr. Piner and a number of letters have been sent him urging him that he join other pioneers here in this celebration. Mr. Caudle mailed him an official program and invitation and copies of The Ledger will be mailed him for the next two weeks.

Every day some former citizen who has been away from here for years writes for information and states that he intends to be present on June 29. Those who were in the county 45 years or more are expected to number about 600.

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Old Cowpunchers To Hold Their '36 Meeting in July

The dates of the annual meeting of the Ex-Cowpunchers' Association will be July 28 and 29, the first time the gathering has been held in July in several years. C. A. Doose, secretary-treasurer, announced today.

In a ruling made at the 1914 meeting, the convening date was set as Tuesday and Wednesday or before the first full moon in August. The full moon this year falls on August 2, throwing the assembly of the old time cowmen of this section into July.

The association meets on Coyote Creek in the Mrs. L. P. Wood ranch near Runnels. Only eight of the forty original members are alive today and it is doubtful if half that number will be physically able to attend the 1936 meeting.

CHINESE CITY WAGING WAR AGAINST "RICKY" SPEDDERS

PEIPING, China, June 24.—Peiping has declared war on speeding rickshaws, the picturesque two-wheeled passenger vehicles pulled by men between shafts.

Warnings that the pullers must slow down have been issued by the Peiping municipal government, the bureau of social welfare and the bureau of public safety. One notice also adds, for the benefit of the public, that for humane reasons those using rickshaws should not force the pullers to run at fast speeds.

It also warns pullers for their own welfare to refuse to run fast for the inducement of a little extra pay. The pullers are complying.

CLUB WOMEN BUSY CANNING BEANS, PEAS

Club women of the county are busy canning beans, peas and greens from heavy bearing gardens, according to Miss Myra Tankersley, home demonstration agent.

Most of the gardens, getting away to a late start because of a necessary replanting after being killed by late freezes, are in excellent condition. There also seems to be more and larger garden plots. Within the next few days canning of squash, beets and similar varieties of vegetables will be started.

MISSOURI WAS AN EARLY "ROAD" TO GOLDEN WEST

ST. LOUIS, June 24.—Forty years before California cried "Gold!" the glowing reports of Lewis and Clark led settlers into the great Northwest. Pioneers in pirogues, bullboats and cottonwood log canoes traveled up the Missouri River at the rate of about nine miles a day. Until the coming of the trans-

continental railroad, "Big Muddy," as the Missouri is called, and its branches were the principal highways into the West. Even wagon trains followed its course. Covered wagons rambled westward at the rate of about twelve to fifteen miles a day.

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Runnels County Officials Who Have Served Since 1880

Runnels county has had a full staff of county officials since 1880. Most of those who have served in the principal offices are known by reputation yet and many of them personally remembered to this time. In discussing local politics even the old timers do not remember who served on certain years, however, and the following list is printed to keep the record straight.

All those who ever served the county in any office and who still live are invited to join the opening parade of Ballinger's Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration on the morning of June 29. Drury P. Hathaway is arranging for transportation for this group and also seeing that a special invitation is given each former county officer. The complete list follows:

- County Judge**
Sylvester Adams, 1880 to 1884
Chas. H. Willingham, 1884 to 1886
- Sylvester Adams, 1886 to 1888
Wm. A. Proctor, 1888 to 1890
C. H. Willingham, 1890 to 1900
T. T. Crosson, 1900 to 1904
B. B. Stone, 1904 to 1908
R. S. Griggs, 1908 to 1912
M. Kleberg, Jr., 1912 to 1916
O. L. Parish, 1916 to 1921
Paul Trimmer, 1921 to —
- County and District Clerk**
W. N. Copeland, 1880 to 1883
W. L. Towner, 1883 to 1904
E. A. Terry, 1904 to 1910
- County Clerk**
O. L. Parish, 1910 to 1916
W. C. McCarver, 1916 to 1920
W. A. Forney, 1920 to 1928
Ira McKown, Ira McKown West, 1929 to 1931
C. L. West, 1932
W. W. Chastain, 1933 to —
- District Clerk**
Mary Phillips, 1910 to 1918
C. C. Cockrell, 1918 to 1920
Georgia Singletary, 1920 to 1932
John Thomasson, 1933
Drury P. Hathaway, 1934
John B. Rayburn, 1935 to —
- Sheriff and Tax Collector**
J. M. Formwalt, 1880 to 1890
J. W. Clappitt, 1890 to 1896
R. P. Kirk, 1896 to 1908
J. P. Flynt, 1908 to 1910
- Sheriff**
J. P. Flynt, 1910 to 1914
J. D. Perkins, 1914 to 1920
J. P. Flynt, 1920 to 1924
R. E. McWilliams, 1925 to 1930
W. A. Holt, 1931 to —
- Tax Assessor**
W. T. Padgett, 1910 to 1916
M. D. Chastain, 1916 to 1920
W. L. Brown, 1920 to 1930
W. A. Forney, 1931 to 1934
- Tax Assessor-Collector**
W. A. Forney, 1935 to —
- County Superintendent**
E. L. Hagan, 1907 to 1914
W. W. Wooten, 1914 to 1916
L. S. Bird, 1916
E. L. Hagan, 1916 to 1918
J. J. Bugs, 1918 to 1924
R. E. White, 1925 to 1934
E. C. Grindstaff, 1935 to —
- County Treasurer**
L. W. Bourne, 1880 to 1881
W. T. Hightower, 1881 to 1882
B. W. Taylor, 1883
J. B. Cotton, 1883 to 1886
H. W. Wilson, 1886 to 1888
W. A. Rives, 1888 to 1892
T. J. Stocks, 1892 to 1896
W. F. Sharp, 1896 to 1908
T. J. Stocks, 1908 to 1912
W. L. Brown, 1912 to 1920
Mrs. Jennie Kirk, 1920 to 1932
Mrs. W. A. Francis, 1933 to —
- County Attorney**
L. N. Taylor, 1880 to 1881
G. W. Perryman, 1881 to 1883
A. A. Bell, 1884
J. W. Powell, 1885
W. R. Spencer, 1886 to 1888
A. N. Hargrove, 1888 to 1891
C. O. Harris, 1891 to 1900
B. B. Stone, 1900 to 1904
R. S. Griggs, 1904 to 1908
Ed S. McCarver, 1908 to 1911
H. Zdaril, 1911
C. P. Shepherd, 1912 to 1916
S. C. Harris, 1916 to 1918
C. P. Shepherd, 1918 to 1928
Roy L. Hill, 1929 to 1934
C. C. Sessions, 1935 to —
- County Surveyor**
Z. C. Taylor, 1880 to 1881
H. H. Luckett, 1881 to 1884
L. N. Taylor, 1884
H. E. Dickinson, 1884 to 1890
John D. Miller, 1890 to 1892
H. E. Dickinson, 1892 to 1896
S. D. Williams, 1896 to 1904
J. E. Powell, 1904 to —

An observer in a stratosphere balloon, at a height of 15 miles above Chicago, could see, with the unaided eye, nine states: Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky.

Babylonian Interest Rate as High as 20% Old Tablets Reveal

COPENHAGEN, June 24.—Evidence that Babylonian merchants more than 4,000 years ago knew enough about simple and compound interest to charge their customers rates as high as twenty per cent per year has been discovered by Prof. Otto Neugebauer, of the University of Copenhagen, in ancient clay tablets which were Babylonian textbooks of arithmetic and algebra and now are deposited in the libraries at Berlin, Germany, and at Yale University.

Unlike modern textbooks of these mathematical sciences, the Babylonian documents do not describe general principles of calculation. Instead, they resemble modern devices such as the multiplication table or tables of fractions. This is one reason why the Babylonian mathematicians and bookkeepers were not realized by students of the tablets until Prof. Neugebauer discovered what they really meant.

Another difference between Babylonian and modern mathematics is that the Babylonians did not count by tens but by sixties. Numbers larger than sixty were expressed in powers of that number, such as squares or cubes. Numbers smaller than sixty were expressed in fractions of sixty: one-half, one-third, and so on. While this seems to a modern eye a cumbersome method, even modern mathematicians report it quite as workable as the decimal system, if not more so.

Previous investigations of Babylonian documents have proved that the merchants of 4,000 to 6,000 years ago were modern enough to do business by contracts, employ traveling salesmen and speculate on the Babylonian equivalent of the stock market, in addition to charging and paying their twenty per cent interest on loans.

Engineers Find Unplayed Tones By Photography

MOSCOW, June 24.—What are said to be gaps in the complete series of possible musical tones which must be filled in by new discoveries before music can be perfect, just as chemists gradually have discovered new elements to fill gaps in the complete list of atoms, are pointed out by Boris Yankovski, a young Russian musician and physicist working in the governmental film laboratories in Moscow under the direction of Sound Engineer V. P. Sakharov.

Previously unsuspected either by musicians or by physicists, these gaps are said to have been discovered by the method of producing synthetic musical tones by ink drawings of the wave forms of sounds. Film records of actual sounds often consist of such diagrams, made by photographing the sound waves. It is possible to reproduce such records by drawings, play these drawings in a suitable machine and reproduce the original sound.

Studying thousands of such records, Yankovski finally decided that all musical sounds are built up out of a relatively few definite patterns, which might be called the elements or atoms of music like the chemical elements of matter. Many of these musical elements he finds in tones produced by existing musical instruments. A few are missing, presumably because no one has happened to invent a musical instrument which would produce them.

A well-bred hen that is given expert care will lay from 250 to 300 eggs annually, according to poultry records.

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As Record Rains Sweep Dust Bowl



Farmers in the nation's "dust bowl" looked forward to harvest of their first real crop in five years after record rains ended the drought that had stricken the region for four years. This scene showing the inundated railroad station and fields near Friona, Tex., in the Panhandle, was typical. The slow, steady downpour created huge lakes in the once arid region, and halted traffic on many highways.

A Believe-It-or-Not Shooting Scrape

Most of the old timers of Ballinger have stories of shootings which they delight in telling. John A. Weeks tells this one; perhaps some of the pioneers will remember the incident.

Two men who were in love with the same woman had some sort of difficulty every time they met on the street. On one occasion, in fact the last time they met, was at the corner of Hutchings Avenue and Seventh Street on the Zappe corner and a few unpleasant words passed.

One of the men stepped back, pulled his gun, and shot the other squarely in the breast. The man doing the shooting then turned and left in a hurry. . . he thought he had killed his rival. The man who was shot was knocked down by the bullet and when he was taken to the doctor to be treated for the wound he found he was not injured seriously. The bullet had hit him in the breast and came out near his spine, but he was uninjured.

When the bullet struck the breast it was deflected by a but-

Experiments Indicate Animal Hatreds May Be Greatly Overrated

MOSCOW, June 24.—Proof that the supposed instinctive hatreds between animals of different kinds, such as wolves and bears or cats and mice, are "nature fakes" made up by human imagination, existing among the animals themselves only as a result of training, has been obtained in experiments at the Moscow zoo by a young biologist and animal lover, Vera Chaplina.

One enclosure in the zoo now contains nine bears, eight wolves, thirty foxes and an assortment of raccoons, badgers, domestic goats and the fierce wild dogs of Australia called "dingos." All get

ton on the victim's coat or shirt and followed a course around and under his left arm just under the skin and came out the back. He was given minor treatment and kept going as though nothing had ever happened.

along together happily without injuring each other. Even the wolves treat their "natural prey," the badgers, goats and foxes, in perfectly friendly fashion. In another enclosure, Miss Chaplina has an assortment of wolves, badgers, raccoons and foxes, together with one partly grown bear.

In her laboratory is a cat with a family of four young mice, which the cat has been feeding with her own milk and caring for precisely as though they were kittens. In her apartment, Miss Chaplina has a lion cub which gets along perfectly with domestic cats and dogs in the neighborhood, as well as with the children.

The secret of such wild animal harmonies Miss Chaplina describes is merely to introduce the animals to each other when all are young and to keep them away from older bears, wolves or other animals which could teach them the supposed instinctive antagonisms.

Charles Futhmann and Jules Furthmann, of Holywood, spell their surnames differently to avoid confusion. They are brothers and both are writers.

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"Dawson Men" are Group Of Forgotten Texas Heroes

AUSTIN, June 24.—Letters from the "Dawson Men" who were incarcerated in Perote prison in Mexico in 1842-43 to their friends and relatives have been edited by the Rev. L. U. Spellman, of Austin, and published in a recent issue of the Southwestern Historical Quarterly. These letters constitute the largest, and almost the only, existing correspondence from that little group of Texas heroes who survived the "Dawson Massacre" of September 18, 1842, only to spend weary years as prisoners of war in Mexico, Mr. Spellman pointed out.

"Treasured by H. G. Woods, who escaped the 'Massacre' and to whom most of the letters were addressed, and especially by my great-grandmother, Jane Wells Woods, wife of Norman Woods, Perote prisoner, they have been kept in the family and are now in the possession of D. C. Glump, of Lometa, who recently loaned them to the library of the University of Texas to be copied and placed at the use of the public," he said. "Broken and faded, they were painstakingly deciphered by the university archivist, Mrs. Mattie Austin Hatcher, and Mrs. Inez Glump Boyer, with an occasional aid from this writer."

The Dawson Men "assembled hastily when the word came that the Mexican General Wolf had captured San Antonio." Mr. Spellman said.

"Gathering a few men as they went, they rode swiftly to join Caldwell who had set out from Gonzales with a company of men. In forty-eight hours they were on the Salado a hundred miles away, and, having failed to connect with Caldwell, they engaged a detachment of Wolf's cavalry under Colonel Chaves. Only 33 in number, and with badly faded horses, the chance of victory they might have had vanished utterly with the arrival of 150 additional Mexican cavalry, bringing two cannon. Dawson undertook to surrender, but some of his men were slow to cease firing and the Mexicans, who had partially ceased, began again. This see-saw quickly developed into relentless and bloody strife. Thirty-five of the Texans were killed, Henry Gonzalvo Woods, Alsey Miller and perhaps one other escaped and fifteen, all more or less badly wounded, were

taken prisoner. In different groups according to their ability to travel, and after several attempts to escape in which two were drowned and one killed by a Mexican guard, the survivors eventually arrived in the moat-surrounded Castle of Perote.

"On March 23, 1844, six Dawson men remaining in the Castle of Perote were liberated and returned home. Four years later the survivors of the Dawson men removed the bones of their fallen comrades from the Salado and along with the bones of the seventeen Mier men who drew the 'black beans' they were interred on Monument Hill overlooking La Grange and the wide sweep of the Colorado Valley. A beautiful granite tomb now covers the original stone vault where their bones moulded away into dust."

German Makes Soap from Coal By New Process

WITTEN, Germany, June 24.—Another step in the manufacture of chemical materials from coal, perhaps even toward such manufacture of fatty foods is reported by chemists at the Markische soap works.

This is the successful production from coal by synthetic processes, of some of the compounds called fatty acids which exist in natural fats and oils. The ordinary process of soap making consists in treating these natural fats and oils with caustic soda, which compound combines with the natural fatty acids and forms the soap.

The glycerine which is an original constituent of the fat or oil, is set free as a byproduct.

A new "coal soap" made from these synthetic acids is to be marketed soon. As yet, the fatty acids concerned have not been made in quantity good enough for food but even this is not hopeless. Combined chemically with synthetic glycerine, these acids might yield synthetic lard, synthetic butter or other fats suitable for food.

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NO RAIN FOR WORLD'S FAIR, INDIANS SAY—Threatening skies as the parade preceding opening of Dallas \$25,000,000 Texas Centennial Exposition brought only laconic "No rain" comments from the Alabama-Coushatta Indians in the line. They were right.

Vienna Scientists Say 'Invisible' Ray Exhibit is Trick

VIENNA, June 24.—A Hungarian inventor, Stefan Pribill, recently claimed that he could make himself invisible and apparently proved his claim before a roomful of officials and scientists in Vienna, yet still is faced by probably well-founded scientific skepticism holding that the demonstration must have been some kind of a trick.

Pribill's theory is that there are certain mysterious rays which slowly make invisible any object on which the rays are trained, unless this object has been treated beforehand to make it resist invisibility.

In the Vienna demonstration a small boxlike stage was set up, like that of a theatre. On this stage was placed a chair and a dummy figure of a policeman. The supposed rays then were turned on. Slowly the visible figure of the dummy faded and became invisible, the chair

appearing empty. It was explained that the chair had been treated with ray-resisting chemicals. The rays then were switched off and instantly the dummy reappeared.

The only demonstration given with living objects was with the inventor's hand. This was thrust into the supposed area of radiation in the middle of the small stage and slowly faded out of sight, leaving an apparently empty coat sleeve. Withdrawn from the ray area, the hand suddenly reappeared.

Laymen who saw the demonstration are said to have been convinced and to have subscribed funds for exploiting the invention. Scientists refused approval unless they were allowed to take the whole stage apart and see what evidence could be found of illusions like those of stage magicians.

MANY SOVIET WOMEN BEING MADE BOSSES

MOSCOW, June 24.—Many women are leaving the ranks of workers to become bosses, according to the Woman's Day report issued in Moscow.

In the silk and clothing fields, the two largest branches of industry in which women workers pre-

dominate, thousands have been advanced to positions of factory directors, heads of departments, forewomen, controllers, heads of clubs and libraries. Of the 200,000 workers in the clothing factories in the central and northern regions, seventy-seven per cent are women.

To Uzbekistan and White Russia alone 300 women workers were advanced to responsible managing, economic, administrative and trade union positions.

NEW CITY MARSHAL OF LONDON SAILOR

LONDON, June 24.—For the first time in 400 years London is to have a sailor as city marshal.

The army and navy competed for the honor of providing a man who would don a scarlet coat and ride his horse ahead of the lord mayor's coach on ceremonial occasions. And the navy won when Lieutenant Commander John R. Poland was selected by the court of common council. He served at Jutland and with the Dover patrol. He is 42, has four children, and learned to ride a horse while sightseeing when his ship was in port.

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Runnels County Weddings Number 8,023 Since 1880

Runnels county people have been married at a fast clip since the county was organized in 1880. Since that time a total of 8,024 licenses have been issued in this county.

At the beginning of the records wedding were reported rather tardily due to the thinly settled condition of this section. During the first year in which the county was a separate unit only six licenses were issued but an almost steady increase has been shown down to the present.

F. E. Adams and Miss Ernest Hutto were issued the first license in this county on April 29, 1880. The permit was issued at Wallburg by W. N. Cepeland, clerk, and on April 23, 1880, they were married by F. B. Simons, justice of the peace.

Mr. Adams was here the first part of June this year getting affidavits signed to be used in applying for an old age pension and attending to other business.

Listed as the returning officer on a number of the first weddings in the county was the name of H. D. Pearce, who was justice of the peace of precinct No. 5. The first minister to perform a ceremony was Rev. John Barfoot, the return being dated September 26, 1880.

The first marriage license issued at Ballinger after this town was established was to Frank S. Gurley and Miss Lona Harrington, on

July 24, 1886. The license was issued by W. I. Towner, clerk, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. W. W. Finney. Only five licenses were issued that year.

In running the records of pioneer days it is revealed that on a number of occasions the clerk's office lacked the regular license blanks and the permits were written on blank paper, perfectly legal withal. Sometimes even a record page was torn from the book and used for this purpose.

An interesting fact noted in the early records was that sometimes the license issued was never used and in other instances the girl's name was wrong on the first certificate and another was issued to correct the error.

Many of the first weddings were performed by Sylvester Adams, first county judge, who assumed office in 1880.

USE OF PEAT COMPULSORY

DUBLIN, June 24.—Use of peat fuel is to be made compulsory in the Irish Free State. Coal dealers will be obliged to dispose of a certain amount of turf with each ton of coal sold. No unregistered person may sell coal and no one may purchase it from an unregistered dealer. The penalty will be \$5 for each ton or fraction of a ton.

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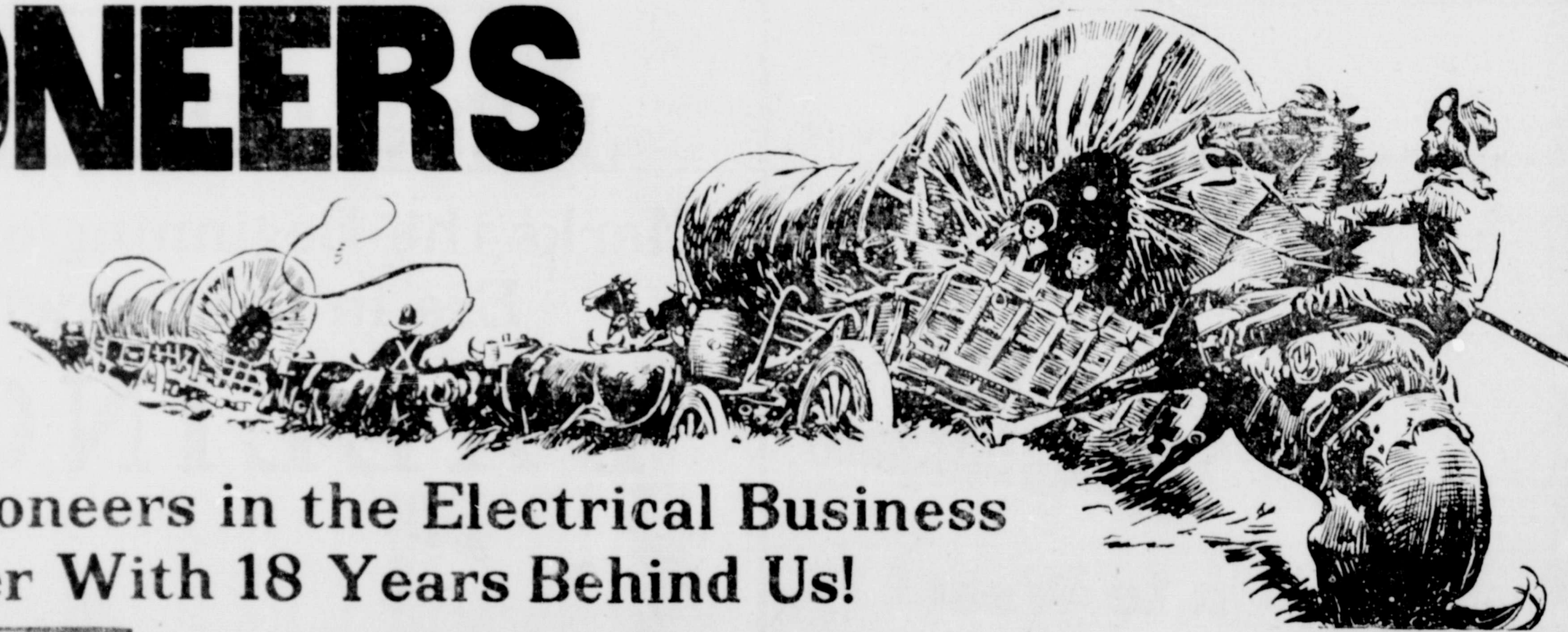
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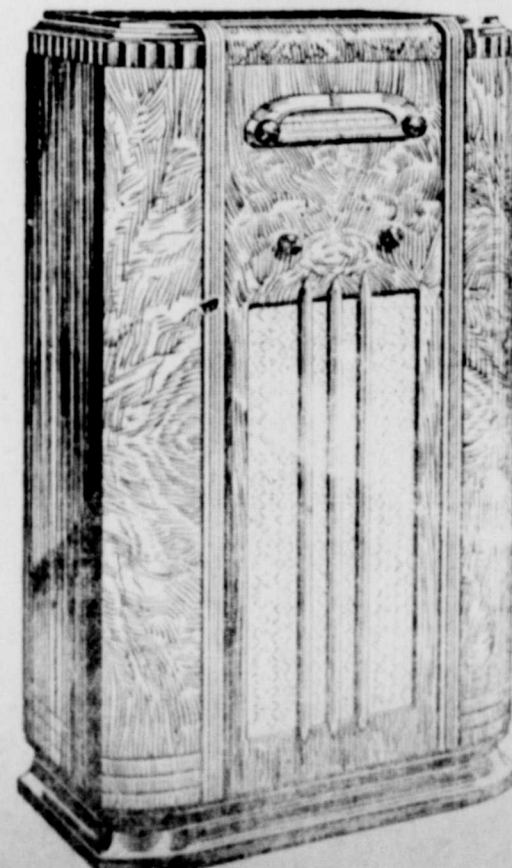
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The seven-ton washer and fan is located on the roof of the building at the rear and air is drawn into the washer where it is cleaned before being thrown into the chutes by the fan and circulated in the auditorium.

A complete change of air every three minutes can be obtained through this new cooling system without the noise common to most air conditioners for large buildings. The equipment is noiseless because the chutes are lined with an absolutely smooth covering and all corners rounded so that no air can be deflected and cause whistling.

All the air is drawn out of the theatre as it is used so that only fresh cool air is breathed at all times. The same is true of the heating system which will be installed later.

The heating system is one of the best obtainable and will circulate warm air throughout the building at an even temperature. Both cooling and heating equipment are controlled by a thermostat which maintains the temperature of the interior at a point which will be comfortable to all patrons.

Although the balcony of most theatres is considered a "hot spot" during the summer and a "cold spot" during the winter, the systems installed at the Texas will remedy this situation so that any seat in the house will be comfortable in both very hot and very cold weather.

Barber Claims Was Hypnotized and Wed By Wealthy Peasant

VUKOVAR, Yugo-Slavia, June 24.—That he had been married while hypnotized, is the story told police by Franz Kovaca, 31, Croatian barber.

He said Maria, a rich peasant girl, proposed to him and he refused.

Maria then asked him to her father's farm to attend to the hair of her mother and sisters. When Franz arrived he was met at the door by the girl, dressed in bridal costume.

Again she asked him to marry her, but he refused. Suddenly, Franz relates, a man clad to priest's clothes approached him and "hypnotized" him. After that he could say only "yes" to everything he was asked.

The "wedding ceremony" over, the young husband was locked in a cellar. Three days later he managed to escape and fled to the police.

FIVE-MILE VILLAGE PROTESTS

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 24.—Meopham, said to be the longest village in England, is protesting that people do not pronounce its latest name correctly. The pronunciation is "Mappam." Meopham stretches five miles along the foothills. It has had at least ten different names since it was founded in Saxon days.

Parisian Debs Lack Freedom Enjoyed In Britain, America

PARIS, June 17.—The Anglo-Saxon idea of real emancipation for woman has not as yet found favor in France.

The other day a deputation of men and women, including a woman barrister, approached the prefect of the Seine to propose that there should be a woman candidate for the mayoralty of one of the arrondissements of Paris. Monsieur le prefect could give his visitors no satisfaction whatever, though he received them courteously enough. For, though quite a number of Frenchmen can see much useful work for a woman to do in municipal government, public support for such a cause is far too weak to carry it on.

In her social life, the young Parisienne finds her activities supervised by her elders and restrained from anything like the measure of gay wildness allowed to the English "deb." Paris has lately been dealing with the problem of keeping the society made-moiselle unsophisticated while allowing her at the same time to go to "bottle" parties, with the result that instead of taking a bottle of this or that along with her she takes the food, the hostess providing the alcohol and dispensing it in suitable kind and quantity.

At parties where intoxicants are mixed with thoroughness, it is thought in Paris unseemly for young girls to be present at all. Once married, they may have anything to drink, from rum to absinthe, but French potential husbands are still susceptible to bad impressions—or so French mothers and aunts think, anyway.

The last few years have seen the closing of a good many of the historic Paris restaurants. One of the latest on this sad list is the Boeuf a la Mode, which has flourished since 1792 and where Napoleon is said to have first met Josephine.

Barras, who had come straight from Danton's execution, presented the lady, dressed all in billowy white muslin for the occasion.

EXPANSION IN TRADE FORECAST IN LONDON

LONDON, June 24.—Industry should prepare for the restoration of healthy international trade. This was the message given by Dr. M. Burgin, parliamentary secretary to the British Board of Trade, at a chamber of commerce banquet in Leeds. He forecast trade expansion.

"Make sure of these things," he declared, "we are on the eve of an expansionist period." He hoped once political anxieties were quieted the world would find itself well on the right side of the threshold of recovery in international trade. Every precaution must be taken to see that when that time came no industry of major importance was caught napping and saying that it was not ready.

West Texas' Finest Theatre



The Texas



H. T. Hodge



G. C. Douglass



W. D. Scales

H. T. Hodge, of Abilene, theatre owner in Ballinger for the past several years, is one of the proprietors of the new Texas Theatre. Mr. Hodge is a veteran showman, having been in the motion picture theatre business for over 20 years.

His newest venture is, of course, the new theatre located in Ballinger. Compared to his first showhouse which he began operating two decades ago, the modern structure just completed is such as he did not even dream of in the early days of operating theatres.

Mr. Hodge has been highly complimented by theatre operators and business men of this part of the state on his new theatre here. Ballinger business men realize the significance of such a splendid addition to the city and express their best wishes and congratulations to the owners through means of advertisements inserted throughout this section of The Ledger devoted to the opening announcement of the Texas.

WOMEN FORCED OUT OF JOBS

BERLIN, June 24.—Three-quarters of a million women in Germany have given up positions in offices, stores and factories in the last three years to return to household duties, according to official reports.

Sales Books at Ledger office.

G. C. Douglass, of Abilene, contractor for the past 20 years, who has just finished construction on the new Texas Theatre here, is a builder of wide reputation. He has built many of the most modern structures in West Texas among which are school buildings at Garden City, Claremont, Lipan, and other cities in Texas; the Methodist churches at Rising Star and Cross Plains, the Catholic church at Lubbock, educational building at Plainview, theatres at Jayton and Odessa, the Ford Motor Co. building at Spur, and many other modern buildings too numerous to enumerate.

Mr. Douglass is a competent contractor, being familiar with every phase of the work from laying the first stone to the finishing touches.

The contractor stated that no expense had been spared in making the new Texas Theatre building a "jam-up" good job in every respect. He stated also that he purchased all the materials which went into the building and every piece of it was first grade. "The citizens of Ballinger and Runnels county should be proud of the new building," he stated. "It would be an asset to any town, no matter what size."

A roadside stand near Hillsboro offers "Free coffee and lodging for all truckers."

When the doors of the new Texas Theatre open tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30 citizens of Ballinger and Runnels County will have an opportunity to see the newest and most modern theatre building in West Texas.

Five Hundred Feet Neon Tubing Used On Texas Theatre

Over 500 feet of neon tubing has been installed in making the marquee of the new Texas Theatre beautiful. Five colors have been used in developing the design on the front of the marquee with two colors of neon. This installation is said to be the longest theatre display of neon in West Texas.

The effect attained by the electrical wizards in creating the sign on the front of the new building is unusual and most attractive. The sign is modern in every respect and according to the representative of the West Texas Neon Distributors, who built the sign, it is one of the best and most beautiful this company has installed in some time.

Under the marquee will be found over 500 electric lamps which will give a solid white light, and although not blinding, it will make the theatre stand out so as to be seen easily for many blocks.

SCOTT MANUSCRIPT RETURNS TO HOME

EDINBURGH, June 24.—All Scotland is rejoicing over the announcement that the manuscript of "The Heart of Midlothian" has been presented to the National Library of Scotland.

Only a few people knew that the manuscript still existed. It is perfect except for the loss of five pages. It has been given by Miss J. G. Topham, of Middleham House, in Yorkshire, England, great-grandchild of the man to whom it passed from the hands of the broken hero who wrote it. Scott was in the heyday of prosperity when he wrote this manuscript.

Proud of his reputation as a poet he was still publishing his novels anonymously, believing it was to his poems that he must look for lasting fame.

The opening Friday night will mark the end of four months of steady work by a large crew of laborers to give this city a structure of modern architecture and beauty, which is unrivaled in most cities the size of Ballinger.

As one enters the doors of the theatre there is a feeling of comfort as he steps upon the thick carpet, which covers the entire floor of the building except underneath the opera chairs.

The walls and ceilings have been given unusual treatment by a staff of interior decorators that specialize in theatre adornment. This staff has worked on the theatre for the past three or four weeks, painting designs which please the eye, no matter in what direction one looks. Indirect lighting gives a soft, diffused illumination to the foyer, stauder, and auditorium, and from a six-foot square golden chandelier in the center of the ceiling comes a soft light which illuminates the entire auditorium.

Some size of the theatre may be learned by taking the dimensions of the interior. The lobby is 24 feet by 14 feet, the foyer is 20 by 15 feet, the stauder is 10 by 60 feet, the main auditorium 60 feet wide by 80 feet long, and the balcony is 60 by 40 feet. The seating capacity is over 900 with ample room between the rows of seats for comfort.

Ice water is provided in the stauder by means of an electric water cooler and fountain. On the mezzanine floor will be found a lounge for men, the manager's office and a women's lounge. All of the walls and ceilings are decorated with artistic designs in pastel colors.

Every detail in the structure has been designed to please the theatre-going public and no expense has been spared to make it the most modern theatre in West Texas.

Citizens of Ballinger and Runnels county are indeed fortunate in having such a showhouse, according to business men who have expressed themselves by means of congratulatory ads throughout the pages of this section.

Congratulations

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and its owners for their faith in Ballinger

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Texas Theatre Owners
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Our City.

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Congratulations

to

W. D. Scales

on the opening of

The Texas Theatre

Friday, June 26

Another step of progress in Ballinger's 50 years
of steady development

Weeks Drug Store

Ferry Once Served for River Crossing When Colorado High

There are many people living in this city today who remember when a ferry across the Colorado River at Ballinger rendered invaluable service here, especially when high waters prevented crossing at the old ford.

The ferry crossed the river at the south end of what is now Eighth Street where the negro park is located, and for several years transported all kinds of cargoes.

John A. Weeks recalls a time in

the early days when he and others were moving a number of beef cattle on the ferry while the river was on one of its periodic rises. The cattle were on the south shore and just after the ferry left that bank the cable broke on the north side and the boat began swinging towards the south bank. The steers, as well as Mr. Weeks and his horse, were forced from the ferry into the swollen stream. He finally landed just above where Elm Creek

empties into the Colorado.

The ferry was in service until the first bridge was built across the river.

On May 11, 1887, A. R. Chitwood applied to the commissioners' court for a license to operate a ferry across the Colorado River at Ballinger, on the road to San Angelo. The application was approved by the court and \$1,000 bond required was signed by G. W. Riley and A. P. Jones as sureties. The license issued granted permission for one year's operation of the ferry.

Rates, fixed by court order, were:

2 horses and wagon	35
2 horses and buggy	25
1 horse and buggy	20
1 horse and man	15
For each head of horses	.01
For each cow, steer	.01
For each sheep, swine	.01

Scientist Claims Earth is Only 20 Billion Years Old

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Some ten thousand billion years have been knocked off the possible age of the solar system and of the gigantic spiral nebula the edge of which is the Milky Way and inside of which the sun is one of several billion other stars, according to studies of star clusters announced by Dr. Bart J. Bok of the Harvard astronomical observatory. Even this new calculation leaves our home nebula

with a possible past history of some twenty billion years.

One well-known star cluster is the famous group called the Pleiades, consisting of stars which move at about the same speeds and in about the same direction and which probably had a common origin. Several such stars clusters are known to astronomers.

From mathematical theories based on forces exerted in such clusters by other stars or by the whole mass of our spiral nebula, Dr. Bok computes how long a star cluster can last before its stars are scattered by these forces. The possible future life of the Pleiades cluster is estimated at about thirty billion years.

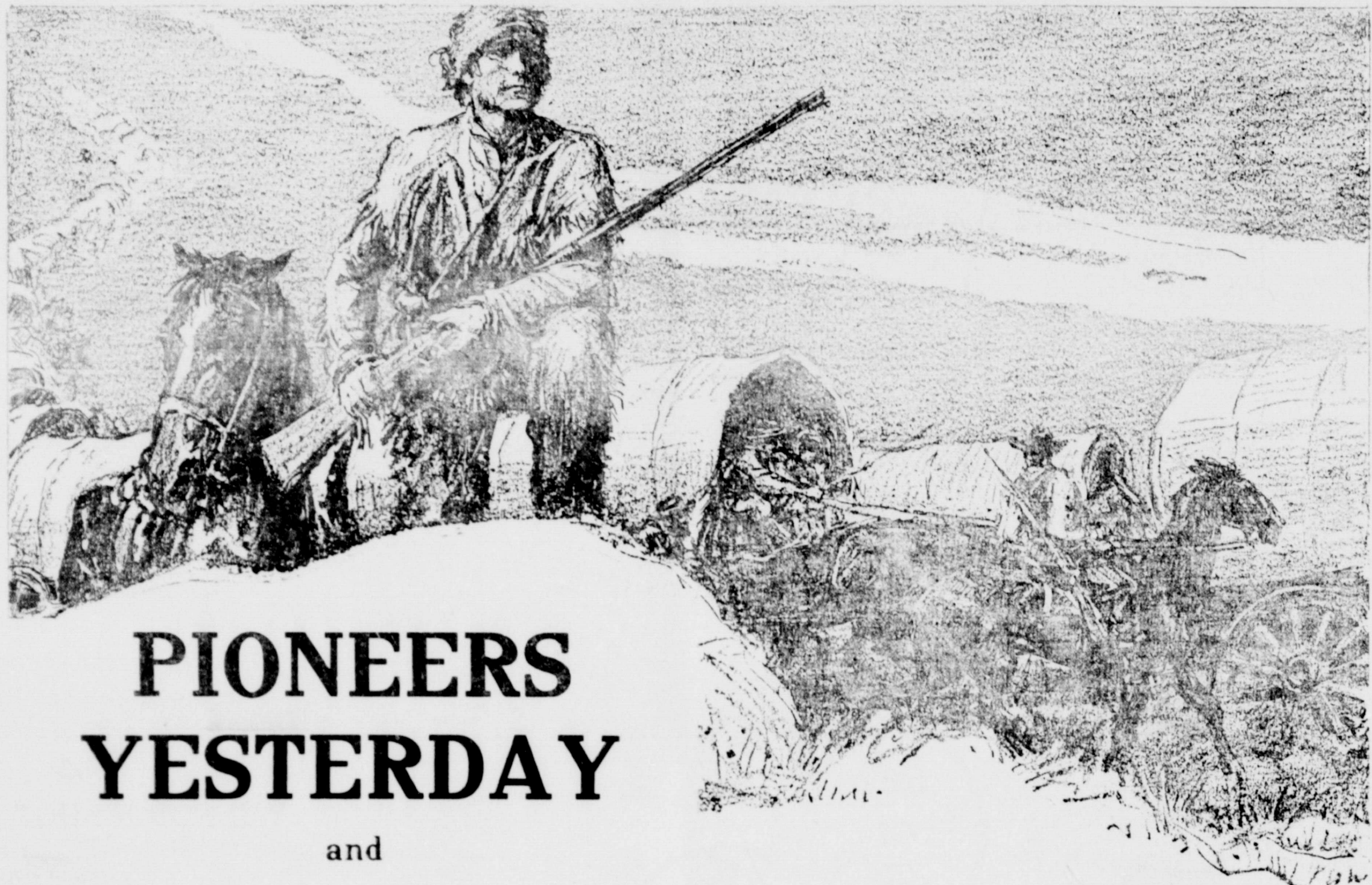
Some other clusters are limited to future lives as short as two billion years.

All star clusters which still exist must have started as closely knit star groups when our spiral nebula was formed. These clusters would have scattered ages ago had this nebula existed for the thousands of billions of years that some astronomers imagine.

GERMAN CHAMPAGNE SELLS

BERLIN, June 24.—Exports of German champagne have increased considerably in recent months, Great Britain being the most important market.

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PIONEERS YESTERDAY

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Still in the Vanguard of Today

For more than 50 years the Higginbotham organization has stood for those principles that help to build communities. To be exact, 53 years ago we began to distribute merchandise in Comanche and Erath counties. For 29 years we have been serving the people of this section. Today we are in the best position of our long career to serve you well. On this, Ballinger's 50th Birthday and Texas' 100th Anniversary, we say—

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Wide Range Notable Milestone In Science's Steady March to Perfect Talking Picture Sound

Wide Range, the new sound installation which has been made in the new Texas Theatre in Ballinger, is the definite fulfillment of a promise Nine years ago when the engineers and scientists first made talking pictures a commercial reality through the development of the Western Electric Sound System, they pledged themselves to unremitting future development work. They realized that they had developed a system for synchronizing sight and sound in motion pictures that was good enough to be acceptable and that would draw tremendous patronage because of the novelty of the new art.

The success of the first sound picture, "Don Juan," in 1926, and of Al Jolson in "The Jazz Singer," a year later, confirmed that opinion.

But these engineers and scientists also realized that their development, while adequate, was far from perfect. They knew that something more adequate must be ready before the novelty wore off or the new art would expire prematurely.

For nearly ten years they have worked tirelessly in the laboratories of the Bell Telephone Laboratories and of the Electrical Research Products to consummate the promise held out nine years ago. Constant improvements were made both in recording and reproduction. New vacuum tubes, a better amplification system and improved horns were introduced during the constant battle for betterment.

Important as they were, however, these developments were minor ones. The first outstanding result of the struggle for perfect sound was noiseless recording, introduced in 1931. This development removed the scratching and background noises that had been a constant source of irritation in talking pictures, and produced a more pleasant sound quality than talking pictures had known up to that time.

The recently developed and introduced Wide Range Sound, however, is generally regarded by critics as the most important event in the art since talking pictures themselves were recognized in 1926. It is being universally accepted as the finest sound quality talking pictures have ever

known and one that comes very close to be an almost perfect reproduction of the original sound.

The principal means by which this has been accomplished is through the extension of the frequency range of sounds that can be recorded and reproduced in talking pictures. Previously, talking picture sound was limited to sounds of 75 cycles per second on the low end and 5,000 cycles on the high. Sounds beyond either limit had to be recorded, if at all, at an unnatural level, resulting in a general distortion of sound in the picture.

With Wide Range all sounds of between 40 cycles per second and 10,000 cycles per second can be recorded, and reproduced. The extended range covers more than the average 88 note piano keyboard. It includes practically every sound the ear can hear.

Along with the extension of sounds that can be recorded and reproduced are many accompanying improvements. Distortion has been almost completely eliminated. Greater emotional volume has been added. Realism in sound, from thunder rockings to hushed whispers, has become a part of the lifelike reproduction. And stirring individuality of voices and instruments formerly eclipsed if not entirely erased, has come to screen life in the examples of xylophones, bass drums and the more unusual tones of conversation.

The promise that has been almost ten years in fulfillment will be unveiled to local talking picture followers with the first performance at the new Texas Theatre tomorrow (Friday) night.

PRODUCTION IN SOVIET IS ON GIGANTIC SCALE

MOSCOW, June 24.—Russian planning for this year, as announced here, is gigantic. It calls for the production of 105,000 tons of copper, 135,000,000 tons of coal, 16,000,000 tons of steel, 8,000,000 ounces of gold, 27,000,000 tons of oil, 1,900 locomotives and 90,000 freight cars.

The 90,000 freight cars for 1936 may be compared with the 8,000 produced by America last year. Russian output is definitely planned in advance, and the figures mentioned are declared to be not mere flights of fancy. Last year, for example, Russia produced 1,500

Crisp Ruffles



Ruffles of pink and silver tulle are the keynote of this lovely formal dress worn by Helen Wood, film player. The designer used compassa ruffles, one in a circular movement just above the knees and another fluting above the upper edge of the bodice. The ruffles are lined with silver lame for further effect.

locomotives and 85,000 freight cars.

TOURS POLICE STATIONS

BOURNEMOUTH, England, June 24.—For posing as a policeman and getting a free taxi tour of police stations, Donald R. Seymour is spending four months at hard labor in jail. He told Edwin W. Snow, a taxi driver, that he was investigating a case, and had Snow take him from Hammer-smith police station to Plumstead, Woolwich and other places, then to Bournemouth police station. Exposure came when the driver followed Seymour into Bournemouth station and angrily demanded his fare.

New Texas Theatre Has Seating Capacity For Over 900 People

With a seating capacity of over 900 the new Texas Theatre will accommodate larger crowds than any theatre in West Texas in a town the size of Ballinger. The seats are arranged so that the view from each is good no matter whether in the back of the balcony or in the front of the orchestra floor.

The seats which have been set on the main floor were manufactured in Texas by the American Desk Manufacturing Company of Temple, Texas. The concern which made the seats has a wide reputation on the quality of its products and annually manufactures over 50,000 theatre seats.

Only the highest quality materials are used in the seats and each is upholstered on the back and the bottom is padded over a seat of springs, which make it a most comfortable chair.

The seats are set 32 inches apart, that is, it is that far from the back of one seat to the back of another. This space allows plenty of leg-room and with the gradual incline to the floor permits persons sitting behind others to see over the heads of those in front.

Wide aisles are provided at each side of the center section to facilitate the moving of a large audience and there are also aisles on either side of the auditorium.

The seating arrangement in the balcony is equally as good as on the main floor and every precaution has been taken to insure comfort in the balcony.

The perfect seating arrangements cannot be appreciated without a personal trial, it was stated by G. C. Douglas, contractor.

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Militant Leader of G. O. P. Women



Mrs. Daisy V. Williams, above, of Iowa, sounds the call for a red fighting campaign among G. O. P. farm women. As director of farm women's activities for the western division of the Republican national committee, Mrs. Williams has 29 states to rally to the G. O. P. cause.

Mile-Deep Fishing Plan of Russian Oceanic Venture

MOSCOW, June 24.—Not satisfied with being among the foremost countries in exploring the stratosphere, Russian scientists propose to equal or exceed the opposite records for exploring unknown depths of the ocean made in America by Otis Barton and Dr. William Beebe in the former's hollow steel ball or bathysphere.

A new bathysphere now being designed in Russia is expected to go down well over a mile, about

twice as far as the American record. The Russian craft will be substantially larger than the American one and is designed to carry four observers instead of two, with vision ports on all four sides so that the crew can see in all directions at once.

A telephone cable and electric wires for lights and other uses of electricity, both inside and outside the sphere, will run down through the steel cable by which the sphere will be let down from a ship.

Detachable weights underneath the sphere will permit it to float up to the surface by its own buoyancy in case the cable breaks or becomes tangled. Arrangements for taking water samples will be provided, equipped with safety devices so that opening a narrow port for this purpose will not let too much water be driven in by the tons of pressure on each square inch outside.

Perhaps the most valuable scientifically of the new attachments is one which can be operated electrically from inside the sphere to reach and capture any deep-sea fish or other animal that is observed and that comes close enough.

New Zealand is one of the biggest importers of British-made automobiles.

74 AND 26 WED

LONDON, June 24.—R. W. Nettlesford, aged 74, a retired lamp-lighter, and Miss Gwendoline Steptoe, aged 26, were married recently in London.

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Twelve Carloads Building Material Used in the Texas

It takes a lot of material to build a theatre the size of the new Texas Theatre, according to G. C. Douglas, contractor.

In the new Texas more than four freight carloads of cement were used in the construction of the walls, floors, etc.

Although the building is considered fireproof in every respect, and you cannot see a great deal of lumber exposed when in the new structure, it actually required more than three carloads.

In addition to the foundations, walls, ceiling, flooring, etc., there was almost a carload of acoustic board used to cover the walls, ceilings and all corners in the building.

Ice Boxes and Bats Used by Scientists In War on Colds

MOSCOW, June 24.—A few days in an ice box to head off a cold or some other disease may be a medical treatment of the future, according to recent experiments by Dr. N. Kalashnikov and Dr. L. Levinson.

The work has been done mainly with bats, which withstand long exposures to cold by slowing down their bodily activity.

Selecting two groups of bats apparently equal in every way, the experimenter injected into the animals of one group living germs related to those of African sleeping sickness and which cause a disease to which the bats are susceptible.

The bats of the other group received similar germ injections, but these were put in a refrigerator at a temperature 5 to 15 degrees above freezing.

Hospital refrigerators for human beings suspected of harboring disease germs represent a treatment too drastic for immediate acceptance.

CHIEF THUNDERBIRD OF 'ANNIE OAKLEY' FAME IN NEW ROLE

One rarely associates humor with the staid nature of the American Indian.

Nevertheless Indians play a prominent part in RKO Radio's screaming screen farce, "Silly Billies," starring that noted pair of film favorites, Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey.

Jim Thorpe, the famous Indian athlete, is another live Indian in the comedy.

POLICE SEEK JEWEL OWNER

CAPE TOWN, Union of South Africa, June 24.—Capetown police are searching for the owner of jewelry, valued at \$4,000, which was picked up in a busy street.

Sales Books at Ledger office.

GET CHEAP HOMES IN MODEL VILLAGES

90 Cents a Month the Cost to Coolies in Shanghai.

Shanghai.—The city government of Greater Shanghai has opened four model villages for the poor, with houses costing for 10 American cents a month.

The villages have been constructed at the expense of 100,000 dollars, and the houses are being rented to coolies at 90 cents a month.

A survey of these villages shows that the average rental cost to the families of coolies is 100 cents (10 American cents) a month, the average being 90 cents (9 American cents) a month.

The four model villages recently completed have an aggregate of 200 "1 1/2" type houses and of "1 1/2" type dwellings.

The "1 1/2" type dwellings are single and double, and provided with plenty of light, water, and a kitchen, toilet, living room and a separate sleeping room.

France Traces Marianne Back to the Revolution

Paris.—Like America's Uncle Sam and England's John Bull, France has her Marianne, and the French have long been a devotee of their deity.

However, according to researchers which have been carried out, it would appear that the name and its origin is altogether a matter of guesswork.

At this time the name Marianne is derived from Mary Magdalene, who is called by various of medieval monks.

There is another theory which states that a "Marianne" was the name of a Christian woman, a member of the revolution, who died in the guillotine.

The first explanation is the most likely, but there may be little doubt here the true origin of the name "Marianne" whose people agree to believe the republic of France.

MAN WRESTLES DEADLY SNAKE

DURBAN, Union of South Africa, June 24.—Wrestling a ten-foot black mamba, the deadliest of reptiles, near Durban, a native proved the victor.

Congratulations To Mr. W. D. Scales and H. & H. Theatres

On the Opening of the Texas Theatre

Your Beautiful Building is a Credit to Our Community

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Returning Home in Triumph



snapped at Chicago en route to his home in Topeka, Kan. John D. M. Hamilton, new chairman of the Republican national committee, apparently was optimistic about G. O. P. prospects in the coming campaign.

DOG MOTHERS RABBIT

LINDALE, N. S. W., June 24.—A sheep dog is mothering a rabbit in Lindale. Children had captured it, but it escaped and ran to the dog for protection.

NEAR EAST SEAS LOW

JERUSALEM, June 24.—The Sea of Galilee is 700 feet below the level of the Mediterranean, the Dead Sea 1,360 feet.

BEST WISHES For SUCCESS To The New Texas Theatre HUNTER'S Red & White Store

Origin of Cooking Unexplained Page Of Human History

LONDON, June 24.—The mystery of why mankind ever learned the troublesome and unwise habit of cooking is raised by an anonymous reviewer in the London Lancet, discussing a recent book by Dr. E. B. Mearns.

The only scientific reason for cooking is to kill germs, which profane men know nothing about. Raw foods digest as well as cooked ones, as is proved by members of the various raw food cults who live normal and healthy lives.

It is probable that more human effort and time are used up in cooking than in any other task. No anthropologist has a satisfactory theory of how all this began.

Still another is that a few foods, such as potatoes, may be poisonous unless cooked, but there is no evidence that ancient men ate these foods.

Checked Chiffon



The charming look is made of an edge and white checked chiffon gathered on the full skirt made in four sections set together with cords.

make all kinds of meat taste more alike, although there is no reason to believe that ancient men would have liked this monotony.

Perhaps the most plausible theory is that cooking first was done because it made meat smell better.

Evelyn Venable once paid a fine in her home town of Cincinnati for violating an ordinance prohibiting removal of hands from the bars while riding a bicycle.

MECCA GOING MODERN

MECCA, June 24.—Mecca is to be modernized in accordance with the decree of the Saudi, the much-married King of Hedjaz. The holy city will have electric lights and electric street cars will replace hired camels and donkeys.

reservoir is to be built to insure pure water for every house, the supply now being drawn from wells. A modern hotel is to be built and will have a staff of Moslems.

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of the hills and the man
who opened her heart
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"Trail of Lonesome Pine", All Color Spectacle, Booked For Showing at New Texas

PRODUCER LIKES COLOR; PLANS MUCH MORE OF IT

Walter Wanger is so pleased with "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," the first natural-color picture he produced (it opens Sunday afternoon at the new Texas Theatre in Ballinger), that he's planning to make two more the new Technicolor process.

Like "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," both these will be made against natural backgrounds. Wanger expects to send a troupe of actors and technicians to Alaska to film "Spawn of the North" there, and another to South Africa to film "African Intrigue" in that locale.

Sylvia Sidney, Fred MacMurray and Henry Fonda are starred in "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," which is based on the famous John Fox, Jr. novel of the Cumberland mountain feuds. Henry Hathaway, of "The Lives of a Bengal Lancer" fame, directed it.

"The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," first natural-color motion picture of the outdoors, opens at the new Texas Theatre in Ballinger in a special midnight matinee Saturday night, and continues in regular showings Sunday and Monday. Sylvia Sidney, Fred MacMurray and Henry Fonda are in the starring roles, and Fred Stone is at the head of the supporting cast.

"The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," based on John Fox, Jr.'s famous novel of the same title, marks a milestone in

HATHAWAY'S LATEST

Henry Hathaway, who won fame as director of the immensely successful "The Lives of a Bengal Lancer," directed Walter Wanger's Technicolor version of "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," which will be shown at the new Texas Theatre here beginning next Sunday. The cast is headed by Sylvia Sidney, Fred MacMurray and Henry Fonda.

the history of the movies. It is the first picture in which the color element is taken as a matter of course, and subordinated to the story-interest.

Filmed entirely at Big Bear, California, where the scenery almost duplicates that of the Cumberland Mountain region where Fox's novel is set, "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine" tells how an ancient hill feud involving two families, and resulting in dozens of deaths, is affected by the inroads of civilization, in the person of a young engineer who arrives to construct a railroad line through the region.

Color is handled in an entirely new fashion in the film. Henry Hathaway, who won fame through direction of "The Lives of a Bengal Lancer," revolutionized accepted technique in his direction of "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine" by insisting that bright colors be eliminated because they detract from the story and characters. He accentuated the realism of the setting by employing only natural shades, with mountaineers' cabins of weather-beaten lumber and rough-hewn logs; costumes of dull shades; and make-up of the players reduced to a minimum.

The battles between the hill folk, and the three-cornered romance involving Miss Sidney, MacMurray and Fonda, are stressed above tricky color effects, it is claimed. The picture was made by the new Technicolor process.

All-Star Cast of "Trail of Lonesome Pine"

June Tolliver.....	Sylvia Sidney
Jack Hale.....	Fred MacMurray
Dave Tolliver.....	Henry Fonda
Judd Tolliver.....	Fred Stone
Tater.....	Fuzzy Knight
Melissa Tolliver.....	Beulah Bondi
Buck Falin.....	Robert Barrat
Buddie.....	Spanky McFarland
Major Thurber.....	Nigel Bruce
Clay's Wife.....	Ricca Allen
Ezra's Wife.....	Margaret Armstrong
Dave Tolliver at 5.....	Powell Clayton
Dave Tolliver at 10.....	George Ernest
Old Dave.....	Frank McGlynn, Jr.

Alan Baxter
Ed Le Saint
Hank Bell

The Tolliver Clan.....

Fred Burns
Richard Carle
Bud Geary

Jim Welch
John Beck

The Falin Clan.....

Bob Cortman
Jim Corey

William McCormick

Story of Marines Is Palace Feature Sunday, Monday

Devotion to the Marine Corps, a spirit which transcends all personal considerations on the part of its present and former personnel, provides the inspiring theme of "The Leathernecks Have Landed," the Republic production which will be shown at the Palace Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, June 28-29-30.

Low Ayres is starred as a marine who has a way with the women and also a way of getting himself and his best friends into trouble. Laurel Jewell will be seen in the leading feminine role with Jimmy Ellison featured in the part of Ayres' buddy.

The exotic seaports of Havana and Shanghai and the interior of China furnish the background over which the story moves. Seton I. Miller, who has had such screen successes as "G-Men," "Frisco Kid," "Scarface," "The Crowd Roars," and "The Dawn Patrol," to his credit, wrote the screenplay.

Summed up in a few words, "The Leathernecks Have Landed" is the story of what happened to Woody Davis after he was kicked out of the service as the result of the death of a buddy in a cafe brawl, and the long hard road he had to take to make a comeback, aided by Brooklyn, the girl who had "missed too many boats."

Among the other well known names in the large cast are James Burke, J. Carroll Nash, Ward Bond, Maynard Holmes, Clay Clement, Ray Bernard, Claude King and Paul Porcasi.

HUGE SETS BUILT FOR "THE LEATHERNECKS HAVE LANDED"

Authenticity to the smallest detail marked the production of the Republic picture, "The Leathernecks Have Landed," to be shown at the Palace Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Various sequences of the production called for such sets as a Chinese restaurant, a Russian cafe in Shanghai, a Havana cabaret, and various seaport locales in both Cuba and China, as well as the ruder surroundings of a small Chinese village.

This called for skilled technical direction, as well as the careful selection and training of the various racial types required in the story.

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"Silly Billies" with Wheeler, Woolsey And Lee is Opening Attraction of Texas Theatre

Striking a brand-new note in feature comedy settings, the noted clown team of Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey abandon the present era in favor of the hectic days of '49 in their current RKO Radio vehicle, "Silly Billies," to be screened as the opening attraction at the new Texas Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday.

With its scenes laid in the old Indian Territory just as the gold rush to California is starting, with the two famous comics cast as a pair of quack dentists, and with all the picturesque features of the period—stage coaches, wagon-trains, Indian tribes, cavalry troops and the rest of it—highlighting the story, "Silly Billies" represents a genuine novelty in motion picture entertainment.

For some reason, the humorous possibilities of the covered wagon days have been overlooked by screen producers. Not since the late Will Rogers made "Two Wagon—Both Covered" as a two-reel comedy many years ago, have the trials and tribulations of the pioneers been employed as the basis for film humor.

The colorful West has been used to great advantage in writing the story and screen play of the new offering. The original by Thomas Lennon and Fred Guiol, the screen play by Jack Townley and Al Boasberg, and Guiol's direction under the supervision of Lee Marcus, have all been coordinated to get the best results in the way of comedy situations, novel treatment and surprise elements, as well as to maintain the flavor and spirit of the old western days.

A stage-coach hold-up, an Indian attack on a wagon-train, a cavalry rescue, the abandonment of whole communities as the inhabitants set out for the California Gold-coast, all are faithfully recorded as part of the dramatic background against which the two celluloid clowns perform some of the funniest antics of their careers.

They extract teeth under the menace of bandit guns, fight off an Indian assault, are captured and made members of a redskin tribe, narrowly escape death by drowning and lynching, and otherwise cavort through the film in a manner that will delight their admirers everywhere. Thrills and humor alternate throughout the picture in unique fashion, and the contrast does much to make "Silly Billies" one of the outstanding comedies of the year.

The dainty Dorothy Lee again has the feminine lead for the comics, with Harry Woods, Ethan Laidlaw, Deimar Watson, Jim Thorpe, Chief Thunderbird and other well-known players in the cast, as well as a band of some 50 redskins who wear their own tribal costumes, and hundreds of extras.

"LONESOME PINE" BOASTS THREE TOPNOTCH STARS

The first natural-color picture of the outdoors, Walter Wanger's production of "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine" opens Sunday June 28, at Ballinger's newest theatre, the Texas, Sylvia Sidney, Fred MacMurray and Henry Fonda are in the starring roles.

"The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," based on the famous novel of the same title by John Fox, Jr., was filmed on a location almost exactly like the Cumberland Mountain country in which the Fox novel was set. Under the direction of Henry Hathaway, who also directed "The Lives of a Bengal Lancer," it was filmed entirely in the new three-color Technicolor process.

The picture follows the Fox novel closely. Miss Sidney and Fonda are members of the Tolliver clan, continually "feuding" with their neighbors, the Fallins. Their first contact with the civilization of the outside world comes when MacMurray, a young engineer, arrives to build a railroad line through their hills.

Miss Sidney is immediately fascinated by the stranger, and Fonda, who has always loved her, is aroused to jealousy that knows but one law—to fight and kill for the things he holds dear. But as he sets out to follow his code, the Fallins set out after him. The climax that follows brings the film to a stirring conclusion.

MOST POPULAR TEAM

According to a recent compilation of votes by theatre exhibitors throughout the country, Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey are by far the most popular comedy team on the screen. Their latest vehicle for RKO Radio is "Silly Billies," an uproarious travesty of pioneer days in '49.

IS MY NOSE RED?

Red noses photograph red by the new Technicolor process—so the cast of Walter Wanger's color version of "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," which opens Sunday at the new Texas Theatre in Ballinger, ran into difficulties on cold mornings when low temperatures made noses glow. Make-up artists solved the difficulty by applying extra coats of make-up till the sun warmed things up.



Scene from the opening attraction at the new Texas Theatre. Photo shows the three stars, Bert Wheeler, Robert Woolsey and Dixie Lee, who are teamed together in the new comedy, "Silly Billies."

NEW SONG SLANT

A new achievement in song writing for the screen—a modern "western" number with the swing and flavor of such old favorites as "Oh, Susanna"—is a feature of RKO Radio's new Wheeler and Woolsey comedy, "Silly Billies," to open the new Texas Theatre here tomorrow (Friday).

The song, "Tumble On, Tumbleseed, Tumble On," was composed by Dave Dreyer with Jack Scholl writing the lyrics, and is sung by Wheeler and a wagon-train chorus. Dreyer, author of such hits as "Me and My Shadow" and "A Rainbow Round My Shoulder," has captured the spirit of the old-time songs of the Fifties, according to Fred Guiol, who directed the new vehicle.

FILMED IN HILLS

A troupe of 150 players, technicians and designers spent six weeks in the hills filming the

John Fox, Jr. story, "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," in Technicolor. Sylvia Sidney, Fred MacMurray and Henry Fonda head the cast of the picture, which opens at the Texas Theatre here next Sunday. Walter Wanger produced it for Paramount.


INDIAN RAID

Filled with exact authenticity, an Indian attack on a covered wagon train, in which several hundred players participated, forms one of the dramatic highlights of "Silly Billies." Wheeler and Woolsey's newest comedy hit for RKO Radio, to be shown at the new Texas Theatre, commencing tomorrow Redskins from twenty different tribes took part in this realistic sequence.

Although Robert Woolsey has a cigar between his teeth continually on the set, he never finishes one. He is starred in the new comedy, "Silly Billies."

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Beauty and Comfort Important Features Of New Theatre Here

Beauty and comfort were the cardinal principles outlined by the architects who designed the new Texas Theatre, which will open to the public tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7:30.

Every phase of the work was designed to be beautiful and at the same time contribute to the comfort of the patrons. The contractor, G. C. Douglass, and the owner, H. T. Hodge, took every pains to see that the minutest details were carefully attended to.

From the time the patron sees the large neon sign on the front of the building until the screen attractions is over he is aware of only two things, comfort and beauty.

The lobby and foyer of the theatre are attractively decorated to please the eyes of the patrons. Deep cushioned carpets cover the floors and upholstered opera chairs provide solid comfort during the entire performance. During hot weather a large air conditioning system keeps the temperature of the house at a low degree and in the winter provides warm air with proper humidity for comfort and relaxation.

There are no outside noises to detract the mind of the theatre-goer as all openings to the outside are properly draped to exclude any undesirable clamor. The sound system, perfected by Western Electric, is pronounced perfect by sound engineers and will project tones below and above the range of the human ear.

W. D. Scales, manager of the new theatre, invites all the people of this territory to visit his new "charge" and see for themselves beauty in construction, such as Ballinger has never had before.

WIDE RANGE INSTALLATION SHOWS FAITH IN FUTURE

One hundred and eighty-seven pieces of crated equipment weighing 2,100 pounds comprises the new Western Electric Wide Range Sound System that has been installed in the new Texas Theatre in Ballinger.

"My judgment in making this considerable investment in the most modern sound equipment that science has developed recently and in giving our patrons the best sound quality available is based upon my faith in the future," H. T. Hodge, owner, declared. "I am confident that business conditions are going to continue to improve and that the outlay we have incurred will return to us in the added money people will be able to spend for worthwhile entertainment.

"As to the quality of the new sound equipment, I should prefer to have patrons hear for themselves. I can only say that it so far surpasses anything talking pictures have previously known that comparison is impossible."

ANIMALS AUTO-MINDED

PRETORIA, Union of South Africa, June 24.—Automobiles are becoming so common in Kruger national park that wild animals pay little, if any, attention to them.

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ANCIENT SKELETONS FOUND BY 2 GIRLS

Students Aid in Excavating Arizona Ruin.

Kansas City.—High on an Arizona mesa in the foothills of the mountains near a worn Apache trail, the only two girls in Kansas City to study the prehistoric culture of the New world, Mary Jane Haden and Virginia Nair spent ten weeks doing field work under the direction of Dr. Byron Cummings, says the Kansas City Star. It was while assisting in the excavation of the great Kinishka ruin near Fort Apache that they unearthed an entire room, finding three skeletons and many important relics.

"The ruin which we were uncovering," says Miss Haden in telling of their experiences, "was called Kinishka (brown house), the name handed down by legend, as these early inhabitants of the Southwest had no written language. Kinishka is a tremendous ruin, one of the largest ever discovered in the United States, and is divided into eight separate groups of which one was being excavated. In this group 87 rooms and a patio had been discovered when we commenced our work."

Rooms Doorless, Windowless. "It is believed that Kinishka was built between the dates 1200 and 1300 and was originally a two-story house. The first floor rooms have no windows, no doors and were apparently used for storage. Doctor Cummings is of the opinion that the whole upper story burned and fell into the lower because of the large amount of charcoal and debris as well as doorway slabs found in the excavated rooms.

"In the hope of uncovering another room we were assigned a plot just back of a line of excavated rooms, so we were reasonably certain that we would find some relics before we had dug very deep.

"Using picks, shovels and trowels, we turned up the earth near the back wall, as our most important job was to locate the walls of our room and from them to designate the position of every relic which we found.

"We were required to level off the ground at every foot, lifting off layers of dirt instead of digging holes. About nine inches down we unearthed the first evidence of prehistoric life—a mano or stone implement for grinding corn. In quick succession we turned up rubbing stones, stones for smoothing arrow shafts, polishing stones for making pottery, prayer stones and fragments of pottery.

Paints Mixed for Use. "There were bone relics, too—deer bone, coyote, rodent, bone flint and scrapers for cleaning skins, bone daggers and awls, needles, horn chippers. There were paint dishes, made of hollowed-out stone, and nearly small quantities of paint, ground and mixed for use.

"We found spindle whorls made of clay and used in winding yarn, ornaments of shell and bone, pendants, arrowheads and spear points and bracelets. One of the most interesting of these ornaments was a turquoise bead, then a rare and difficult stone to obtain, as few are found in ruins.

"We were down more than five feet before we found our first skeleton.

"Thus far only the bones of babies have been found in the ruins, the bodies of the adults having been placed in a burial ground across the arroyo. Twelve babies, however, were found buried in one room of the ruin, and we found three in ours. The skull of one had been cracked, leading us to believe that the child had been killed in a fall from the second story."

BARON USES 12 LANGUAGES

WIESBADEN, Germany, June 24.—Baron Waldemar Von de Pahlen has been appointed official court interpreter at Wiesbaden for English, French, Russian, Italian, Spanish, Danish, Norwegian, Dutch, Czech, Polish, Serbian and Bulgarian. In his spare time he is expected to study a number of other languages.

Reading 'The Best' for Campaign



Long after Republicans had chosen Col. Frank Knox as their vice presidential nominee, Kennedy continued to pour in wishing him "best of luck" in the coming political campaign. Colonel and Mrs. Knox are shown above reading a few of the wires in their Chicago home.

Machine to Photograph Squeak in Auto Brakes

LONDON, June 24.—Photographing the brake squeaks of automobiles to try to stop this noise annoying both to the motorist and the bystander is a project of the new Research Laboratories of the Institution of Automobile Engineers, opened recently by the British physicist, Lord Rutherford.

Squeaking brakes always have presented a scientific mystery. Different theories of the kinds of brake lining, of oil or water, of the kind of metal in the brake bands, of the pressure or speed of application of the brakes, all have been proposed and rejected by the engineers as wrong or incomplete.

Finally, the institution resolved to attack the problem systematically. All possible varieties of band metals of brake compositions will be tested on a special squeak machine, by which model brakes may be applied as slowly or rapidly and as tightly or loosely as desired. To measure and analyze any squeaks that are produced, the investigators use the new devices called cathode ray tubes.

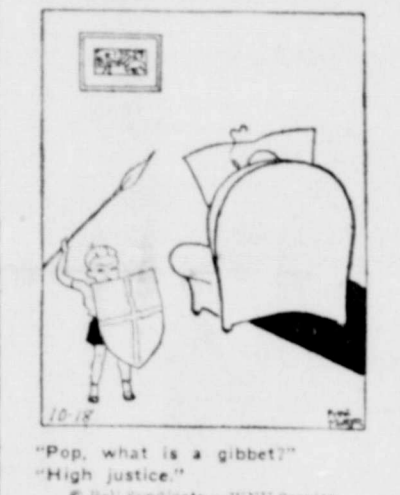
Through a microphone and associated electric circuits not unlike those of a radio broadcasting station, even the shortest and faintest squeaks are picked up and translated into lines of light on the cathode ray tube. These may be photographed to yield an actual portrait of each squeak. Squeaks lasting as short a time as a thousandth of a second or squeaks so faint that they cannot be heard at all by normal ears will be picked up and photographed in the hope that these tiny germs of actual squeaks may

yield clues to what causes the longer and louder ones so much objected to.

TINA HIGHEST POINT OF INDIES

SANTO DOMINGO, June 24.—Loma Tina, the highest mountain in the West Indies, is located in the south central part of the Dominican Republic.

DADA KNOWS



Road Mileage

Almost one-third of the highways of the world are in the United States. The total road mileage in the entire world is a little over 3,200,000 miles. Of this mileage, almost 3,500,000 miles are in North and South America. Europe has 3,300,000 miles, Asia a little over 1,000,000, Australasia a little over 500,000 miles. Of the mileage on the two American continents, the United States has over 3,000,000 miles out of a total of 3,500,000 miles—America's Transportation.

Doctors' Incomes Average Near Same As Three Years Ago

WASHINGTON, June 24.—The current income of the average United States physician is approximately what it was three years ago, but his collections are better and it costs him less to carry on his practice. These are the findings of a nation-wide survey described in the May issue of Medical Economics, a business magazine for physicians. They are based on reports received from 4,565 physicians.

The survey covers the year 1935 and shows that last year the average medical man netted \$3,792. His gross income was \$6,139. His professional expenses totaled \$2,347. Of every dollar earned he collected 74 cents.

The 1935 net income figure of \$3,792 shows "a negligible decline" from \$3,969 reported by the magazine's readers in 1933. Current improvement in collections, the survey declares, "while not startling, bespeaks a fortunate trend—one destined, it seems, to outpace the old bromide that doctors are poor business men. Ten years ago a seventy-four per cent collection average would have been something to talk about. Even in 1932 physicians collected only 68 cents on the dollar."

Professional expenses reveal the most striking change of all, the report says, "having dropped twenty-two per cent during the past five years. In 1930 it cost the average physician \$3,225 to carry on his practice; last year his costs were only \$2,528, showing clearly the results of retrenchment during the depression."

MUCH ANTI-VENOM TAKEN

SAO PAULO, Brazil, June 24.—Nearly 7,000 ampules of anti-venom were extracted from more than 25,000 snakes last year by the government snake farm near Sao Paulo, and more than 29,000 snakes were received at the farm during that period.

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OUTDOOR SETS FOR TWO-GUN WHEELER-WOOLSEY COMEDY

Director Fred Gulot deserted studio sound stages in favor of the great outdoors while shooting RKO Radio's covered wagon comedy saga, "Silly Billies," starring Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey. Only four days of the time required to film the opus was spent on the studio lot.

Outdoor scenes which depict the beginning of a gold rush emanating from the Indian Territory

prairies in 1850, were photographed on two large ranches in the San Fernando Valley, which lies adjacent to Hollywood, and at Lake Sherwood in the Malibu mountains.

The outdoor sets naturally present a wider and more colorful background for the comedy, the first humorous film based on covered wagon days.

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Newspaper Stories Indicate Bitterness In County Site Move

Editor's Note—Revealing to some extent the intense rivalry between the new town of Ballinger (1886) and the county site town of Runnels, the following collection of items are contributed by Mrs. R. H. McFarland, of Winters.

In looking over the 1886 files of The Texas Eagle (the name of The Runnels Record was changed to The Texas Eagle in the issue of February 11, 1886) I find so many interesting items among the news of that time (when Ballinger was getting started) that it is difficult to decide what incident you would prefer to have written of the early days.

But the rivalry between the towns of Runnels and Ballinger now seems so unbelievable that I give below some quotations of bitter enmity that appeared in The Eagle before it became The Ballinger Eagle in September, 1886:

"O, Ballinger, O, Ballinger; Open thy gate; The cars are a-coming, But a little too late.

"Runnels City is solid, And on a fine location; By the help of the people, She'll hold her position.

"—The Poet of the Oaks."

"Local option in Ballinger means that it is optional with the customer to drink out of a bottle, a tumbler, or a tin cup, according to fancy.—Coleman Voice."

"H. D. Pearce & Co. have made an order for a full line of drugs and medicines. They say they expect to STAY WITH RUNNELS and will endeavor to supply the demand for drugs and medicines."

"While the sale of lots was progressing in Ballinger Tuesday, June 30th, 1886, a drunken soldier amused himself by firing off his pistol while walking down Sixth Street. The balls generally were fired upwards but one of them bored a hole in Lessings' law office. Sheriff Formwalt was present with two of his deputies and bagged the offender without parley. It required some pick to tackle the fellow with his murderous weapon but Formwalt has the pick."

According to the August 6th, 1886, issue of The Eagle, whose editorial describes the condition of the drought at length, the conditions were so bad in Runnels county that there was danger of losing a large percentage of the population, and a petition was sent to the congress of the United States for aid. On account of the length of the editorial I do not copy it but submit shorter items:

"Someone said a hen laid three eggs in Dan Sullivan's refrigerator, and they hatched before evening, but we didn't believe it and refused to publish it. But anyway the fireman on the ten o'clock freight got up steam without any fire and will make an affidavit that if he hadn't taken precaution to unload his safety valve, he would have been blown into the sweet subsequently."

"The driver of the ice wagon of the Anheuser-Busch Company treated us rather coolly yesterday, but we are charitable and not hurt. It was ice."

"County Attorney J. W. Powell informs us that since May 1st there have been 34 arrests made in Runnels county. Of these Ballinger furnished 32 and Content 2. There were 2 for aggravated assault, 3 for theft, 1 for murder. The remaining 28 were for various misdemeanors. Mr. Powell says of all these only one escaped his just punishment."

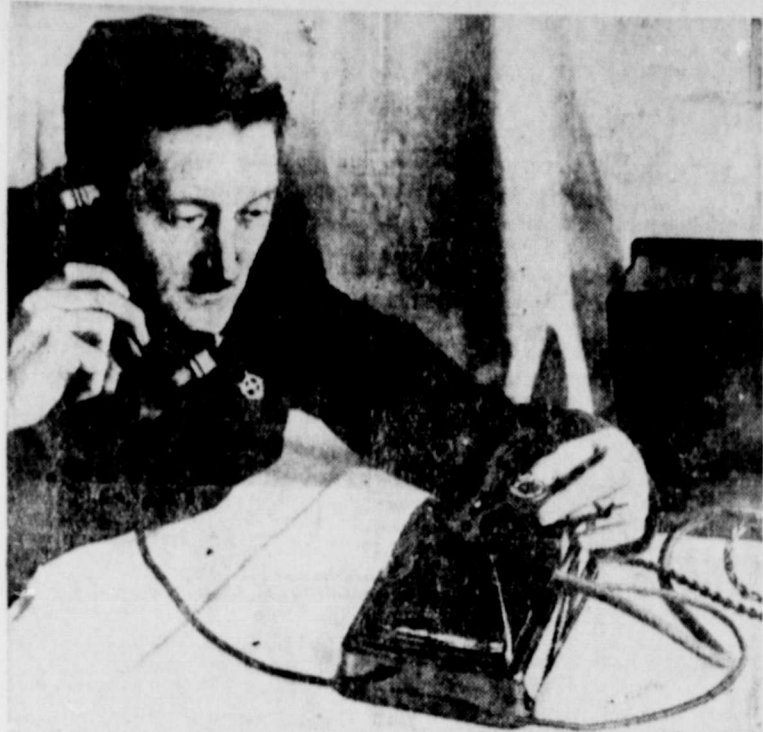
"A petition praying an election to determine whether the county seat shall be moved to Ballinger is being circulated."

From the August 13, 1886, issue of The Eagle I got the inspiration to send in something in response to your request for incidents of early days, as a long poem from different papers was published of which the title was "Don't Be a Clam," and I think the last verse was composed by B. F. Grady, Jr. who was then editing the Eagle.

Don't Be a Clam

"You may be inconsistent and swear at your wife.

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THIS special telephone for the deaf has been developed by engineers of the English general post office in London. The turn of a control knob allows speech reaching the listener at normal strength to be increased in volume to any extent required. The device is claimed to be effective for all except the very deaf. It can be used for either local or long distance calls.

And the public you also may damn;

You may lead an ecstatic, intangible life— But for goodness sake, don't be a clam!"

—Chicago Herald.

"You may be a policeman and wield a large club, And citizens' heads you may jam.

And their noses in dust you may savagely rub— But for goodness sake, don't be a clam."

—Atlanta Constitution.

"Be a Scotchman as canny as a miser of old, With a kilt and a red knitted tam.

Be Jay Gould or some lover of power and gold— But for goodness sake, don't be a clam."

—Farm and Ranch.

"We will make no promises but to be broke; We may yet be a fraud or a sham.

You bet your last cent, and know it's no joke, When we say we will not be a clam."

As the last verse had no name of a paper attached, we presume that the editor of The Eagle, fifty years ago, wrote it. Anyway the poem after that long period of time is now furnishing me the inspiration to respond to your request for something about those old times when the pioneers of Ballinger started their building of a beautiful city.

Add to curious in names of Texas towns the fact that there are towns in the state named Rye and Soda. And a Fairplay and a Security, Texas, Also Cheek, and Pointblank, Texas.

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Proves Early Indians Not Primitive Savages

Tucson, Ariz.—Reconstructing in the laboratory life in North America centuries before the time of Christ, a botanical wizard in detective work established that the early Red Man was not quite the primitive savage many archeologists had pictured him.

According to the sensational finds of Dr. A. F. Henshaw, University of Arizona scientist, the Indian of 2,000 to 3,500 years ago wore attractive clothes not only from hemp and cotton, but also from mohair, kept dogs as pets and moved goods from tribe to tribe through regular trade channels.

Through chemical and microscopic analyses this Sherlock Holmes of the botany world has been studying articles which the Peabody Museum of Harvard excavated from ancient ruins in Arizona, New Mexico, California, Utah and Texas.

He found warm furs made from bears, goats and dogs—and a few pelts made from human hair. He learned that mohair had evidently been bought and sold from tribe to tribe, mainly reaching places where it is doubtful if the Indians could have possessed goats. He came across yucca and century plants where the fibers had been used in giving strength to garments.

Cafe Owners Are Worried Over Requests for Crow

Tucson, Ariz.—Dr. Halma I. Taint, president of the Ohio Crow Hunters' association, asserts to have Ohio restaurant owners worried. Shortly after introducing a crow as a culinary delicacy at a banquet in a Columbus hotel he received this appeal from the maître d'hôtel: "Since your meeting we have had several requests for crows in our dining room. We shall appreciate it if you can let us know where we can buy crows and about what the price will be."

BEE'S ROVT CROWD

CAPETOWN, Union of South Africa, June 24.—Hundreds of people in the public gardens at Capetown were attacked when a large swarm of angry bees emerged from a hive in an oak tree.

Border Patrol's Main Duty is to Prevent Illegal Immigration

WASHINGTON, June 24.—The primary function of the Immigration Border Patrol, which operates under the United States Department of Labor, is to prevent the surreptitious entry of aliens into the United States and to apprehend those who have already effected unlawful entry together with men who helped them across the border.

With the passage of the first immigration quota law in 1921, there sprang up an illicit traffic of aliens across the borders of the United States with which the inspectors on duty at regular ports of entry were unable to cope. This law diverted thousands of aliens from the legal seaports of entry to foreign contiguous which were used as stepping stones to secure illegal entry over the unprotected borders and sea coasts. Brought on by this illegal traffic, the Immigration Border Patrol was created three years later, in May, 1924, and in June of that year the first of the force was established in the field.

Of the ten major patrol districts, there are six on the Canadian border, three on the Mexican border and one covering the southeast section of the country, which includes Florida and the gulf coasts.

With the exception of two, each of the major districts is divided into sub-districts, each operating under a chief patrol inspector. In the twenty-three sub-districts, there are from six to twelve stations, which are in charge of senior patrol inspectors.

Highways, river fronts, coasts, railroad yards, bridges, wharves and isolated sections of the border are watched, day and night, by the patrol officers, whose work is performed not only in automobiles, boats, by horse and other conveyance, but on foot. Composed of approximately 750 members, the force is on call twenty-four hours a day, though only eight hours are required as a matter of general routine. The service must be attractive, for the 1935 examination left 19,000

on the eligible list, twenty-five times the present total personnel. The duties of these patrolmen are not only extremely arduous, but involve actual dangers. Besides their chief duties they are constantly on the lookout for persons in distress, which has resulted in their saving persons from drowning, digging stranded travelers out of snowdrifts, saving property from destruction from fire and removing victims of highway and other accidents to hospitals. Three mounted guards, fore-runners of the present Border Patrol organization, and four immigrant inspectors are among the twenty-nine men whose names comprise the Honor Roll of those who have lost their lives in line of duty.

Six thousand miles of land border and an additional 1,500 miles of sea coast have been patrolled

and 218,925 violators of the immigration laws apprehended by the Immigration Border Patrol, during the first eleven years of its existence. During this same period, 4,978 automobiles, 1,814 boats and 40 aircraft were seized, the estimated value of which was \$5,618,616.

FIRST BAN ON SPORTS IS REVEALED IN POMPEII

ROME, June 24.—Excavations in progress at Pompeii may reveal the first sports ground ever on record to be disqualified because of disorderliness by spectators.

Men working under the direction of Professor Majuri, curator of the excavations, have brought to light a wall which is believed to form a part of the ground on which teams from Pompeii and

Nocera staged an athletic contest in 79 A. D. History records that hundreds of Norcerans went to Pompeii to see the match. While the result was still undecided a decision of the referee was challenged, and Pompeian and Norceran spectators came to blows.

The matter was referred to the Emperor Nero, who disqualified the Pompeian grounds for ten years.

TRAINS RUN ON TIME

LONDON, June 24.—That more than 120,000 trains run in a recent month averaged only 1.1 minutes late is the boast of an English railway.

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Farm Debt Body In Meeting Here; Asks for Reports

The regular monthly meeting of the farm debt adjustment association was held in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon. Hugh F. Weaver, district FDA supervisor, and Charles M. Richter, district rural supervisor, met with the local committee which is composed of T. J. McCaughan, Norton; W. E. Puckett, Winters; and F. E. Fowler, Ballinger. The next meeting will be held in Ballinger on July 21.

Mr. Weaver stated that creditors and debtors are both invited to attend any of these meetings. The farm debt adjustment phase of rural resettlement has two definite functions: (1) to act in an advisory capacity to farmers who have distressed debt problems and (2) to assist in making proper contacts between debtors and creditors.

In this county a committee of business men and farmers, as local representatives, review the farmers' situation and suggest steps he should take. This committee also contacts creditors in an effort to warrant justice for both parties without court action. Its suggestions may include re-arranging terms and interest rate, making one large, long-time loan to absorb smaller pressing obligations, or scaling down the entire indebtedness.

Farmers who think there is just one thing to do—pay up in full or give up—are invited to appeal to the local committee for advice relative to their debt problems. The officials said they should put the case before the committee, tell all that is owed and what is owned and what is happening to the loan right now. The committee will suggest what to do next, and next, and next, until the problem is solved if it can be.

This committee is offering its services free of charge as its part in speeding America's return to normalcy and it fully realizes that

the farmers who lose their farms lose their capital and are no longer possible consumers of any appreciable amount of industrial goods. Too, it knows that many of these farmers are rather old to start again, and unless they can hang on now the young men will take their places and the pioneers who have hung on through difficult years will reap a very unjust reward.

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SUFFOCATION TOO MUCH FOR OUTLAW BAND

HARBIN, June 24.—Badger-hunting methods of an anti-bandit force in Manchoukuo in attempting to capture Chang Chen-tung, a famous bandit, resulted in wiping out the chief and his band. A unit of infantry of the Matsui detachment tracked the band to a group of caves in the mountains southeast of Kangsuehling. A valley greeted them when they tried to enter one cave.

Falling back, they surrounded the place and poured rifle and machine-gun fire into it. A fire was then built of coal and stalks at the entrance and the "smoking" continued all night.

Entering in the morning the troops found Chang and all his followers dead, apparently of suffocation, with the exception of a half dozen who had been killed by bullets. At one time Chang had been in command of a force of 2,500 bandits.

MILLIONAIRE BUYS 42 GOWNS

TOKYO, June 24.—Touring Japan with his three daughters, Kai Bokukai, a Formosan naturalized in Java and described as a multi-millionaire, was attracted by a girl clerk in a Tokyo department store because she resembled his daughter. To engage her in conversation he bought forty-two gowns, one every few minutes. "I like Japan much better than anywhere else," said Kai after the purchases.

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To President Roosevelt, one of the high points in his tour through the southwest was his chat with Col. Andrew Jackson Houston, son of Sam Houston, hero of the Mexican War. The meeting occurred at the historic battlefield of San Jacinto, near Houston, Tex., where the president spoke on peace.

Space Suits Planned For Stratosphere Flight

MOSCOW, June 24.—Another familiar property of science fiction writers promises to be a reality in Russia. This is the "space suit," inside which human beings could live and work in the cold and vacuum of space.

Actual suits of this kind are being devised by the stratosphere committee of the Moscow Aeronautic Society for the use on stratosphere flight in an open gondola or other form of balloon baskets.

In previous stratosphere flights by human beings, from the first one of Professor Piccard to the recent fourteen-mile record of the United States balloon, Explorer II, the aeronauts sealed themselves inside a metal ball or some similar vehicle, for the double purpose of keeping out the cold and of keeping in the air needed to breathe. There are several practical dis-

advantages of this sealed-cabin idea. One is that the flyers are less able to make observations. Another is that the gondola itself necessarily weighs a good deal and thus uses up a substantial fraction of the lifting power of the balloon. The height reached thus is less than if no gondola were needed. Members of the Moscow committee now announce that they have perfected a new rubber fabric which is both cold-proof and airtight, as well as a lightweight aluminum helmet of similar qualifications.

Preparations are being made for a flight of two observers wearing these space suits in an open basket below a balloon designed to burst at fifteen or sixteen miles above the ground and drop the scientific instruments and the aviators, space suits and all, in a series of parachutes.

County Equalization Board to Meet Here For Hearings July 6

The Rannels county commissioners' court will act as a board of equalization on July 6 and many citizens have been notified to appear before the court here on this date and show why their renditions should not be raised.

The county tax rolls have been prepared and checked and a number of reductions have been moved back to their original amounts and some raised. In such cases the county clerk will give notice so that citizens can appear and argue the case before the court.

The city and school district authorities have already held their equalization board sessions and all renditions have been set for the year.

The county cannot legally set the tax rate yet, but the budget has been made up on a suggested rate and will be announced at the proper time.

The 1936 tax rolls will be made up soon and rates figures on each piece of property assessed for the year.

FORGER UNABLE TO WRITE

HUGUENOT, Union of South Africa, June 24.—Peter Collins could not write, but he thought an easy way to make money was to be a forger. He stole blank checks from his employer, M. Cantor, and got a pal, who knew nothing about the law or banking, to fill them out. After Collins presented them to the bank he was arrested and sentenced to serve three months in jail at hard labor and must spend two days a week on spare diet and in solitary confinement. The friend is still missing.

The last of the downtown hitchhacks has been removed in Emporia, Kansas, and farmers now driving horses to town will be obliged to use a tree outside the shopping district.

Heart Disease Still Is Costliest Liability For Insurance Firms

NEW YORK, June 24.—Heart disease is still the costliest of liabilities to the life insurance companies, but tuberculosis, once second in costliness, has been displaced during the last ten years by cancer, according to statistics of death benefits paid on company policies in 1935 and 1925 released by a New York city life insurance company.

In 1925 the company paid to policy-holders who died of heart disease more than \$10,000,000, or more than thirteen per cent of the total paid. In 1935 the payment was nearly \$25,000,000, or more than sixteen per cent. Losses due to tuberculosis in 1925 were more than \$8,000,000, or eleven per cent of the total.

In 1935 the cost of tuberculosis sank to only about five per cent of the total, while payments on account of deaths by cancer increased to nearly twelve per

cent. The decrease in tuberculosis also shown by other statistics of health and disease, is credited to better sanitation and hospital care.

Physicians still do not agree about the causes of the increase in cancer. During the ten-year period the costs of typhoid fever, influenza, appendicitis and kidney disease all decreased, although none as greatly as tuberculosis.

In addition to cancer, the cost of diabetes, apoplexy, suicides and deaths by accident all increased. In 1935 the third most expensive cause of deaths was death by accident. Kidney disease came fourth, pneumonia fifth, apoplexy sixth, and tuberculosis seventh.

MEXICO CITY'S CLIMATE MILD

MEXICO, D. F., June 24.—In the city of Mexico were located close to the coast, one ship captain says, it would be the most popular tourist resort in the world, as all the year round it enjoys the temperature of June, coupled with the verdure of August.

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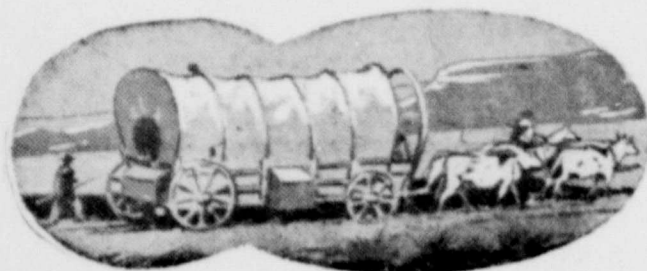
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