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## Ginners Host to Large Crowd at 4th July Picnic

Seven thousand pounds of fresh meats, barbecued to feed fifteen or twenty acres of people, will not do the job, unless the barbecue is cut with a view to equitable distribution, and is so distributed. This was thoroughly demonstrated at the ginners' barbecue held on Valley Creek seven miles west of Ballinger on July Fourth.

Fortunately the barbecue was supplemented with baskets, and everybody got something to eat, and fortunately also the Abilene auto races and Paint Rock barbecue drew good crowds and lightened the load on the ginners. The crowd was estimated at from 5,000 to 10,000, but the 5,000 estimate was perhaps more nearly correct. However, there were "acres of people," and they were "milling" from shade to shade, with autos parked from hill to hill in the valley of Valley Creek. It is estimated that there were at least 1500 autos parked on the grounds.

It was a good natured crowd and the day passed without an accident of any consequence. Such a crowd could hardly be handled with military discipline without military forces to do the handling, but the ginners deserve much credit for staging the Fourth of July celebration and making it a success.

Every section of the county was represented, and citizens from Coke, Taylor and other neighboring counties came in large numbers. While some did not get barbecue, it was due to the fact that others received more than their share through duplication of allowances to families, and thru the greed of some people who do not stop to consider the rights of others.

The crowd began to gather on the grounds before nine o'clock and by ten o'clock when the Ballinger Booster Band began to make music for the occasion, the beautiful pecan grove presented a bee-hive appearance, and by eleven o'clock the record for picnic crowds in Runnels county was smashed.

The dinner was served in family groups, one or more members of each family visiting the tables where the barbecue was served in plates and buckets, and we might say in armfuls, and spread with the baskets of food which the picnicers brought along to supplement the barbecue, bread and pickles, which were furnished by the ginners.

The program for the day consisted in an address by Wallace Hawkins, Assistant attorney general, who spoke in the forenoon. Judge Hawkins delivered a patriotic address, and while the hum of conversation, the shriek of the whistles, and "speiling" of cold drink and popcorn vendors made it difficult to hear, a large crowd gathered in close around the speakers' stand and listened with interest to the speakers. President Orr, of the Texas Farm Bureau, spoke in the afternoon. Baseball and goat roping offered amusement for those whose tastes were not attracted by oratory.

While people began to leave for their respective homes by three o'clock in the afternoon, many lingered until the sun began to go down under the pecan trees, and it was a gala day and a glorious Fourth long to be remembered, and several thousand people enjoyed a day's outing at the expense and courtesy of the ginners of Runnels county.

## Paint Rock Entertaining with Big 4th Celebration

The Paint Rock Band with Roy Hill as director, Sheriff Bob Miller and his forces, are responsible for the great success of the Fourth of July barbecue held in Simms' pasture, one mile from Paint Rock on the Concho River.

This celebration was one of the most successful ever held in Concho county. It is estimated that there were at least four thousand people present at the picnic, many coming from distant places. There were cars at the barbecue from several Northern states, which of course were those of tourists who happened to be passing through Paint Rock at the time of the barbecue.

The merry makers began to arrive early at the picnic grounds and by 10:00 o'clock there were at least two thousand at the scene of the picnic. The crowd continued to swell until about two o'clock in the afternoon. Barbecue was served beginning at 12:00 o'clock and at 2:30 the crowd was still going through the gate. The meat was very good as the band secured the best that could be found. There was plenty of everything for the crowd and but little was left over.

At about five o'clock part of the crowd began to leave for their homes, while others were arriving to attend the dance. The Paint Rock committee employed the "Moonlight Jazzers" of Brady, to furnish the music for the dancers. The Moonlight Jazzers is a five piece orchestra and the music rendered would make a hit anywhere. This same orchestra played for the dance at Paint Rock Tuesday night also. This picnic perhaps afforded more amusements than any barbecue that was ever held in Concho county. There were several carnival stands playing on the grounds, a rodeo which showed in the morning, afternoon and night, a calf with five legs in an exhibition tent, goat roping and baseball. At all times during the day the Paint Rock band was supplying the crowd with plenty of good music. In the afternoon the Rowena and Paint Rock base-

ball teams played baseball. At eight o'clock the dance commenced with many attending from Ballinger, San Angelo, Winters, Rowena, Miles, Eden, Brady and other nearby places.

The people of Ballinger and Runnels county wish to congratulate the band boys of Paint Rock on the wonderful success of their entertainment.

## CONFLICT IN SCRIVENER CASE

DALLAS, July 5.—W. S. Scrivener, confessed participant in the two million dollar robbery of Jackson Street sub-postoffice here in January 1921, who was released Tuesday under a five thousand dollar bond by District Judge C. A. Pippen, was today re-arrested by the Dallas county sheriff.

It is understood that Scrivener was arrested today on the demand of Federal Judge Wilson. Scrivener is under indictment in both state and federal courts.

The sheriff said he would be held until the conflicts between the courts had been settled.

Mrs. Wm. Glenn returned to her home at Bronte Monday, after spending several days the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. F. Lusk.

Miss Genie Carter, sister of Mrs. N. J. Allen Jr., who has been attending college in Topeka, Kansas, for the past two years, will leave that city Saturday night for Chicago, according to information received in Ballinger. Miss Carter goes to Chicago to attend the summer session of the Art Institute.

J. B. Bass, of the Norton country, had business in Ballinger first of the week. Mr. Bass reported about half an inch rain at his place, but heavier West of him.

## Many Killed In 4th July Accidents While Hundreds are In Hospitals



## GARAGE MAN IS SHOT 9 TIMES 4 BURN TO DEATH IN HOTEL FIRE

GALVESTON, July 5.—J. R. Salmon, a League City garage proprietor, was shot nine times and probably fatally wounded, near his garage early this morning.

Salmon was taken to a hospital at Houston.

So far no arrests have been reported.

Mrs. J. W. Black and son, Ross Black, and wife, and Mrs. Gerald Black left Thursday for Belton, where they will visit relatives for a few days.

## 4 PLEAD GUILTY TO OIL FRAUDS

FT. WORTH, July 5.—B. M. Hatfield, Charles D. Spann, Benjamin C. Hatcher, and Edwin H. Smith, who were connected with oil promotion propositions and who were indicted by federal complaints last April, this morning entered pleas of guilty to charges of using the mails to defraud.

Sentence on these four men will be passed later, it was announced at the federal district court.

## TO HOLD INQUIRY IN LANGE MURDER

AUSTIN, July 5.—A court of inquiry into the killing of Otto Lange, Monday night, near Somerville, will be conducted by state investigators, Acting Governor Davidson announced today.

Lange is reported to have been assaulted and killed by a group of masked men.

A personal report of the affair was given Mr. Davidson this morning by the sheriff of Burleson county.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS MEETING

Members of the Wesley Bible class of the Methodist church, were the guests of Mrs. J. A. Reese and Mrs. Mary B. Sharp, Wednesday afternoon, June 27th, at the home of the latter on 5th Street. About twenty-five of the members were present and after a short business meeting they enjoyed a social hour during which a delicious salad course was served.

"Reporter."

PITTSBURGH, Penna., July 5.—Four persons were burned to death today when fire swept the Schmidt Hotel at McKeesport, near here. Six were injured, two of whom will probably die.

A score of men, women and children were trapped on the upper floor of the building and had narrow escapes, being rescued by the police and firemen who spread nets for the guests to jump into.

## DEMPSEY LEAVES ON VACATION

GREAT FALLS, Mont., July 5.—Jack Dempsey prepared today to desert Montana for a few days vacation with his mother in Salt Lake City, Utah, after a hard nine weeks training for the heavy-weight championship bout with Tommy Gibbons.

Dempsey was given the decision over Gibbons on points at the end of fifteen rounds at Shelby, Montana, yesterday.

## WILL CHANGE PARTY'S NAME

CHICAGO, July 5.—Organization committees representing various groups of labor, farmers, industrialists and other organizations, which are attending the Farmer-Labor convention, decided to recommend to the party to adopt the name "Federated Farmer-Labor Party," according to C. E. Ruthenberg, a member of the committee.

It is said that they also approved the tentative platform policies, but the final form for recommendation had not been worked out.

CHICAGO, July 5.—The organization committee recommended the national convention of the Federated Farmer-Labor Party be held in December or January to nominate a presidential candidate and other candidates for the 1924 election.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Swift and daughter, Mrs. Edmundson, returned to their home in Eastland county Monday, after a visit to their daughter and sister, Mrs. R. A. Dickinson.

JACKSONVILLE, Texas, July 5.—W. R. Allen, age 69, was instantly killed yesterday when he was struck by a bullet from a pistol with which several boys were practicing in a baseball park several hundred yards away.

Mrs. F. M. Inge, age 39, was drowned yesterday afternoon in the Nueces River. Mrs. Inge was attending a Fourth of July picnic West of Alto, Texas.

## BOY SERIOUSLY HURT BY AUTO

It is probable that serious charges will be filed against the driver of an auto who side-swiped another car on the Ballinger-Paint Rock road and seriously injured the thirteen year old son of John Simmons Wednesday afternoon, if such persons can be apprehended. The officers are seeking them.

The Simmons boy was knocked from the running board of a car and run over. He sustained cuts which required an operation of almost an hour to patch up. Fortunately the lad escaped instant death and sustained no broken limbs, but he was severely cut, the flesh being torn to the bone from one leg. He was brought to the Halley & Love sanitarium and placed under the influence of anesthetics.

The accident took place as a bunch of boys were returning to their home in the Pony Creek community from the Paint Rock barbecue. The Simmons boy was riding on the running board, and in passing, another car in which a bunch of boys and girls were riding, he was knocked from the running board.

The boys claim that they pulled into the ditch and gave more than half the road when the other car speeded by and sideswiped the car in which the boys were riding. The auto which hit the boy did not stop to offer assistance, but instead the driver "stepped on the gas" when he realized what he had done and made his get-away.

The latest report from the lad who was injured says that he is doing as well as could be expected, and will recover, unless complications develop.

Mrs. Frank Thomson returned to her home in Schleicher county Saturday. She was accompanied home by Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Fowler and little son, Graham, and Tom Penn, who will spend a few days on the Thomson ranch.

J. M. Jennings and L. C. Underwood, of Norton, were among the visitors to Ballinger yesterday afternoon.

W. H. Greer and family, Eddie Pape and family, and W. T. Crockett and family, constitute a party of Ballinger tourists who left for a trip in their autos to Tennessee and Mississippi Tuesday. They went by the way of Texarkana and will camp along the road, taking their time in seeing the country. They expect to be gone from Ballinger a month.

CHICAGO, July 5.—Ten or more of the thirty-two deaths reported shortly before noon today, were caused by fireworks and explosives. The others resulted from firearms, automobile accidents, and drowning. Similar accidents are traceable on every Fourth of July celebration.

On the accident side St. Louis reported sixty-one hurt, which is the highest number injured; Illinois comes second with twenty-eight injuries.

The state of Ohio reports ten deaths and Michigan four casualties.

CHICAGO, July 5.—Reports from Fourth of July accidents began to come in before the day was half gone yesterday, and by this morning a score of deaths and more than one hundred injuries, resulting from fire works explosions, automobile accidents and other accidents incidental to the nation's observance of Independence Day, had been reported. Most of those killed, according to reports from various sections of the country, were children.

Six deaths are reported from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, two resulting from fire-crackers, four from automobile accidents, while two score or more were injured by explosions in that city.

The fatalities by states as reported up to noon today, were: New York, 2; Pennsylvania, 6; Illinois, 5; Minnesota, 1; Ohio, 3; Alabama, 1; Louisiana, 3.

## HARDING SAILS FOR ALASKA

TACOMA, Wash., July 5.—President and Mrs. Harding arrived here this morning about ten o'clock. After an address here the president and his party will board the United States naval transport, "Henderson," which was to have sailed this afternoon at two o'clock for Alaska.

SEVEN MORE INDICTMENTS IN GOOSE CREEK ASSAULTS HOUSTON, July 5.—Seven more indictments charging assault with pistols were returned today by the Harris county grand jury, which is investigating whippings at Goose Creek.

W. D. Seales and family are preparing to leave for Oklahoma, where they will visit relatives. They will be gone a couple of weeks, visiting different points.

When you borrow from a bank it demands security—when you deposit in a bank, demand security.

Every dollar deposited in STATE BANKS, which does not draw interest is guaranteed by the Depositors' Guaranty Fund. Out of this fund has been paid \$10,000,000.00 to depositors of State Banks within the last three years, and not one dollar of deposits has been lost. Does this record of State Bank Guaranty mean anything to you? It does not unless your deposits are in a State Bank.

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Winters, Texas.

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daughter at Snyder.

passed up the gap, and pleasant weather prevailed.

BUCKET OF MILK are the weekend guests of Mrs. E. J. Hardgrave.—San Angelo Standard.

Ballinger, Texas.



To Build Huge Irrigation Reservoir in Southern Idaho

AMERICAN FALLS, Idaho, June 29.—This little agricultural community has consented to plans for its removal to a new townsite as the result of negotiations by representatives of the United States government.

Authorization of plans to build the reservoir, which will be the largest in the United States and the fourth largest in the world, with a capacity of 1,500,000 acre-feet of water, was given at recent special election in the American Falls irrigation district.

The imminence of the proposed reservoir may be realized by the statement that it will be among the world's wonders as a means of water storage.

The floor of the reservoir will contain 83,000 acres when the project is extended to the full capacity of 3,000,000 acres.

The estimated cost of \$12,000,000 includes all preliminaries, including foundation, moving the town of American Falls, the railroad, etc.

The benefits of the project will extend to all South Idaho, and a general stimulation of business in all lines, notably agriculture, will result, officials say.

The Same Everywhere

The editor of Paisa Akhbar, a native newspaper of Lahore, India, says, "I have read Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy many times among my children and servants, for colic and diarrhoea and always found it effective."

FROM NEIGHBORING CITIES

Sheriff Bob Miller of Concho county, says the hot weather killed his 170-pound hog.

Up to June 26, 2443 autos had been registered in Coleman county.

Harley Sadler, of Brunk's Comedians, has taken a ten year lease on a theatre in Sweetwater, and will make that city his headquarters.

Lon Foreman, a farmer living Northeast of Coleman, lost nine head of cattle, caused by eating grasshopper poison.

It is now a violation of the law to sell bass, crappie and cat-fish taken from the streams of thirty-seven counties in this section of the state, including Runnels county.

The churches of Comanche have adopted a program of services for the remainder of the summer which calls for combining the services into one for the evening hour.

Dr. J. D. Sandefer has joined a party of West Texans on a trip to Panama and the West Indies.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head because of its tonic and laxative effect.

H. Giesecke and two daughters Misses Serena and Clara Marguerite, arrived about four o'clock yesterday afternoon from San Antonio.

BAUGH NAMED COURT APPEALS

Press reports from Austin state that Senator J. H. Baugh has been appointed as a member of the Court of Civil Appeals to succeed Judge C. H. Jenkins.

Judge Baugh was formerly associated with Judge A. K. Doss in law practice in Ballinger. He served as a major in the army during the war with Germany.

Judge Baugh has many friends in Ballinger who will be glad to know that he has been appointed to a place on one of the most important courts of the state.

A child can't get strong and robust while worms eat away its strength and vitality.

ADVERTISING RUNNELS COUNTY FAIR DATES

An advertising campaign has been launched for the Runnels County Fair to be held at Ballinger on November 14-15-16.

The fair is more than four months off, but exhibitors are reminded that they should begin now to plan their exhibit.

The tentative program promises to bring new features to the fair this year and the county celebration will be bigger and better than ever.

Remember that the fair comes almost two months later than last year, and when the weather will be cooler, and farmers will have had time to harvest their crops.

PRESBYTERIANS BUILDING NEW HOME FOR PASTOR

Work has been started on the construction of a manse for the First Presbyterian Church, the new pastor's home to be located on the Yarnell lot.

EASTERN STAR OFFICER VISITOR TO BALLINGER

Mrs. Mattie Adelle Sibets, of Higgins, Texas, worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order Eastern Star, came in from San Angelo Thursday morning.

Mrs. Sibets was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Halley while in the city. She left Friday afternoon for Coleman.

Mrs. J. A. Street is visiting her daughter at Snyder.

WOMEN'S CLUBS FOR AMENDMENT

WACO, June 30.—Members of women's clubs affiliated with the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs are urged to vote for the highway amendment.

Miss West's appeal follows: "To the Women of Texas: The policy of both the General and State Federations of Women's Clubs is for the conservation and constructive work at all times.

"The Department of Conservation feels that at the present time there is no issue of such vital importance as that of the highway amendment to be voted on July 28th.

"A state system of connected permanent highways permanently maintained has been the slogan of the Texas Highway Association and the Good Roads Division of the Texas Federation for the past year.

"Such a system, which will be impossible without the passing of this amendment, will be an inestimable boon to the farmer in marketing his crops, and of untold value to the rural school.

"Not only vote for this amendment, but work for it and get others to vote for it. It is a rare opportunity for service of the highest order."

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, blind, bleeding or protruding piles. Instantly relieves itching, piles, and you can get restful sleep after first application.

A Statement

In issue of The Ballinger Daily Ledger under date of June 29th, 1923, there appears an article under heading "List Complete for Irrigation."

After thorough consideration I feel that I would be justified in publishing a statement over my signature feeling that possibly the article appearing might be misconstrued by some of my friends who know how I stand on the question.

I do not think that this was done in order to deceive anyone nor do I desire to influence anyone in their vote on the question.

The petition which I with many others signed was published in Daily Ledger of June 25th, 1923, and in a previous issue it was fully explained that it was purely a request for submission of the question to the people of the proposed district.

When the petition was presented to me I told party presenting same that the matter of signing could easily be misconstrued and also stated that if the list was to be published to see that my name was erased unless the entire petition appeared over signature.

These are the facts as to my signing.

R. G. Erwin, SAYS MANY CAMPED AT BUFFALO GAP

H. F. Demmer returned from Buffalo Gap Monday morning, where he went Saturday to take his family and get them located in camp for the Presbyterian encampment.

MORE SIGNERS FOR IRRIGATION

The following citizens of the Bronte and Tennyson communities signed the petition for the irrigation district election:

- J. L. Scott, Geo. R. Humlong, Mrs. Geo. R. Humlong, H. T. Wilkins, Frank Keeney, E. L. Price, H. R. Wilkins, Mrs. L. Johnson, W. R. Cates, W. L. Hayley, J. A. Grimes, T. C. Price, J. H. Wilkins, R. E. Hickman, C. R. Gollihar, Carrie Glenn, D. M. West, J. D. Leonard, E. E. Pruett, W. B. Smith, J. A. Perciful, B. F. Bridges, B. E. Modgling, D. B. Kiker, L. Grimes, W. A. Glenn, W. A. Clark, B. F. Gibbreath, John Cornelius, G. H. McCuiston, R. E. Cumbie, J. M. Cumbie, Hervey Humlong, J. S. Arledge, Iva Bridges, R. J. Epperson, Robt. Knierim, C. C. Smith, J. E. Bedford, Tom Modgling, J. A. Weathersbee, W. L. Butler, R. L. Hayley, L. B. Williams, W. W. Wieggle, C. C. Glenn, C. A. Taylor, B. T. Hallmark, Sam Neff, Bert Cornelius, J. A. Ellison, H. J. Thompson, Y. L. Willis, Homer Cornelius, J. L. Howell, R. A. Howell, W. E. McCain, E. D. Little, Sam Sawyer, Mrs. S. F. Little, D. Larkin.

WINTERS HEART OF BUMPER CROPS

WINTERS, June 29.—The banks of Winters are preparing to handle the volume of business expected from the good crops for this territory.

The First National Bank is installing a Mosler manganese screw and lug door, Model 77, safe, which is a credit to any bank in a town of Winters' size.

Crop conditions are especially good through the Winters country. Grain is practically all harvested and threshing is in full blast.

It is freely predicted that Winters will market 25,000 bales of cotton from this crop as against 19,600 last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shelton, and Luther Osteen, of Abilene, came down Sunday and spent the day with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Murphy were hosts to a number of friends at their ranch on the Concho on the Fourth.

Mrs. E. L. Rasbury of Ballinger and her daughter, Mrs. Alfred Luckett of Miles are the weekend guests of Mrs. E. J. Hardgrave.—San Angelo Standard.

PEOPLE NOT ASKED TO VOTE ON BONDS

For many years the people of Coke and Runnels county, living in the valley of the Colorado River, have discussed pro and con the possibilities of gravity irrigation from a reservoir.

All preliminary surveys of the project have been completed. Maps have been prepared showing the contours of a territory embracing 240,000 acres.

The directors of the district, elected by the people and representing the people, would secure from competent engineers an estimate of the cost in detail.

It is the belief of many people of this section that the irrigation proposition is the most momentous question ever presented to the people of Coke and Runnels counties.

Mr. Demmer says that he and his family had a delightful outing, spending quite a while in Galveston and visiting his father and other relatives along the route.

One Dollar Saved Represents Ten Dollars Earned

The average man does not save to exceed ten per cent of his earnings. He must spend nine dollars in living expenses for every dollar saved.

TRAVELS 1400 MILES; SAYS LOCAL CAMP BEST

H. F. Demmer and family returned home this week from an automobile trip through South Texas. Mr. Demmer says that he went to Galveston by the way of Waco, traveling through Central Texas, visited the coast, and returned by the way of San Antonio.

Read Ledger "wants" column.

Dean Brothers Tire & Battery Station (Successors to Holmes) Exide Batteries, Seiberling Casings and Tubes. Let us do your vulcanizing and battery charging. If you get down, telephone 116.

Mr. Tenant Farmer Why not begin to get ready to buy that home you have been promising yourself and family. McGarver & Lynn ABSTRACTS, LAND LOANS, GENERAL INSURANCE Ballinger, Texas.

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State highways for state traffic at state and federal expense will release county funds which can be devoted to rural roads for rural traffic. Vote for the highway amendment.

Brownwood drug stores have sold 9,322 pounds of arsenic for grasshopper poison since the campaign against the hoppers started a few weeks ago. The farmers paid about \$3000 for this amount of poison.

The street paving work in Ballinger was completed this week, and the machinery and other equipment employed in the work was shipped to Anson, where a paving campaign is to be begun. Ballinger is much smaller than Brownwood, but it is years ahead of this city in the matter of civic development.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Thousands of dollars are being paid out by different organizations in gathering and disseminating reports on conditions of roads for the benefit of the tourists. This expense can be eliminated by voting for the highway amendment and letting the state build main roads which will be passable in all kinds of weather.

All Ballinger should show an interest in the organizing of a junior band. The boy or girl of today who learns to play a musical instrument of some kind will be the musician of tomorrow. We are glad to note that such an organization is in the making with more than twenty-five already enrolled and equipped with instruments.

The Ledger is being criticised for not carrying more "oil news." The Ledger has been criticised in the past for carrying "too much oil news." Experience has taught us that facts about oil wells are sometimes hard to get, and thousands of people in Texas have invested in worthless acreage and worthless oil stocks on the strength of some false newspaper report.

Ballinger is not going to be the city it should be until the people join hands and adopt some methods for building good streets throughout the residence section. Engineers and contractors say that there are few cities in Texas which can build streets as cheaply as Ballinger, as we have the material on the ground with which to do the work. Then why put off for forty years that which we should do today.

In looking thru the old files of this paper the writer ran across an item carried in the paper twenty-five years ago which reported the

agitation of the water question at that time. Certain parties wanted to use Elm Creek water, others wanted to tie onto the river and still others were contending that wells be drilled in the river valley and well water used as the city supply. After a quarter of a century there still seems to be a difference of opinion, and the people are calling for more water and better water, with water, water everywhere, and going to waste.

**A DROUTH PREDICTED**

Commissioner Haynes says that two hundred and fifty million gallons less liquor was consumed for the three years of Volsteadism than was consumed during the three years preceding the enactment of the Volstead law.

This can be attributed to the fact that there has been a big decrease in the number of drinkers as well as to the activity of the prohibition officers. The death rate among drinkers of strong drink has been unusually high, while there has been no new crop of drinkers to take their places.

The possibility of making the United States dry at one stroke of the law never entered the mind of the most ardent prohibitionist, but it must be admitted, that in spite of the bootleggers, rum runners and moonshiners, good headway towards banishing booze is being made.

It was expected that the present crop of liquor drinkers would have to be harvested, and perhaps on to the second and third generation there will be an appetite for booze, but the United States is rapidly becoming dry, and the man who can't see a drouth ahead cannot see very far.

**TEMPLE 42 YEARS OLD**

While Ballinger was permitting her thirty-ninth birthday to pass up unnoticed last Friday, Temple was putting on a big show in observance of her forty-second anniversary.

Both towns were born on the same day of the month, but Temple is three years older than Ballinger. Who knows but that Ballinger will have outgrown Temple by the time Ballinger is 42.

The Temple Telegram had a big hand in celebrating Temple's birthday last week, coming out with a sixty-six page edition. The paper was brimfull of facts and figures about the Bell county city, and reflects the progressive spirit which still prevails.

Senator Morris Sheppard made the birthday speech for Temple, and the program was replete with music, dancing, basket picnic, flag raising, old fiddlers' contest, baseball, fireworks, etc.

Sometimes, and as the years roll on, and after we have put over some of the big projects offered in this country, we hope to see the day when Ballinger can give a big birthday party and invite Temple to come out and help us celebrate the birthday of the two towns together.

**WE NEED PEOPLE WITH A VISION**  
Pessimism never built a city.

One optimist is worth a thousand pessimists when it comes to developing a country.

What Ballinger needs most is a few leaders with a vision and more confidence in all.

Ballinger and Runnels county are today what those who have gone on before have made it. We must not do less than take up the work and build for those who are to come after us.

The agricultural industry of the county is in its infancy. There are yet thousands of acres to go under the plow. New homes will spring up to make room for the increase in population.

The highway problem must be solved. The school problem must be solved. The water problem must be solved. You may have a solution for some of the problems. If you have, get busy and interest others in your plan. If the other fellow has a plan, investigate it, and encourage the man with a vision.

Ballinger must grow, if we keep pace with other West Texas cities. Let us rejoice over what has already been accomplished and push forward with a program for a progressive city that will attract progressive people.

**BY ALL MEANS ADOPT IT**

The proposed highway amendment to the constitution of this state will be printed in this paper for the enlightenment of the voters, and to those who do not understand it, we wish to say that by all means they should study the question, learn its true meaning and what the amendment stands for, and then go to the polls on July 28th and vote for it.

The citizens of Texas will determine in this election whether Texas is going to stand still or push forward in her program of highway construction. The peo-

ple will either adopt this amendment or continue to waste thousands of dollars on roads where no adequate provision is made for permanent maintenance.

If the amendment is adopted the main state highways will be taken over, constructed and maintained by the state and federal highway departments, leaving the commissioners' court free with the county road tax money to build and maintain lateral or county roads. The state will carry on the work through revenue from gasoline and other highway tax and auto tax and at the same time continue to receive aid from the federal appropriation. If the amendment is defeated the state will lose federal aid, and the appropriation made by congress for highway work will go to other states which comply with the law. Texas cannot continue to share in federal aid unless the amendment is adopted.

There is a prejudice against amendments which causes many to vote against them on general principles and without posting themselves. Every citizen who is interested in a system of highways in Texas should vote for this amendment. Let us turn over the main highways to the state and federal highway authorities and make it possible for the county commissioners to devote all their time and money to county roads. It is the best proposition put up to the voters in a long time.

**A REAL PHILANTHROPIST**

Captain Charles Schreiner, a retired financier of Junction, has just made a gift of \$26,000 to Kerr county and the city of Junction to match an equal amount from the federal and state highway departments, and consequently the streets thru Junction and for a distance of 6.8 miles on

the Old Spanish Trail will be paved. It takes money to build roads, and Capt. Schreiner is a real philanthropist for placing his money where every man who travels thru Junction will be benefited.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart L. Williams left Friday afternoon for Colorado Springs, where Mrs. Williams will spend the remainder of the summer. Mr. Williams expects to be gone about one week, spending two or three days in Colorado.

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# Sam's Day of Independence

Mary Graham Bonner

They seldom spoke of him without mentioning his wooden leg. It seemed a part, not merely of his appearance, but of his personality. Sam Evans and his wooden leg—they were spoken of as two companions, as, in a way, they were.

Sam was not a hero. No one knew of anything especially brave Sam had ever done. No one knew of any harm through which had been caused in any way because of him. No one knew of any home he had ever had, any relatives still existing.

Only they knew that for seventy years Sam had been a village figure. Sam, with a withered leg supported by the wooden one, hobbling through the village, taking off his torn straw hat in the summer of the fur one (which he had shared with moths) in the winter time to every one on the village street; such was one of his pleasures. Sometimes those who had returned from a long city visit did not answer his salutation—but Sam never complained. Sometimes those who had never been out of the village but who were entertaining visitors from the city did not notice Sam's low bow. But Sam never said anything. Only a pained expression came in place of the eager look at the prospect of a greeting. And when he was greeted in return his plain, unpleasurose, dull face lighted up.

Sam loved people. If they regarded him a character, laughed at him and not with him, he neither minded nor wholly understood. Strange verses of poetry he wrote from time to time, he sang at village minstrel shows, even though he shifted the key with his cracked voice as often as he shifted the position of his wooden leg. He mended chairs, he blackened shoes, odd bits of jobs kept his poor, old body alive, and he—with a love of life which seems to exist in some of the strangest of us—did anything he could think of to live.

Every one in the village knew him. He felt himself to be a part of it and



Sam Was Not a Hero.

that his shoe polishing and chair mending and singing made him have a place in the village life.

And then they came to him, they, the tax-supported officials, with their charity and with their good sense, with their practical mentalities and their smug content at their elevated positions of county officers.

They wanted to take him to the county house. Sam could hardly believe them at first.

"But you will be warm there and comfortable." What a stupid word that was. Even a stupid old man knew that! They told him how happy he would be—at Christmas, for example. He knew what that would be like. The old men would be given tobacco and the old women candies that were soft, and they would all have woolen mittens and mufflers and a special dinner. It would be considered a wonderful Christmas by the county and it would be written up in the paper.

But it would not be a warmth that really warmed. The bleak and dismal little woodshed room at the back of the small store which he called his home was his own, and his stomach was used to little food. No, he would not be an inmate. How the word chilled him! He had seen those great yellow buildings, a number of them together. Surely the village wouldn't let him be taken there!

And then pneumonia, at that time out of a job and looking for a victim, seized him. He was taken to the County house. About him were other inmates, those whose families had felt they would be better off in a "home" rather than in the way at home. There were some who were half-witted. They were the happiest. The men sat about, their bodies weak and trembling but physically looked after, talking incoherently, their toothless jaws and wrinkled skins and necks which reached out from too large and makeshift collars, making them resemble the necks of turkeys; and the women—they walked about the balcony of one of the opposite houses, or sat and dreamed of better days.

They tried to make it better, perhaps. The place was certainly clean. The inspectors were always delighted. Always was that smell of thick yellow soap.

Perhaps you cannot understand it. Perhaps you cannot see why a person would rather be cold and half clad than warm and sufficiently covered, why a person would rather not be well fed than half-starved, why a person

would not rather have the companionship of other inmates than live alone in a wretched little excuse for a room, why a person would not rather want to be secure than terrifyingly insecure, and why a person would not prefer being treated kindly in a comfortable institution than to merely have the pleasure of taking off an old hat and bowing to men and women and children along a village street. Perhaps you cannot understand that dread of a "poorhouse," no matter how well run. Perhaps you cannot understand that fear of being an inmate of a "county farm." No doubt you are practical and sensible and sane. But perhaps you have never lived under the shadow of a "poorhouse" nor been taken there by



Everyone Knew Him.

those who in some way could control you. The "poorhouse" to Sam was the last thing before death. No, it was worse than death. It meant one was of no account before one's time. It meant one must be put away before one stopped breathing.

Several times he escaped, only to be taken back again. But he still hoped to get away. Perhaps he could make wash rags for a living. They had taught him to do that in the yellow buildings. He had been told that he was good at that.

Yes, this coming time he would make his escape. He would gain his freedom. He would go from the yellow buildings, down the long roadway which led to the highway. From there he would start out. He would make his plans carefully this time. The highway—how wonderful it was! The highway which led the way to the right and to the left and stretching out in front of it was freedom.

The Fourth of July was approaching—Independence day, the great day of Freedom. And they were going to have "appropriate exercises" at the "county farm." They would be busy with other things. On that day he would make his escape.

This time he would go on a real journey, a real journey.

He started forth early that morning when he was not being noticed. Down the long road toward the highway he hobbled. He never turned back. If he were being followed he would be taken back. But they weren't following him. They were busy occupied.

Then he heard a running back of him. Some one was chasing him. He hadn't been successful, after all. Well, he'd succeed sooner or later. He mustn't allow himself to become discouraged. He had been taken back before but he would get the better of them yet.

But perhaps he still had a chance—now. He was so near, so near the highway and he might be able to get away. He could run with a wooden leg as fast as some could with two good legs. Then he would hide in the woods and freedom would be ahead. There was still a chance! Only a little distance more, only a little distance—he would outrun that person from be-



The Men Sat About.

hind—he would reach the highway and freedom.

Was he free at last? His mind was working very strangely now. He put his hands about him. He seemed unable to see. He was on the ground, he discovered. Yes, he had escaped from those yellow buildings. He couldn't think very clearly, but he could feel the cool, damp, free earth. No more soap-smelling hard floors. He would travel—travel far—he would journey.

He was safe. He hadn't been caught. He would rest for a moment, and then he would go forward. If only things didn't look so dark before him. But probably it was night and he was dead with sleep. He had traveled much

he had realized! "They'll never get me again," he whispered exultantly, "they'll never get me again."

An attendant from the "county house" had been joined by a physician. "How did he happen to get down here?" the doctor asked.

"He was running toward the highway," the attendant answered. "He was never happy here. Good for you don't know what's good for 'em you know."

The doctor nodded vaguely. "I suppose not," he said. "And in the records," the attendant asked, "his death was from—?"

"Heart failure," the doctor answered. And as he let go of the numbed, wrin-



"You've Got the Best of 'em This Time, Sam!"

kled, coarse, cold old hand of Sam Evans something curiously moist came to the doctor's eyes.

"Never mind, Sam," he whispered, "the 'poorhouse' can't bring you back from this journey. You've got the best of 'em this time, Sam! You've won your freedom on—Independence day!"

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## FIRE DEPT RECEIVES PRIZE NOZZLE IT WON

The gold nozzle won by the Ballinger Fire Department at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention held in San Angelo May 21, 22, 23, was received here Thursday morning by the local company. The hose cart team, with Rufus Thomas as captain, made a record that will be hard to break. The entire team was made up of local boys and they deserve credit for winning the nozzle. The prize is on exhibition at Weeks' drug store.

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY IN MEETING

The American Legion Auxiliary met with its president, Mrs. J. Y. Pearce, Tuesday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock.

After the usual business had been transacted, a social hour was enjoyed, during which the hostess served delicious punch and Angel food cake. The Auxiliary had as its guest, Mrs. Gardner, of San Antonio, the house guest of Mrs. Pearce.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Claude Stone on Broadway, August 7th.

Henry Mitchell of the Winters country, had business in Ballinger Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Jamison of Taipa, were in Ballinger Monday shopping.

## Ballinger Junior Band Has Enthusiastic Meet

The organization of the Junior Band of Ballinger is about complete and from the outlook the boys will soon be making the older band sit up and take notice. The boys are enthusiastic in their efforts and Director Carsey says that by giving the beginners two private lessons and one full rehearsal each week he will have them ready to play in a short while. It is likely that the first public job will be during the Bannels County Fall Fair which is only a few months in the future.

Most of the boys already have instruments and the remainder are placing orders for immediate shipment. Mr. Carsey is calling on the parents of each of the members and as soon as he can get around will place an order for all the instruments and music suitable for the beginners.

Those attending the first meeting and signing up for the Junior Band include twenty-odd, but still others are needed and a few more will have to be added to make up the proper instrumentation. Some members of the senior band are lining up with the boys in order to learn another instrument. The following have placed their names in the Junior Band:

- Clarinets: Frank Reese

## DEATHS

### Mrs. J. P. Brimer

Mrs. J. P. Brimer, age 37, died at the Halley & Love sanitarium Friday morning at 1:40 o'clock. Mrs. Brimer was brought here from her home at Valera for treatment a few days ago. She was not operated on and her condition was such that the hand of death could not be stayed. The remains were prepared for burial and carried to Valera by Undertaker Crews in the hearse Friday afternoon, the funeral party leaving Ballinger at noon, and interment made in the cemetery at Valera after funeral services were held in the Methodist church at that place. The deceased is survived by her husband, who was present when she died.

Scott Hartgroves and Harvey Ratchford, of Paint Rock, were in Ballinger Sunday visiting.

## DISEASE NO BAR TO GRASSHOPPER

(Abilene Reporter)

It isn't possible to kill off grasshoppers by disease. That is the pronouncement of the United States Department of Agriculture thru its bureau of entomology.

At the request of J. B. Knox of the Trent section (who, by the way, has no grasshopper problem of his own but is anxious to see something done about the situation), the Reporter wired Congressman Thos. L. Blanton, asking him to find out whether the government had any system of imparting disease to grasshoppers, with a view to killing them off.

The congressman's reply, received just a few hours after he received the Reporter's message, follows:

"Replying to your telegram just received, I have just had a conference with the assistant chief of the bureau of entomology. He advised that all attempts to destroy grasshoppers by disease have been failures. The Kansas experiment was a failure. Kansas now uses the department standard bait in poisoning them. The department has recently sent experts through our section, beginning in Nolan county. Our Texas extension service is now giving the problem intensive consideration and within the last ten days was advised by the department here where it could obtain a supply of arsenic. I have had the department mail you complete data. I can't reach home before the middle of July.

"THOS. L. BLANTON."

Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Bridges are at home from a two weeks' visit to Corsicana and other points in East Texas. They made the trip in their auto.

G. T. Daniels left Friday afternoon for Fort Worth, to spend several days on business.

## BAPTISING AT REVIVAL TONIGHT

Nine members, and probably more, will be baptised at the revival services at the First Christian Church tonight. The baptismal services will be held following the sermon, and Evangelist Wallace will preach on "Baptism" tonight.

The theme of the evangelist last night was "Repentance," and while the Fourth of July celebrations throughout the country detracted from attendance last night, a representative congregation was present, and the services inspiring for those present. The message was said to be one of the strongest, if not the best, so far delivered by Evangelist Wallace, and the singing by the choir and special songs were good.

The revival is rapidly drawing to a close, it being announced that the meeting would close with the Sunday night's services. The evangelistic party and revival workers will wage an aggressive campaign during the remaining four days, and the services will be made worth while for those who attend and take an interest. You have been missing some of the best revival services ever held in Ballinger, if you have not been attending the revival.

Sunday afternoon at three-thirty Evangelist Wallace will speak to men and boys on the theme "The Destiny of America." Secret and patriotic orders are urged to be well represented.

Miss Lillian McKinney returned home Monday at noon from Santa Anna, where she has been visiting for the last two weeks.

Hugh Campbell is driving a new Dodge.

L. Dietz, of the Crews country, was trading in Ballinger Tuesday.

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Mrs. S. E. Norton and her son, Frank Norton Jr., of Dallas are the guests of Mrs. G. B. Peers and her mother, Mrs. Fannie Duvall.

Mrs. R. H. Schooler and her daughter, Miss Willie Schooler, who were their guests last week, have returned to their home in was trading in Ballinger Tuesday. O'Donnell.—San Angelo Standard

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