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GREAT PROSPERITY REFLECTED HERE

NEW OFFICERS GO ON THE JOB

Three new county officers will take the oath of office and enter upon their duties as public servants in New Year's day, and the hold-overs will renew their bonds and also renew their allegiance to their constituents.

County Superintendent-Elect Rob White will succeed Prof. J. J. Bugg. Mr. White has been serving as assistant in the county superintendent's office for the last two months, and has the work well in hand. He will be able to keep the educational machinery of the county moving without slipping a cog, and the mere fact alone that he will now write his own name where he has been writing the name of J. J. Bugg, will probably be the only noticeable change in the office for the time being at least.

R. E. (Earl) McWilliams has his bond ready for the Commissioners Court to place their okay on. This will be done on New Year's day and Mr. McWilliams will succeed Jim Flynt as sheriff. "I have passed it up to the different communities in the county to nominate a man for deputy in each community," said Mr. McWilliams Tuesday, when asked by a Ledger man if he had appointed his deputies. C. B. Armstrong will be in charge of the jail, and serve as deputy sheriff at Ballinger. He will succeed Charley Dean.

Mr. McWilliams has been devoting considerable thought to the work of the sheriff's office, and says that he has some new plans worked out which he hopes to be able to put into effect. The new sheriff says he goes on the job with a view of treating everybody alike in law enforcement, and he solicits the assistance and co-operation of the law-abiding citizens in law enforcement. He states that he will be on the job all the time, and ready to respond when called upon.

Sheriff Flynt, who made this county one of the most faithful officers it has ever had, will engage in some other line of work. He is arranging to get in the grain and seed market, a business which he was engaged in before being elected sheriff the second time.

Mike C. Boyd will be out with his inventory blanks within a few days. He will take the oath of office as tax assessor on January 1, 1925. He has his bond in shape, and will begin work with the experience of two or three successful terms already to his credit. He goes in as a new officer, but is not a green hand at the business. Mr. Boyd succeeds M. D. Chastain, who has served the county in a most efficient way. Mr. Chastain will probably engage in the mercantile business and is to be associated with a new firm which will open for business on March 1st where the Higginbotham Bros. & Co. garage is now located. Mr. Chastain owns that building.

The remainder of the county officers will turn over a new leaf in their official records and with renewed bonds and renewed obligations will continue to serve the dear public. Paul Trimmer will succeed himself as county judge; W. L. Brown succeeds himself as tax collector; Mrs. Jennie Kirk continues as county treasurer; W. A. Forgey as county clerk; Miss Georgia Singletary as district clerk; J. E. Powell as county surveyor; C. P. Shepherd as county attorney; C. H. Willingham as justice of the peace at Ballinger; while Commissioners R. J. Deen, George Miller, W. D. Yeager and I. A. Curry will continue to serve as a board of commissioners.

The various precinct officers

FRANCE NOT TO REPUDIATE DEBT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Ambassador Herrick's report of his conversation with Premier Herriot on the question of the Franco-American debt, reached the state department today.

It is understood that the report contains the first official assurance that has been received here since the question entered its present phase, that France does not intend to repudiate her obligations to this nation.

Pending a careful scrutiny of the report by Secretary Hughes, department officials declined to make any comment, but it is obvious that they welcomed the communication because of its all official and timely nature.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—Finance Minister Clemente, reiterating his declaration that an interpretation of his balance sheet as a suggestion for repudiation of France's obligations was absolutely erroneous, declared today that the principle of capacity for payment which was applied to the settlement with Germany ought to be applied to the allied debtors as well as to Germany, and that he was in favor of the Dawes plan without the control feature, for all war debts.

BUBONIC PLAGUE IN SEVERAL CITIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The public health service has invoked a rigid health inspection program, applicable to ships reaching any American port from New Orleans, San Pedro or Oakland, California. This step has been taken as a precaution against the spread of the bubonic plague, by rats. The plague is said to have been discovered in the cities named above.

Miss Nell Embry left Tuesday afternoon for McGregor, where she goes for a visit with relatives and friends.

COOLIDGE TALKS TO SCIENTISTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Three thousand members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and allied societies were told by President Coolidge today that society and government no longer fear the results of the scientists' research for the truth. It has taken endless ages to create in men the courage that will accept truth simply because it is truth, said the president.

The president addressed the delegation which had been attending the sessions of the association convention here from the South portico of the White House.

NAMED TO MANAGE GOVERNMENT ROAD

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Noel Smith, now serving as special temporary assistant to Secretary Work, in charge of the Alaska railroad, was today named as general manager of the road. The road is government owned and operated.

will qualify within a few days, and with the naming of deputies, the county government will be reorganized.

NEW LOW RECORD CAPTURES NEW YEAR BOOZE

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A motor boat, containing 200 cases of champagne and five men in charge, was captured today by the marine police after a gun battle.

The capture was made by the water police in their inauguration of an offensive against the flow of liquor into New York for New Year celebrations.

Reservations in all of the hotels, restaurants and clubs here have far exceeded the accommodations, according to the proprietors who said that there was every indication of its being one of the gayest New Year celebrations in many seasons.

TO MAKE FURTHER PROBE OF PROHIBITION UNIT

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Further investigation of the prohibition unit by private investigators was determined upon today by the special Senate committee headed by Senator Couzens of Michigan, Republican.

H. Giesecke is back on the job here after spending Christmas with his family in San Antonio.

TEXAS LEADS IN FED'L. CONVICTS

LEAVENWORTH, Kans., Dec. 31.—Four federal districts in Texas sent more men to the United States penitentiary during the last fiscal year than any other state or district, according to the annual report of W. M. Fisher, record clerk. The report has just been published at the prison.

From the four districts in Texas there were received 375 prisoners. The Western district embracing the upper Rio Grande valley country, the scene of much narcotic smuggling, furnished 244 of the prisoners sent to the federal pen from Texas.

CAR TURNS FLIP; DRIVER ESCAPES

Elmer Bryant, a waiter at the City Cafe, experienced a miraculous escape, and Ed Curling, a waiter at the Rho-Mac Cafe, was slightly hurt, when a Ford coupe in which they were riding went in the ditch on the grade crossing of the Santa Fe at the junction of the Coleman. Winters and Ballinger road Monday night.

According to a report of the accident, Bryant and Curling were coming towards town when they met another car on the dump, and driving too close to the edge of the high dump, lost balance and went overboard, the car turning over several times, completely wrecking the coupe. Bryant, who was driving, was thrown clear of the wreckage, or succeeded in extricating himself, and parties who came along in a few minutes assisted in freeing Curling from the demolished car. Curling was only slightly injured and was able to be on the job Tuesday.

The automobile was the property of Clarence Harding.

E. H. Harding was in the city from the Norton country Monday. Mr. Harding has a daughter attending the Ballinger school and he came down to bring her here.

Our stand on the farm question is that culture should not be placed ahead of agriculture.

Mrs. D. Reeder is in Dallas visiting her daughter, Mrs. Frank Drews.

RECOVERS CAR; THIEF ESCAPES

Sheriff Flynt was successful in recovering a stolen auto Monday, the theft of the car being reported to him Monday morning, and a few hours later he had it located at Abilene.

G. S. Gates, of the Wingate country, reported to the officers that he lost his car, a Star automobile, late Sunday. The car mysteriously disappeared from the Gates home near Wingate. The sheriff got in touch with the officers in neighboring counties, and soon received a phone message stating that an automobile suiting the description of the one missing had been located parked on the streets in Abilene.

The Abilene officers guarded the car throughout the day Monday, thinking perhaps the person who drove it away would return, but he failed to show up, and they took possession of the car and it will be returned to its owner.

R. L. Mosley, of the Winters section, was here Monday attending to business.

Miss Weider Beavers returned to her home at Eldorado Friday, after a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. L. Brown.

ROBBERS RAID KANSAS BANK

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 31.—The Kaw Valley State Bank was held up and robbed during business hours and after the bank opened for business here today.

Seven persons who were in the bank at the time of the robbery were forced to go into the back room of the building and made to lie down on the floor while the bank was being looted.

Three men participated in the robbery and got away with \$11,600.

Dr. Scott, a public appraiser of Dallas, is here taking an inventory of the properties of the West Texas Utilities Company and placing a value on the holdings of the public service corporation in this city. Local Manager Chester Cherry was assisting Dr. Scott in the work, which will require several days.

Weaver H. Baker, county judge of Kimble county, and C. F. Hamer, of San Antonio, were in Ballinger Tuesday en route to homes after a business trip to Mine and Sweetwater.

We regret to note that S. C. Royalty, one of the pioneers of this city, is quite ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. L. Hagan.

While Christmas week is generally considered a dull week in commercial lines, it is one of the busiest weeks of the year with most of the merchants. This has been true for the past week in Ballinger.

After a busy week of stock taking in Ballinger, the merchants are busy on the last day of the year balancing up and figuring loss and profit. Yearly reports will be made up and business programs for the coming year outlined and submitted to the directors and heads of the various business concerns at their annual meetings.

Early in the year buyers from local dry goods and clothing houses will go to market. Departments which were depleted during the holiday rush and fall buying will be replenished with new goods, goods seasonable for spring and summer wear, and by the time the winter bills are paid customers will have to begin thinking of what they shall wear when the weather warms up next Easter, etc.

Business in most all lines in Ballinger has been good during the past year. Trading has been carried on without any special rush, the present day method of marketing cotton, bringing about quite a change from the old way of selling all at one time and spending all the receipts at one time.

Perhaps the fact that there are few changes scheduled for the New Year indicates that business in most lines has been satisfactory, and there is no cause for making any radical changes in the management or working force

of the various firms.

The local banks will begin the new year with the largest deposits perhaps in the history of the county, and with considerable farm products still in the hands of the farmers to be converted into cash later. Early tax paying may also be considered as an index to the financial condition of the country. The tax collector reports record breaking collections for any one day, payments coming in during December when as a rule January is the heaviest month.

While the merchants have been busy taking stock, balancing books, and closing the year's work, the farmers have made themselves scarce around town, indicating that farm work is receiving attention, and the 1925 planting season will find the farmers with land broken and ready to put the seed in the ground. It is said that more building improvement is going on throughout the country than for any winter season in many years. The same is true in Ballinger.

Ballinger's building program for 1925 to begin the year on will figure close to half a million dollars, and with favorable prospects holding up the building program will no doubt be increased, and 1925 will be a banner year for the hammer and saw in Runnels county.

The livestock industry of the county is in good shape, and taking all lines of commercial activity and every source of revenue from which the county derives its prosperity, 1925 will witness continued success and a satisfactory growth in population.

SHIP BURNING; ALL ARE SAFE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30.—After fighting flames aboard the Japanese freighter Ginyomaru throughout the night, the remnant of the crew of thirty men left the vessel at daybreak this morning, and were rescued by a ship which previously picked up seventy-nine passengers and seventy-three members of the crew.

The burning vessel is off the coast of Mexico, and a radio message cast to a station here brought the first news of the fire and loss of the vessel. The message stated that only the captain and his officers remained aboard the ship at daybreak this morning. The passengers were taken from the ship in life-boats shortly after midnight last night, and later were picked up by a rescue ship.

Mrs. C. C. Cockrell, who has been quite sick for several days, was reported to be resting better Monday. She is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. P. Teague.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bridwell are at home from a Christmas visit to Dallas, returning first of the week.

KEEP THIS RESOLUTION

Though you may break most other New Year's resolutions you can still make 1925 a prosperous and glorious year if you will keep this one—

"Resolved: That I shall make regular deposits throughout the year so I may satisfy my needs and fulfill my ambitions."

It's not too late, if you haven't yet made it. We'll welcome your account and help you keep your resolution.

The Winters State Bank

Winters, Texas.
Runnels County Bank of Service Since 1906.

Santa Fe Helps Shippers

Record-breaking freight traffic handled without congestion or serious delay

Since January 1st, 1923, the Santa Fe has purchased new equipment costing over \$50,000,000, including 13,750 freight cars and 146 locomotives. It has spent \$43,000,000 additional on new shops, terminals, double track, etc.

As a result, from August 1st to November 1st, the Santa Fe Railway handled 48,395 cars of commercial freight in excess of any previous year—an increase of 9.7%—without congestion or any material delay. Notwithstanding the heavy calls, cars have been furnished practically on demand. In the few cases of local shortage, due to excessive local demand, cars have been furnished with such slight delay as to be negligible.

Four years of legislative peace and fair treatment under the Transportation Act have been a vital factor in its ability to meet satisfactorily the record-breaking freight traffic of the past two years and maintain a surplus of cars at all times, barring local temporary shortages.

Good service to the farmer is of the utmost importance when prices and crops in the aggregate are good. Inadequate railroad facilities cause freight congestion, delays, waste, and loss to everyone. The wholesaler, jobber, and retailer must carry heavy stocks and place orders well in advance, to make sure their shelves do not become bare. The farmer must store his grain and hold his livestock waiting for cars to ship to market.

In a country growing like ours it is not easy to keep pace with such growth. During the war the railroads fell behind, as their expansion had to be deferred for more pressing matters. Today they are fairly abreast of the procession. They are pressing forward on a continued program of improvement which, with a continuance of present general conditions, will steadily extend their ability to serve.

W. B. STOREY, President
The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway System

Shaft Erected to Draft Dodgers During Civil War

BANDERA, Texas, Dec. 29.—Secluded in a pasture on the property of Frank Pyka here, a monument commemorates a Civil War tragedy in which eight Williamson county men lost their lives. The perpetrators, whose names are still on the court records of Bandera county, were never brought to justice. They calmly hung their victims, one by one, and they lie today in almost the same spot where they fell 61 years ago, their graves covered in season with wild flowers, while birds in the nearby trees sing their requiem.

The story is told by J. Marvin Hunter, editor and publisher of the Pioneer Times. It begins with the appearance of the party in Bandera en route to Mexico to escape service in the war; their capture by soldiers, alien at least to Bandera county; and their execution without even the formality of a drumhead court martial.

In 1863, Mr. Hunter relates, the men, with a boy, stopped in Bandera for a day or two where they rested their horses and bought

such supplies as they needed. They were well mounted, heavily armed, had several hundred dollars in cash and were well equipped for their long journey to the neutral republic on the other side of the Rio Grande. They did not make any secret of their destination and openly stated they were en route to Mexico to avoid conscription.

At the same time a force of cavalry was stationed 12 miles North of here. When news of the purpose of the Williamson county men was wafted to the soldiers, a detachment of 25 men under a Major Alexander, the account relates, was sent out to apprehend them. When the detachment reached Bandera the men had gone. They were overtaken on Squirrel Creek near Hendo. They surrendered. Mr. Hunter said, on promise of a fair trial, gave up their arms and started back to Bandera.

At Julian, a few miles South of here, they went into camp for the night. After supper, some of the soldiers suggested that they hang their captives immediately. Others, the chronicle proceeds, opposed such action and left the camp rather than witness it. Their commander, however, it appears, "seemed to give his consent," and the prisoners were hanged, one at a time, to a live oak tree.

"A hair rope was used," Mr. Hunter sets forth, "and as each man was strangled, he was cut down and the noose left on his neck. One of the prisoners was shot at his own request without, however, the formality of removing the ramrod from the gun.

Joseph Poor, who lived on Middle Verde, was camped near the scene the same night but did not learn of it until the next day when he found the bodies. The ramrod protruding from one of them led him to believe it was an arrow and that the men had been killed by Indians. He hastened to Bandera and a party composed of O. B. Miles, George Hay, John Pyka, Robert Ballantyne, Amasa Clark and others hastened to the spot. An examination proved the manner of death. An inquest was held and a verdict rendered which attached blame to the soldiers. A shallow grave was dug and the bodies, wrapped in blankets, lowered into it.

"After the war ended and the courts again were functioning the men responsible for the hangings were indicted by the grand jury in this county but all had disappeared. They were never brought to trial although the case was continued from term to term. The court records of Bandera county will reveal their names."

Years later, according to Mr. Hunter, a monument was erected over their grave. It stands there today. Inscribed on it are the names of C. J. Sawyer, W. M. Sawyer, George Thayer, William Shumake, Jack Whitmire, Jake Kyle, John Smart and Mr. Van Winkle.

Williamson county men was taken away by the soldiers and was never heard from again.

"What his fate was no one knows," Mr. Hunter declared.

Nothing Like It on Earth

The new treatment for torn flesh, cuts, wounds, sores or lacerations that is doing such wonderful work in flesh healing is the Borozone liquid and powder combination treatment. The liquid Borozone is a powerful antiseptic that purifies the wound of all poisons and infectious germs, while the Borozone powder is the great healer. There is nothing like it on earth for speed, safety and efficiency. Price (liquid) 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Powder 30c and 60c. Sold by John A. Weeks

WORK ON BUILDING IS COMMENCED

Work is well underway wrecking the old sheep iron building on Hutchings Avenue adjoining the Hardin lumber yard, to make room for a new brick building to fill in the gap. The building will be occupied by the office of the lumber yard and a storage room. Work will begin on the West Texas Utilities Company building on Eighth Street about the first of January. This completes 8th Street to the railroad, and fills in all the vacant lots within the business district of Eighth and Hutchings. The next best location for a business house now probably is on Seventh Street leading towards the Santa Fe passenger station, and we predict that the next building will be on that street.

CREAM FOR CATARRH OPENS UP NOSTRILS

Tells How To Get Quick Relief from Head-Colds. It's Splendid!

In one minute your clogged nostrils will open, the air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more hawking, snuffing, blowing, headache, dryness. No struggling for breath at night, your cold or catarrh will be gone. Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist now. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic, healing cream in your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage of the head, soothes the inflamed or swollen mucous membrane and relief comes instantly.

It's just fine. Don't stay stuffed-up with a cold or nasty catarrh—Relief comes so quickly.

Marvin Atkins was a business visitor to Brownwood between trains Sunday afternoon and night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rickett and four daughters, who had been here visiting Mrs. Rickett's sister, Mrs. J. R. Lusk, left for their home at Brownwood Tuesday morning.

The Actor's Christmas Party

By H. Lucius Cook

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All of the actors of the Zo-roaster Stock company were good, but perhaps Billy Kelly was the best liked by the townspeople. Billy had been there six weeks, now, and was living at Mrs. Perkins' on Center street. Hence Center street was particularly thrilled at this time, because it had never before harbored a real live actor, and it could not quite get used to the idea.

Mrs. Perkins was a respectable middle-aged widow who had to take a few roomers to help out on expenses. She was not quite sure that it was right to have Billy rooming there, as she had an inherited prejudice against actors, but he paid twice as much as she had ever had before for the rooms, did not cause any extra bother, and so far as she could determine, was a human being much like the rest of us.

It did seem strange to her, however, that a young unmarried man should receive one hundred and fifty dollars a week when Mr. Perkins with his family had earned only that much a month. She wondered if it was honest. And then, too, she did not always know just what to make of Billy's attentions to her. Why, one time when she had fallen asleep on the sofa without a covering, he had gone to his own room and got his genuine Japanese silk kimono and covered her with it. She had found it over her when she woke up.

Mrs. Perkins had just finished telling this and several other incidents to the Ladies' Aid society, when one of the progressive ladies asked: "Well, what are we to do with him for Christmas? It doesn't seem right not to do anything, when he is away from his people and all."

Everyone else had been thinking the same thing, but had not dared mention it, and none of them had any suggestions to make. No one dared ask Mrs. Perkins herself, who really should have asked him, had decided to go to the hotel so as not to have to do so. They certainly could not give him ties or socks, as Mrs. Perkins assured them that he had hundreds of socks and thousands of ties, which everyone readily believed, as they had never seen him dressed twice the same.

It certainly looked like a cold Christmas for Billy. But next door to Mrs. Perkins lived a dear old maid who had been housekeeper for the Wellers for many years. Every Christmas she made mittens for all the children in the neighborhood, and when they grew too big for mittens, she gave candy to the girls and neckties to the boys. She was a community institution, but nobody ever thought of her in connection with Billy.

But when Christmas morning arrived, and Center street was busy with its toys, Billy had not been forgotten. The Perkins children were just opening their packages from the housekeeper next door when one of them discovered an envelope for Billy. He darted upstairs, and timidly knocked on the actor's door and slipped the envelope under.

"What could it be?" wondered Mrs. Perkins, for she knew it was no Christmas card.

She had not long to wonder, however, for Billy soon came running down flourishing a crisp new dollar bill which he had found in the envelope, and smiled to one of the children coming he told Mrs. Perkins of the welcome present, and how it had suggested to him to give a party next door in honor of the housekeeper. He told her to take the children over there quickly, as he would be back in twenty minutes.

True to his word, he was there in twenty minutes, and with him the whole Ladies' Aid society, and to the delight of everyone, a whole gallon of ice cream which he and the kindly housekeeper served to all assembled, with many jokes and much merriment. Then Billy sang some roasting Christmas songs, kissed the housekeeper on the brow and thanked all the ladies home.

He had so many invitations to dinner he had to refuse them all, but he was not sorry for this as he joined Mrs. Perkins at the hotel, and he really liked her best of all.

Might Have Been Worse

"What did your wife give you for Christmas?"
"Nothing."
"That was tough."
"Well, it might have been a necktie or a smoking jacket."

FEW CHANGES FOR NEW YEAR

With the exception of one or two changes which The Ledger has not been authorized to make public at this time, there will be little changing up in the business circles of the city with the close of the old year and the coming of the new. Practically every business concern will enter the New Year with the same old line-up and in good shape.

It has been quite a while since Ballinger experienced a bankruptcy, and so far as we know the business firms of the city are on a substantial basis, and will begin the ensuing year with a program for doing a greater business in 1925.

There is no room here for new business concerns—every building and even "holes in the walls" all being occupied at this time. Before the city can take on new business enterprises there must be some building. Two new buildings will be constructed here at once to take care of the increase.

About the first of February, or before that date, U. E. Hartman will move his grocery store from its present location to the building he purchased some time ago, and which is located adjoining the Cathey saddle and harness shop, and which has been occupied by the Harwell Motor Co. as a storage room for second-hand cars.

The Alceve, which has been occupying a "hole in the wall," next door to Asa Cordill's jewelry store, will be moved to the I. O. Wooden building further West on Eighth Street, and which was occupied by N. Passur until a few days ago.

Aubrey Dunn will move his electric shop from Hutchings Avenue to the Paramount Theatre building on Eighth Street, a space having been cut off for him in one side of the front entrance to the Paramount.

Card of Thanks

To my friends and neighbors who so kindly rendered assistance and extended their sympathy during the illness and death of our baby, Ada Fay, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks.

S. M. JONAS
MARTHA JONAS

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Be wise and advertise.

NAMED DISTRIBUTOR FOR POPULAR RADIO

G. P. Teague received notice Saturday that he had been appointed as authorized distributor for the Day-Fan OBM radio receiver in this territory. The appointment came as a recognition of the large volume of business which Mr. Teague has done in radiophones during the last few months, the letter stating that he had been given this territory as distributor for the factory at Dayton, Ohio, where the Day-Fan is made, on account of the good showing made by him as local dealer for the Day-Fan.

The Day-Fan is perhaps the most popular radio receiving set in the medium price class, and the factory is behind on orders for this machine.

D. L. Tucker, of the Mazeland community, had business in Ballinger Monday.

COTTON SEED

If you need good Planting Seed I am agent for the Big Boll Russell Cotton, Long Staple, Star Variety, \$2.75 per bushel.

The Belton Cotton Seed Co., a very strong cotton Rowden Variety \$2.75 per bushel.

Cash Cotton Seed Co., of the Mehane Variety, gins from 3 to 42 per cent lint; \$2.50 per bushel.

The Cliett Select of the Mahern Variety, \$2.75 per bushel.

R. E. LANE
Ideal Barber Shop



Getting Ahead by 1926

There's only one way to progress in this world—and that is to save systematically. Make that one of your New Year's resolutions during 1925 and ever after that.

Come to this Bank and let us show you how it can be done by making regular deposits every pay-day. In a year you will have acquired the principal plus the interest.

Start a Savings Account today.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ROWENA

Dean Brothers Tire & Battery Station

Sieberling Tires and Tubes, highest quality and moderate prices. Storage Batteries and all Auto Accessories.

We have with us Mr. C. W. Jennings, an expert Mechanic and Electrician. Generation, Magneto, Starter and Ignition a Specialty.

We guarantee satisfaction—give us a trial and be convinced.

PIMPLES



How to get rid of them.

WHY ENVY a clear, lovable complexion? Why wish and hope? It is within your reach! There is always one quick and sure way to make your complexion free from all eruptions, pimples, blackheads, boils and that impossible muddiness. That is by building up your red-blood-cells. S.S.S. will do it for you! Because S.S.S. does build red-blood-cells, it cleanses the system and makes those so-called skin disorders impossible to exist. S.S.S. contains only pure vegetable medicinal ingredients. It is also a remarkable builder of firm flesh, which is also important to beauty. It will fill out your hollow cheeks, put the "ruby" of health in your cheeks and the sparkle in your eyes. Since 1826 S.S.S. has been beautifying complexions and giving women physical charm. This is why S.S.S. is accepted as the greatest of all blood cleansers and body builders. Begin taking S.S.S. today and give yourself what you have been looking for, for years.

S.S.S. is sold at all good drug stores in two sizes. The larger size is more economical.

S.S.S. The World's Best

Beauty

A Gleamy Mass of Hair

35c "Danderine" does Wonders for Any Girl's Hair



Girls! Try this! When combing and dressing your hair, just moisten your hair-brush with a little "Danderine" and brush it through your hair. The effect is startling! You can do your hair up immediately and it will appear twice as thick and heavy—a mass of gleamy hair, sparkling with life and possessing that incomparable softness, freshness and luxuriance.

While beautifying the hair "Danderine" is also toning and stimulating each single hair to grow thick, long and strong. Hair stops falling out and dandruff disappears. Get a bottle of "Danderine" at any drug or toilet counter and just see how healthy and youthful your hair appears after this delightful, refreshing dressing.

PRISONER CARRIED TO SAN ANGELO

Deputy United States Marshall Baylor Crawford passed through Ballinger Friday en route to his home at Abilene. He had been to San Angelo to escort Jimmie Patterson, champion wrestler who staged a match in Ballinger a short time ago. The federal officer went to Brownwood where Patterson was recently arrested on charges of impersonating an officer, and carried the prisoner to San Angelo and placed him in jail pending fixing of bond, or until the federal grand jury convenes and investigates his case. Mr. Crawford stated that the case belonged in the Waco district, the offense having been committed in that district, it was alleged.

"Stop That Itching"

No matter how hopeless your case may seem, nor how long you have suffered from Eczema, Ringworm, Cracked Hands, Itch, Poison Oak, Old Sores and Sores on children, or any other skin disease, we will sell you a jar of Blue Star Remedy, on a guarantee. This is different from the ordinary skin treatment, it penetrates the skin, going direct to the seat of trouble and immediately relieves that terrible itching. Will not stain clothing and has a pleasant odor.

Weeks Drug Store

DEMOLAYS SET ASIDE "COMFORT DAY"

The Grand Council Order of DeMolay with headquarters in Kansas City, Mo., has set aside Saturday, January 3rd, as DeMolay Day of Comfort throughout the world. On this day members of the organization will supply flowers, candy and various delicacies and furnish entertainment for the inmates of hospitals, orphanages, homes for crippled children, old folks' homes, old soldiers' homes, county farms, reform schools, detention homes, and sanitariums.

This is an annual affair with DeMolay and is in line with the organization's objective to spread good cheer wherever possible.

Cresone Stops Sore and Bleeding Gums in 12 Hours

This new discovery is a pleasant penetrating liquid medicated with gum-tissue healing and germ-destroying ingredients used by the dental profession, which carries the medication direct to the roots of the teeth, relieving pain, tightening loose teeth, healing pus pockets and killing the germ that leads to pyorrhea, thereby accomplishing at home in a pleasant way, all the good benefits of a treatment in the dental chair without the pain and expense. Recommended by J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

TEXAS GAINS IN GRAIN CROP

Texas farmers realized \$11,000,000 more on their small grains this year than in 1923, according to an agricultural committee which reports that the national increase in grain values amount to \$550,000,000. Oats alone were responsible for a gain of 51-3 millions, while wheat brought farmers of this state an added 52-3 millions over last year, the report states.

The 11-2 million bushel increase in the Texas wheat crop this year brought the value up to \$21,000,000 as compared with \$15,500,000 of 1923. The oat crop of this state this year is up to 49 million bushels as compared to 47 million the year before with the result that farmers will have taken in 28 million dollars on this crop as compared with 22 1-2 millions the year before.

The wet days of the summer were a great help to the wheat and oats production in this state, the former rising to 11.4 bushels per acre as compared with 10.5 the year before, and the latter to 22.8 from 22 in 1923. The profit per bushel of wheat this year was one cent where a loss of 33 cents was taken last year and a 10 cent loss in oats for the 22 cent loss of the preceding year.

The increased yield per acre of small grain and the increased price per bushel on all grains has aided materially in restoring the farmer to a better financial basis, the committee report concludes. The higher grain prices have resulted in higher livestock prices and this has brought a new vitality to agriculture.

2 BURN TO DEATH AT COLORADO

Bart Jackson, age 65, and his little grandson, Alvin Walker, age three years, were burned to death when the Jackson farm home was destroyed by fire near Colorado, Texas, Sunday.

The Jackson home was serving as an improvised hospital in which Jackson, who was stricken with paralysis a few days before, and Miss Frances Willis, age 19, a stepdaughter of Jackson, who had been an invalid for some time, were being cared for.

Neighbors gathered at the Jackson home Saturday night to assist in caring for the sick members of the family. The weather was bitter cold, and a heater had been placed in Jackson's room to help shut out the wintry blasts and to keep the improvised hospital comfortable.

Sunday morning early, while tender hands were administering to the two invalids, the crude oil burner in the heater exploded, throwing the burning liquid about the room. Jackson, enveloped in flames, was rescued from the building, but he died six hours later.

Frantic rescuers rushed into the adjoining room and removed the young lady to safety, and Sam Walker, father of Alvin Walker, and others made a vain effort to save the little baby from the fire, but the child could not be found until its charred remains were removed from the debris after the fire had burned out. It is believed that the child sought refuge under the bed in which it was sleeping, as it was not on the bed when rescuers sought for it. The child was in bed with Miss Willis when the fire started. The father of the child was seriously burned and is in the hospital at Colorado.

The mother and father stood by helpless while the flames destroyed their home and their baby. The little body, burned beyond recognition, was found in the ruins after the fire had burned itself out.

For Rock, Brick and Cement work see J. Cavanaugh, Rt. B, Ballinger, Texas. Phone No. 509. 5-6tw.*

Get today's news today—read The Daily Ledger.

MOTORIST RUNS INTO FUNERAL PROCESSION

Parties travelling in a high-powered automobile ran into a funeral procession between the city and Evergreen Cemetery Friday morning and came near causing a wreck. According to those in the procession the car, a large closed-in automobile, undertook to pass the procession, at a time when the hearse was meeting another car, and the hearse was crowded out of the highway to prevent a collision. The number of the car was reported to the officers, and it is probable that the parties will be called to account for the recklessness.

Either through thoughtlessness, or otherwise, some people seem to be short on common courtesy and respect for the dead when meeting or passing a funeral procession. Unless there is a good and sufficient reason for doing so, no one should speed by a funeral procession, and those who meet a funeral procession could well afford to live up to the rules of courtesy and respect by halting until the procession has passed.

IT DRIVES OUT WORMS

The surest sign of worms in children is paleness, lack of interest in play, fretfulness, variable appetite, picking at the nose and sudden starting in sleep. When these symptoms appear it is time to give White's Cream Vermifuge. A few doses drives out the worms and puts the little one on the road to health again. White's Cream Vermifuge has a record of fifty years of successful use. Price 35c Sold by

John A. Weeks

HARRIS CO. BURYING HER DEAD CATTLE

The health authorities of Harris county, and other counties in the Houston territory where the freeze recently killed 87,500 cattle have issued orders for all the carcasses to either be buried or burned. People traveling on trains thru the area where so many cattle froze to death, report that dead cattle by the thousand can be seen piled up along the right-of-way fences, where the winter weather caused them to drift up in droves, and die in their tracks. It is estimated that two and a quarter million dollars worth of cattle were lost in East Texas, the greatest loss suffered by the livestock interests in Texas in many years.

LOCAL SCHOOLS RESUME WORK

The Ballinger schools, as well as rural schools of the county and schools in the other independent districts of the county, resumed sessions Monday morning, following a two weeks holiday period. The schools recessed on December 12th, and the following week was devoted to institute work by the teachers, and the second week included the Christmas holiday period. Teachers who went away to spend the holidays at other points returned home Sunday at noon and Sunday night, and pupils who had been visiting at other places, with few exceptions, all returned for the reconvening of school.

LOCAL WRESTLER TO GO ON MAT

Thursday night of this week a wrestling match between two local wrestlers will be staged at the local Armory under the direction of the National Guard. Jess Watkins, of this city and Oscar Douglass, of Winters, will go on the mat for a finish, and match promises to be an interesting one. These two wrestlers put fans

Facts about Child-birth

It has been proven conclusively that much of the suffering, pain and dread attendant during expectancy, as well as at child-birth is entirely unnecessary. An eminent physician, Dr. J. H. Hobbes, expert in this science, first produced the remedy "Mother's Friend," which aids the muscles and tissues to expand more easily, during the constant readjustment month after month, right up to the climax of child-birth. "Mother's Friend" is applied externally. Three generations of expectant mothers have used it. "Pains disappeared in two days after using 'Mother's Friend,'" writes a user. "I owe my life to 'Mother's Friend,'" declared another. Use "Mother's Friend" as our mothers and grandmothers did, start today and experience the wonderful comfort it will give you. FREE BOOKLET



Write Bradford Regulator Co., Dept. B-A 88, Atlanta, Ga., for free booklet giving many facts every expectant mother should know. "Mother's Friend" is sold at all good drug stores—everywhere.

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165 acres, near Ballinger, about 130 acres cultivated, good land, all tillable, small cash payment, balance good terms, and give possession Jan. 1st, if sold by Dec. 15th.

145 acres near Ballinger, 75 cultivated, improved, pretty fair land, \$30.00 per acre. Small cash payment. good terms on balance. Possession Jan. 1st, if sold by December 15th.

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The Greatest Farm Help IS THE HOME

Your entire farm life centers about the home. Build a new one if you can but, if you can't, at least rebuild the old one. This is the month when you should go over all your buildings and see just what's needed to keep your farm at its maximum productiveness this year.

For quick, easy and economical farm building you're always ahead if you use lumber. Our stock includes all kinds from shingles to flooring and also Beaver Board—the knotless and crackless manufactured lumber for better walls and ceilings.

Drop in and chat it over with us so you can get the work well started before planting time is here.

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Happy New Year

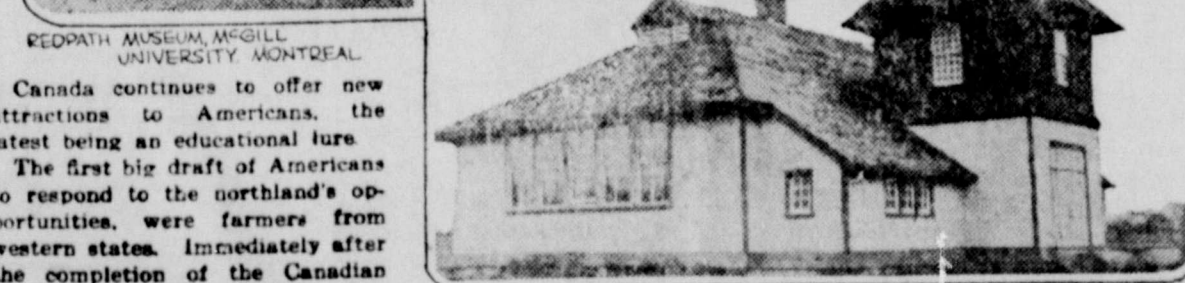
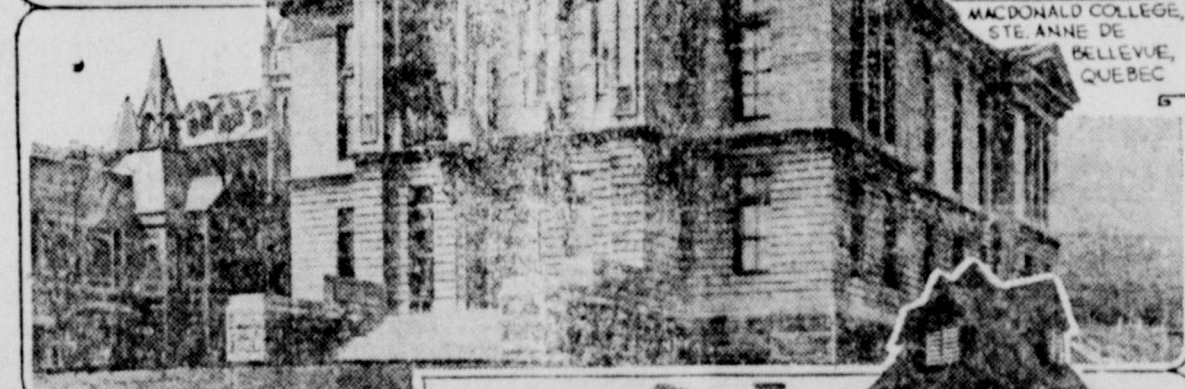
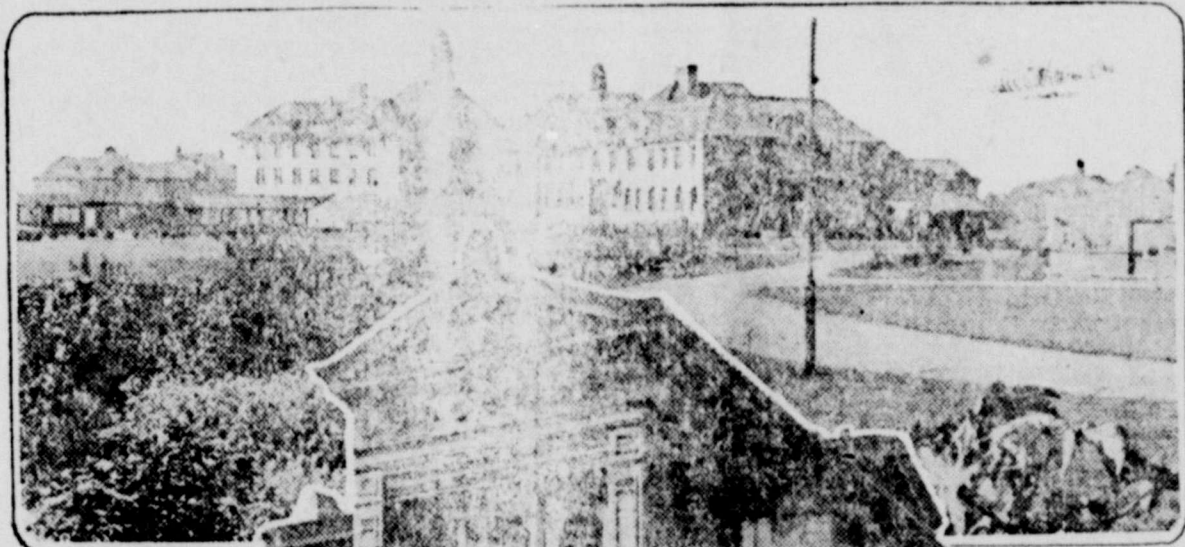
With the waning of the old year and the welcome of the new we desire to express our thanks and appreciation to those who have favored us with their patronage.

These manifestations of their confidence are, indeed gratifying and an inspiration toward greater effort to be of wholesome service during 1925.

Again we extend to you our best wishes for a prosperous and happy New Year.

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MACDONALD COLLEGE, STE. ANNE DE BELLEVUE, QUEBEC

A COUNTRY SCHOOL IN ALBERTA

Canada continues to offer new attractions to Americans, the latest being an educational lure. The first big draft of Americans to respond to the northland's opportunities, were farmers from western states. Immediately after the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway in November 1885, which linked eastern Canada with the Pacific, farmers flocked by thousands into its fertile prairies. Many a farmer sold his black-land acres in the states for \$200 per acre and took the proceeds across the line and bought just as good land at less than \$10 an acre.

Naturally, merchants and manufacturers recognized that the growing population and the expanding settlement would demand stores and goods, so many a Yankee general merchant set up in business at a Canadian cross-roads and sold anything from a spool of cotton to a threshing machine or coffee often making the latter. Doctors and undertakers followed, as a matter of course. Manufacturers of various articles saw the chance to buy a cheap site for the manufacture of their wares in Canada, thereby obviating the tariff tax.

Tourists who made a European trip once in five years, found that Canada offered all the beauty found in Europe and many comforts unknown abroad, until today a year-round stream of tourists flows Canada-ward for its twelve months' attractions.

In the matter of education, Canada is a leader. Each province has its very adequate university, and public schools abound—Calgary alone has 61 large grammar and high schools built from native sandstone, as well as the provincial university. McGill University, the pride of Montreal, has an annual enrollment of nearly 8,000 students; who have use of a library containing 215,804 volumes. Toronto University has more than 5,000 students and a staff of 500 instructors, while Laval University, a Roman Catholic institution, dating from

1852, has over 2,100 students. There are sixteen other universities and colleges in Canada, besides the above, and the endowments of universities total nearly \$66,000,000. Each province has a generous system of free public education, including primary, secondary and normal schools. There are seventy-five private schools, seven professional, and eleven devoted to music. Agriculture, home economics and technical branches are all taught, while thirty-five business schools and colleges are listed in the Dominion. A very broad system of traveling libraries and movie films, are valuable aids. Many inquiries are received from American parents regarding Canadian colleges and universities, indicating a desire to have their children profit by Canada's excellent curriculum.

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The automobile is no respecter
of persons. It kills the rich and
poor alike.

Christmas is over; we can now
give some thought to framing
New Year resolutions.

The patrons of the Ballinger
bootleggers should feel thankful
that they don't live in New York.

The bootlegger who sells his
customers poisoned liquor can
hardly expect to book any repeat
orders.

Some of the things we hear
about prohibition law violations
are staggering. The confiscation
of a car of booze billed as a car
of lumber for instance.

We cannot expect an efficient
government so long as we elect
men to office because they can't
make a living working for them-
selves. It is poor business to mix
charity with politics.

This is a queer old world, and
of course it is made so by queer
people. We all kick about pay-
ing taxes, but envy the man who
pays the largest amount of taxes.

We are merry on Christmas
day because we are through
shopping, and happy on New
Year because we know there will
be no more Christmas shopping
for about twelve months.

Some of the farmers say the
recent freeze killed the grain
crop, while others say that it
didn't. Perhaps it is only a little
sick.

Less than one oil well out of
every hundred is in the gushing
class, and 83 per cent pay only on
a small basis. Perhaps this is
why so many people lost their
long green in bucking the game.

What is believed to be the deep-
est hole in the ocean has been
discovered in the Pacific fifty
miles off the coast of Japan. The
water was penetrated for a depth
of six and a quarter miles without
striking bottom.

Pistols play a part in seventy
per cent of the crime committed,
according to the commissioner of
the New York police department.
If this be true why not stop the
sale of pistols and reduce crime
seventy per cent?

Time lost now in grieving over
the errors you have made during
1924 will be time doubly lost.
Forget the past and push into
1925 by taking advantage of the
experience of the past: is about
the best resolution anyone can
make.

Samuel Gompers was president
of the American Federation of
Labor for forty-three years. For
thirty-eight years he drew a salary
of \$10,000 per year, and when he
died he left an estate appraised
at \$30,000. The labor leader was
evidently more successful in con-
trolling labor than in controlling
dollars.

People who say there is no news
in the paper, and wonder why the
paper doesn't publish more news,
are generally the persons who try
to suppress a good news story
when it breaks. Did you ever try
getting out a daily paper in a
small city every day in the week
and every week in the year—Sun-
days excepted? It's an easy job;
you should try it.

Experts tell us that the oil
supply will become exhausted
within twelve years. This predic-
tion is nothing to worry about be-
cause the real wonders of God's
work have not been revealed yet.
And then who knows but that oil
as a fuel will be obsolete in twelve
years and automobiles may be
just as much out-of-date as an
open-top buggy is today?

It has been said that we are
living in an extravagant age, but
statistics show that somebody is
banking a little money as they
go along. Savings deposits have
increased 148 per cent in the
United States during the last
twelve years, and the number of
people carrying savings ac-
counts with banks has increased

Calling our attention to the
headings on the front page of a
daily paper, in which the story
of "two injured in shooting,"
"six injured in car wreck,"
"Texas man slain in pistol duel,"
"hi-jackers rob store," etc., were
told, a friend takes us to task for
saying the world is getting better.
Such things have always been
taking place. Modern means of
communication are bringing them
closer to our attention. Yes, this
is the greatest age the human
race has ever experienced, not-
withstanding the efforts of some
to magnify the "crime wave."

Some people do not make New
Year resolutions because they are
afraid they cannot live up to
them. Others make light of the
fellow who strives to do better,
and predict he will fail. But it is
the fellow who practices the rule
of if at first you don't succeed,
try, try again, who is ahead. The
individual who never resolves to
do better can hardly expect to
stumble upon success by an acci-
dent.

The fellow who is always on
the lookout for calamity, is like
the fellow who starts out to look
for a scrap—he generally finds it.
We heard a farmer bemoaning the
fact that the recent freeze killed
his grain crop, and he remarked
that he expected it when he
planted, and now he predicts that
1925 will be a short crop year.
This farmer should read about
how the freeze killed 87,500 head
of cattle down near Houston, and
then he should congratulate him-
self that he lives in a country
which is a happy medium be-
tween two extremes.

Good farms help to make a
town and help to make a city,
but the average farmer does not
stop to think that a good town or
good city helps to make his farm.
A survey of farm land values will
bring you face to face with the
fact that land near the good
towns is worth more than land
farther away from the centers of
business activity. The automobile
has brought the town and coun-
try closer together, but it has not
averaged up the price of real
estate. Location cuts a big fig-
ure in real estate values, and
when it comes to building up town
and country it is a work in which
farmer and business man are
equally interested, or should be.

The Dallas News presented a
farmer over in Anderson county a
check for \$1,000 for raising more
cotton on fewer acres, and this
is causing the News, and other
papers to say a great deal about
Anderson county as a cotton pro-
ducing county. No one be-
grudges the Anderson county man
the prize he won. He no doubt
made it fair and square by work-
ing his cotton patch under garden
methods of cultivation and has
demonstrated what can be done
by such methods, but because this
prize has gone to Anderson
county—in old East Texas—is no
sign the farmers of that county
have all the coons up one tree.
The government cotton report
shows that Anderson county has
ginned 20,485 bales of cotton this
year and 24,093 last year, while
Kinnels county has ginned 50,000
this year and 47,811 last year.

THE COMING YEAR

There is a new year ahead and
good prospects for the city of
Ballinger in sight. Many forces
are at work in this country which
we believe will reflect to the bene-
fit of our community during the
ensuing twelve months—or at
least in the not too distant future.

The barometers of business—
bank accounts and cash dealing—
indicate that the prosperity we
were acquainted with a few years
ago, is coming back.

While we still have the pes-
simist to contend with some times,
there is a general feeling of con-
fidence throughout the country.
We have gotten away from that
idea that the "next year will be
a crop failure year," and that
breed of folks who are forever
looking ahead for calamity are
being crowded off the highway
of progress and prosperity.

We have settled politics for a
season at least. It is now a dif-
ficult problem to get up an argu-
ment over the Klan issue or any
other issue. Everybody seems to
be too busy getting ready to take
advantage of the opportunities
the New Year brings to talk po-
litics. We have a national and
state administration selected for
better or for worse, and the ma-
jority of the voters seem to think
for the best.

So considering all things, it is

year 1925 will be just about what
the individuals make it, and the
community is composed of all the
individuals. The natural advan-
tages are all that we are entitled
to perhaps, and if we don't make
the best of them, we do not de-
serve success.

LOCATING THE NEW
SCHOOL BUILDING

The question as to where the
new \$100,000 high school building
would be located was an issue in
the recent bond election, and
some people were influenced by
that issue.

As we now have the money in
sight, a greater number of people
are interested in the question than
before the money for building
was provided. There is no ques-
tion but what the board of direc-
tors of the school will do what
they think is best in selecting the
site, but we are all subject to
mistakes, and the question of a
location is one which should be
considered from every viewpoint.
The South and West ward build-
ings are standing today as monu-
ments of errors of the past.

We understand that the mem-
bers of the board are practically
unanimous in their approval of
the site between Central and
Eighth Street, but it has not
been definitely agreed as to
which way the new building
should face, whether it should
face Eighth Street or face Mur-
rell Avenue, as is the case with
two present buildings.

It is to be regretted that the
school does not own the entire
block upon which the school
buildings are located, but private
persons own homes on the block
adjoining the school, and we must
put that down as another error
of the past.

Since there seems to be a desire
on the part of a large number of
the patrons of the schools to con-
centrate the children, and bring
them all together on the one
campus, we think that the board
will act wisely if they plant the
new building on the old campus
between the central building and
Eighth Street, but by all means
the building should be made to
conform with the two old ones as
to position as near as possible.
To do this it should face Murrell
Avenue instead of facing Eighth
Street as is being considered. This
will give the building a South, or
Southeast front, instead of a West
or Southwest front, and at the
same time would maintain the
civic attractiveness of the build-
ings by keeping them all uniform.

We say this for the information
of the many interested parties,
and at the same time feeling that
the board will be sure they are
right, and then go ahead.

1925

With both hands of the clock
pointing straight up tonight, this
world will turn another wheel in
the cycle of time, and we should
bear in mind that it must be
written 1925.

You will arise from your restful
couch tomorrow to start out on
the New Year with a determina-
tion to do better, or you will
travel along in the same old way,
and if too careless will find your-
self slipping instead of pushing
forward to a happier way of
living.

Perhaps you have no New
Year's resolutions outlined, and
will take no note of the change
on the calendar. But New Year's
resolutions are beneficial, even
though they are broken in the
making. They bring to our minds
the things in which we are lack-
ing in efficiency, and within
themselves cause us to resolve to
overcome our own short comings.

In seeking happiness we should
be impressed with the great
thought that being well, good
and religious brings to us more
of the joy of life than anything
else we can do. Seeking health
means to keep the body clean,
avoid over-indulgence in the
things which are injurious to our
physical being.

There are big things in store
for all of us here in Ballinger, if
we enter the New Year with a
determination to do our part in
making for better living, and in-
stead of working all the time for
the dollar that we may live a
faster life, pause to help the more
unfortunate, and scatter a little
more sunshine among those who
are less fortunate than our-
selves.

The Ledger will strive to make
itself more useful, and shall ever
be found in line with things for
the best interest of all, working
together with those who work
for the common welfare of our

faith in the future of the coun-
try, and believe that the great-
est era of prosperity and hap-
piness is still ahead of us.

With these random thoughts
expressed, and as the last say we
shall have before tearing the last
page of our 1924 calendar off, we
take the opportunity of express-
ing to every reader of the paper,
to our friends and enemies all
alike our very best wishes for the
happiest of all New Years. If
misfortune comes your way, if
sorrow overtakes you, our sym-
pathy will be with you.

LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR

Denton, Tex., Dec. 22, 1924.
Editor Ledger:

The Dallas News today quotes
an item from your paper which
begins thus: "The first of a trio
of young men, 18, 19 and 22 years
of age, has been sentenced to the
pen for 28 years for a bank rob-
bery."

Where did they acquire the art
of bank robbery? Who were their
teachers? Will the penitentiary
change their hearts? Why should
young men not steal since they
are told that money is power and
a sign of success?

There will be more youthful
robbers if the law forbids boys
under 18 to work, and the young
men not brought in contact with
the young man Jesus Christ, who
despised filthy lucre.

They will not read the Bible;
it is too large. We need a small
history of Christ which would
appeal to our young people.
Something must be done for our
youth, if our country is to last.

RAYMOND VERNIMONT,
Catholic Priest.

If we were inclined to comment
on the Reverend Father's letter,
we would say "Train up a child
in the way he should go and when
he is old he will not depart there-
from, etc." and let it go at that.
The success of the future gener-
ation, like the success of all other
generations, depends largely on
how the young mind is trained in
the home. There are exceptions
to all rules, and there are cases
where a child from a well-disci-
plined home goes to the bad, and
there are cases of self-made men
and self-made woman, but the
American home is the foundation
of American civilization.

SAYS RED PEPPER
HEAT STOPS PAIN
IN A FEW MINUTES

Rheumatism, lumbago, neuritis,
backache, stiff neck, sore mus-
cles, strains, sprains, aching
joints. When you are suffering
so you can hardly get around,
just try Red Pepper Rub.

Nothing has such concentrated
penetrating heat as red peppers,
and when heat penetrates right
down into pain and congestion
relief comes at once.

Just as soon as you apply Red
Pepper Rub you feel the tingling
heat. In three minutes the sore
spot is warmed through and
through and the torture is gone.
Rowley Red Pepper Rub, made
from red peppers, costs little at
any drug store. Get a jar at
once. Be sure to get the genuine
with the name Rowley on every
package.

L. B. Barker is at home from
Georgia where he has been for
several weeks looking after an
estate left him by his mother.

Miss Ida E. Walker, milliner for
the Caldwell store, left Wed-
nesday for Mart to spend the hol-
idays with relatives.

We are unloading a nice car of
Coal at \$8.00 per ton. Also have
"Domino" a strictly high grade
product at a moderate price. Bog-
gess Bros., Phone 33.
29-3rd-1th.*

Bartlett Mann came in from
his ranch in Glascock county
Tuesday to join Mrs. Mann and
baby in a visit to her parents, Dr.
and Mrs. E. R. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Armstrong
and James Odum, of Austin,
came in Tuesday afternoon from
Austin for a visit with relatives.
Mrs. Armstrong is a sister of Mrs.
H. H. Luckett. Mr. Odum is a
son of Will Odum, a former citi-
zen of Ballinger, and a pioneer of
this country. They drove from
Austin in an auto and report the
roads in fine condition.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head
Because of its tonic but laxative effect, LAXA-
TIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets can be taken
in the noon. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box.

BETHEL NEWS

Among those home for the
Christmas holidays are: Mrs. W.
F. McShann, who has been with
her daughter in Brownwood;
Miss Leora McShann, who has
been staying with her sister in
Brownwood and attending Dan-
iel Baker College; Miss Helen
Hayes, who is teaching in Tom
Green county; Misses Alma
Koenig and Vera Shelbourne,
who have been attending Sim-
mons College in Abilene; and
Misses Daisy Killam and Edna
Simmons, who have been attend-
ing McMurry College in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem Harvey and
son, Milborn, have returned from
East Texas, where they spent
Christmas with relatives.

The Christmas tree at Bethel
was enjoyed by a large crowd in
spite of the severe cold.

The box supper Friday night
brought \$41.00, to be used as a
payment on the new piano for the
school house.

The young people of the com-
munity enjoyed a party at the
Hill home Thursday night.

Several cases of sickness are
reported, especially among the
children. Some of them seem to
be due to too much Christmas
candy and some to flu or other
causes.

Mrs. Jessie Corum and daugh-
ters, Kathryn and Mandell, made
a holiday visit to Mr. and Mrs. R.
F. Smith.

SMALL POX BREAKS
UP NORTON SCHOOL

The school at Norton was sus-
pended indefinitely this week on
account of small pox. The school
recessed for Christmas two weeks
and reconvened Monday, Dec.
29th, but after one day the school
board deemed it wise to recess
until the small pox scare had sub-
sided. There are several cases in
the Norton country, and efforts
are being made to prevent further
spread of the disease. None of
the patients are seriously ill.

W. D. Rogers, of the Wingate
country, was in the city Wednes-
day and while here ordered The
Ledger to go to his son, H. A.
Rogers, at Fluvanna. Mr. Rogers
has just returned home from a
trip to the Plains country, and
when someone asked him if he
bought land on the Plains he
remarked that "a man would
freeze to death there in August."

Mr. Rogers was caught in the
Lubbock country when the tem-
perature was playing around be-
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Morris Crews came up from San
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Christmas week with his father, C.
R. Crews and family.

OIL MILL BURNS
AT KERENS, TEX.

KERENS, Tex., Dec. 30.—
Fire of unknown origin today
destroyed the plant of the Kerens
Cotton Oil Company. Two car
loads of coal on the Cotton Belt
tracks were also burned, and
other equipment damaged. The
loss will be considerable.

HOBART, Okla., Dec. 30.—Mrs.
Isabel McNutt, age 72, who was
injured in the Christmas eve fire
which destroyed the school house
at Babbs Switch, died at her home
four miles South of here today.
Mrs. McNutt's death brings the
total deaths from the fire which
destroyed the school house up to
thirty-six. All the dead except
Mrs. McNutt have been buried.

NOTICE
We are again in the market for All Kinds of Poultry
and are paying the Highest Price the market will afford.
Will buy your Furs and Hides.
Wish to thank all our customers for the excellent bus-
iness afforded us in 1924 and wish for a continuance of
same in the year 1925.
POTTER PRODUCE CO.
C. W. McKINNEY, Mgr.
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BAYER
ASPIRIN
Say "Bayer" - Insist!
For Colds Headache
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Safe Accept only a
Bayer package
which contains proven directions
Handy "Bayer" boxes of 12 tablets
Also bottles of 24 and 100—Druggists
Aspirin is the trade mark of Bayer Manu-
facture of Monroeville, Pa., U.S.A.

Personal
We regret to note that Mrs.
Hettie Gadberrly is still confined
to her bed at her home in South
Ballinger. She had the misfor-
tune to fall a couple of weeks ago,
and has been confined to her bed
since.
Mrs. Carrie Eskridge and son,
Eddie, returned to their home at
Gatesville Wednesday afternoon,
after a visit to relatives here.
Fred Keichle, cashier of the
First National Bank at Rowena,
was looking after business in
Ballinger Wednesday afternoon.

D. F. Eaton, former county
agent of this county, was here
Wednesday and spent the last
night in the year in Ballinger
with friends. Mr. Eaton was ac-
companied by his family and they
had been on a visit to relatives in
McCullough county and were en-
route to their home at Lubbock.
Mr. Eaton says that he has been
keeping tab on Ballinger and is
glad to hear of the good reports
from here. He reports that Lub-
bock is on a boom and the Tech
College is going up fast.

J. B. Pace, of the Winters sec-
tion, was among those who made
a rush on the tax collector's office
for a new auto plate Wednesday.
J. E. White, of the Truitt coun-
ty, was here on business Wed-
nesday.

S. M. Seay, of Marie, had busi-
ness in Ballinger Wednesday,
and paid his auto tax while here.

J. D. Smith and son, of the
Wingate country, were paying
taxes in Ballinger Wednesday.

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove
the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine."
E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

36TH DEATH IN
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LOCALS

Miss Anna Marie Shepherd, of Coleman, niece of C. P. Shepherd and J. M. Skinner, was a weekend visitor here Saturday and Sunday, returning to her school teaching duties at Ray, in Coleman county, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Nola Mae Howard, of Mineral Wells, is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tom Trail and family. Miss Howard is a student in C. I. A. at Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tyree returned home Monday at noon from a visit to Mr. Tyree's brother at Temple.

Ed Baker and nephew, Tom Baker, of Bunker Hill, Illinois, are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce. Ed Baker is a brother of Mrs. Pearce, and formerly lived in Ballinger. He will be kindly remembered by the old timers here.

Ernest Moody was due to return home Monday with his bride from Hamlin, where he was married Christmas, according to well founded reports among his friends here.

Jim Parnell returned home Monday at noon from Fort Worth and Dallas, where he spent Christmas with his son.

Mrs. Joe Hadden returned to her home at San Angelo Monday afternoon, after a visit to relatives here. She visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cline, and brother, Bud Cline.

Mrs. Rufus J. Wheeler and son, Jack, returned home Monday at noon from Houston, where they spent the holidays visiting relatives.

J. W. Snellgrove, of Norton, spent Monday in Ballinger looking after business, and ordered The Ledger for a year.

Mr. and Mrs. John Keel and daughters returned home Sunday from a trip to Arkansas. They made the trip in their car and report a pleasant Christmas visit notwithstanding that they traveled in some real winter weather. Mr. Keel says that the Arkansas River was frozen over solid when they crossed it en route home.

C. H. Helwig, one of The Ledger's good friends of the Miles country, had business in Ballinger Saturday.

Jim Flynt was a business visitor in Brownwood Sunday evening, going down Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Syler, of Winters, were shopping in Ballinger Saturday and visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Motley and children returned home Sunday from Junction and Kerrville, where they spent the holidays. Mr. Motley says they had a very pleasant Christmas, but declares that it is awfully dry around Junction and Kerrville. He was speaking of the weather.

Mrs. M. C. Smith and daughter, Miss Marryatte, returned home Sunday night from Gainesville, where they spent the holidays with their daughter and sister, Mrs. F. H. Turberville.

Miss Lois Wooten returned to her school at Rockwood, Coleman county, Sunday afternoon. She came home to spend the holidays with relatives.

Raymond Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thomas, who has been ill for some time, is reported to be improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Crews, of San Angelo, were here Sunday for a visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Fannie Wilmet returned home Sunday afternoon from San Angelo, where she had been visiting friends since Christmas day.

C. O. Sharp, of the Norton country, was among the prominent farmers of that country who had business in Ballinger Saturday.

T. A. Kre is here from New Mexico visiting his father, Theo Kre, and other relatives, and he may remain in Runnels county. Mr. Kre says the New Mexico country is in pretty good shape.

Mr. and Mrs. Arno Schawe and Mrs. Schawe's sister, Miss Betty Chambers, came in from Waco Saturday for a visit to Mr. Schawe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Schawe.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Teague stopped off here first of the week for a visit to relatives while en route to their home at Zephyr from a visit to Miles.

G. P. Teague returned home Monday night from Zephyr, where he spent a few days visiting relatives.

Gleth Neal, of Leonard, Texas, has accepted a position with Higginbotham Bros. & Co., and suc-

ceeds L. S. Spoons as manager of the implement department. Mr. Spoons has accepted a position as salesman for the John Deere Co. Mr. Neal's wife and baby will join him here in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Anderson, of Slaton, are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Moody.

J. E. Pirie, formerly county and city engineer at Ballinger, is here from Albany, looking after business and visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Caperton returned home Monday night from Austin, where they spent Christmas with relatives.

George McCulley has returned to Brownwood after visiting relatives in Ballinger.

Miss Marthyle Bridwell has returned to her school at Liberty Hill, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Bridwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson D. Smith returned to their home at Austin first of the week, after spending Christmas with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bridwell and other relatives.

County Superintendent-Elect Bob White has moved into the John Pechecek home on Strong Avenue.

L. L. Stroble is moving his family to their new home on Broadway, the house having been about completed.

Miss Frane Wells, of Tahoka, is here visiting her aunt, Mrs. G. B. Nixon.

Judge Cook R. Stephenson, of Junction, was the guest of J. D. Motley Monday night, while en route to his home from a business trip to Dallas.

Walter Bigby and Miss Edna Simmons, both of the Bethel community, are at home from McMurry College where they have been attending the fall term. They will return after the holidays. It is Walter's second year in McMurry, while Miss Simmons is a freshman in that college. They are both making good in their school work.

Mrs. F. E. Banning, of Houston, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ella Boggress and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blagg and children are here from Brownwood visiting Mrs. Blagg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Wilmet.

Elgin Davidson, of the Wilmeth country, passed thru the city Thursday en route to Hillsboro on a Christmas and business visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Erwin enjoyed a Christmas visit from their children this week. Mrs. Ira Hobby is here from Los Angeles, California, and J. J. Jr. and wife came down from Sweetwater, returning home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jones, of Rule, and their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hill, of Amarillo, spent Christmas with the Erwins and returned home Friday. Mrs. Jones will return in a few days for a longer visit here.

J. E. Boon, an employee of the city, left Friday afternoon for Lubbock, where he went in response to a message stating that his father was seriously ill and not expected to live. Mr. Boon's father is 84 years of age, but up to recently was healthy and active. He was here on a visit about a month ago, and was due to visit here again this Christmas.

Jack Dannelly, barber with the Ideal Barber Shop, returned Friday from Stephenville, where he had been called to attend the funeral of his mother. Mr. Dannelly's mother was over 70 years of age, but was very active, and her death was caused from pneumonia and complications.

Johnnie Cass, a former Ballinger boy, and who came here about the time Ballinger was placed on the map, showed up here Friday after an absence of eighteen years. John says that he has been living in Kansas for the last few years, where he has been working as a farm hand. He says that his father and mother are both dead, and his sisters scattered to different points, the exact whereabouts of whom he does not know. The Cass family was one of the pioneer families, and for many years lived on what is now the playground for the Central ward school children, having gained a home on that site by a process of pre-emption when the land was in litigation.

Mrs. Fred Turner and baby left for their home at Santa Anna Friday afternoon, after a Christmas visit with Mrs. Turner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Miller.

E. V. Thorp returned to his home at Dallas Friday afternoon. He came out to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Z. S. Thorp, and brothers, A. J. and Cecil.

Mrs. Ira Hobby, of Los Angeles, California, came in to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Erwin and other relatives; also to attend a family reunion of all the children and grandchildren of the Erwin family.

L. S. Spoons returned Friday from Brownwood, where he had been on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Holliday, of Abilene, are here visiting relatives.

Howard Fullerton, a former Ballinger printer, was here Saturday en route to Abilene after a Christmas visit to relatives at Paint Rock.

W. W. Allen, another one of the old timers, was in the city Saturday from the Moro mountain country, looking after business and paying taxes.

A. J. Buxkemper, a former Runnels county citizen, is here from Slaton visiting his brother, Ed Buxkemper on Route A out of Ballinger. They were both in Ballinger on business Friday.

Frank Stuart came in from Tahoka to spend Christmas. He declares that the skinned nose he is wearing was put on after he reached Ballinger, and he says that he does not understand why we don't all get killed judging from the way people drive here. Mr. Stuart says it got right below at Tahoka last week.

Ernest Moody left Christmas eve for Hamlin, and according to well informed friends, he will not return home alone, and Ballinger will gain one of Hamlin's best.

C. W. Ladwig, who was injured by an auto striking him a few days ago, is reported to be resting as well as could be expected.

Mrs. Perry Boswell phoned The Ledger early Friday morning to tell the world that she was the happiest woman alive on Christmas day. She enjoyed a visit on Christmas day from all her children, children-in-law, and grandchildren, the family spending the day together. There were quite a number of such gatherings in Ballinger, Christmas day being the great homecoming day.

Miss Lois Crews is at home from Oklahoma for a Christmas visit with her father, C. R. Crews, and other relatives. She will return to Oklahoma after New Year to resume her school work on January 4th.

George McCulley and Noble Prentice are visiting friends in Ballinger.

J. F. Mansker, who returned home from a visit to Tennessee a few days ago, is confined in the Halley & Love sanitarium, and his friends will regret to know that he is ill. Mr. Mansker is one of the old timers and pioneer citizens of this country.

Elbert Clappitt came in from Ranger Wednesday and spent Christmas with relatives, joining Mrs. Clappitt here on a visit to her mother, Mrs. R. A. Nicholson.

H. F. Demmer and family are at home from Marlin, where they spent a couple of weeks for the benefit of Mrs. Demmer's health. Her friends will regret to know that the trip did not prove very beneficial.

Jesse Burns, of the Wingate community, valedictorian of last year's class in Wingate high school, who has been a student in McMurry College throughout the fall term is back with the home folks for the holidays. Jesse has made a reputation with the folks at the college for dependability and hard work. The college authorities indicate that they are expecting some great things of him in the next few years.

Cap. McAlister came up from Brownwood Christmas eve and spent Christmas day with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Q. McAdams of Winters, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jones Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jones, of the Winters country, passed thru Ballinger Tuesday afternoon en route to McGregor to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Nicholson and children came in from Plainview Tuesday, and will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Marcus Barker is at home from Fort Worth to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Barker.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore and children are here from Oklahoma for a Christmas visit with Mrs. Moore's mother, Mrs. Emma Nash, and other relatives.

WEDDING BELLS

Collins-Cockrell

Melvin J. Collins and Miss Ruth Cockrell were married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. G. P. Teague, at 7:00 o'clock Sunday evening. Rev. R. B. Twitty, pastor of the Eighth Street Presbyterian church, performing the ceremony.

This wedding was scheduled to take place at a later date, but on account of Mr. Collins being called away the date was moved up and quite a surprise sprung on the friends of the bride in this city when it was announced that she had been married. Mr. Collins has been located at San Angelo for some time where he is associated with an oil company. He will probably be transferred to Midland, and in the meantime Mrs. Collins will remain in Ballinger to be with her mother who is ill.

The ceremony which made Mr. Collins and Miss Cockrell man and wife was performed in the presence of a few relatives, and after a brief visit amid best wishes and congratulations, Mr. Collins returned to San Angelo. His bride will join him in about a week.

Mrs. Collins has resided in Ballinger all her life, and has a host of friends here who will join in best wishes for her happiness.

PREPARE FOR A BLIZZARD

Good coal \$8.50 per ton. Also best Alabama and Colorado coal. Phone your orders in before the rush. Phone 388.

T. M. MARSH
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\$10 DONATION FOR CHRISTMAS CHEER

Mitchell Moore left a ten dollar check at The Ledger office Wednesday morning, with instructions that the money be used to help scatter Christmas cheer among the poor folks of the city. The Christmas cheer committees have the work well in hand with plenty of objects of charity demanding their attention. There are homes without food, clothing, and with very scant bedding. Children have been found who shivered through the last few cold nights, and the American Legion will supply such cases with the substantial of life.

Donations coming in since the last report include: Mitchell Moore, \$10; Miss Susie Rogers, \$1.00; Craig Rogers, \$1.00; Mrs. Ira Hargis, 50 cents; Rev. E. W. McLaurin, \$1.00; Dr. F. M. Hale, \$1.00; Lucy Dean Harbor, \$1.00; Arthur Heywood, \$1.00; Dora May Freeman, \$2.00; R. P. Greenwell, \$1.00; T. S. Lankford, new mattress. The pot collection had not been reported up to noon Wednesday.

The total amount collected and placed to the credit of the Christmas Cheer Fund figured \$207.68 up to noon Wednesday, and great armfuls of clothing, dolls, toys, things to eat, etc., were sent in to headquarters.

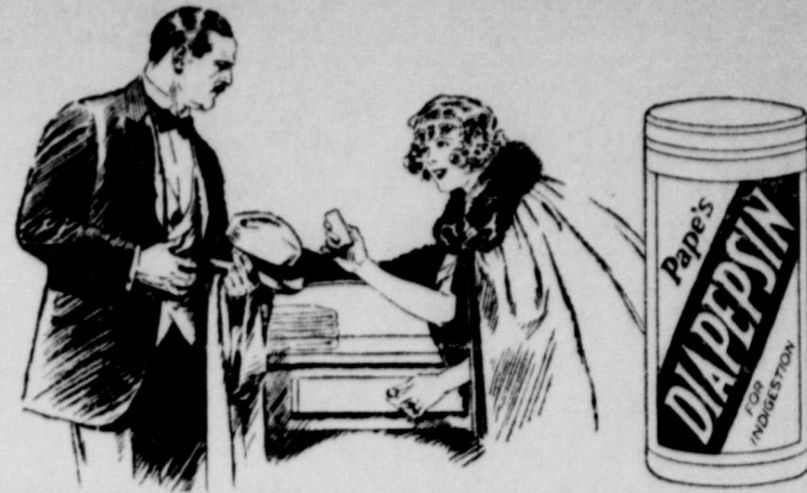
The Santa Claus committee went on its mission shortly after noon, the American Legion boys volunteering for the mission.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Druggists refund money if FAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, itching, itching or protruding Piles. Instantly relieves itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after first application. See

BIG INCREASE IN CABBAGE ACREAGE

AUSTIN, Dec. 22.—With 90 per cent of the plantings complete, an important increase in cabbage acreage in the Lower Rio Grande Valley is seen for this year, estimates of the government truck crop specialist placing total plantings at about 12,000 acres or 4,100 acres more than the previous season, according to Texas Radio Market News Service of co-operating state and federal departments. This stands as a result of hot and dry weather are expected to interfere considerably with the development of tonnage this year, nothing like last year's yield of 8.4 tons per acre being anticipated for the forthcoming season. Average yield of cabbage for the four years prior to 1923 was 4.7 tons per acre, but slightly better than half that secured in the season of 1923-24.

Students at home from Baylor University for a Christmas visit returned to their school duties Sunday afternoon. Among those returning were Robert Lee Maddox, Edwin Swindell, Robert Lowe, Herbert and Clarence Freston.



Ends Indigestion Instantly

Corrects any Sour, Gassy, Disordered Stomach

When foods "disagree" in stomach and cause indigestion or gases, heartburn, flatulence, acidity—don't stay miserable and upset. The moment "Pape's Diapepsin" reaches the stomach all becomes well again—distress just vanishes. Millions of families keep this pleasant, harmless stomach corrective, antacid and digestive always at hand. They know that if they eat too heavily or of wrong foods, they can always depend upon a few tablets of Pape's Diapepsin to give almost instant relief. Large 60 cent packages guaranteed by druggists everywhere.

News From Neighboring Cities

Mrs. Kenneth Clark was thrown onto the pilot of the engine of a fast passenger train which crashed into an auto in which she was riding and carried twelve miles with only slight injuries near Oakland, Indiana. Three other parties in the auto were injured, one fatally. The train crew did not know that the train had struck the car until the train was stopped twelve miles from the scene of the accident.

she was riding collided with another car.

The Stamford Inn, a popular and well known hotel at Stamford, was destroyed by fire Wednesday and four lives lost. The dead are Mrs. W. B. Winters and two children, ages three years and ten months, and E. D. Lotspeich, an Abilene cotton buyer.

Dispatches from Mexico state that the Mexican government declined to give its employes a holiday on Christmas day, and the Yuletide was not observed very extensively under the new president of that country.

MAEROY THEATRE

Showing the Pick O' the Pictures

Saturday, Jan. 3rd
TOM MIX

And Tony The Wonder Horse in

"Pals in Blue"

A Picture with a Thrill Every Minute

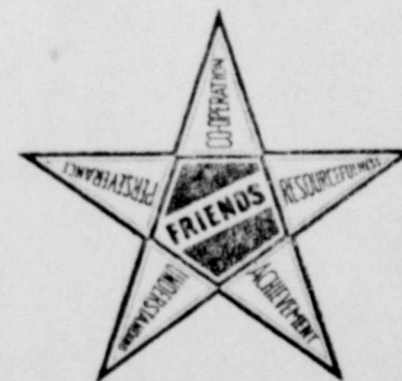
Also Neva Gerber and Edmund Cobb in the 11th episode of

The Great Frontier Serial
"DAYS OF '49"

And a Larry Semon Comedy

8—Big Reels of Thrills and Fun—8

10c Admission 25c



The Business of Farming

is one of the most important and necessary in the world.

Certainly in this great agricultural state of our farming takes first place among its many important industries.

Business methods on the farm are not hard to maintain, and even a simple system will help the farmer to tell the facts about his business.

Talk with us about a system for your farm.

Read our message in this week's Farm and Ranch

Ballinger State Bank

"Guaranty Fund Bank."

COMPARISONS

Diamonds and charcoal are essentially carbon yet their values and usefulness are as far apart as the poles. So it is with

Scott's Emulsion

Many imagine that all oils are similar, but when the usefulness of cod-liver oil is compared with all other oils, the difference in value is as far apart as common charcoal and diamonds.

Scott's Emulsion is cod-liver oil made pleasantly available to build up those who are run-down or weak.



52,000 BALES COTTON IN SIGHT HERE NOW

The official government report, made by cotton census enumerator, W. A. Esmond, shows that 50,900 bales of cotton had been ginned in Runnels county up to December 13th. It is estimated that since that time about 1,000 bales have been ginned, which places this county close to, or over the 52,000 mark, with some scrapping yet going on.

For the same date last year 44,478 bales had been ginned, and the total for last year was 47,811. The present crop is the third largest ginned in the county in the history of the cotton industry.

Habitual Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days

"LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN" is a specially prepared Syrup Tonic Laxative for Habitual Constipation. It relieves promptly but should be taken regularly for 14 to 21 days to induce regular action. It stimulates and regulates. Very Pleasant to Take. 60c per bottle.

BODY IS SHIPPED HERE FOR BURIAL

The remains of Mrs. Sarah Jane Little arrived at Ballinger Sunday night from Winona, Oklahoma, where Mrs. Little died Saturday. They were received here by Undertaker C. R. Crews, and later carried to Norton, where they were laid to rest.

Mrs. Little was the wife of Sam Little, deceased, who died at Norton three or four years ago, and who was buried at that place.

COTTON SEED

Client Superior, Registered Cotton breeder, 1250 pounds make a bale; ten days earlier, large five lock bolls, more per acre staple, 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 inches, have a ear of early seed. See me before they are gone.

All seed delivered. A. M. NORRIS, 21-tfw Talpa, Texas.

Rev. W. C. Baber, synodical superintendent for the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., in the Brownwood and Austin presbyteries, was here Sunday. He had been to Norton in the interest of his church work.

MILES NEWS NOTES

MILES, Dec. 29.—Frank Eekert Sr. and son, Hal, and daughter, Miss Lula visited relatives in Brownwood Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. E. A. Ellison and Miss Alice Meadows were Ballinger visitors Saturday.

Miss Buell Parmer left Thursday for Abilene to visit friends before returning to Hatch Monday to resume her school work.

Charles Oller, of Plainview, is a guest of his mother, Mrs. Oller, here.

Douglas Childress attended to business in Ballinger Friday.

Rudolph Harsch and son, Werner, were Ballinger visitors Friday.

Howard Moore and Emmett Jenness are spending the holidays in Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Teague and baby left Sunday for their home at Zephyr, after visiting Mrs. Teague's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Jackson, here.

Miss Viola Aylor, a teacher of the Wall school, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Aylor, returning to Wall Saturday evening.

Joe Bailey was a visitor to San Angelo Saturday.

Lester A. Smith, Jr., who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Smith, here for a few days, has returned to his home at Post City.

Cecil Porterfield, of Cameron, was a guest of Miss Edna Earle Schwartz Sunday.

Miss Edna Earle Schwartz is visiting friends in Ballinger this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Brantley, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tidwell, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Greer and daughter, Bessie, and V. E. Jones left Sunday for San Antonio to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Rankin Jones and daughter, of Ballinger, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bauman and Mr. and Mrs. C. Steinfield here.

Mrs. W. D. Jennings and daughter, Eloise, have returned from Belton, where Mrs. Jennings went to be at the bedside of her mother who was ill, and who died while she was there.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Eekert returned Sunday from Moran, where they visited relatives during the holidays.

Morgan and Owen Haynes, of Brady, are guests of their sister, Mrs. Frank Eekert, here.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Carpenter and daughter, of Pendleton, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Meadows for the week.

Miss Cora Meadows and brother Frank returned Saturday from Belton, where they visited their sister, Mrs. Forest.

Willie Chamberlain and sister, Miss Ola, left Sunday for their home at Goree, after spending a few days with J. A. Tyler and family.

C. W. Watson returned to Sweetwater Sunday after a visit with his sisters, Mrs. Lum Bailey

and Miss Conway Watson here. Robert Farmer returned to his home at Winters after spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Farmer Sr.

DRINK WATER WHEN KIDNEYS HURT YOU

When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the kidney region it may mean you have been eating foods which create acids, says a well-known authority. An excess of such acids overworks the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood and they become sort of paralyzed and sluggish. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog you must relieve them, like you relieve your bowels, removing all the body's urinous waste, else you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells; your stomach sours, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, channels often get sore, water sealsds and you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night.

Either consult a good, reliable physician at once or get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys may then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to help clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize acids in the system, so they no longer irritate, thus often relieving bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, can not injure and makes a delightful, effervescent lithia-water drink. Drink lots of soft water. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least twice a year.

J. H. Rhinehart, wife and two children, stopped for a visit in Ballinger Monday while en route on an auto tour from Portland, Oregon, to Dallas. Mr. Rhinehart left Ballinger with his father and mother twenty-eight years ago, and the family is now living in Portland. He was six and a half years old when he left here and he says he remembers quite a number of the names of the old timers, including M. D. Chastain, J. McGregor, J. Y. Pearce, and others. He tried to locate the house in which his father lived while residing here twenty-eight years ago, but said that it had been torn away and other houses built up around where he played when a little fellow. The senior Rhinehart operated a wagon yard here in the early days. His son says that he is still hale and hearty, enjoying good health.

U. S. Havenhill and sister, Miss Josie, of Winters, visited Ballinger Sunday.

Albert Spill was here from Winters Sunday to bring his son to the train. The young man was returning to his school at Austin.

HAPPY YULETIDE FOR MANY POOR

The American Legion Santa Claus who went out on a mission of good cheer among the needy families of Ballinger scattered the real Christmas spirit wherever he stopped, and halted at quite a number of homes.

We wish that every contributor to the Christmas Cheer Fund could have accompanied the committee, and it would have gladdened their hearts if they had seen the substantial of life which were distributed.

In addition to the clothing, toys and "goodies" for the children, about one dozen orders of groceries were put up and sent out. The Legion committee in charge of the work purchased about one hundred dollars worth of groceries. The good things to eat consisted of everything required to make up a complete order, including bacon, lard, coffee, sugar, flour, meal, syrup, beans, potatoes, fancy groceries and fruits.

In a few cases orders for clothing, shoes etc., were given the needy, and where there were children they were visited by Santa Claus who left candy, nuts, dolls, toys, etc. Some of the merchants donated such things, and there were two or three dolls donated by the merchants late Christmas eve.

American Legion committees made a thorough canvass of the city, and it is not believed that any family deserving of help—unable to supply the articles to create Christmas cheer—were overlooked, and at the same time the committee doing the distribution used proper precautions to prevent being imposed upon.

APPLY SULPHUR ON YOUR ECZEMA SKIN

Any breaking out of the skin on face, neck, arms or body is overcome quickest by applying Mentho-Sulphur. The pimples seem to dry right up and go away, declares a noted skin specialist.

Nothing has ever been found to take the place of sulphur as a pimple remover. It is harmless and inexpensive. Just ask any druggist for a small jar of Rowles' Mentho-Sulphur and use it like cold cream.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gregory and niece, Miss Marguerite Truly, returned home Sunday afternoon from Abilene, where they had been visiting relatives.

Advertisement for Globe-Wernicke Sectional Bookcases, featuring an illustration of a bookshelf and the text 'HIGGINBOTHAM BROS. & COMPANY. Globe-Wernicke Agency.'

NO EXCITEMENT HERE CHRISTMAS 11 DEATHS FROM RECENT WEATHER

"It was the quietest Christmas I ever experienced as a public officer," said Sheriff Flynt on the morning after Christmas. The officer stated that during the late hours of the day some of the boys who never turn down an opportunity to get "top heavy" when they can get hold of the bootleg liquor, were a little "stewed," but otherwise there were quiet times around Ballinger. The day passed off as the quietest of all recent holidays here. Not an accident of any consequence was reported.

Travel has been unusually light for the present Yuletide season. The railroads experienced a light passenger business. The severest December winter weather in many years probably crippled business and caused the cancellation of many visits which would have been made under favorable weather conditions.

Business in Ballinger was suspended on Christmas day, only the drug stores, confectionery shops and theatres remaining open.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Havenhill, of Winters, were here Sunday afternoon to bring their daughter, Miss Eunice, to the train. Miss Eunice was en route back to Houston after a visit to home folks.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—A partial relief from sub-zero temperatures that brought the coldest Christmas in many years was promised today in the Middle West, while lower temperatures were forecast for the East and far West.

In the Southwest the country was encompassed with cold that necessitated the use of smudges to protect the citrus crop which has already been badly damaged.

So far eleven deaths from the last freeze have been reported. Four of these were in Chicago, three in Ohio, two in Oregon, and one each in Texas and California were reported to have been caused by the cold weather, either directly or indirectly.

CATARRH

Catarrh is a local disease greatly influenced by constitutional conditions. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE consists of an Ointment which gives Quick Relief by local application, and the Internal Medicine, a Tonic, which acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces and assists in ridding your System of Catarrh. Sold by druggists for over 40 Years. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c.

G. P. Teague went to Brownwood Sunday afternoon for a short visit with his parents.

The First National Bank of Ballinger, Texas

December 31st, 1924

To Our Friends and Customers:

New Year's Greetings

With the passing of the year, there comes a desire to express to you, who have so materially added to our progress, a deep appreciation for what you have done to make this a year of pleasant associations.

In concluding a year so satisfactory, we are, in the greatest measure, mindful that success is, after all, a reflection of good-will and a friendly interest for those with whom we deal.

According to our custom for more than 20 years we will have for distribution, commencing Thursday, January 1st, 1925, our NEW CALENDARS. We consider these to be the most valuable and appropriate pictures we have ever distributed and should be preserved by those receiving them. Calendars will not be mailed. Children must have order from Parent or Guardian.

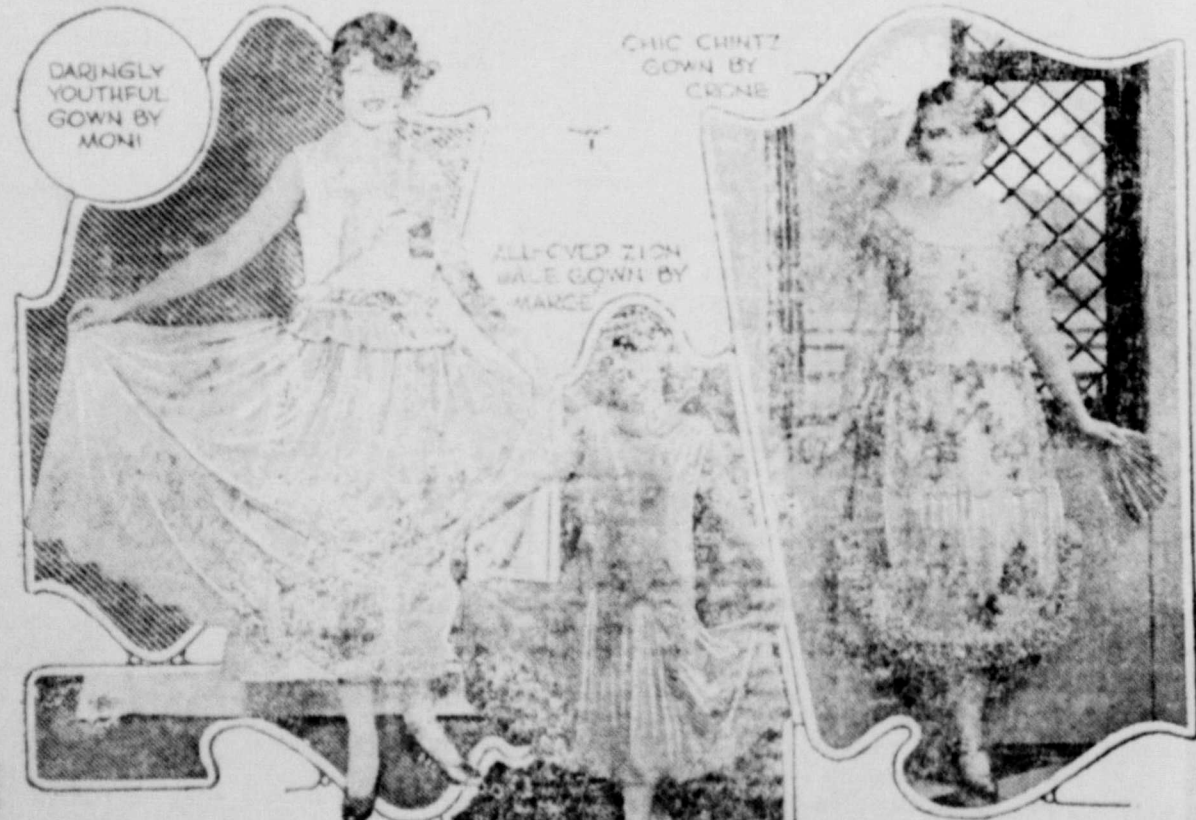
The picture, "BLUE BONNETS," (The Texas Flower), is a reproduction of a painting by the late Julian Onderdonk, owned by Porter Loring and hangs in his chapel at San Antonio, Texas.

As long as our supply lasts they are yours for the asking, whether you do your banking with us or not.

We hope the New Year will see all your expectations realized and bring to you success and prosperity in brimming measure.

Your friends, THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Ballinger.

Full Lace Skirt Expresses Youth, Says Style Expert



CHICAGO—Tight fitted basques and full skirts are the debutante delight, despite the rigidity of the tube gown, declared Mme. Crone, a director of the Fashion Art League, at the league's annual style show here.

"The clever young girl with advanced ideas wants something that will set out her youthful advantages," said Mme. Crone. "While the straight line still is the strictly correct thing for all informal day wear, progressive young girls are wearing evening frocks with close basques and full, almost bouffant lace skirts. The tight basque and the flow of the draped lace skirt are so much more youthful than the silhouette.

"Chintz flowers cut out and appliqued on lace with edging of gold and silver thread is one of the season's novelties, christened Chic Chintz. The gown illustrated is a close tulle with blue lavender and pink chintz flowers of tan Zion lace. The foundation is deep colored silver cloth trimmed with a ruching of French blue chiffon.

showed a debutante's dance frock with a severely close and plain satin bodice ornamented by a daring futuristic rose in ribbon applique. The skirt was Zion silk lace of the Chantilly type, almost circular in its fullness.

"These refreshingly new styles appeal to the young girl. Nothing could be in more charming contrast to a ball-roomful of straight line gowns than a few of these gay and slim young girl's basques and swirling skirts. For the girl who makes her own dresses the style is ideal and the different delightful novelties at her command this season invite her to the making of frocks that will express her personality."

Cramping Spells

"FOR MORE THAN A YEAR I had been in a very bad condition," says Mrs. R. E. Kimbrell, of Route 1, Dorchester, Texas. "I suffered with cramping spells which gave me bad pains in my back and sides. Sometimes I would have to catch at something, I would get so suddenly dizzy. . . I had to quit doing my work. I tried many remedies, but none of them seemed to do me any good."

"In April I went up to Arkansas to visit my sister. . . She said to me, 'Willie, if you are going to take anything, take Cardui. It will really help you.' I came home and told my doctor what she had said and he said I could not take any better tonic, so my husband immediately got me a bottle and I began it. . . My case was a pretty tough one, I know, so I kept on faithfully. After the fourth bottle, I began to feel very much better, so much so that I was surprised at myself. I have taken six bottles now and I can truly say I feel like a different woman. . . I feel fine and I owe it all to Cardui, which I took faithfully."

TAKE
CARDUI
The Woman's Tonic

MILES NEWS NOTES

MILES, Dec. 22.—Mrs. H. I. Childress has returned from Idalou, where she went to be at the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Earnest Lumpkin, who is ill with pneumonia but is reported to be improving.

DeWitt Johnson, of El Paso, is a guest of his sister, Mrs. Sam Harris, here.

Miss Hayden Huntton came in Saturday from Denton, where she is attending C. L. A., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Huntton.

W. D. Lumpkin has returned from Idalou, where he went to be with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Earnest Lumpkin, who is ill.

Homer Eckert, Miss Lula Eckert and Miss Claudine Griggs were business visitors to San Angelo Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Howard and Mrs. William Rosser and daughters left Monday for Brownwood to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Mary Elske Dead

The remains of Mrs. Mary Elske, who died at San Angelo Friday afternoon were interred in the Miles cemetery at 4:00 p. m. Saturday.

Mrs. Elske, who had been in San Angelo for medical treatment for the past two months, was 39 years old. She is survived by her husband, two daughters and three sons, Dorothy and Irene, Charles Sidney and Monroe. Her father, A. H. Prinzing, and three of her brothers reside here. Two brothers, Henry and Monroe, and a sister, Mrs. W. D. Majors, reside at Burk Burnett.

Cold Snap Too Much for Two Little Visitors from South Africa

The two little ring monkeys which were attracting the attention of the crowds at the commercial show grounds will perform their antics no more, as they succumbed to the cold wave, one dying Sunday and one Monday morning. This will be a disappointment to the Miles youngsters as these playful little animals were favorites of all who saw them.

Murray Newton visited his mother at Paint Rock Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Prinzing and daughter, June, were in San Angelo Monday.

Mrs. T. H. Williams and son, Gordon, were San Angelo visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Esmond and baby, of Lamesa, came in Saturday to spend the holidays with relatives here and at Ballinger.

COLDS

Break a Cold Right Up with
"Pape's Cold Compound"



Take two tablets every three hours until three doses are taken. The first dose always gives relief. The second and third doses completely break up the cold. Pleasant and safe to take. Contains no quinine or opiates. Millions use "Pape's Cold Compound." Price, thirty-five cents. Druggists

SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Miss Edna Mae Lowry came in Thursday night from Baylor College at Belton, and is at home for the holidays with her mother, Mrs. W. E. Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. McLain, of Sweetwater, came in Saturday to spend the holidays with Mrs. McLain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Voelkel, and other relatives.

George Fry and Pink Brown came in Saturday from near Eldorado, where they have been on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Evans and children, of Robert Lee, spent Sunday with J. W. Evans and family, returning home Monday.

The twin babies of Mr. and Mrs. Cobb are quite ill.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook is also quite ill.

Miss Bessie Brown left Tuesday morning for Dallas to visit her sister, Mrs. V. A. Gentry, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Evans and children and Mrs. R. E. Brown and little daughter, Corene, were San Angelo visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans were shopping in San Angelo Monday.

Mrs. Tuckey, of near Crews, is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. George McMillan, and mother, Mrs. Gadberry.

"BLUE BONNET"

IF HAIR IS TURNING GRAY, USE SAGE TEA

That beautiful even shade of dark, glossy hair can only be had by brewing a mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur. Your hair is your charm. It makes or mars the face. When it fades, turns gray or streaked, just an application or two of Sage and Sulphur enhances its appearance a hundredfold.

Don't bother to prepare the mixture; you can get this famous old recipe improved by the addition of other ingredients at a small cost, all ready to use. It is called Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound. This can always be depended upon to bring back the natural color and lustre of your hair.

Everybody uses "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound" now because it darkens so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied. You simply dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through the hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair has disappeared, and after another application it becomes beautifully dark and appears glossy and lustrous.

Miss Malvina Skinner returned Sunday to Lamesa, where she is teaching school, after a Christmas visit to her parents, Prof. and Mrs. J. M. Skinner.

MOTHER!

Clean Child's Bowels with
"California Fig Syrup"



Hurry Mother! Even constipated, bilious, feverish, or sick, colic Babies and Children love to take genuine "California Fig Syrup." No other laxative regulates the tender little bowels so nicely. It sweetens the stomach and starts the liver and bowels without griping. Contains no narcotics or soothing drugs. Say "California" to your druggist and avoid counterfeits. Insist upon genuine "California Fig Syrup" which contains directions.

TURKEYS FOR PHONE EMPLOYEES

As has been its custom for several years, the West Texas Telephone Company put on a turkey drive for its employes preceding Christmas. Each employe was presented with a big turkey for the family dinner, or to be used as the employe sees fit. The employes are also remembered otherwise.

It requires 110 turkeys to supply the employes with one bird each, or more than 1500 pounds of turkeys, at a cost of about \$500. There are 13 employes of the local exchange, and it required about 200 pounds of turkeys to supply each with a turkey.

FOR WORKING PEOPLE

The best of workers get out of sorts when the liver fails to act. They feel languid, half-sick, "blue" and discouraged and think they are getting lazy. Neglect of these symptoms might result in a sick spell, therefore the sensible course is to take a dose or two of Herbine. It is just the medicine needed to purify the system and restore the vim and ambition of health. Price 60c. Sold by John A. Weeks

GETS FORD FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Marion and Frank Flynt and sister, Miss Carrie, of Winters, presented their father, Sheriff Flynt, with a 1925 model Ford touring car for a Christmas present. The county furnishes the sheriff with an automobile, and as Mr. Flynt will retire from the sheriff's office within a few days he will turn over the sheriff's car to his successor, and step into his new Ford, a gift from his children.

Farm Tracts for Sale

2,240 acres of the Gross Ranch, South and West sides, in any size tracts, easy terms. Write W. H. GROSS & SONS, Mineral Wells, Texas. 3-ftw

WE ARE BUYING

Produce Cream Chickens and Eggs

Come to see us before you sell.

SEE US FOR

Groceries

Get Our Prices Before You Buy

CURRIE MERCANTILE CO.

A LETTER TO THE FIRE BOYS

Ballinger, Texas, 12-23-24.
Mr. Louis Cohen,
Chief Ballinger Fire Dept.
Dear Mr. Cohen:

I have always appreciated the Ballinger Fire Department and have said on more than one occasion that they were the best volunteer firemen I ever saw. But, after my wife and children told me how hard they worked to save what they could of our home, I appreciate them more than ever.

I am enclosing a check for \$25.00, which I hope they will accept as a token of our friendship and appreciation.

Yours truly,
R. T. WILLIAMS.

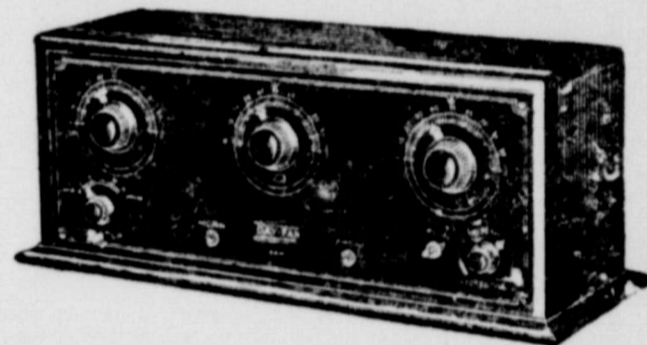
No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVES TASTELESS CHILD TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a general strengthening tonic to the whole system. Babies will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Commissioners Court of Runtels County will receive bids at Ballinger, Texas, on February 10th, 1925, for the purchase of one or more ten-ton "Caterpillar" road Tractors.

PAUL TRIMMER,
County Judge, Ballinger, Texas,
December 18, 1924.



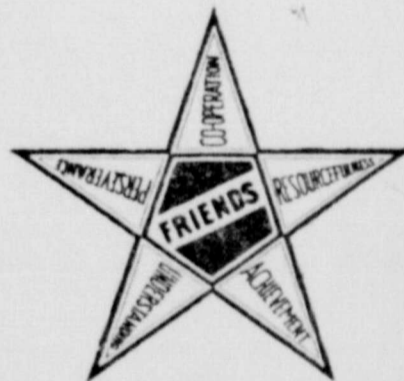
DAY FAN MODEL OEM

This set is designed for YOU—not for the radio expert. You can actually get the station you want without previous experience. The tone quality is quite exceptional and no five tube set will give greater volume.

These are rather startling claims but the results you will get will amply justify them. Radio Science has made big strides and the new DAY-FAN model OEM, is well in the lead.

The Instruction Book which comes with each DAY-FAN set will give you the dial settings for all broadcasting stations.

Ballinger Electric Co.



A RESERVE— For Personal Defense—

This bank believes in preparedness in personal preparedness against the uncertainties of the future.

None of us can prophesy what the years have in store, but we do know an untouched reserve in the bank will meet every emergency.

Build against the day of uncertainty and when it does come you can meet it without fear or misgivings and find just reward for your early foresight and wisdom.

Do not let Tomorrow find you unprepared. Begin to build your reserve at this bank today.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

"Guaranty Fund Bank"

NEWLYWEDS RETURN HOME FROM HASKELL

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moody came in at noon Tuesday from a visit to different points following their wedding at Haskell, Texas, on Christmas day.

Before her marriage to the Ballinger young man, Mrs. Moody was Miss Iris Golden, daughter of A. H. Golden, of Seymour.

The bride is a niece of W. L. Golden of this city, and she visited here last summer, and at that time a courtship started which has culminated most happily.

Coal!

See our Diavolo Nut—it is fine, price right. Other good coals. Phone 120.

C. J. LYNN & SON. 30-5td-1tw

Power Development Projects to Spoil Two Irish Beauty Spots

DUBLIN, Dec. 29.—In addition to the project for harnessing the River Shannon for the generation of electrical power for the Free State, which has been entrusted to a German firm, plans have been placed before the Free State parliament for the utilization of the River Laffey, which runs through Dublin.

Objection has been made on the ground that the plans under contemplation would result in spoiling the famous salmon leap at Leixlip and the falls of Poulaphuca, both beauty spots. At Poulaphuca 5,400 acres would be flooded and eight square miles of County Wicklow would be submerged.

Notice

I have moved my Barber Shop from Eighth Street and am now located in part of Tigner's Jewelry Store. Come to see us whether you want work or not.

Jarrett & Millsap. 31-4td-1tw

COOLIDGE MAY CALL ARMS MEET

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—President Coolidge is hopeful, but not certain, that it will be possible to hold another international naval disarmament conference within another year.

FORMER MEMBER OF CONGRESS IS DEAD

ONEONTA, New York, Dec. 31. George W. Fairchild, member of congress from 1907 to 1917, died in New York city today. Death was due to acute heart trouble.

G. S. Walker, of the Norton country, came in Tuesday night from a visit to Comanche. He says that Comanche county needs rain.

A. B. (Buck) Bailey, of Eldorado, was in town Saturday en route home to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Bailey. He played football during the fall on the Olympic Club at San Francisco, and also successfully coached Cogswell High School there.

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Douglass returned home Sunday night from Cleburne, where they spent the holidays with relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Bandy, who spent the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. J. R. Lusk, left Monday morning for Valentine, Texas.

POSSESSES BOOK 360 YEARS OLD

Henry Psenek was in the city Wednesday and brought to The Ledger office a book which was printed in 1564, and brought to this country by his mother, Mrs. Anna Psenek thirty-five years ago.

The book is one of the most interesting relics it has ever been our pleasure to see. The substantial way in which it was bound when printed perhaps accounts for its existence today.

the sermons of John Huss, and letters which he wrote while confined in prison and before he was burned at stake. The book is printed in the Bohemian language with a German alphabet, and is illustrated with pictures of Bible characters which are quite different from the Bible character pictures used in the present day.

The Psenek family prizes the book very highly, and believe it is the only one of a very few such books in existence today, not only from a standpoint of age, but for its value on account of the subject matter it contains.

The Psenek family are members of the Presbyterian church, and for many years have been faithful supporters of that faith in the Rowena country.

OUCH! LUMBAGO! RUB BACKACHE AWAY

Kidneys cause backache! No! Your backache is caused by lumbago, rheumatism or a strain and the quickest relief is soothing, penetrating St. Jacobs Oil. Rub it right on your painful back, and instantly the soreness, stiffness and lameness disappears.

In use for 65 years for lumbago, backache, sciatica, neuralgia, rheumatism or sprains. Absolutely harmless. Doesn't burn the skin.

Miss Eleanor Kirk is here from Austin, visiting her mother, Mrs. R. P. Kirk, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Haley returned to their home at Amarillo Sunday afternoon. They had been visiting Mrs. Haley's sister, Mrs. W. B. Currie, and family. Mr. Haley was one of the early settlers of this county, his family locating on the Colorado River several miles below Ballinger in 1875.

A TONIC

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic restores Energy and Vitality by Purifying and Enriching the Blood. When you feel its strengthening, invigorating effect, see how it brings color to the cheeks and how it improves the appetite, you will then appreciate its true tonic value.

Miss Alma Knowles returned to Lometa Sunday afternoon to resume her school work as teacher in the schools at that place, after spending the holidays with home folks.

DEATHS

INFANT DIES

The little ten months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Jonas died at their home on Seventh Street at 12:30 p. m. Christmas day, pneumonia being the immediate cause of death.

The funeral services were conducted by Dr. Alvin Swindell Friday morning and the remains laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery at 10:30 o'clock.

FREEZE DAMAGES ALL VEGETABLES

AUSTIN, Dec. 30.—Severe damage to tender vegetables in the lower Rio Grande valley and complete loss to 1,200 acres of spinach near the city of Austin, were among the results of the recent freeze in Texas.

Spinach near Laredo, Eagle Pass and Wharton was also hurt, but not damaged as much as that at Austin, the summary said.

PROF. FLEMING'S SCHOOL BURNS

News has been received in Ballinger of the destruction of the public school building at Pittsburg, Texas, of which Prof. W. S. Fleming, former superintendent of the Ballinger schools, was superintendent.

Prof. Fleming lost his private library with all private papers. He carried \$500 insurance on the library. The fire started in the third story about 10:30 and the flames were sweeping through the building when discovered.

SMALL POX CASES NEAR NORTON

The home of Ben Curry, near Norton, was placed under quarantine Monday on account of small-pox developing in the Curry family. Mrs. C. E. Witt, mother of Mrs. Curry and one of Mr. Curry's sons was reported to be suffering with the malady.

Those ill with the small pox are reported to be getting along as well as could be expected, having the disease in a light form.

PNEUMONIA KILLS CATHOLIC CARDINAL

ROME, Dec. 30.—Cardinal Ernesto Giorgi died of pneumonia at his residence here today. He was in his 69th year and was born in Valmontone, Italy.

Patronize Ledger advertisers—they will save you money.

OLD DOC BIRD



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Smiles of happiness are created where ever our expert SHOE REPAIRING is accomplished

We make it possible for you to walk through the New Year economically. We repair in such a way that our work lasts.

Give us a trial. Coy Drennan

NEW QUEEN THEATRE OPENING TOMORROW

The finishing touches are being put to the new Queen Theatre on Eighth Street and the stage set for the formal opening of the new playhouse on New Year's night.

In remodeling the interior of the building for a theatre, the management, Messrs. Hodge & Seales, followed out plans for safety in case of fire, as well as plans for the comfort of their patrons.



LOST—Strayed or Stolen—One black Horse, heavy built, about 15 years old—also one sorrel mare Mule, of chunky build.

Want to Buy Farm 100 to 160 acres. Price must be right. Address S. Bryson, Ballinger, Texas. 1w*

FOR SALE—Good Mesquite Wood, \$3 per cord on the ground on Valley Creek, five miles West of Ballinger. L. E. H. Barnett, Ballinger. 2-ftw

WANTED—Someone to raise Turkeys on shares. Will furnish one Gobbler and four Hens. Mrs. Elizabeth Gurley. 1w*

FURS WANTED—Bring your Furs to Potter Produce Company. 26-4tw

FOR SALE—or trade, for Runnels county land; 320 acres unimproved land in Mills county. About 60 per cent tillable. Well-hausen & Bair. 27-2d-1w

LOST—One gray Horse, weight about 900 pounds, roached mane. Phone 280, R. P. Tunnell, and receive reward. 30-3d-w

For Sale 320 acres fine Black land lying 8 miles Southeast of Rowena; three sets of improvements, some over 200 in cultivation; 95 per cent level farming land, plenty of good water; adjoining lands can not be bought for \$100.00 per acre. This tract I will sell at \$75.00—the only tract for sale South of Rowena. Can be cut nicely into two farms. This is Frank Eckert's old home place. Call me or Frank Eckert at Miles, Texas. Wm. GALLIA, Miles, Texas. 29-6td-1tw

FOR SALE—90 acre farm near Hatchel. See E. T. Branham. 16-1f d&w

PERFECTING PLANS FOR CHICKEN SHOW

J. D. Motley spent Tuesday in Winters assisting the chicken exhibition promoters in getting plans in shape for the annual poultry show which is to be held at Winters on January 15th.

Annual Stockholders' Meeting Notice is hereby given, that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ballinger State Bank of Ballinger, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of January, 1925, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

G. M. Reid, of Bay City, passed through the city Tuesday afternoon en route to his home, after a visit to his brother, H. K. Reid, of the Winters section.

Judge Paul Trimmer and family returned home Tuesday night from Temple, where they had been visiting relatives and friends.

Patronize Ledger advertisers—they will save you money.

FO-TO-SHO THEATRE

WHERE THE BEST PICTURES ARE SHOWN SATURDAY Luciano Albertini in "THE IRON MAN" chapter II of the Universal chapter play LOLA TODD in "BLUE WING'S REVENGE" A Universal Western The Spat Family in "HIT THE HIGH SPOTS" A Pathe comedy. ALBERTA VAUGHN "THE TELEPHONE GIRL" Chapter 6, "WILLIAM TELLS" Admission 10c and 25c

PARAMOUNT THEATRE

Under Same Management as Fo-To-Sho Friday and Saturday, Jan. 2nd and 3rd PAT O'MALLEY in "THE FIGHTING AMERICAN" Comedy romances of a fighting American who overcomes every obstacle in winning the girl of his heart. A Universal Jewel. "The Fight" A Fox Comedy ALSO FOX NEWS Admission 10c and 35c

The Cold Blasts of Winter will make you want a warm, comfy overcoat. Warmth without weight, the sort we tailor. Some splendid fabrics for great coats. Come in and see what we have. Are sure they will please your taste. Tailored-to-Order Overcoats cost no more than better grade, ready-to-wear, and they absolutely fit you. Cleaning and Pressing Gents Furnishings THORP and COHEN Phone 63