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Grand Jury Sets a New Record for Felony Bills

The grand jury for the February term of district court completed its work and submitted the final report late Monday afternoon. The investigators turned in twenty-nine felony indictments which is said to be the greatest number of felony bills ever returned by a grand jury in this county. Most of the accused are either out on bond, or have been placed in jail.

Following is the grand jury report:

Honorable J. O. Woodward, Judge of District Court.

"We the Grand Jury empaneled for the February term of this court respectfully submit the following report:

"We have been in session six days and have investigated as thoroughly as possible all infractions of the law which have been brought to our attention. We have examined 41 witnesses and have returned 29 true bills in felony and no misdemeanors.

"We have been greatly assisted in our investigations by the work of our County Attorney, he having secured statements and evidence previous to our empaneling and was able to present many cases with very little investigation on our part, thereby saving us many hours in time and the County many dollars in money.

"We respectfully call your attention to the fact that we have found eleven bills resulting from the passing of forged checks. It seems that violations of this kind are on the increase. It is the opinion of this Grand Jury that this practice cannot be materially reduced as long as the people over the county. Our attention checks in a careless manner, and passing them to strangers, and as long as the business people continue to accept checks from strangers without reliable endorsements.

"We further call your attention to the fact that we have two indictments for driving automobiles while in the state of intoxication. From our investigation we find that violations of this law are on the increase. It is our opinion that these violations may be decreased by due diligence on the part of the peace officers over the county. Our attention has been called to some cases where these violators have been prosecuted in justice courts for drunkenness while in our opinion they should have been presented on a felony charge of driving a car while drunk.

"In regard to our investigations for violations of the prohibition law we regret to report that most of our indictments have been found against our own boys, young men, who ought to be assuming the responsibilities of good citizens.

"At this time we have not made an investigation as to the finances of the county owing to the fact that there will soon be made a general audit of its affairs.

"We have inspected the jail and find it to be in excellent condition and well kept. The prisoners report that they are fed plenty of good wholesome food and they are kindly treated.

"This body wishes to extend the Hon. J. O. Woodward an expression of appreciation for his valuable services on the bench of this court and to both the District and County Attorneys for the cooperation given and for the services they have so cheerfully rendered, and in conclusion we extend to the State and County officers our sincere thanks for the courtesies and assistance rendered during our session.

"Respectfully submitted this 15th day of February, A. D. 1926.

"J. L. CHASTAIN, Foreman."

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Jones will leave Sunday for Floydada, where they go to spend a few months with their children who are living at that place. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been living in South Ballinger for several years.

SALVATION ARMY DRIVE ON HERE

"The people of this state are again cheerfully responding to the annual appeal of the Salvation Army for funds to carry on its program in this state," said W. E. Hutchins, who is here to co-operate with the local Advisory Board, "and for the benefit of the public upon whom the Salvation Army depends for finances for the conduct of this very necessary and helpful effort for the relief of humanity, we are willing and anxious to answer any and all questions that may exist in the mind of any man or woman."

"Every phase of the Salvation Army work is understandable," said Mr. Hutchins. "It is endorsed by men and women in all walks of life, because it administers to the poor, the needy, the unfortunate and helpless, without regard to race, creed or social station. It is non-sectarian and universal in its scope of service. The Salvation Army administers spiritual as well as material relief. In this manner permanent good is done.

"Among the multitudes who unhesitatingly endorse the work of the Salvation Army and the methods it employs are the president and former presidents of the United States, high government officials now and formerly in office, the present and former governors of Texas and Louisiana and many other states, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergymen, the secular and religious newspapers and magazines, without respect to creed, the daily press, commercial and civic organizations throughout the nation, and hundreds of thousands of bankers, business and professional men and women, artisans, laborers, farmers and others whose contributions to this work are their endorsement.

"Surely the Salvation Army is wonderfully blessed with friends. This is so because the Salvationists are not in the work for financial gain or hope of earthly reward. Self-sacrificing service is their only motive. Salvation Army affairs are administered so efficiently and economically as to command the respect and confidence of the business world and we are proud to have the moral support and co-operation of governments, states, cities and counties wherever the Salvation Army operates."

JUDGE ROBINSON DIES AT HOUSTON

HOUSTON, Feb. 16.—Judge C. W. Robinson, age 63, judge of the Criminal District Court here, died suddenly this morning.

Judge Robinson is said to have been the first judge in this section to demand an investigation of the Ku Klux Klan, and was among prominent citizens of Houston who helped rid the state of the masked body.

BALLINGER CAGERS WIN FROM PAINT ROCK HIGH

The basketball team from the Ballinger high school defeated the Paint Rock high school team at Paint Rock Wednesday night by a score of 12 to 11. Those who accompanied the local team say the five showed more fight in this game than in any played so far this season and are expecting the Panthers to step out in front in basketball from now on.

Henry Jones went to Floydada Sunday to accompany his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Jones, who will make their home with their children at that place for a while.

GOOD WORK ON LEGION HOME

The improvement program for the Carnegie Library building, which is now being used as a home for the Pat Williams Post, American Legion, is well under way, and part of the work of repairing and improving the building has been completed.

The interior work, or a major portion of it, has been done by volunteer labor. From ten to twenty Legionnaires have been working at the library and working for several hours each night in repairing the walls, and repainting the woodwork.

Work began Thursday morning on building a flue and fireplace for the Shakespeare Club, or women's room. Chas. Strum has the contract for cutting a hole in the wall and building a chimney which will provide heat for the room set aside for the women's clubs.

A contract for painting all the outside woodwork of the building has been let to Paul Best. An effort is being made to complete the inside improvements by next Monday night, the regular monthly meeting night of the Pat Williams Post. Later a "house warming" and public reception will be held.

The American Legion post, has spent all the available cash which was in its treasury for this work, and a loan has been negotiated with which to complete the improvement.

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ROAD BONDS LEGAL DEBT

AUSTIN, Feb. 11.—Texas road district bonds which have been issued and sold by road districts and the proceeds received and expended, are a legal and outstanding obligation and the interest should be paid promptly, and bonds which have matured should be taken up and others paid off as fast as they mature, the attorney general's department ruled today.

A similar ruling was made for Runnels county authorities some time ago, when County Attorney Shepherd, at the request of County Judge Trammier, called on the attorney general's department for a ruling on the question.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rainbolt and son spent last week-end visiting in Santa Anna.

WOULD LEGALIZE LIGHT LIQUOR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—A bill to legalize all beverages which are non-intoxicating in fact, was introduced today by Senator Edge, republican, of New Jersey.

The Edge bill was referred to the Senate judiciary committee, which will arrange for public hearings on this and other such measures pertaining to amendment or repeal of the Volstead Act.

DEMPSEY'S PAL FOUND DEAD

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 17.—Ralph Brooks, age twenty-eight, sparring partner of Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion of the ring, was found shot through the head today. The man's body was discovered in his room in a local hotel.

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COMING TO VISIT RURAL SCHOOLS

County Superintendent R. E. White is busy making up an itinerary and mailing it to the school boards and teachers of the rural schools of the county for a tour of inspection which will be made by an inspector from the state department of education beginning February 22nd.

Mr. White received notice Tuesday that William Eilers, rural school supervisor, would arrive here on the above date for an inspection of the rural schools. Mr. Eilers made the inspection last year, spending about ten days in the county, and Mr. White states that this will be the first time in the history of the county that the same inspector has inspected the schools twice, or two years in succession.

"Mr. Eilers did us good work last year," said Mr. White, "and we are certainly glad that the department is sending him back again this year." Having once visited the schools Mr. Eilers has a good idea to begin with what he will find in Runnels county, and can get a better line-up on improvements which have been made.

On Mr. Eiler's report depends the amount of state aid the schools will receive, as schools are required to meet a certain standard before the aid is apportioned. It will require about ten days to inspect the fifty-odd schools in the county, and a schedule of dates is being fixed and Mr. White will accompany the inspector on the tour.

COURT TURNS IN 10 LIQUOR BILLS

The grand jury for the February term of the 35th District Court handed in ten bills of indictment Thursday, and reported that they were not ready to make a final report.

The ten indictments returned include nine for violating the prohibition law, and one against a man for driving an automobile while intoxicated. All the cases had previously been filed in the justice court, defendants arrested, and were either in jail or out under appearance bond.

The cases have been docketed, and it is probable that some of them will be called for trial at the present term. The grand jury was still at work late Friday, but it was reported that adjournment would probably be announced at the close of the day's work, or early Saturday.

GEORGE WEST, PIONEER, DEAD

SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 16.—George West, age 74, one of the last cattle barons of the old West, died at his home here of pneumonia today.

Mr. West was founder and builder of Georgetown and Kettle, Texas, the former town the county site of Live Oak county. He opened that part of the state in the early frontier days, helping to bring the railroad there, building schools, public buildings and other important works which he gave the people.

DISTRICT COURT TAKES UP RAILROAD CASE

After two or three days recess district court was grinding again Friday morning. The jury for the week had been dismissed, but by agreement between litigants a special venire was summoned from which to select a jury, and the differences between W. O. Shultz and the Santa Fe Railroad were to be adjusted. Mr. Shultz is suing the railroad for damages alleged to have resulted to a shipment of livestock.

Issues Call for County-Wide Farmers Meeting Saturday

As the result of a meeting held at the Central Hotel in Ballinger Thursday night, in which the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce was host to the bankers of the county, the bankers of Runnels county will organize the Runnels County Bankers Association. A meeting to form such an organization will be held in Ballinger next Thursday night.

A committee composed of Bert E. Low, of Winters; A. O. Dannelley, of Miles; and E. D. Walker, of Ballinger; was appointed to perfect plans for the organization, draft rules, by-laws, etc.

Every bank in the county was represented at the meeting held here Thursday night. The meeting was called by the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of carrying on the work of the agricultural, livestock and poultry committee, and to assist the county agent in his program of diversified farming.

The president and secretary of the Ballinger commercial organization were present at the meeting, together with the members of the committee, and the following bankers were present: Carl Hensley, active vice-president of the Winters State Bank; Bert E. Low, cashier of the First National Bank of Winters; Duncan Hensley, cashier of the Wingate Bank; T. J. McCaughey, cashier of the First National Bank of Norton; A. O. Dannelley, cashier of the Miles National Bank; Cashier Word of the First National Bank of Rowena; R. G. Erwin, cashier of the First National Bank of Ballinger; Fred Kiechle, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Ballinger; and E. D. Walker, president of the Ballinger State Bank.

The meeting was called to order by Secretary J. D. Motley, of the local chamber of commerce, who after a few remarks turned the session over to Alfred Crager, president of the commercial body. Judge Crager outlined the purposes of the meeting and each man present responded in discussing the diversified program and work of the agricultural, livestock and poultry committee. C. W. Lehmburg, county agent, outlined the program which must be carried on by the farmers, assisted through co-operation of the bankers and business men of this county. He told what had already been accomplished and what was possible with the proper spirit of co-operation.

All the bankers present expressed themselves as being in hearty accord with the diversification movement and a further meeting will be held to formulate plans for assisting in carrying on the work. The sense of the meeting was that it is of great importance that this county produce more food and feed, or the interests of all will suffer.

Within the next week or ten days a general meeting of all business and farming interests will be held in Ballinger. Smaller meetings will be held in the meantime at other points in the county.

A county-wide farmers' mass meeting is hereby called for Saturday, Feb. 20th, at 2:30 p. m., at the court house in Ballinger.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss a diversified program of farming and to work out a "five-year balanced farm plan" for Runnels county.

This is a matter of vital importance and every farmer, every business man and every professional man is urgently requested to attend this meeting. The following program will be rendered at this time.

1. "The Effect of a Balanced Farming Program on the Credit System," Scott H. Mack, hardware dealer

2. "A Five-Year Balanced Farming Program," C. W. Lehmburg, county agent

3. "Crop Rotation—how to Make it Fit into a Five-Year Program," August Vogelsang, dirt farmer

4. "Living at Home," Miss Eula Key, home demonstration agent

5. "The Effect of a Balanced Farming Program on the Banking Business," E. D. Walker, cashier Ballinger State Bank

6. "Best Cultural Methods for Runnels County," F. L. Harper, dirt farmer

7. "How Can We Keep Our Young Folks on the Farm?" J. D. Motley, secretary Ballinger Chamber of Commerce

8. "The Effect of a Balanced Farming Program on the Marketing of Our Farm Commodities," Lynn Stokes, president Runnels County Farm Bureau

Music will be furnished by the "Turkey in the Straw" Band.

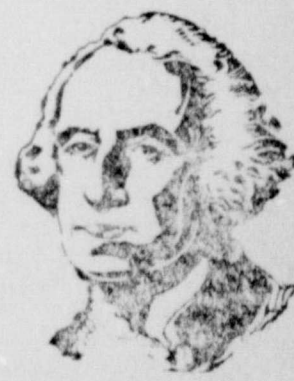
During the last few weeks we have held several preliminary meetings which were attended by large crowds and we are anxious to make the meeting next Saturday the biggest meeting that has ever been held in the county. We are expecting you to be present at this meeting. Bring your family and at least three or more of your friends and neighbors. This is a matter of paramount importance and we are asking for your hearty and active co-operation to help us put this proposition over 100 per cent. "United we stand, divided we fall."

This meeting is called jointly by

The County Agent's Office
Runnels County School Superintendent's Office
Runnels County Farm Bureau
Ballinger Chamber of Commerce
Winters Chamber of Commerce
Runnels County Bankers

LeRoy McAuley, Kirk Gregory and Miss Ruth McAuley will leave Tuesday for Dallas. LeRoy and Miss Ruth go to buy new goods for The Fair, while Mr. Gregory will go for the trip.

Albert Sledge came up from Brownwood Sunday at noon and spent Sunday afternoon and night with his parents, returning to his work Monday morning.



WASHINGTON RECLAIMED THE SWAMP

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DEMOLAY PLAY TO BE STAGED

The cast for a clever comedy to be staged by the local chapter of DeMolay has been selected and rehearsals will begin next week. Those chosen to take part in the play include some of the best amateur talent in the city and the DeMolays promise a good program.

"Love a la Carte," is the title of the play which will be presented at the high school auditorium on the night of March 19th. It is a three-act comedy, full of fun, and the specialties will please the show going folks. Only one performance will be presented, as it was decided not to put on a matinee.

The receipts from the play will be used by the DeMolay in carrying on their work. Troy Simpson is directing the play. Marvin Atkins has charge of the advertising and business management of the attraction.

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PANATROPE PLAYS FOR HIGH SCHOOL

An interesting musical program made up part of the chapel exercises of the local high school Friday morning when E. E. King, of the King-Holt Furniture Company visited the school and entertained the student body and faculty with a Panatrophe.

Prof. Oliver and Kennedy were in charge of the exercises Friday morning, and after a brief talk by Prof. Oliver, Prof. Kennedy was called upon for a solo. Mr. Oliver walked out on the stage with a 1900 model phonograph which he substituted for the solo. Those who have heard Mr. Kennedy sing declared that it was a splendid imitation of his voice and had been not of view the change would never have been detected.

S. M. U. SUFFERS \$100,000 FIRE LOSS

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Texas Agriculture Juggles Big Figures; 1925 Crop Was Around \$799,000,000

HOUSTON, Feb. 10.—Texas agriculture juggles big figures. Hypothetical farm value of all its 1925 crops reached \$799,000,000, according to a compilation made by H. H. Schutz, government statistician here, which was \$107,890,000 short of the \$907,220,000 hypothetical value in 1924.

Cotton led in the slump. Even though the acreage was 17,369,000, which was 194,000 more than in 1924, farm value is estimated at \$479,250,000 as compared with \$554,311,000 in 1924, a difference of \$175,061,000. Production, however, fell off \$49,000 bales.

Corn accounted for \$29,907,000 of the farm value decrease under 1924, and wheat, the next largest item, was responsible for \$22,419,000, while oats followed with \$20,733,000.

Sweet potatoes came to the rescue with an increase of \$2,403,000. Irish potatoes contributed \$459,000; rice, \$854,000; and sugar cane, \$1,158,000.

Greatest acreage slump was in wheat. In 1924 it totalled 1,365,000 as compared with 1,199,000 acres in 1925. Production fell from 25,272,000 bushels in 1924 to 6,552,000 in 1925.

Greatest acreage increase was in kaffirs which rose from 1,300,000 acres to 1,625,000 with a consequent increase in production from 28,600,000 to 30,875,000 bushels.

Greatest production increase was in sweet potatoes. With 14,000 more acres planted in 1925 than in 1924, the yield rose to 6,132,000 as compared with 3,990,000 in 1924.

Greatest production slump was in corn. It fell from 63,088,000 bushels in 1924 to 26,809,000 in 1925 with a respective acreage of 3,943,000 and 3,154,000.

Aside from cotton, kaffirs and sweet potatoes, acreage increases were noted in only Irish potatoes and rice. Production increases were noted in only kaffirs, sweet potatoes, peanuts and sugar cane.

Farm value of crops in 1925 as compared with 1924 respectively tells a great deal of the story of contracted income. Cotton led.

In corn it was \$29,490,000 and \$69,397,000; kaffirs, \$23,465,000 and \$24,882,000; oats, \$8,454,000 and \$29,187,000; wheat \$10,156,000 and \$32,575,000; sweet potatoes, \$8,707,000 and \$6,304,000; Irish potatoes, \$3,307,000 and \$2,488,000; rice, \$9,012,000 and \$8,158,000; barley, \$752,000 and \$1,154,000; hay, tame, \$12,276,000 and \$16,246,000; hay, wild, \$1,568,000 and \$3,519,000; sugar cane, \$3,903,000 and \$1,845,000; sorghum syrup, \$1,326,000 and \$1,518,000; broom corn, \$238,000 and \$480,000; peaches, \$2,625,000 and \$2,812,000; apples, \$422,000 and \$512,000; pears, \$521,000 and \$584,000.

Leading counties in crop acreage were:

Cotton—Ellis, McLennan and...
Corn—Fannin, Collin and Mc...
Kaffirs—Collingsworth, Hall and Tyler
Wheat—Floyd, Carson and Gray
Oats—Denton, Grayson and McLennan
Hay—Dallas, Tarrant and Collin
Sorghum fodder—Lubbock, Terry and Crosby
Rice—Matagorda, Wharton and Jefferson
Barley—Ochiltree, Hansford and Carson
White potatoes—Cameron, Wharton and Harris
Sweet potatoes—Harris, Jasper and Smith
Peanuts—Comanche, Wise and Wilson.

Republican Party Must Hold Primary in Texas

The same rules and law which govern the holding of Democratic primary elections in Texas this year will also govern the holding of Republican primaries.

Under the law requiring all political parties polling over a certain number of votes in a general election to hold primary elections catches the Republican party, due to the heavy vote polled for Dr. Butts, the Republican candidate for governor in 1924.

This will make the 1926 campaign more interesting, and instead of a few Republicans getting together in a convention and nominating their candidates, it will be necessary for them to put out a ticket this year and the voters will have an opportunity to go to the polls and participate in a Republican primary.

Officers from the governor down to constable are to be elected this year, the eighteen congressmen being included in the group of officers to be chosen. If you paid your poll tax you will be interested in the political calendar. Here it is, clip it out and preserve it for future reference.

June 7th—Last day for filing for state officers of applications for place on ballot. Applications filed by candidates with chairman of state executive committee.

June 14th—Meeting of state executive committee and certification of names of candidates for nomination for county clerks.

June 19th—Last day on which candidates for county or precinct officers may file applications with county chairman.

June 21st—County executive committees meet at county seat and determine by lot the order in which names of candidates for each office shall appear on ballot.

July 12th—Primary committee of each county executive committee, and chairman, shall meet and make up ballot in accordance with the list prepared June 21st.

July 24th—Precinct convention.

July 24th—Primary election day.

July 29th—Last day for election officers to make returns.

July 31st—County conventions meet to certify returns and elect delegates to state convention and district conventions.

August 9th—State executive committee meets and canvasses returns for all state officers and announces nominees.

August 28th—Second primary.

September 1st—Last day for return by election officers.

September 6th—State executive committee shall meet and certify nominees for second primary.

September 7th—State convention held to declare nominees for state officers and to certify nominees to secretary of state.

November 2nd—General election.

November 8th—County commissioners shall open and declare results, and certify to secretary of state.

December 18th—Secretary of state shall count returns, and governor shall deliver certificates of election to persons receiving the highest number of votes. This applies to all elections except governor and lieutenant governor. For these offices, the secretary of state hands the returns over to the house of representatives, which canvasses the returns and declares the result.

MAKING PLANS FOR MAIL ROUTE

According to reports received from postal authorities, and letters from Congressman Blanton to the Winters Chamber of Commerce, prospects are looking good for the establishment of an auto mail route between Ballinger and Abilene.

The postal authorities are working out the details, getting data and shaping the proposition so it can be presented to the department at Washington in the quickest possible time. The proposed mail line has been approved by the chief clerk of the mail service at Fort Worth, and also by the superintendent and steps taken towards making contracts with bus operators to handle the mail.

When this has been accomplished, which is expected to be done within the next few days, the matter will be submitted to the post office department at Washington.

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The three buildings were all of brick, constructed in 1914, and occupied by the boys. It was feared that Thad Murley of Denton, was lost in the conflagration. He is missing. Cecil Burns and Jack Howell were injured.


The origin of the fire is unknown.

SAFE BLOWERS WORK AT GOULDBUSK

Will Futch, Santa Fe detective, was here from Coleman on business Thursday, and reported that the safe in a mercantile store at Gouldbusk was cracked Wednesday night, the robbers...

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Waxahachic, Texas.—"I had catarrh in my head for years. Last year I had a very bad cough that lasted for three months and I could not get any relief until I took Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and Pleasant Pellets, an used Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy. I feel better now than I have felt for years. I can recommend Dr. Pierce's medicines to anybody."—Mrs. R. E. Sledge.



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SANTA FE TRAIN AGAIN DERAILED

The West bound Santa Fe passenger train, due here at 11:31 a. m., was reported to be indefinitely late Friday as the result of a derailment between Brownwood and Goldthwaite. The train had not arrived at a late hour Friday afternoon, and the extent of the wreck had not been made known here, further than a report that the passenger train was derailed.

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WHITE OFFERS FOR RE-ELECTION

To the Voters of Runnels County:

In asking for your consideration as candidate for re-election to the office of County Superintendent of Public Instruction, I submit my record throughout the past year with a consciousness that I have done my best at all times, and with a feeling that you have not been displeased with my services. In every problem of administration and project of advancement, I have done what seemed best in my judgement and in that of my co-workers, yet withal, mistakes have been made. Moreover, should you again entrust me with the educational affairs of your county, and although I confidently believe my experience will enable me to render better service during the next term, I shall likely make other mistakes, yet I shall strive to reduce them to a minimum.

Committed to a program of civic improvement in every community, with its school as the center; to an earnest effort to improve the teaching personnel through increased efficiency, both professional and social; and to a policy of financial administration as economical as is commensurate with wholesome growth, which will prevent any school from incurring great obligations for a current year than the resources for that year will pay, I ask that each of you consider this a personal solicitation of your support, since the duties of the office for the remainder of the school season will make a personal canvass of the county unprofitable for the work if not impossible for me.

Respectfully submitted,
R. E. WHITE,
15-d&w

Our good home cooking, marble top counters, tables and Frigidaire makes eating here a pleasure. In business for your health. Most up-to-date fixtures in Ballinger. Nothing too good for my customers. Come and see for yourself. Hopper Cafe. 6-sat-4t-4w

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh recently purchased the E. E. Woodson home on Ninth Street, and have moved into same. The Woodson family are moving to Corpus Christi.

INDIGESTION

Black-Draught Brings Relief for Tight, Bloating Feeling.

"I had indigestion," says Mr. W. B. Bouknight, of Balentine, S. C. "Working out, I got in the habit of eating fast, for which I soon paid by having a tight, bloated feeling after meals. This made me very uncomfortable."

"I would feel stupid and drowsy, didn't feel like working. I was told it was indigestion. Some one recommended Black-Draught and I took it after meals. I soon could eat anything any time."

"I use it for colds and biliousness and it will knock out a cold and carry away the bile better and quicker than any liver medicine I have ever found."

"Eating too fast, too much, or faulty chewing of your food, often causes discomfort after meals. A pinch of Black-Draught, washed down with a swallow of water, will help to bring prompt relief. Black-Draught gently helps the over-taxed organs to perform their regular functions, in such cases, ridding the system of poisons that might accumulate."

Sold everywhere; 25c. C-34

BLACK-DRAUGHT LIVER MEDICINE

TRIES BAD CHECK ON G-J FOREMAN

An attempt was made by a Mexican to pass a forged check at the F. & M. Bank Saturday afternoon, and whether the Mexican who presented the bad check for payment knew it or not, he was dealing with the grand jury foreman, and soon found himself in the lock-up.

J. L. Chastain, foreman of the grand jury, was at the paying teller's window in the bank when the Mexican presented the check. Mr. Chastain recognized the check as a forgery, and detained the man while Fred Kiechle stepped out and called an officer. The Mexican was escorted to jail.

The grand jury probably would have adjourned Friday afternoon if the district judge had been present when the day's work was completed, but Judge Woodward had not been notified that the body was about through with its work, and he had just left for his home at Coleman. The grand jury recessed over Saturday, and met Monday morning with the new business furnished in the forgery case.

There have been several bad checks originating from Mexicans recently, but a lack of being able to identify the Mexicans who passed the checks has made it difficult for the officers to run down the forgeries. The Mexican caught in the act Saturday afternoon declared that another Mexican gave him the check to cash, and later identified the Mexican whom he claimed gave it to him. It is probable that the accusation may open up the way which will bring to time other persons guilty of passing forged checks.

SEED SEED SEED SEED

Car load Fresh Field Seed: Seed Irish Potatoes, Onion Plants, now ready for you. Bring your chickens and eggs to us. Better fixed than ever to serve you.

Currie Mercantile Co., 12-21w

Juniors and Seniors Stage Annual Frolic

The members of the Junior and Senior classes of the Ballinger high school together with the faculty members spent a most jolly evening on Friday when the annual Junior-Senior frolic took place in the form of a "kiddie" party.

The children, together with "Ma" and "Pa" met at the high school auditorium and from there went to the Queen Theatre for a treat at the movies. Theatre-goers were asked to be patient while the "children" were being seated. "Ma" and "Pa" led the way, each one of which was thoroughly enjoying an all-day stroller.

At the conclusion of the first show, Mr. Crews Alexander, president of the Senior class, announced from the stage that he had been informed that there were some who thought themselves enter than the others and that as there was a very nice prize to be given away anyone who wished would be allowed to compete. All the kiddies together with "Ma" and "Pa" filed on the stage and after keen competition a tie was finally declared between two little boys, Ivan Oliver and Cecil Kennedy. While Cecil Kennedy was contesting the decision Ivan Oliver grabbed the prize, a large red stick of candy, and ran away with it. This completed the contest, and after the management had asked the "parents" to keep their children quiet so others might enjoy the show, the picture "The Ancient High Way," held interest for some time.

After the show, all returned to the high school building where every kind of juvenile game was indulged in until all the children were too tired to play longer. Refreshments were served, and each child pronounced the evening the gayest one in his or her young life.

J. F. Kohutek barely escaped a serious injury Thursday afternoon at his place down the Colorado River. He was cutting wood when the axe slipped and hit his right foot going through the shoe and splitting one toe open all the way through. Mr. Kohutek was in Ballinger Friday getting his foot dressed and stated that while he was out of commission he would visit his mother at Devol, Oklahoma, and also a sister from Pennsylvania, who is in Devol at this time.

BEAUTIFY IT WITH "DIAMOND DYES"

Just Dip to Tint or Boil to Dye



Each 15-cent package contains directions so simple any woman can tint soft, delicate shades or dye rich, permanent colors in lingerie, silks, ribbons, skirts, waists, dresses, coats, stockings, sweaters, draperies, coverings, hangings — everything!

Buy Diamond Dyes—no other kind—and tell your druggist whether the material you wish to color is wool or silk, or whether it is linen, cotton or mixed goods.

PURE SEED MAKES A GOOD YIELD

Practically the whole community around Slaton, Texas, according to D. F. Eaton, county agent of Lubbock county, is buying its supply of pure seed of dwarf yellow milo from I. J. Thornton, Lubbock county club boy, who grew 5,250 pounds of milo heads or 70 bushels per acre on three acres in the Lubbock county boys contest last year. His total profit on the three acres was \$311.31, not including a free trip to the International Show at Chicago, which was awarded him by the Santa Fe Railway for having produced the winning yield.

"I. J." who is 15 years of age, is in high school and making record grades, according to Mr. Eaton's report, and this was his third year as a club member. He having previously made the state teams in grain and stock judging contests. He used seeds from the pure selection, T. S. No. 670, developed on the Lubbock Experiment Station and furnished to him through his county agent. This is a very good example, thinks Mr. Eaton, of the fact that higher yields are secured by planting improved seed, and is a good illustration of the progress that has been made in the development of high yielding strains of grain sorghums by the experiment station, and the keen demand for seed from this prize-winning crop indicates the growing popularity of pure seeds among the progressive farmers.

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.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is simply Iron and Quinine suspended in syrup. So pleasant even children like it. The blood needs QUININE to Purify it and IRON to Enrich it. Destroys Malarial germs and Grip germs by its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60c.

FORTY-THREE CIVIL SUITS FILED IN BROWN

Forty-three civil suits have been filed in the district court here since October 8, 1925, for hearing in the March term of the court which convenes in Brownwood on the first Monday in next month. Of these 43 cases, only 11 are for divorce. The number of divorce suits usually filed is much larger but during the past few months there have been only eleven filed for the March term.—Brownwood Bulletin.

No more RHEUMATISM

IT'S GONE! That awful agony! Rheumatism can stand the rich, red blood that S. S. S. helps Nature build.

But rheumatism will bring pain and misery to your joints and muscles just as long as you are without plenty of rich, red blood in your system. It's the red-blood-cells that S. S. S. helps Nature build that drive out of your system the impurities that cause rheumatism. And until you do build up your blood to where it is pure and rich and red, you simply can't get rid of rheumatism.

And S. S. S. is the thing. Red blood conquers rheumatism. Everybody knows that.

S. S. S. means millions of red-blood-cells—means health all over. No more rheumatism. Nights of rest—days of joy, filled with the happiness of accomplishment—made possible by a body brimful of red blooded life, energy and vitality.

That's what the end of rheumatism means—that's what S. S. S. brings to you. Get S. S. S. from your druggist. The larger bottle is more economical.



SEEKING FUNDS FOR CHARITY

W. E. Hutchins, field representative of the Salvation Army, arrived in the city Monday, and went into conference with a local committee in arranging to make the annual drive for funds in this city.

Heretofore Ballinger has contributed liberally to the annual appeal for Salvation Army funds, and no doubt the liberal support will continue. In a statement handed out by Mr. Hutchins, he said:

"It is generally conceded that the Salvation Army comes nearer meeting every phase of human need than any other organization in the world.

"The Army's work is no longer confined to the cities, but through its Advisory Board the poor, the despairing, the betrayed, the outcasts of society are being reached and its purpose is that in the most remote corner of this and every other county in the state those who need help shall be helped, whatever their need.

"To mention only one branch of the work—last year 157 unfortunate girls were cared for at the Divisional Maternity Home, ages 13-14-15 years and upward. Seventy-five per cent of these girls came from small towns and villages. Each one of them is somebody's daughter.

"The Salvation Army long ago proved itself absolutely honest in its dealings, rendering the maximum of service with the minimum of overhead.

"The Salvation Army is in business for humanity, not race or creed, but need."

HEAD COLDS
Melt in spoon; inhale vapors; apply freely up nostrils.

VICK'S VAPORUB
Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

OUCH! BACKACHE! RUB LUMBAGO AWAY

When your back is sore and lame or lumbago, sciatica or rheumatism has you stiffened up, don't suffer! Get a 35 cent bottle of old, honest St. Jacobs Oil at any drug store, pour a little in your hand and rub it right on your aching back, and the soreness and lameness is gone.



In use for 65 years, this soothing, penetrating oil takes the pain right out, and ends the misery. It is absolutely harmless and doesn't burn the skin.

OLD DOBBIN TAKES ON LIFE FOR STOCK SHOW

FT. WORTH, Feb. 12.—Instead of being ready for the final fade-out, Old Dobbin is taking on vigor and new life, say officials of the Southwestern Exposition and Fair Stock Show, here March 5-13. Indications are that the horse show will be the largest in years.

Revival of interest in the past two years has been such that many Texas and Oklahoma cities have taken up horseback riding. A number of new riding clubs have been organized, while several cities, recognizing the "come-back" staged by horseback riding, have built municipal riding paths in parks.

For the first time in years horses in the draft division will be entered. High motor taxes are given as one reason for the return of the horse to favor, although other reasons are offered to support the contention that the horse never can be supplanted for door-to-door delivery by milk men and similar deliveries.

Breeding classes in the horse section, not connected with the horse show proper, have dwindled in recent years, but a revival of interest is apparent here.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head because of its tonic and laxative effect. LAXATIVE-BROMO QUININE (tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

Next Wardlaw is here from Orange Grove on a visit to relatives and to join his wife who came in several days ago on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Mapes. Next expresses himself as being well pleased with the South Texas country.

"Don't Scratch!" DANDRUFF



CAUSES THE HAIR TO FALL OUT—AND THE HEAD TO BECOME BALD

Dandruff is a germ disease and known as a scaly form of Tetter or Eczema. This microbe lives on the oily substance of the skin and robs the hair of its proper nourishment, causing it to fall out and the head to become bald. Get rid of dandruff before it is too late. Wash the scalp well with hot water, and soap, dry with a soft towel and apply Hooper's Tetter-Rem (Don't Scratch), rubbing it in well. Then steam the head with hot towels. Ask your barber for Hooper's Tetter-Rem scalp treatment. Hooper's Tetter-Rem is positively guaranteed for all scalp and skin diseases. Two sizes 75c and \$1.50. Sold and guaranteed by

Weeks Drug Store

BALLINGER LADY WINS \$200 PRIZE

Mrs. Edith M. Hampton, of 118 Sixth Street, of this city, has received a \$200 check, first cash prize offered in a contest conducted by Wm. H. Luden, Inc., manufacturer of Luden's cough drops.

The patent medicine house offered \$1,000 in cash prizes for the best letters in interesting situations where the cough drops had brought quick and welcome relief, etc. The first prize was \$200; second, \$100; third, \$50; fourth, \$25; thirty \$10 prizes; and sixty-five \$5 prizes.

Mrs. Hampton won the first prize, her letter being awarded first place out of thousands of letters sent in to the company.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Wood, of South Ballinger, is seriously ill with pneumonia, at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Cain, in South Ballinger.

"BUDDIES" HELP UNFORTUNATE PAL

Material furnished by the Hardin lumber yard and labor furnished by his American Legion "buddies" is making some valuable repairs on the home of Robert Rhame in the Northern part of the city. When the work is completed a new porch, which was badly needed, will make the home more comfortable.

Mr. Rhame is an invalid, having suffered injury in a gin accident. He is paralyzed and of course confined to his home and to the bed.

Catarrhal Deafness

Is often caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing. Unless the inflammation can be reduced, your hearing may be destroyed forever. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will do what we claim for it—rid your system of Catarrh or Deafness caused by Catarrh. Sold by all druggists for over 40 years. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

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We will pay you in cash the highest market price.

Also have a complete line of fresh Groceries to make your selections from.

Make our store your stopping place, we appreciate your coming to see us.

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RADIOS AT BARGAIN PRICES

We have on hand several standard make Radio Sets that we are offering at a sacrifice, in order that we can concentrate on fewer models for which we are the exclusive agents. All sets sold on a strict guarantee with Free Demonstration.

Day-Fan, 4-tube, regular price \$170, sale price \$137.50.
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Other sets in proportion.
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The cold strike has been settled.
Winter is about over.

A news story sent out of Dallas
says that many hogs are being
shipped to West Texas. We have
room for them.

Sweetwater is attempting to
enforce the speed law. It is
about time another attempt was
being made in Ballinger.

There were 21,000 deaths in
auto accidents in the United
States last year. Five per cent
was the increase over 1924. Help
to reduce it this year.

The state prison commission
reports 3,516 convicts in the Texas
penitentiary at this time. The
Wergusons still have plenty of
material to work on.

A million dollar increase in pay
for Pullman porters and maids
has been announced. Probably
the Pullman Company has all the
money it can use for a while.

We are sorely disappointed be-
cause congress killed the pub-
licity provision of the income tax
bill. We wanted our friends to
know just how much we paid.

There is a demand for new
oil fields and there is no better
place on the map than Runnels
county to supply the demand.

The plains country is preach-
ing diversification. Early frost
and low cotton prices dealt the
new section a Jack Dempsey
knock-out last year. A diversif-
ied program may restore life.

Lynch Davidson emphasized
the "state waste" question in a
speech delivered at Fort Worth
last Saturday. That's going to
be a popular plank to stand on
in the coming gubernatorial cam-
paign.

Cottonseed bootleggers are said
to be operating in Central Texas.
A cottonseed bootlegger is a man
who represents the seed he is
selling to be what they "ain't."
The matter has been reported to
the department of agriculture at
Austin.

Concho county farmers are
planning to break the record in
cotton acreage this year, accord-
ing to reports from that county.
This is the first echo from the
diversified farming campaign be-
ing carried on throughout the
state.

Shallow oil wells in Brown
county are producing 3,000 bar-
rels of oil a day, and drilling is
under way with everybody ex-
pecting the boom to break in
deep tests at any time. It is a
dead sure certain fact that we
must get more oil from some-
where.

Several men forming themselves
into a company recently applied
for permission in New York to
charter an organization, the pur-
pose of which is to prove that
there is no God, no Christ, and
to overthrow Christianity. They
have tackled an impossibility.

The commissioners court is
due a bouquet for the splendid

improvements made in the dis-
trict court room. The bar now
has the appearance of a court,
and the new seats filled a need
of long standing.

A local grain company is adver-
tising the arrival of a carload of
maize heads. We boast about our
bumper cotton crop and banner
cotton county, and at the same
time must look to the outside
world to feed our stock. This con-
dition obtains notwithstanding
that Runnels county is one of the
best maize counties in the state.

The bureau of education at
Washington is carrying on a cam-
paign for a nine months school in
the rural districts. If farmers
will adopt a same farming pro-
gram such a thing might be pos-
sible but it takes all hands and
the cook to make an all-cotton
crop.

Rabbit drives are being staged
in the Midland section as a result
of census figures just given out
showing that the rabbits de-
stroyed \$93,000 worth of cotton
in that county in 1924. Civiliza-
tion is gradually moving West,
and chances are that the next
generation of children will have
to pay an admission to see a rab-
bit.

In his birthday talk handed
out to newspapers on his seventy-
ninth anniversary Thursday,
Thomas A. Edison said that he
believed in evolution. Probably
the inventor was speaking from
an electrical standpoint.

We believe that it was Barzum
who said that a sucker is born
every minute. Possibly the reason
that we do not see many of them
in this section is that most of
them have gone to Florida to
buy town lots out in the sand
hills.

A man held in jail at Dallas
married his fourteen-year-old
niece to prevent her from testify-
ing against him under the law
prohibiting a man's wife from
testifying against him. A court
has annulled the wedding.
Crooked tricks will not always
work, even in dealing with the
law.

Florida broadcasting stations
filling the air day and night with
propaganda about springtime
weather, "where it is springtime
all the time," is calculated to
make a man want to go to such a
place, but when we listen in on
Northern stations and hear our
Northern neighbors sending out
S. O. S. calls for help to dig out
from under the snow, we decide
that the Ballinger climate offers
a happy medium which serves
best the year round.

Between the impositions grow-
ing out of the highway scandal
and the textbook commission
middle Jim Ferguson is kept
busy branding his accusers as
fabricators and character assassins.
Regardless of who is guilty, a
discord in the administration pre-
vails at this time which makes it
impossible for the taxpayers to
get value received for their
money. Jim's a fighter, and any-
one who ever had any experience
in fighting realizes that it is very
expensive.

Runnels county farmers can
find food for thought in a story
appearing in today's Ledger from
Minneapolis, Minnesota, where
crops are largely confined to
grain. The farmers have com-
menced a diversified farming
campaign, and are trying to get
away from the all-wheat crop.
Attention is being directed to the
importance of raising more hogs,

more cows, sheep, and other
things necessary to go with the
biscuit in making a well-balanced
ration. Planting all of one vari-
ety of crop in any country is a
bad bet.

The Republicans gave the Dem-
ocrats the ha ha when the G. O.
P. candidate for governor rolled
up 325,000 votes in the last elec-
tion, but the voters were only vis-
itors in the Republican camp, and
voted the Republicans into the
primary rule, and there are not
enough Republicans to pay the
cost of holding primary elections
in most of the counties in Texas.

It was said at a meeting of the
Runnels county bankers held in
Ballinger Thursday night, that
there were only two hundred
hogs in the county. The state-
ment had no reference to road
hogs. In all seriousness no coun-
try can prosper as it should when
it depends on the packing houses
for its meats. Runnels county
should be shipping hogs to the
packing houses by the carload.

The authorities of Kansas City,
Missouri schools recently ruled
that high school students who
fail in their studies because of an
improper attitude toward their
work or irregular attendance will
be expelled from school. This
move is taken that the successful
pupils shall not be retarded in
their work. Another reason is
given that the cost of instruction
is too expensive to permit wast-
ing time of teachers. Such a sys-
tem put into practice in many of
our smaller schools would doubt-
less work wonders in improve-
ment of discipline and betterment
of scholarship.

The Ballinger Country Club
furnishes a place of recreation
and a place to take a dip in the
cool refreshing waters during the
bathing season for those who are
fortunate enough to be members of
that organization, but what Bal-
linger needs is a place for every-
body to take a dip under proper
restrictions. We are glad to
note that the Chamber of Com-
merce has this matter under dis-
cussion, and if the city commis-
sion will co-operate, and the citi-
zens lend a helping hand, there is

no reason why Ballinger should
not have a "swimmin' hole." We
are located between good streams.

We are quick to boast of our
advanced stage of civilization
and day of progress, and dig up
liberally from time to time in
contributing of our means to
help carry on missionary work
among the heathens, but if one
will drop into the Runnels county
court house and listen for a short
time to a trial which is in prog-
ress there this week, he will feel
a sense of shame for the white
race. We either need more mis-
sionary work at home, or a com-
plete revolutionizing of our court
procedure and a strict enforce-
ment of the law. It is hard to
conceive that a white man would
be charged with assaulting a
negro woman, but it is on the
docket, placed there by twelve
men making up the grand jury.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For County Clerk:
W. A. FORGEY
- MRS. OSCAR HOLLIDAY
- For County Treasurer:
MRS. JENNIE KIRK
- For Sheriff:
R. E. McWILLIAMS
- For Tax Collector:
W. L. BROWN
- G. W. DUNLAP
- For County Judge:
PAUL TRIMMIE
- For District Clerk:
GEORGIA SINGLETARY
- For County Attorney:
C. P. SHEPHERD
- For Tax Assessor:
MIKE C. BOYD
- For County Superintendent:
R. E. WHITE
- For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 1:
BOY HIGGINBOTHAM
- TOBE LITTLE
- W. T. NICHOLS
- For Commissioner Precinct
No. 1:
For Commissioner Precinct
No. 3:
GEO. W. MILLER
- For Commissioner Precinct
No. 2:
D. W. YEAGER
- For Commissioner Precinct
No. 4:
I. A. CURRY

and the only way to get it off is
either by trial, or say that our
laws were made for the protec-
tion of the white race only. If
the evidence in the case supports
the charge the jury will do its
duty.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Caldebaugh
left Monday for Dallas, where
Mr. Caldebaugh went on business.

A. C. Harrison, of Winters, was
looking after business in Ballin-
ger Friday.

Saturday

-AT-

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All You Want

Spuds AS Nice as You Ever Saw 5c Per lb.

Yellow Yams Guaranteed to Be Satisfactory 4c Per lb.

3 Loaves Bread The Kind You Use 25c

No. 2 Can Hand Packed Tomatoes 9c

Blue Brer Rabbit Syrup Per 10 lb. Can 78c

Country Maid Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup 10 lb. can 78c

3 lb. can Maxwell House COFFEE \$1.53

2 lb. can Hills Bros. COFFEE \$1.20

MOTHER'S OATS 30c

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And the community can grow and prosper only when the company can do these things.

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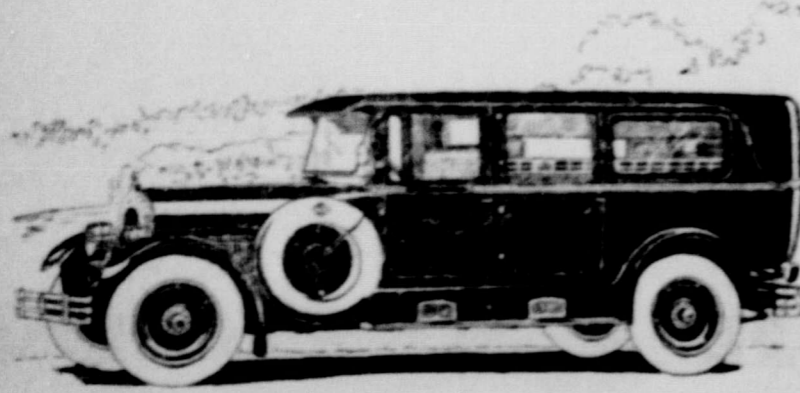
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LEGION TO FINISH BETTER SEED BUILDING MOVE MAKES TEXAS GRAIN FINER

The Pat Williams Post of the American Legion met in regular session Monday night at its new home in the Carnegie Library building and transacted much business of importance.

Perhaps the most important step taken at the Monday night meeting was the decision to carry out the improvement program started on the library building, until the entire house is put in first class condition and equipped. The necessary repairs and finishing work needed on the structure calls for the expenditure of a considerable sum of money and the Legion has already used all available in its treasury, but decided at the Monday evening meeting to borrow the funds and complete necessary improvements.

It was voted to elect two captains to stage a county-wide membership campaign. Frank Cameron and Tom Caudle were selected as these captains, and they will divide the present membership into two teams and work for new members until March 10th, closing days of the drive. The losing team will entertain the other team and the new members with a banquet.

Several other matters were discussed by the Legionnaires but no definite steps were taken. However committees were appointed to make complete investigations and report at a called meeting of the post next Monday night.

Post Commander McLaurin also called for volunteer workers for tonight (Monday) to assemble at the building at 7:30 o'clock. Quite a bit of painting is to be finished downstairs in the Ladies Auxiliary room and front halls, and furniture and pictures must be placed.

SET OUT MANY PECAN TREES IN BROWN CO.

(Brownwood Bulletin)
According to the observations of A. I. Fabis, pecan orchardist, a larger number of pecan trees are being set out in Brown county this season than for any previous season since attention at first was shown to the industry in this part of Texas. In the opinion of Mr. Fabis people are just now beginning to wake up to the fact that it pays to set out pecan trees from every possible side of the industrial angle. In the sandy land parts of Brown county, which are located mostly in the northern part of this county, farmers have taken a great deal of interest in the development of the pecan industry, and setting out trees is still in progress on a large scale.

Mr. Fabis says in this part of the Southwest, Arbor Day, which is on February 2, is too late to set trees out, and in his opinion Arbor Day in Texas should be the latter part of November or first part of December. The further North, the later the date for Arbor Day, and the further South the earlier the date. He says it is really too late to set trees out after February 22nd.

In every locality in Brown county more attention is being given to the pecan industry in the way of setting out trees than at any previous time in the history of the industry in this part of the state, says Mr. Fabis, and this is one of the very encouraging signs of the times from an industrial point of view.

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COLLEGE STATION, Texas, Feb. 16.—Texas grain sorghums in the seven year period from 1918 thru 1924 averaged 25.1 bushels an acre, as compared with 18.2 bushels in Oklahoma and 18.4 in Kansas. Department of Agriculture figures show. These facts indicate to A. D. Jackson of the state experiment station, Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College here, the increased value to Texas farmers on the sorghum crops of \$10,597,635 more than farmers in Kansas realized and \$10,895,445 more than the farmers of Oklahoma.

Explanation lies in the high type of seed planted in this state, for which the A. & M. College is largely responsible, Mr. Jackson asserted.

"The story of the evolution of the grain sorghum is a romance in itself," he said. "Twenty years ago when the farmers began to break the raw prairies of Western Texas, the only type of grain sorghum grown was giant milo, a tall, slow-growing, late-maturing variety that was not drouth resistant and was, all in all, poorly adapted to West Texas conditions.

"About this time the main station and the Chillicothe sub-station began experimenting in an attempt to find varieties more suited to this new region. In the meantime standard milo had replaced giant milo.

"In 1905 A. B. Connor, then in charge of the sub-station, discovered a field of dwarf milo and bought and distributed the seed to the farmers of the state. Within a few years dwarf milo had replaced both standard and giant milo. Today line-bred dwarf, yellow milo is found from the Panhandle to Southwest Texas.

"Feterita is another contribution to the Texas farmer by the experiment station system. It was evolved at Spur only a few

years ago by R. E. Dickson. Today Spur feterita is known to every West Texas farmer.

"Mr. Connor, who caused dwarf milo to be spread over the state, is also responsible for the introduction of another crop that has meant millions of dollars to the Texas farmers—Sudan grass, which was introduced from the Sudan region of Africa and has rapidly gained a permanent niche in the Texas farmers' cropping system.

"Still another widely known crop that owes its origin to the experiment station is dwarf, black hull kafir."

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

TOO MANY JONES' ON JURY PANEL

Two men by the name of Mack Jones answered when this name was called by the sheriff Monday afternoon while calling the roll of the regular jury venire for the week. Both men gave Ballinger as their address.

Judge Woodward asked the two men to stand up in order that he might get a look at them and see which was the best looking. "Neither one of you will do," announced the judge, and the two men were excused.

It was a case in which the law makes no provision for making a choice, and the court excused both of the men.

BUILDING NEW SUBURBAN GROCERY STORE AT PARK

John Guion has leased the Nicholson Park tourist filling station and camp grounds, and work will begin Monday on the construction of a building for a grocery store. The building will be located near the filling station and a general stock of groceries will be put in.

H. S. Yeager will be associated with Mr. Guion in the business and they will operate a delivery system and deliver groceries to any part of the city. Until recently Mr. Guion was with the Stubbs grocery store, and Mr. Yeager has been with the Econ-

omy Mills and other grocery stores.

DEATHS

C. E. A. Wagner
C. E. A. Wagner died at his home in Rowena Monday evening at 4:00 p. m. after a long illness. He was 64 years, 4 months and 3 days old at the time of his death.

For many years Mr. Wagner had been a prominent citizen of the Rowena community, and was a member of the W. O. W. and O. D. H. S. lodges, and also a member of the Zoar Evangelical Church.

Funeral services will be held at the family residence Wednesday at 3:00 p. m., with Rev. Robt. Mohr officiating. C. G. Jennings of Higginbotham Bros. & Co., has charge of funeral arrangements.

ORPHANS TO PROVIDE I. O. F. ENTERTAINMENT

AUSTIN, Feb. 16.—Forty-eight children from the Odd Fellows orphans home at Corsicana, will provide the entertainment for the annual state meeting of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows here March 15, 16 and 17. The institution's band and glee club, which the 48 children compose, are expected to enliven the meeting.

The Rebekahs, sister organization to the Odd Fellows, will hold a meeting simultaneously with the Odd Fellows.

One of the main subjects to be discussed will be the proposed construction of a dormitory at the University of Texas, for the daughters of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

Seven local committees have about completed the plans for the meetings. Contrary to custom, election of state officers will be held on the first day of the meeting, C. W. Moore, of Austin, who will be master of ceremonies, announced. Approximately 5,000 delegates are expected.

The Corsicana visitors will provide a musical program on the first night, and on the last day of

PIGGLY WIGGLY

A Few of Our Regular Prices

48 lb. sack Flour \$2.40
Light Crust, Amayllis and Gold Medal

No. 10 Miss Lou Syrup 79c

Lettuce 9c
Nice Firm Head

No. 2 TOMATOES 9c

10 lb. Seedless Raisins \$1.20

Seed Potatoes 8c

10 lb. Calumet Baking Powder \$1.50

Bread Per Loaf 9c

Veal Steak 23c

Veal Roast 15c

Also Full Line Fresh and Cured Meats

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Potter Produce Co.

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In the market for your Poultry all the time, paying the highest prices on the market.

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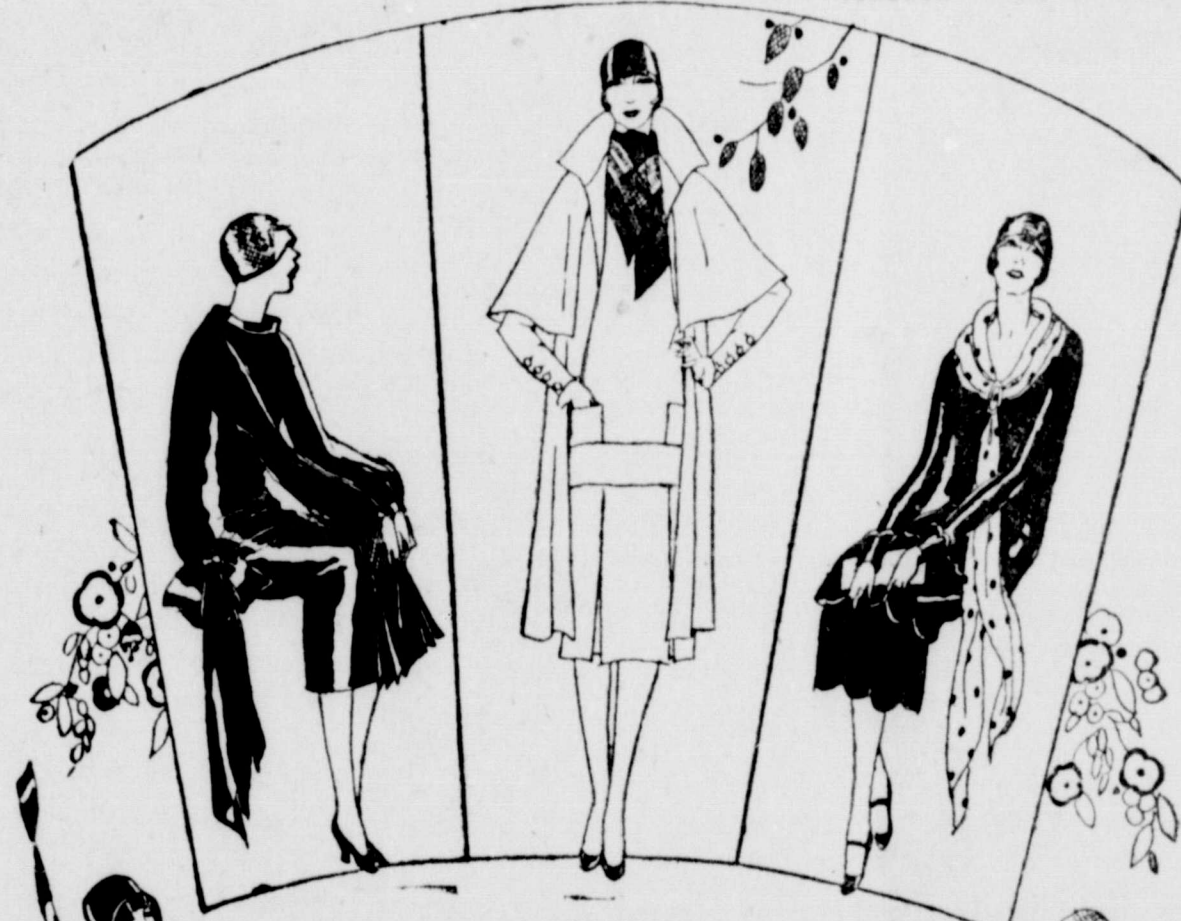


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New Spring and Summer Line of Ide Shirts Priced from \$2.00 to \$5.00

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Louis Cohen



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New Arrivals for Spring

Our stock of new merchandise is arriving daily and we have many beautiful garments ready for your inspection. Fifty New Silk Dresses were received yesterday. Many Coats and Spring Hats.

Ready-to-Wear Garments range in Price

\$12.50 to \$32.50

Big Bargains

We still have some of the old stock which we received from the R. E. Caldebaugh stock. These goods are selling at greatly reduced prices

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SILK DRESSES \$4.50 to \$10.00



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Successors to R. E. Caldebaugh

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Never take another dose of the old style "raw" calomel. There is a newer and more improved kind known as Pepsinat Calomel.

BALL TEAM FOR NATIONAL GUARD

The matter of organizing a baseball team with the local National Guard company was discussed at the regular meeting last Thursday night.

Company C now has two excellent young pitchers in the persons of Truman Beard and Melvin Patterson, both of whom have hurred for the local high school teams in the past.

Willard Wooden, "the old bald head" of the city, has agreed to coach the boys and is ready and anxious to start them off.

To Stop a Cough Quick take HAYES' HEALING HONEY, a cough medicine which stops the cough by healing the inflamed and irritated tissues.

SCALES NOW MANAGER OF BOTH QUEEN AND MAEROY

W. D. Scales, for several years manager of the Maeroy Theatre, will have charge of both local motion picture theatres hereafter.

R. L. Williams, of the Northern part of the county, had business in Ballinger Saturday.

BACKACHE

Mississippi Lady Benefited by Taking Cardui.

"I took Cardui for backache and a weakened, run-down condition, and it strengthened and helped me," says Mrs. Mattie Hart, of Coldwater, Miss.

CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

SPENDS \$5,400 BANKS MONEY

Ned Elliott, age 21, was arrested at Fort Worth Friday and returned to Brownwood to answer to the charge of embezzlement.

Elliott was arrested at the home of relatives in Fort Worth and the Brown county sheriff, accompanied by O. C. Walker, cashier of the bank, went to Fort Worth and brought the young man back to Brownwood Friday.

In a statement to the officers Elliott admitted that he took the money, and said that the amounts were taken over a period of about one year.

STOP CATARRH! OPEN NOSTRILS AND HEAD

Says Cream Applied in Nostrils Relieves Head-Colds at Once.

If your nostrils are clogged and your head is stuffer and you can't breathe freely because of a cold or catarrh, just get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm at any drug store.

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BOY ELEVEN YEARS OLD PLAYS HOME SWEET HOME FOR HIS DYING FATHER

As the life of W. J. Caskey was ebbing away at the Overall Memorial Hospital Monday afternoon his blind 11-year-old son played "Home Sweet Home" on a French harp at his bedside in a charity ward.

The plight of the destitute family was brought to the attention of Welfare League workers Tuesday of last week, when the sick father, 50 years old, sent a note by one of the boys.

Before the shadows of night enveloped the earth the old man was placed in the hospital and the children in the Welfare League Home.

The two boys are being cared for by the Welfare League and are eager to remain in the new found home that has alleviated the sadness of a father's death.

H G C RELIEVES A Special prescription for infectious diseases of the urinary tract. Painless non-operative. Package contains all needed, will not cause stricture. \$1.00 in Drugs or prescrip.

News From Neighboring Cities

Building permits aggregating \$856,430 have been issued at Abilene since January 1st, and San Angelo permits for the same time total \$176,165.

After operating her water system on a flat rate basis for many years, the city of Abilene has placed an order for 3,235 meters, and water consumers will pay for what they use.

An Associated Press story reporting that a girl at Lubbeck was slowly bleeding to death through the pores of her skin and calling for volunteers to furnish blood through a transfusion operation, brought many replies.

Through the generous spirit of Judge and Mrs. C. M. Caldwell, of Abilene, each convalescent patient in the West Texas Baptist Sanitarium at Abilene will be furnished with a radio.

The city commission of San Angelo let the contract last Saturday for paving thirteen blocks, about half of which will be in the residence district.

Due to low fire loss at Abilene last year the insurance commission has allowed a three-cent reduction in the insurance rate for that city.

A small pox epidemic which threatened at Brady dwindled down to only one case when the facts became known.

Another new oil field in San Angelo's trade territory apparently is in the making. A wild cat has come in about fifteen miles from Ozona.

Bankers of the sixth district of Texas met in annual convention at Brady Monday. Sam McCollum, of Brady, delivered the address of welcome.

Two girls and a boy who had been loafing on the streets of Brownwood for several days, were taken in charge by the police last Saturday.

John Eoff, one of the pioneers of Runnels county, died at his home in Winters last Thursday.

Miss Ruth Shumate, one of the young ladies who was wounded when a party of young folks in an automobile were fired on, near

San Angelo, last Thursday, is believed to be out of danger. C. B. Metcalf, who is alleged to have fired the shot, is out on bond.

Wednesday was Winters day before the grand jury, judging from the number of Winters boys visiting the temple of justice.

There are 2,644 pupils enrolled in the San Angelo schools, the enrollment showing an increase of 119 for the second term.

One hundred and seventy-five Boy Scouts and 125 parents met in a get-together meeting and Scout banquet at Sweetwater Tuesday night.

A milk campaign is being carried on in Nolan county for the purpose of establishing a milk condensing plant at Sweetwater.

A better cotton contest is being organized in Brown county and merchants of Brownwood are putting up money for the cash prizes.

The court which is in session at Ballinger this week, will be followed by district court at Brownwood next month.

Roy Spires, a Coke county ranchman, charged with killing Leo Melnish at San Angelo last Monday, has been released on a bond of \$7,500.

The first snake story of the season comes from Baird, near which place four me discovered a rattlesnake den and killed twenty one snakes.

The Brady Chamber of Commerce is operating a chicken demonstration farm. The official count showed that 1,302 eggs were laid by 1,600 hens one day this week.

John Harris, who was shot in a rooming house fight at Pioneer, died Wednesday. Doc Elliott was wounded in the fight.

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1. The Plan. Better safe than sorry. Be sure your plan is perfect in every detail before you build.

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DR. W. B. CALDWELL AT THE AGE OF 83

Mother! It's Cruel to "Physic" Your Child

To Dr. W. B. Caldwell, of Monticello, Ill., a practicing physician for 47 years, it seemed cruel that so many constipated infants and children had to be kept constantly "stirred up" and half sick by taking cathartic pills, tablets, salts, calomel and nasty oils.

gripes, sickness or upsets the most delicate system. Besides, it is absolutely harmless, and so pleasant that even a cross, feverish, bilious, sick child gladly takes it.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin he discovered a laxative which helps to establish natural bowel "regularity" even if the child is chronically constipated.

County-Wide Meeting of Farmers Here Feb. 20th

A county-wide meeting of farmers, business men and bankers will be held in Ballinger next Saturday, February 20th.

The program for the meeting will be announced in due time. County Agent C. W. Lehmburg is working out the details for the gathering.

A balanced farming program is being worked out and the production of all crops so equalized that good markets for all will be maintained.

As a preparatory step to the all-county meeting a meeting was held at Winters Saturday.

High priced cotton for a few years has tempted the farmer to devote most of his land to the production of that crop.

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ARE YOU SICK?

Do you have stomach trouble, loss of weight, loss of sleep, nervousness, frequent headaches, dizziness, despondency and loss of energy?

FRIDAY IS EYE DAY DR. B. KAHN, OPTOMETRIST In the C. A. Doose Building, Eyes examined, glasses fitted. We understand eyes.

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BALLINGER GIRL MAKES GOOD RECORD

The following is from a Ballinger paper, where Miss Beatrice Smith, daughter of Jasper Smith of Ballinger, is attending Baylor College:

"Not one absence from classes, no call downs, and only one absence from chapel, which was excused, is the high record attained by a member of the Senior class, Miss Beatrice Smith, of Ballinger. Miss Smith has earned a part of her expenses during the four years she has attended school here by working in the laundry and the library. She is now a student assistant in the library. Her grades averaged a B, although she has received numerous A's. Only a few C's can be found on her reports. Her class attendance and student government record have not been excelled by any student of Baylor. Only in order to be vaccinated could she be induced to cut chapel a few days ago.

"Although Miss Smith has such an enviable record she is not termed a 'sissy' by any who know her. She enters into college activities with a strong determination to accomplish her duties in the greatest possible manner. She is a dependable member of the Mast O'Crath Literary Society and a competent all-around Senior."

39 FILLING STATIONS 28 GROCERY STORES

There are thirty-eight retail filling stations—gas stations—in Ballinger, and the thirty-ninth is being installed.

There are twenty-seven grocery stores in the city, and the twenty-eighth is to open for business in a few days. The count on grocery stores takes in big, little and suburban, but all are bidding for business with a stock sufficient to keep the wolf from the door.

Quite a number of the gas stations are equipped with two or more pumps, and many of them supply free air and service a la carte.

The grocery stores include every kind of service from the self-serving, cash and carry, to the free delivery and credit variety, and eight meat markets are cutting meat for the public.

ACCEPTS CALL TO EASTLAND CHURCH

Rev. W. S. Hancock, for about two years pastor of the Church of God of this city, has accepted a call to a church at Eastland, and will leave for that city Friday. He says that he regrets to leave Ballinger and the many friends he has made here.

Rev. Hancock came to Ballinger about two years ago, and was the leader in the work of organizing a new church and building a church house here. He will probably be succeeded here by Rev. Grisham, of Arkansas, who will supply the pulpit until permanent arrangements have been made for a pastor.

COLEMAN PREACHER MOVES TO BALLINGER

Rev. Bost, of Coleman, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Church of Christ at Ballinger, and will move here immediately. He will occupy the house on Broadway which is being vacated by Rev. W. S. Hancock.

Rev. Bost recently came to Ballinger and conferred with the congregation of the Church of Christ, which maintains a tabernacle on Eighth Street, and following the conference it was announced that he would serve the charge as pastor.

A. W. Joiner and wife, of Amarillo, were here Thursday and went out to Wilmett to visit Mrs. Joiner's uncles, Bob and Jess Ensor. They had been to Gen. Rose and were en route home.

LARGE CROWD AT SCANDAL CASE

Seats on the lower floor of the district court room and about two-thirds of the balcony were filled when court convened at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon to take up the Bailey case, a case in which a white man is charged by grand jury indictment with criminally assaulting an old negro woman.

The alleged offense occurred near Miles about a year ago when Bob Bailey and Will Middleton, of Miles, are alleged to have committed the crime when the negro woman and her husband were en route to San Angelo.

Bob Bailey was arraigned for trial Monday afternoon, and on motion of the defense the case was passed until Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock. The state announced ready, and after a brief delay the defense announced that they could not go to trial without a witness by the name of D. W. Wright, of Winters. An effort was made to get in touch with the witness Wright over the phone. A phone message both to Wright's place of business in Winters and to his home brought the information that he was out of town and his whereabouts unknown. Judge Woodward assessed a fine of \$100 against the absent witness and issued an attachment for him, and postponed the case until Tuesday morning. A special venire of seventy-two men called for the case was excused until 8:30 Tuesday morning.

The court sounded out the docket, calling other criminal cases, and a number were set down for trial during the remainder of the term, with the possibility of disposing of a case or two before recessing for the day.

WILL RETIRE FROM SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Hawley Allen, ten years sheriff of Tom Green county, and the last four years sheriff of Coke county, will not offer for re-election in Coke. He will retire and look after his Coke county ranch and a drug store which he and his son own at Robert Lee. Mr. Allen was constable at San Angelo for two years before he was elected sheriff.

COURT UPHOLDS MEXICAN LAW

MEXICO, D. F., Feb. 16.—A court test of the Mexican government's right to close religious and educational institutions has resulted in a victory for the government.

The authorities of the Franciscan asylum filed an application for an injunction with the district court in an endeavor to prevent the execution of an order to close the institution.

The court rejected the application on the ground that the government's court was permitted under the constitution, and that the Mexican government had a legal right to close any institution which violated the constitution.

Jim Sandlin, Santa Fe claim agent, is here attending court as a witness in the Bailey case.

MEN NAMED TO HOLD ELECTIONS

At its February term, which adjourned last week, the Commissioners Court appointed election managers and judges for the twenty-seven election precincts in the county. One manager and one judge were appointed for the smaller boxes, while in the larger precincts two and three judges were appointed.

Following are the names of those who have been selected to preside at the general election to be held on November 2nd:

Ballinger, Precinct No. 1, J. F. Lusk, manager; C. R. Stephens, W. A. Esmond
Hatchel, J. R. Harris, manager; T. H. Esmond
Benoit, B. J. Clayton, manager; W. T. Hill
Crews, Edgar Jayroe, manager; W. H. Pape, L. Dietz, E. F. Beck
Token, J. W. Bright, manager; R. E. Lafoon

Harmony, J. W. Seals, manager; Henry Cummings
Winters, W. D. Meadows, manager; S. H. Meek, W. L. Poe, J. W. Freeman
Antelope, Jim Eoff, manager; O. F. Turk
Pumphrey, W. J. Parks, manager; Howard Mitchell
Wingate, W. G. Allen, manager; T. W. Whigham, W. D. Rogers, Ed Dean
Baldwin, Henry Mitchell, manager; J. L. Dowling
Wilmett, W. B. Dodgen, manager; W. E. Puckett, Elgin Davidson, Lee Tucker
Cochran, M. E. Harrell, manager; John Black
North Norton, D. W. Turner, manager; J. A. Henderson
Marie, J. Black, manager; Sam Seay

Maverick, J. M. Slaughter, manager; Bert Fletcher, S. B. Petty
South Norton, T. J. McCauglin, manager; E. M. Setser, J. M. Osburn
Hagan, I. M. Turner, manager; Austin Williams
Brookshire, R. E. Wolber, manager; Jim Clark
Miles, J. A. Hancock, manager; Allen Dickens, Frank Scott, Sam Farmer

Rovana, W. A. Halameek, manager; F. Ernst, C. R. Roesler, Jno. A. Schuhmann
Olfen, F. G. Hoelscher, manager; Wm. Hoffmann
Bethel, Pat Fox, manager; G. H. Diersebbe
Ballinger No. 24, W. C. McCarter, manager; B. S. Taylor, M. D. Oliver, E. A. Trail
Dale, W. M. Hope, manager; Howard Williams
Winters No. 26, J. W. Copeland, manager; F. Bedford, Frank Mills, Roger Adams
Oak Creek, Tad Richards, manager; H. G. McKown

SIMMONS UNIVERSITY QUARTET COMING SUNDAY
The Simmons University Male Quartet will visit Ballinger next Sunday, and will give a program at the Baptist Church Sunday night. Everybody is invited.

DODGE DEALER REPORTS SALES

Higginbotham Bros. & Co. report deliveries of Dodge Bros. cars to the following parties the past week: Joe Fuchs, six miles South Ballinger, special Dodge sedan; W. P. Jones, five miles West of Ballinger, special Dodge sedan; Nichols Cotton, Graham Bros. truck.

Angelo Man Says American Tramps Overrun Far East

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—these may have seen a college-cross roads of the Far East are overrun with American beach-combers.

Throughout Asia and Oceania, said Frank Buck, noted wild animal trapper and trainer, the ports are filled with American "bums" and others of the type called beachcombers in the fiction of tropical climes.

"In the years I have travelled Asia and the islands in the warm waters, I have never seen so many as have sprung into notice since the World War," he asserted upon arrival here from Singapore with a ship load of animals. "Lately I have found them everywhere—on the coasts, inland in the cities, even on the borders of the jungles."

"The latest addition to their ranks is the college youth 'working his way around the world to complete his education.' Some of

ters of the East is becoming safer each year—except in revolution-torn countries, Buck said. His authority was in a measure established on his record of having crossed to Asia 39 times and in his scores of expeditions into jungles in search of savage fauna.

"Aside from Dutch New Guinea and parts of Borneo, where there is the menace of cannibals and other savages, travel is reasonably safe," he declared.

W. A. Tillery, of Paint Rock, had business in Ballinger Monday. Mr. Tillery dropped in to order The Ledger for his mother, Mrs. Dick Tillery, who is making her home with him. Mr. Tillery says things are quiet in Conecho county and everybody busy.

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We have things arranged so that you may easily wait on yourself.

The Best No. 2½ Sliced Peaches \$1.68
6 Cans

Edmiston's Pure SYRUP 74c
Ribbon Cane
Per Case \$4.10

25 Bars P. & C. Soap \$1.00
or Crystal White

15 lbs. Best Grade Pinto Beans \$1.00

We have only a few of our best White Handle Brooms left 64c
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Editor Practises Farm Reforms He Advocates

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 16.—While numerous individuals are suggesting innumerable solutions for the agricultural situation in the Northwest, there are many farmers here making strides forward under the policy that salvation lies in their own hands.

One of these leaders is Frederick E. Murphy, publisher of the Minneapolis Tribune, who not only is preaching the self-reliance doctrine through his paper but is setting a fast pace by practicing it on his 3,500-acre farm in Wilkin county.

The publisher opened his agricultural campaign after having spent three consecutive years on his farm under orders of a physician. While there he saw his own wheat burned up in scorching winds, hauled out and rusted, and choked by weeds.

Impressed that the one-crop policy was undermining the progress of the entire territory, Mr. Murphy voted \$50,000 a year to a program in the Tribune advocating diversification and then started the revolution on his farm, so that the neighbors, most of them wheat farmers, could see what was being done.

Hundreds of the Red River Valley farmers were buying their milk in cans, while Southern Minnesota and Wisconsin farmers were winning independence in dairying.

So a string of pure bred Holstein cows found their way to the Murphy farms. Dairy cows meant barns and alfalfa and sweet clover and corn. They meant that the farm routine had to include hogs to use the skim milk and corn and excess pastur-

age. Pure bred Shropshires were added to combat the weeds.

On a trip to France, Mr. Murphy bought the six Percheron first prizes and champion winners of the Paris and other horse shows, including Astrologue, one of the two best three-year-old stallions of the breed in France. In addition to the six imported, there are fourteen registered mares on the farm, making a total of twenty head.

Today there are 200 head of pure bred Holstein cattle on the Murphy farms. Hundreds of Duroc-Jersey hogs graze in alfalfa fields where crops of wheat were being produced five years ago. The sheep are clearing out the weeds and are producing high priced wool and lambs.

All these things have been accomplished under ordinary farm conditions. The buildings are plain, unpretentious structures. It is not a "fancy farm." It is successfully run for profit.

Farmers up and down the Red River Valley in the vicinity of the Murphy farms are building dairy farms, putting up silos, and installing foundation stock for dairy herds; buying sheep and hogs and chickens; planting alfalfa and sweet clover pastures and incidentally, doing away with the one-crop menace.

The great influx of livestock into this territory is also resulting in bigger acreage of flax and rye and barley. Flax raised on sweet clover and corn lands is increasing the yields per acre.

Judge W. D. Jennings, wife and daughter, and Mrs. Williams, of Miles, spent Sunday with Mrs. Midgely.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Harris, of San Angelo, were here Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Horace Strain.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Murphy motored to Brady Sunday, where they were the guests of friends. G. P. Teague visited Brady Sunday. Mrs. Teague and the children went as far as Eden, where they spent the day.

C. C. Culwell, former Miles citizen, was here from San Angelo Monday, coming down to attend court.

A. D. Winddell, of the Rowena country, was in the city Saturday, and was feeling good to be back in West Texas after a visit to El Campo. Mr. Winddell said that he did not want to live in South Texas and that he was glad to get back to West Texas.

J. A. Harris says that word from his son, James Blair, who lives in Dallas, is to the effect that his entire family has had the flu and that this malady is rather common in that city.

Mrs. M. C. Golden, who has been in a serious condition for some time, was reported to be gradually growing weaker Friday. Mrs. Golden is unconscious part of the time, according to reports from the Golden home in West End.

Mrs. Jack Holt arrived from Altus, Oklahoma, Wednesday and joined her husband who recently came here and purchased the Independent Oil Company station.

W. S. Wilmeth, who lives on Elm Creek, North of Ballinger, was in the city Wednesday morning arranging to leave for Palm, Texas, where he will make his home for a while, and improve

900 acres of land which he recently purchased in Dimmitt county. Mr. Wilmeth will be accompanied by his family. He stated that he had not sold his farm on Elm Creek, and was not burning any bridges behind him and would return here whenever the occasion demanded it. Mr. Wilmeth has most of his land on Elm planted in grain and he said he would return here at harvest time, if there was anything to harvest. The 900 acres of land which he purchased in Dimmitt county is in the artesian water belt, 150 acres is already under cultivation and irrigation and he will put more of the land under the ditch.

Miss Sloan, of DeLeon, is a new saleslady at the Higginbotham store, coming here to relieve the situation in the absence of Mrs. M. S. Karmany, who has been and will continue to be at the bedside of her brother, Walter Williams, of Dallas, who is seriously ill in the Baptist hospital at that place.

We are in receipt of a letter from Noel Penn, ordering The Daily Ledger so he can keep up with his old home town. Mr. Penn is located at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. He sends regards to his friends, and invites them to come to Bay St. Louis to spend their vacations, "either winter or summer."

E. J. Cathey returned on the midnight Santa Fe Monday night from Brownwood, where he had been at the bedside of his daughter, Miss Felda Cathey. Miss Cathey was operated on in Brownwood Monday and was reported to be doing nicely. Mrs. Cathey remained with her daughter.

Dr. C. W. Cheatham has the sympathy of his friends in the loss of his sister-in-law, who died at her home in Eldorado last Thursday. Dr. Cheatham's brother, Harry Cheatham, died in 1919, leaving a widow and two children. The death last Thursday left the two children without father or mother. A boy, fourteen years of age, will make his home with Dr. Cheatham and a girl ten years of age will make her home with relatives elsewhere.

J. D. Whitley, of the Talpa country, was in the city Monday looking after business, and called to round The Ledger up for stopping his paper.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Louis Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Richards left Monday for Jefferson, Texas, to attend the funeral of their grandfather, the father of the mother of Mr. Williams

and Mrs. Richards. W. J. Gardner, of Winters, was here Monday serving as a petit juror.

Dr. A. S. Love returned home Monday night from Waco, where he had been to visit his family.

Miss Murehison, of Athens, Texas, came in Monday night to visit her sister, Miss Myra Murehison, who is a teacher in the Ballinger schools.

John Zivley, deputy state fire marshal, was here Wednesday conferring with the local fire marshal, B. W. Pilsber, and checking up on fire hazards. Mr. Zivley stated that he found conditions here very satisfactory, and was only required to call attention to a few hazards which should be corrected.

Judge W. A. Anderson, of San Angelo, was attending district court here Wednesday. Be wise and advertise.



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WEDDING BELLS

Lehberg-Skinner

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Skinner received a telegram Monday morning announcing the marriage of their daughter, Miss Louise Ruth Skinner, to Crawford Lehberg, in San Antonio Sunday afternoon.

Miss Skinner has been teaching in the Mason high school this year, and Mr. Lehberg is a young banker of that city. He has visited in Ballinger several times recently and is a member of one of the oldest families in that part of the county.

The bride has lived all her life here, graduating from the Ballinger high school and later attending Daniel Baker College at Brownwood, where she received her degree last spring. She went to Mason to teach this season and there met and married Mr. Lehberg. Her many Ballinger friends will wish for the happy young couple all the good things that come in life.

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BALLINGER BOY IS HURT IN EXPLOSION

Mrs. W. A. Taylor was called to Belton Saturday to be with her son, Jones, who was injured in an explosion in a tailor shop at that place.

Jones was operating a cleaning and pressing establishment at Belton, when a boiler exploded in the shop, seriously burning him about the face. It was at first feared that he would lose one eye, but information received here Tuesday stated that he was getting along all right. The accident occurred last Thursday, but Mr. and Mrs. Taylor did not get the news until Saturday.

We regret to note that Mrs. W. R. White is not improving. She has been confined to her bed at her home four miles South of Ballinger for about six weeks. Mrs. White is one of the pioneer women of this county.

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NEW MAIL LINE BY MARCH FIRST

The postoffice department has approved a new schedule and ordered the establishment of an automobile mail route between Ballinger and Abilene, according to notice received here by Postmaster J. A. Reese.

Contract for carrying the mail has been awarded to Wm. F. Ford, at the rate of \$3,285 per annum. The new schedule is to begin on March 1st, and one trip per day each way is called for in the new schedule.

This arrangement terminates the mail contract with the Abilene & Southern Railway, and instead of transporting mail between Ballinger and Abilene by rail it will be carried by automobile truck, the new line serving all postoffices between the two points, but making no other deliveries. The route will not be what is known as a "star route," as individual patrons along the route will not be served, only pouch mail being carried from station to station.

The schedule provides for departure from Abilene immediately following the arrival of the Texas & Pacific mail train from the East, which is due in Abilene at 6:00 o'clock a. m., or thereabouts. Five hours time is allowed for making the trip to Ballinger, which will deliver the mail here on about the same schedule as is provided for at present, or about 11:00 o'clock each morning. This offers little improvement, unless it should be to eliminate delays which are now caused by failure of the A. & S. to maintain a schedule, and the time of arrival does not meet with the approval of the public.

The route covers only fifty-four miles, and should be made in much less time than five hours. Mr. Ford stated that he would make the distance on a schedule which would bring the mail here by 9:30 a. m., if the department would authorize it.

Returning the mail truck will depart from Ballinger at 3:00 o'clock each afternoon. A recent check on the mail out of Abilene South on the A. & S. showed that an average of 125 sacks of mail were handled daily from that point. Returning the mail is much lighter.

Mr. Ford has been with the Clayton-Oakland Company of this city for some time, and was the successful bidder on the mail contract, according to information received here Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. Crimm LOSE LITTLE GIRL

Friends in Ballinger were recently grieved to learn of the death of little "B. B." Crimm, the two-year-old baby daughter of Rev. and Mrs. B. B. Crimm. The little girl died at her home in Marshall, Texas, last Thursday, from pneumonia. The father was away from home when the child died.

Rev. and Mrs. Crimm and two children spent a month in Ballinger last fall while Rev. Crimm was conducting a revival here, and their friends will regret to hear of their misfortune. They only had two children, Margarette being the elder one.

BLUE WAGON MEBANE COTTON

I have a limited quantity of Blue Wagon Mebane second year cotton seed for sale at \$1.00 per bushel. Phone 4300. W. C. Wheeler, Ballinger, Texas. 5-31w*

NEW SHOW WINDOWS FOR THE HIGGINBOTHAM STORE

The show windows which span the entire front of the Higginbotham Bros. & Co. department store on Eighth Street are being rebuilt. New floors are being put in and the background of the show windows will be of glass, making it possible for people on the sidewalk to get a view of the interior of the store from the outside.

Be wise and advertise.

PARISH WOULD SERVE AGAIN

Judge O. L. Parish, member of the Texas legislature from this district, will in all probability return to the legislature, and his formal announcement will be forthcoming, according to a statement made when a Ledger reporter talked politics to him Tuesday.

"I will go back if my friends see fit to elect me," said Judge Parish, but he stated that he was not looking for a "scrap." Judge Parish stated that he was due to make a trip to Bronte on business in a few days, and that he would confer with friends there and at Paint Rock and if they thought he should serve a second term he would agree for his name to go before the voters.

Representative Parish was drafted into the office, having yielded to the demands made upon him by a lengthy petition two years ago, and his friends declare that his record in the legislature deserves that he be returned for a second term. He was looked upon as being one of the most conservative members of the last legislature, always considering measures fully before taking any stand on them, and putting forth his best efforts for the interest of his constituents and the state.

Strong pressure is being brought to bear on him to get in the running for the second term, and he has promised a definite answer within a short time.

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WINTERS VOTES 5 TO 1 FOR SCHOOL BONDS

The citizens of the Winters independent school district rallied to the polls Monday and rolled up a big majority for a \$110,000 school bond issue. The vote was 373 to 75.

The bonds will be converted into cash as quickly as possible and a new high school building made ready for the next term of school.

BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED AT ONCE

Miss Alice Morgan, Legion librarian, reports that so far she has been unable to get back a single book which was out when the American Legion re-opened the Carnegie Library. She has compiled a list of the missing volumes and readers have been notified to return them, but thus far without result.

All persons holding books that belong to the library are asked to return them at once. After a reasonable time other steps will be taken by the Legion authorities to get these books back. The list of books that are out are the best and most popular ones in the library and are needed badly.

Mrs. George McCulley came in Monday night from Brownwood to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Skinner.

SERVANT HOUSE ON 8TH BURNS

A servant's house at the rear of the residence of Mrs. R. P. Kirk on Eighth Street came near causing a destructive fire when it was ignited Monday night at 9:00 o'clock. The small house was in flames all over when the siren sounded and being in close proximity to several other houses and barns, it appeared for a while that the fire would spread.

The local fire department made a record run and within a few minutes after the alarm rang had two streams of water playing and soon made short work of the lapping flames.

A garage owned by Wm. Hill was practically afire, but was saved with only slight damage to the North side and a part of the roof.

The servant's house was occupied by Luvenia Nazy, and other colored people lived in the house with her. They had just left the house to go to the picture show, and it is believed that the fire started from a stove. The contents of the house were a total loss. Mrs. Kirk's loss was practically covered by insurance.

"I wish you would express my appreciation for the good work done by the fire boys," said Mrs. R. P. Kirk. Mrs. Kirk stated that the quick work prevented the fire from spreading and that the work of the fire company was highly appreciated. Mrs. Kirk presented her check for \$10 to the fire company.

Wm. Hill, whose property adjoining was in grave danger of being destroyed, also gave the fire company his check for \$5.

FRED MITCHELL SELLS EIGHTH STREET HOUSE

Mrs. Gus Noyes and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Middleton, were here from Brady Wednesday, and closed a deal in which Fred Mitchell sells the house and lot on the Guion corner on Eighth Street to Mr. and Mrs. Middleton. Mr. Mitchell had been here for several days perfecting details for making the deal.

The property was under lease to Walter Schuhmann for twelve months, and in order to make the transfer it was necessary to arrange for some moving. Mr. and Mrs. Middleton were recently married. Mrs. Middleton before her marriage being Miss Aileen Noyes, and they wanted posses-

sion of the house immediately. Mr. Middleton has accepted a position with the First National Bank.

J. D. Motley, who occupied the house adjoining the home just sold, will move as soon as he can get suitable quarters, and Mr. Schuhmann will move to the place vacated by Mr. Motley, and this will give possession of the property purchased by the Middletons. The change is expected to be made by March 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Coulter, of San Angelo, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Coulter Sunday.

S. H. Manuels, of the Maverick country, had business in Ballinger Monday.

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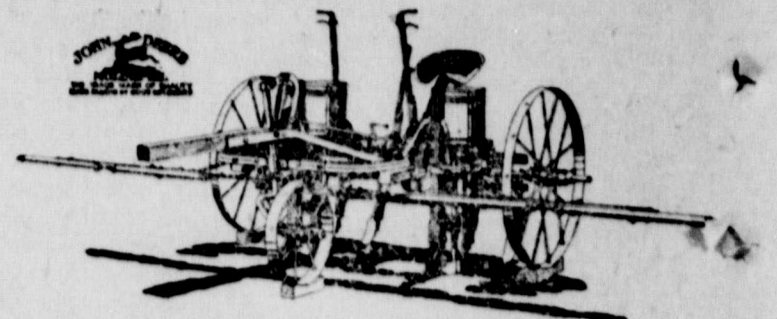
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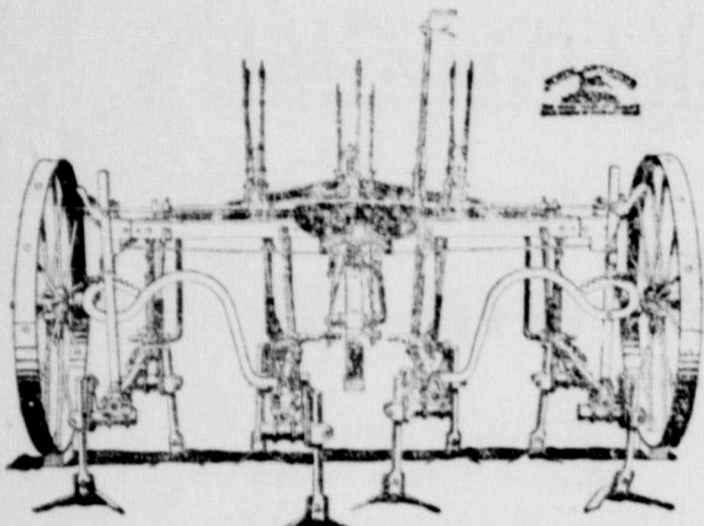
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FOR SALE—Pure bred, Rhode Island red, single comb, chickens and eggs. Cockerels \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00. Mrs. W. H. McCleathy, Eldorado, Texas. 12-2tw

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BETHEL NEWS

Rev. Roy C. Mitchell, of Abilene, filled his regular appointment at the Bethel Baptist church Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. Rev. Mitchell was accompanied by his wife and children.

Rev. McCorkle was expected to preach at the Bethel Baptist church Friday night. Owing to his failure to come Rev. Mitchell preached Friday night.

W. M. Jones and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones, of Norton, attended church at Bethel Sunday and visited friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Webb and son attended church at Bethel Sunday and visited Mrs. Webb's mother, Mrs. Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Carroll and children, of Ballinger, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Tullos and family.

Miss Alta Richardson was the guest of Misses Jossie and Edna Willie Roberson Saturday night and Sunday.

Milburn Harvey, who was ill with the flu several days last week, was able to be at church Sunday.

Dale, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee White, who recently was ill with catarrhal fever, suffered a relapse last week, also a light attack of pneumonia. The little fellow has been quite ill for several days, but it getting along nicely and it is thought he will

soon be up again.
Alvis and James Gale Leonard have been on the sick list, but both are reported better.
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SOUTH BALLINGER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. James Barron and daughter, Miss Demma, visited Dr. J. L. Barron and family and M. D. Barron and family at Wingate Sunday.

Newt Wardlaw, of Orange Grove, was here last week to join his wife and two children at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Mapes.

Mrs. J. M. Betterton, of San Angelo, is visiting her brothers, B. M. and Elmer Batts and families, and her sister, Mrs. Virgil McShann.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Murphy and family visited friends in Brady Sunday.

Miss Nina Barron visited in San Angelo Sunday.

Miss Jewel Smith, of Abilene, came in Saturday to spend Saturday to spend a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Smith, and returned to Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Midgley spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Midgley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Leach.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Munsey and children, and Mrs. R. E. Brown and daugh-

ters, Bessie and Corene, visited in San Angelo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Munsey gave a Valentine party at their home Saturday night. Old, young, big and little attended. Plenty of games and lots of fun was had. All enjoyed a splendid time.

Mrs. W. R. White is still on the sick list.

The eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Batts is quite ill.

Vernon Woods, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Cain, is still quite ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Brandek are the proud parents of a new boy.
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FARMER THANKFUL FOR HELP IN TIME OF NEED

R. L. Lucas was in the city from the Crews country Wednesday, and called at The Ledger office to get the paper to express for him and his family their appreciation for the kindness shown them in time of need. Mr. Lucas underwent an operation and was confined in the sanitarium for some time, and to add to his misfortune his home was destroyed by fire.

Mr. Lucas said that he could hardly find words to express his appreciation, and that he had

been made to feel that he was living among the best people in the world. He handed in the following note with the request that it be published:

"To the people of Crews, Talpa, Ballinger, and Mud Creek community:

"We want to express our appreciation for your assistance. While I was in the sanitarium and since our home burned money was given that amounted to \$427.15; \$179.90 from Crews, \$110.50 from Talpa and Mud Creek, and \$44.50 from Ballinger.

"A Bible, clothing, quilts, linens, cooking utensils and twenty-five bushels of cottonseed were contributed.

"We will always have the

deepest love for all you dear people. We think you are the best in the world, and we owe so much to you for our condition. It would have been bad without your help. We invite you to visit us in our home at any time. We feel near each of you and want to consider each of you as a close friend.

"That we may in some way repay you for your kindness and that you will always be blessed in the future is our wish.

"R. L. Lucas and Family."

Mrs. M. I. Armstrong came in Sunday from San Antonio to be at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. J. M. Cordell, who is seriously ill.

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