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HIGH GIRLS ARE EASY VICTORS

The Ballinger High School basketball club journeyed down to Santa Anna Saturday and defeated the basketball club of the high school there. The local girls had the advantage over the opponents at every stage of the game and won easily. The score was 18 to 3.

The day was rather cold, in fact, too cold for an outside basketball game. Nevertheless, the local delegation put up a decent game with the Santa Anna would be players. Ballinger goal players at every stage during the game, while the Santa Anna club dishd out a pretty bad showing compared with the local squad.

An effort is being made to get a game with the Santa Anna five on the Ballinger court next Saturday. The game has not been arranged as yet, although there is a possibility of its being matched within the next few days.

The Ballinger players at Santa Anna Saturday were: Edith Miller, Juliet Miller, Syble Truly, Grace Burrell, Gertrude Martain, Nell Penn, Freda Pagles, Ona Hartman, Hattie Miller, and Clara Steele.

VISIT TO NORTON

This reporter accompanied Rev. A. C. Smith and C. A. Doose in Mr. Doose's car to Norton Sunday and had the pleasure to worship at the Presbyterian Church with the good people of that village Sunday at 11 o'clock and at night. Rev. Smith preached two splendid sermons that were greatly enjoyed by the large crowd at each service. Those people have a flourishing Sunday School in splendid working shape and all take interest in the Master's cause.

We enjoyed the hospitality of J. R. Holloway and family at the noon hour and nice refreshments were served at the home of W. K. Lilly for supper, and we left for home after the night service feeling that it was good to have been with these splendid people during the day.

We are glad to note the small grain crop looking fairly well while some crops are looking dead and being plowed under, yet quite a number of the crops are still green and with a rain in the next few weeks an average crop will still be harvested, and we found the land in fine condition for planting all along the route traveled.

FEDERALS BUTCHER MEN AT LAS VARAS

Eagle Pass, Tex., March 22.—Every man in Las Vacas, Mexico opposite Del Rio, Texas, was killed or captured by Federals, who evacuated the town three days ago and returned for a surprise attack early this morning. The dead included eleven Constitutionalist soldiers, members of the small garrison which occupied the town after the departure of the civilians who had moved their Federals and probably half a dozen families back into the town when the rebels came.

After the battle the bodies of nine of the men killed were hung from trees on the banks of the Rio Grande in plain view of residents on the American side.

The attack this morning was a complete surprise and, coming just about dawn, found the little settlement totally unprepared for defense. Three days ago the Federals moved to San Carlos, twenty-five miles inland, on approach of a body of rebels, who occupied Las Vacas and left only fourteen men as a garrison. The Federals this morning surrounded the place, practically exterminated the garrison, killed several citizens and captured every other man.

ELECTED DELEGATE TO SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

At the Eighth Street Presbyterian Sunday school last Sunday John Thurman was elected delegate to the state Sunday school convention which meets in Fort Worth this week. Mr. Thurman stated that he would attend the convention.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

A. L. Kerley, of the Hatchel country, was marketing cotton in Ballinger Saturday and requested us to announce the M. E. Sunday School on Saturday before Easter being the 11th day of April, would give a picnic. The picnic will be held near Hatchel on the J. A. Davis place East of Hatchel on Bluff creek. Everybody cordially invited and the candidates have a special invitation to attend the event. Remember the day and date, Saturday April 11th, 1914.

J. J. Crockett and John Simmons, two of the prosperous citizens Southwest of Ballinger, were transacting business in the city Saturday afternoon.

METHODIST MAKE PLEASING PROGRESS

Attendance at S. S.222
 Collection \$6.37
 Enrolled 242
 Attendance 1 year ago 115
 Collection 1 year ago \$4.31

The writer copied the above from the blackboard at the Methodist church, giving the Sunday school report for last Sunday. As will be seen by the comparative report the attendance has nearly doubled during the last year, and shows that this Sunday school is making splendid progress, and speaks well for the superintendent Dr. W. W. Fowler, and the other officers and teachers of that wide awake Sunday school.

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever."—Heb 13:8.

With the above as a basis for his impressive words spoken from a sincere heart, in his sermon at the Methodist church Sunday night, Rev. W. H. Doss, the pastor, told of the immutable love of the ruler of the universe. Rev. Doss called the attention of his hearers to the wonderful changes that are continually taking place in this world, and how the body of man, wonderful as it is, changes and pointed out the changes wrought by the wonderful power of Christ, who himself remained changeless and was a refuge for changeful man in time of trouble.

In emphasizing the changes brought about in the world by Christ, the preacher referred to the Sunday school lesson for the day, and pointed out how the kingdom of God had grown, and called to mind the parable of the mustard seed and the leaven, and thus we can see that the religion of Jesus Christ has grown until today it is a force for good all over the world and is expanding for better things. In the changes made in man our points of view of Jesus Christ change, but He remains the same.

Rev. Doss emphasized the comforts to man found in the immutable Christ. The unchanging love, the steady refuge, and the impartial way which God's love shines upon man. His love shines on every one alike, and it is man's failure to respond to his changeless love that causes the lives of such men to grow dark.

The promises of Christ are changeless. He fulfills the promises the same yesterday, and today, and forever. In order to enjoy the love, and the refuge of the immutable Christ, man must adopt himself to God's terms of dealing with sin. When man does this he can rest upon the three great pillars of the immutable Christ: power, love and grace."

CLOSED LAND DEAL

Dr. Liggett, J. H. Nease and Will Gallia of Rowena, were in Ballinger Saturday and closed the deal in which B. B. Westbrook sells to Dr. Liggett 320 acres of improved land near Rowena Messrs. Nease and Gallia consummated the deal and left for their home Saturday afternoon. These two gentlemen have formed a partnership in the real estate business at Rowena and are closing some very nice deals the past few weeks.

District Attorney Walter Early of Brownwood, who is attending District Court in our city, spent Sunday at home and returned Monday to be at his post of duty in the court this week.

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BASEBALL GAME FOR TUESDAY

The second baseball game of season will be played Tuesday afternoon on the local grounds between the Ballinger High School and the Town Club. The Town Club is composed of a bunch of ball players who have attended college and who are spending the spring months in Ballinger. Many of them are holding down good jobs but they are willing to risk their positions to buck up against the real article of school ball at Wooden park.

The game has been called for 4:15 o'clock and it is hoped by the managers of the High School delegation that a good attendance will be present to give encouragement to both sides. The Rooters Club of the school has consented

to turn out in a body to cheer their favorites to victory and it remains for the sympathizers of the town bunch to do the necessary yelling for the other crowd.

Captain Luther Mangum, of the B. H. S. says he is working his crowd better this season than ever before. Not a day passes unless it is extremely cold as during the last part of last week, that the school boys do not romp over the diamond at Wooden park in preparation for some game. A strenuous afternoon is being spent today by the students.

The Town Club is composed of McGregor, C. Penn, Stocks, Francis, N. Penn, Thurman, Smith, Mangum, and some other good players. It's a rattling good lineup and one that will make things hum with the school lads.

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R. C. Henniger of the Hatchel country, and W. T. Forbus of the Norton country, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

E. Koeblich of the Pony Creek country, was transacting business in Ballinger Saturday.

The Mother's Favorite.

A cough medicine for children should be harmless. It should be pleasant to take. It should be effectual. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is all of this and is the mothers' favorite everywhere. For sale by all dealers.

John T. Russell, one of the pioneer and successful citizens of the Pony Creek country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

C. J. Doerr who represents C. M. Stanley in his irrigation work at Miles, came in Monday morning to look after business affairs in Ballinger a day or two.

The following gentlemen of Miles, came in Monday morning to attend District Court: Judge W. D. Jennings, H. W. Bigler, C. C. Cidwell, I. A. Currie, Abner Perry and H. I. Childress.

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CANNIBALS FEAST ON CON-SIGNMENT OF TEACHERS

Sydney, N. S. W., March 22.—Natives in the north of Malekula Island of the New Hebrides group have murdered and eaten six native teachers from the Walla Island mission station.

One needs a good cleansing, purifying tonic-physic after the indoor confinement of winter. Take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, nature's best, no harmful dope Strong, but pure and helpful. The Walker Drug Co.

E. V. Bateman left Sunday for Waco, where he goes on business and stated that he would hear what ex-Governor Patterson, who is billed to speak in Waco tonight, has to say for the good of the cause.

J. E. Kevil of the Marie country, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

We are sorry to note that S. W. Dunn, the transfer man, had the misfortune to fall Saturday afternoon and broke his right arm badly.

J. C. York of the Talpa country had business in Ballinger and returned home Monday morning.

W. W. Poe and T. A. Puchert of the Wingate-Wilmeth country were transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

L. W. Compton and Mr. McCary, of the Spring Hill neighborhood, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

We were glad to see Buck Shields able to be back at his place again Monday and is regaining his usual good health since the operation for appendicitis a few weeks ago.

J. G. Key, who is traveling for a grocery firm, came in Saturday to spend a few days with home folks and Ballinger friends.

Joe Nash came in from Dallas Saturday to spend a few days with relatives and Ballinger friends and to recuperate from a right severe spell of la grippe.

Herman Atken one of the substantial citizens of the Old Runnels country, was among the visitors in Ballinger Saturday.

J. H. Simmons of the Brownwood Marble Works, after a few days visit in our city in the interest of his firm, left for his home Saturday afternoon.

John Yerby left Saturday afternoon to visit friends at Mullin and other points in East Texas for a few weeks.

Tom Watkins came up from Brady Saturday and spent Sunday here, and was accompanied home by his wife and baby, who were here with Mrs. Watkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Allen.

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J. H. Wilke, returned home Saturday from an extended business trip to Temple and other points east.

Tol Proctor, of the Wilmeth country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Miller and their daughter, Mrs. Hood, of Winters, came in Sunday and are guests of Mrs. Miller's sister, Mrs. Mike C. Boyd and family.

J. F. White, one of the substantial citizens of the Truitt country was among the visitors in Ballinger Monday.

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Editor Kubela, of Rowena, had business in Ballinger a few hours Monday.

T. J. Bryant, Jim Mitchell, Lonnie Baldwin and H. L. Chapman, of Winters were attending District court in Ballinger Monday.

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To neglect a cough or cold is always a hazardous act. A cold so often goes down on the lungs, and the cough that follows may easily be a symptom of bronchitis, pleurisy, or even pneumonia. Coughing frequently follows at tacks of la grippe, and if severe and persistent is a tax on the system that weakens the vital resistance. Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is an effective medicine for coughs and colds, is a perfect demulcent that may be relied upon for quick relief. A man named A. R. Ellison, Taylor, Wis., writes "I make a point of recommending Foley Honey and Tar Compound to all those needing a certain and safe cure from coughs and colds." For Sale by All Dealers. 2-9-16-23-30.

M. H. Benson, of the Brownwood country, passed through Ballinger Monday en route to Winters on a short business trip.

Judge J. P. Cogdill and Joe Turner, of Winters, were in the city between trains Monday and Mr. Turner informed us that he would move to Ballinger the first of next week to make home.

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B. F. Gain, of Hatchel, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Monday.

Roscoe DeMerville had business at San Angelo between trains Monday.

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Congressman Standish and the woman, believing themselves in love, spend a trial week as man and wife in a hotel in northern New York, under assumed names. The woman awakens to the fact that she does not love Standish and calls their engagement off. Standish protests undying devotion.

CHAPTER II—Wanda Kelly, telephone girl at the Hotel Keswick, Washington, is loved by Tom Blake, son of the political boss of the house. He proposes marriage and is refused.

CHAPTER III—She gives as one of the reasons her determination to get revenge on Jim Blake for ruining her father, Congressman Frank E. Kelly. Congressman Standish, turned insurgent, is fighting the Mullins bill, a measure in the interests of the railroads. The machine is seeking means to discredit Standish in the hope of pushing the bill through.

CHAPTER IV—Robertson, son-in-law of Jim Blake and the latter's candidate for speaker of the house, tries to win Standish over, and failing, threatens to dig into his past.

CHAPTER V—Jim Blake finds out about the episode of five years back at the northern New York hotel. He secures all the facts except the name of the woman and proposes to allow the Mullins bill to pass.

CHAPTER VI—Tom Blake and his father have a family row over the father's political theories. Jim Blake sends for Standish.

CHAPTER VII—He lays a trap to secure the name of the woman. He tells Miss Kelly that he is going to have a talk with Standish and that at its conclusion the latter will call up a number on the telephone to warn the woman. He offers Miss Kelly \$100 for that number.

Continued from Yesterday.

CHAPTER VIII.

The Trap is Sprung.

There was a pause. Neither man seemed desirous to be first to return to the attack. The buzz of the city crept in from outside. The half-stilled rhythm of the dining-room orchestra reached them in snatches.

Standish got to his feet; slowly and more like a very old man than one in his prime. But he looked down with crass stolidity at his tormentor. And in his deep tones there was more of sorrow than of nervous dread.

"Mr. Blake," he said, "there's one point I can't quite grasp. Even your

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- For County Judge: M. KLEBERG.
- For County Treasurer: W. L. BROWN.
- For County Clerk: O. L. PARISH, C. C. COCKRELL.
- For District Clerk: JOHN THOMASON, GEO. M. STOKES, Miss MARY PHILLIPS.
- For Tax Collector: T. L. TODD, M. D. CHASTAIN, EDWIN DAY, W. T. PADGETT.
- For County Attorney: C. P. SHEPHERD.
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 1: FEB M. WILLIAMS.
- For County Superintendent: J. N. KEY, S. C. HARRIS, E. L. HAGAN.
- For Constable Precinct No. 1: CHARLIE EISENHUTH.

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- For City Alderman: C. H. WILLINGHAM, JNO. A. WEEKS, W. L. ELLIS, W. C. JONES.

admiration for my worthy qualities and your very kind desire to save me trouble, can not wholly explain your action in telling me. Why are you giving away your hand like this?"

Blake looked pained. "Can't a man do a decent thing for once," he grumbled, "without having his motives picked apart?"

"I'm afraid not—in your case," answered Standish.

"All right," agreed Blake in no whit chagrined. "Let's look at it from a business standpoint, then. If you'll decide suddenly to let this Mullins bill pass, and if you'll support Mark Robertson for the speakership, everything will be perfectly smooth and harmonious. And we won't have to use these painful means—"

"Oh, I see. A bargain?"

"One that you won't lose by," said Blake. "A mighty good one, since it saves you your political skin, instead of forcing us to nail it to the barn."

Despite his confidence Blake was vaguely worried. He knew men, as a pianist knows his key-board. And now a subtle intuition, quite at variance with all his keen logic, warned him that Standish was not in the least frightened by the threat of political death. Knowing the insurgent's high ambitions as he did, Blake could not account for this absence of terror. So, feeling his way, he shifted to the other tack.

"The woman, too," he added. "Think of her!"

He grinned under his sparse mustache. For again he saw Standish's hands clench. And he knew he had struck the one right note.

"Yes," went on Blake. "Think of the woman! She's walking blindly, unsuspectingly, right straight into the trap we've set for her. It'll be hell for her. Pure, unadulterated, sky-blue hell. If she's got a husband or kids or parents it'll blacken the whole world for them all. Oh, don't make us do this thing, man! Think it over. Don't decide in a rush. Take your time. By eleven o'clock or so I'll have her name. Then it will be early enough for you to tell me your decision. You'll find me somewhere about the hotel, if I'm not over at the Capitol. Good-by."

He strolled off toward the dining-room. As he passed Wanda he glanced covertly at her through his lowered lids. She was raptly absorbed in the novel she was reading. And her dainty lower jaw moved slowly up and down in a gum-chewing cadence that bespoke years of practice.

Standish watched Blake out of sight. His face, now that the mask was no longer needful, worked almost grotesquely. And his swarthy skin was a pallid yellow. He looked like a pugilist who tries dazedly to rise after a knock-out.

He was thinking rapidly; despite his daze. After a moment or two he crossed hastily to the telephone switchboard.

"Get me a New York wire, please," he said, looking nervously down the corridor, "as quickly as you can."

As he spoke he was running over the pages of one of the telephone books on the desk. Wanda drove a plug into the switchboard and droned:

"H'lo! Long distance? That you, Jessie? This is Wanda. Say, get me a New York wire—on the jump, please. Yes. Oh, have you? Good! Let the other party wait, and give it to me, won't you? Thanks. I've got one already," she added, glancing over her shoulder at Standish. "What number, please?"

"One thousand and one, Plaza," he answered, looking up from the directory.

"Plaza one—o—o—one!" she droned into the transmitter. "Any name, Mr. Standish?"

"No," he answered huskily. "Just the number."

"A'ri! Here you are—number one booth, please. H'lo New York!" she continued into the transmitter, shoving a plug in and out of the switchboard three or four times. "Plaza one—o—o—one. Yes, Plaza one—o—o—ONE!"

Standish had gone to the first of the numbered booths. At its door he paused.

"Miss Kelly," said he, "would you mind taking that receiver off your head while I'm telephoning?"

"Certainly," she answered in evident ill-temper at the slur implied by the request.

She carefully removed and hung up the metal crescent that held the receiver to her left ear. Standish had closed the booth door and, from the corner of her eye, Wanda could see him through the glass pane, speaking into the transmitter. But she had barely noted the first movement of his lips when Blake and Mark Robertson appeared from the dining-room. She turned her attention to them.

Blake glanced unobtrusively toward the row of telephone booths and his half-shut eyes lighted ever so little as he made out Standish's figure behind the glass. But he made no other sign that he noted the successful springing of the trap he had so painstakingly set. In fact, he was talking interestingly to Robertson on indifferent topics.

"Tom tells me," Wanda heard him

say, "that Grace is coming down."

"Yes," answered Robertson, his face brightening at mention of his wife's name, either tonight or tomorrow



"You're Sure the Number Will Give You the Clue to the Woman?"

morning. And that reminds me: I meant to call her up and ask which I want to meet her at the station. Miss Kelly," he went on, "can you get me a New York wire?"

"Yes, sir," said Wanda; "but it'll take a few minutes to get the connection."

"All right," replied Robertson, as she busied herself amid the labyrinth of switchboard plugs, "I'll wait here for it."

He stopped as Standish came out of the booth and laid down a bill for Wanda to change. Robertson, the happy light of anticipation dying out of his face at sight of his foe, turned his back ostentatiously upon him. Nor did he speak again till Standish had gone away. Then he looked around, to find his father-in-law in eager conversation with the telephone operator.

"Well," Blake was saying, "could you hear anything?"

"No," answered Wanda, still deeply offended at Standish's request. "Not a word. He made me hang up the receiver."

"Huh!" grunted Blake. "He's got more sense than I thought. But the number? You got the number, of course. Didn't you?"

"Oh, yes," she returned, "I got the number, all right."

Blake unceremoniously reached over the rail and picked up the pad on which a list of numbers was jotted down.

"Is that the one?" he asked, pointing to the last number inscribed there.

"Oh, no," said Wanda, recovering her pad and laying it back in its place on the desk, with a little slam to emphasize Blake's rudeness in taking it away. "That isn't the one. I'm leaving the line blank, so I can fill in the number later. It's too valuable to put on paper—just yet."

"You're a born diplomat," he approved, a trifle grudgingly. "Well, what was the number?"

"Just a minute," she interrupted. "Wasn't there a question of—of—?"

"Of a thousand dollars for you. Yes, there was. That goes?"

"Does it?" she queried sweetly. "Not with me, it doesn't."

"Look here, young woman!" snarled Blake, his habitual calm giving place to a sort of vulpine savagery. "Don't you try to hold me up! If you do you'll find you've got a wildcat by the tail!"

"Dear me!" she cried in pretty terror. "Well, I'll—I'll have to think it over. Here's your New York wire, Governor Robertson," she called to Mark. "What was the number you wanted, please?"

Robertson came across to the rail. "Get Mrs. Robertson—my wife—on the phone," said he. "If she's not in, get one of the servants. I—"

"You didn't tell me the number," she reminded him.

"Oh," he laughed. "Careless of me! I forgot I wasn't talking to my secretary. He generally calls up my New York home for me. The number is 'Plaza one—double o—one.'"

There was an imperceptible pause. A momentary contraction of Wanda's throat. Then, in her everlasting professional monotone she droned into the receiver:

"H'lo! New York? Plaza one—o—o—one!"

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Chas. H. Fletcher
In Use For Over 30 Years
The Kind You Have Always Bought
THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

J. A. Brice, of the Wingate country, passed through Ballinger Monday at noon en route home from Fort Worth where he had been to attend the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. in its annual state meeting.

Hamil Ward returned home Sunday night from San Saba where he had been on business and a visit to relatives and friends the past week.

The Forty Year Test.
An article must have exceptional merit to survive for a period of forty years. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was first offered to the public in 1872. From a small beginning it has grown in favor and popularity until it has attained a world wide reputation. You will find nothing better for a cough or cold. Try it and you will understand why it is a favorite after a period of more than forty years. It not only gives relief—it cures. For sale by all dealers.

Jack Nichols, the market man left Monday at noon for San Angelo to look after cattle business a few days.

Charlie Castor, the brick and cement contractor, returned home Saturday afternoon from the West, where he has been on business the past few days.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.
Frank J. Cheney.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.
(Seal) A. W. Gleason,
Notary Public.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

D. E. Caudle of the Jamison neighborhood, returned home Saturday afternoon from a business trip to Midland, and Mr. Caudle reports that section in fairly good shape.

J. M. Garlington had business at Rowena between trains Saturday.

Mrs. Oscar Holliday, of Hatchel was shopping and visiting friends in Ballinger Saturday.

Dr. Leggett and J. H. Neas, of Miles, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday a few hours.

RUBBER STAMPS FOR YOU.
It makes no difference what kind of a rubber stamp you use, we can supply them and save you money on the deal. Our stamp catalogue will be delivered to you upon request. Every stamp guaranteed to be what you want, or no pay. THE BALLINGER PRINTING CO. 2td

Tom Brown, of Hylton, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday.

J. M. King of Concho, was transacting business in Ballinger last Friday afternoon.

RAGS WANTED Quick bring us some clean cotton rags, and get the cash for them. The Ledger office.

M. F. Watson, one of the highly esteemed farmers of the Hatchel country, was transacting business in Ballinger Monday and says most of his oat crop is still looking well, though he fears he will have to plow under 35 or 40 acres that are nearly dead. He says quite a number have already plowed under the crops and will plant in other crops.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Edsall and Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Williams of Spring Creek, Throckmorton County, came in Sunday night and will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Steele, of West End, for a few weeks. Madames Edsall and Williams are daughters of Mrs. Steele.

Leroy Nicholson, who had been visiting home folks and friends returned to Brownwood Monday morning to resume his school duties at the Howard-Payne College.

J. D. Norwood, the insurance man, left Monday morning for Coleman where he goes to look after the interest of his company for a few days.

Madams R. W. Steele and C. C. Cockrell returned home Monday from down the river where they spent the past few days with relatives and friends and enjoyed a fishing trip while gone.

German Coffee Cake

Made Without Yeast
By Mrs. Janet McKenzie Hill, Editor of the Boston Cooking School Magazine.
There is no warm bread quite as appropriate for Sunday morning breakfast as German Coffee Cake, yet it is seldom made by housewives who do not bake their own bread. If K C double raise Baking Powder is used it will be just as good as if raised with yeast and it will have the further advantage of being fresh and warm. Save this recipe and try it next Sunday.

K C German Coffee Cake
Two and one-fourth cups sifted flour; 3 level teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder; 1 level teaspoonful salt; 2 tablespoonfuls melted butter; 2 tablespoonfuls sugar; 1 egg; milk.



Sift dry ingredients together, beat the egg, add milk and butter to the egg to make one and one-quarter cups; stir all together with inverted spoon to a stiff batter. Turn into biscuit pan and spread even. Brush top lightly with melted butter. Sprinkle sugar and ground cinnamon over the top. Bake in moderate oven.

Dutch Apple Cake or Prune Kuchen can be made with this same batter by covering the top with pared and sliced apples, or cooked prunes with the pits removed, skin sides down. Dredge with sugar and cinnamon the same as for Coffee Cake.

"The Cook's Book" contains 90 just such delicious recipes. You can secure a copy free by sending the colored certificate packed in 25-cent cans of K C Baking Powder to the Jacques Mfg. Co., Chicago, being sure to write your name and address plainly.

SOCIETY

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Miss Louise Doss, Editor

Birthday Celebration.

Mrs. A. W. Sledge entertained a number of little folks Thursday afternoon at her home on Broadway, to celebrate the sixth birthday of her little daughter Nettie Routh. The house was bright with ferns and spring flowers. The dining room presented an unusually pretty scene, the central ornament of the lace covered table being a large birthday cake with six candles. The afternoon was pleasantly passed in games suited to children, after which delicious refreshments of ice cream and cones and cake were served. Those present were: Cathleen Woods, Eugenia Backins, Jennie and Francis Griggs, Dorris Conn, Emma Alice Walker, Elizabeth and Carrie Vandevanter, Myrtle Sue Norwood, Robert Lee Maddox, Mary Lue Wade, Evelyn Sheppard, Celeste Davis, Billie and Johana Globér, Dorothy and Katherine Penn, Sarah Hopkinson, Lois Morgan, Clara Marguerite Giesecke, Marguerite and

PRINCESS THEATRE

One Night Only
MARCH 25th

The Celebrated
SCHUBERT SYMPHONY CLUB
and LADY QUARETTE

Assisted by the famous Entertainer

Miss Hazel Corby

and the American Violin Virtuoso

Thomas Valentine Purcell

A MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT of the greatest excellence, enjoyable alike to the musician and the masses

Prices: 75c. Schools 35c

DON'T MISS THIS TREAT

Seats on Sale at Walker Drug Company

Merry Spring Time Is Here

And you should paint those old building; **DE VOE** is the paint to use--handled by us. We handle a full line of screen doors, to keep out those pesky flies.

THE BALLINGER LUMBER CO.

C. A. Doose, Hattie May Dunlap, Francis May Smith, Ludie Howe of New Mexico.

Lucky Thirteen Club.

Miss Bertha Rasbury was hostess Saturday afternoon of the Thirteen Club. Embroidery was the principal diversion of the afternoon an impromptu musical programme was given and a salad course was served. Those present were: Misses Beulah Kendall, Nell Alexander, Mamie Gregory, Lois Crews, Lena Belle Doss, Lucy Minor Crofford, Bettie Miller, Etta Hutton, Louise Doss and Bertha Van Pelt. The club will meet next Saturday with Miss Lena Belle Doss.

"Beau Not" Club.

Miss Bettie Miller delightfully entertained the "Beau Not" Club Tuesday afternoon from three to six, at her home on Seventh street. In the reception room a profusion of spring flowers were used and in the hall were a number of tropical plants. Auction bridge was played the score cards being in attractive hand painted design. Delicious afternoon refreshments were served on the card tables to the following members: Misses Etta Hutton, Florence Westbrook, Lois Crews, Winnie Trail, Bertha Van Pelt, Lucy Minor Crofford, Nell Alexander and Mrs. Harold Tucker.

Mrs. Francis Hostess.

An enjoyable event of last Wednesday afternoon was the "42" party given by Mrs. J. W. Francis at her home on Murrell street. The attractive home was beautifully decorated for the occasion with quantities of spring flowers, palms and ferns. Progressive "42" was played at four tables, the score cards being in old colonial style. Later elegant refreshments were served. The guests were: Mesdames Scott Maek, R. W. Bruce, M. Kleberg, Frank Miller, H. Giesecke, J. K. Hutton, Ben S. Long, Jno. Lovelass, Sam Baker, T. V. Bateman, Jno. I. Guion, Oscar Pearson, Me Alpine, Ransom, Townsend and Hammock.

Evening Entertainment.

Miss Ione Cockrell delightfully entertained Wednesday evening to compliment, her Sunday school class at her home on Broad street. The house was prettily decorated with potted plants, vines and flowers. The evening was spent in playing parlor games and refreshments consisting of strawberries and whipped cream were served. All went away thanking their hostess for a most enjoyable evening. Those present were: Misses Juliet Miller, Ruth Davis, Clara Steel, Stella Bateman, Nell Lankford, Ida Ray Cockrell and Rev. A. C. Smith.

RECIPES OF OUR PIONEER MOTHERS.

For the home treatment of disease where wonderfully dependable. True, they knew nothing of drugs, but owed their success to the roots, herbs and barks of the field. It is interesting to note that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, the most successful remedy for female ills we have, was originally prepared for home use from one of these recipes. Its fame has now spread from shore to shore, and thousands of American women now well and strong claim they owe their health and happiness to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Maddox, who reside south of Ballinger on the 18th, a boy.

MISS MARY PHILLIPS ANNOUNCES.

To My Friends and The Voters of Rummels County:

In coming before you for reelection to the office of District Clerk of Rummels County, I do not feel like "a stranger in a strange land". The pleasant association I have enjoyed while serving you as your District Clerk makes me feel that I am at home among you. And it is in this spirit that I want to thank each of you for the many favors and courtesies shown me in the past and the encouragement given me in my work; for without your support and kindly co-operation my efforts would have been in vain.

I have endeavored to give you the best service I was capable of in performing the duties enumerated upon me, discharging such duties that may come under my care and protection without fear or favor. My work is open for inspection to all and the deciding ballot is in your hands to say whether or not I shall continue to serve you in the future as I have the past, with such improvements as I may be able to make under the laws governing the same.

If you feel that my work can meet with your approval; and your decision in the July Primary is in my favor, I assure you that my future efforts shall be to serve you faithfully and conscientiously, ever discharging the work of the office to the very best of my ability. Which confidence and trust I shall ever try to prove most worthy of.

Gratefully and sincerely yours
MARY PHILLIPS.

Capt. A. D. Tally, one of the pioneer and highly esteemed citizens of Crews, was in the city Monday on a visit to his son W. A. Tally and family and to look after business affairs.

Mrs. Ed Day's class of Methodist Sunday school will serve candy, Saturday, March 28th, at Walker Drug Co. 23-6d

R. J. Queen, J. W. Young, W. P. King, and W. C. Hammons, of the Crews country, and J. L. Humphreys, the Crews merchant were attending District court in Ballinger Monday.

RADFORD, VA. MAN.

Rundown and Nervous, Restored to Health by Vinol.

A. D. Robinson, Radford, Va. says: "I was all run down in health, had no appetite and was so nervous I could not sleep at night. Vinol was recommended to me and after using one bottle I noticed an improvement. Continuing its use I was completely restored to health. The nervousness is all gone, I can get a good night's sleep and have a hearty appetite. I can recommend Vinol to anyone who suffers as I did."

Vinol is the greatest body builder and strength creator we know of. The curative elements of the cod's liver, added by the blood-making, strengthening properties of tonic iron contained in Vinol, restore the lacking ingredients to the blood and the result is health, strength and vigor. If you need building up try a bottle of Vinol with the understanding that your money will be returned if it does not help you. The Walker Drug Co., Ballinger Texas.

P. S. If you have Eczema try our Saxo Salve. We guarantee it.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wilmeth of the New Home neighborhood were shopping in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

This is the season of listlessness, headaches and Spring disorders. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is a sure preventative. Makes you strong and vigorous. 35 cents Tea or Tablets. The Walker Drug Co.

C. M. Doyle, one of the successful Valley creek farmers was supplying in Ballinger Monday.

MILES PEOPLE MAKE RABBIT DRIVE

Miles, Tex., March 21.—Another big rabbit hunt was pulled off Friday beyond the river from Miles near the irrigated farms of John Haley and G. H. Reed. About forty guns were in use and in a four mile drive 500 jack rabbits were killed. A coyote tried to sneak by, but was apprehended by one of the hunters and bit the dust. The drive was made in a heavy timbered section of mesquite and cat-claw, the rabbits having collected there for protection from the elements, the day being rather cool. Hunts of this kind are regarded as the only sure means of ridding the country of these pests, which now threaten the total destruction of the range, as well as all crops.

"THE OLD RELIABLE"
PLANTEN'S C & C OR BLACK CAPSULES
REMEDY FOR MEN.
AT YOUR DRUGGIST.

Mrs. Maud Davis of Winters, was the guest of her cousin Mrs. T. J. Stocks Sr. and family Friday and left on the afternoon train for Killeen to visit her grandmother, Mrs. W. F. Garrison a few days.

Chronic Stomach Trouble Cured

There is nothing more discouraging than a chronic disorder of the stomach. It is not surprising that many suffer for years with such an ailment when a permanent cure is within their reach and may be had for a trifle? "About one year ago," says P. H. Beck, of Wakelee, Mich., "I bought a package of Chamberlain's Tablets, and since using them I have felt perfectly well. I had previously used any number of different medicines, but none of them were of any lasting benefit." For sale by all dealers.

Judge C. O. Harris, of San Angelo, Judge B. B. Stone of Fort Worth and Woodward and Snodgrass, of Coleman, were among the visiting attorneys who came in Monday to look after legal business in the district court this week.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Texas testimonials with each bottle. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists. 312d

Prof. Leslie Fowler who teaches near Winters, and Prof. Emmett Cockrell who teaches at Jamison, were among the teachers who spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks and friends.

Eczema, Ring Worm, Itching, and Tetter.

Sold under a positive guarantee to refund the purchase price if it does not cure itch, ringworm, tetter and all other skin diseases. Ask any druggist and read the positive guarantee that goes with each package. Price 50c. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman Texas.

W. L. Hambright, one of the successful citizens of the Norton country, handed the circulator the silver to keep his paper coming and said you are getting out one of the best weekly papers in Texas, and the best the county has ever given its readers.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Hooper*



Alf Ten Eyeke of the Tennyson country, one of the old time cow men of this section, was looking after business affairs in Ballinger Saturday.

Remodeling Restaurant.

Will re-open my restaurant on 8th street in good shape as soon as building is worked over, possibly by Saturday, March 28th. Will have everything clean and up-to-date and room enough to accommodate the public in good style, with the very best the market affords in every line.

Very respectfully,
LOUIE STROBLE

G. W. Vandlanding, and J. F. Dean of the Spring Hill neighborhood, were among the business visitors in Ballinger Saturday afternoon.

What is Good for Headache?

One lady says, after suffering dreadfully for about seven years she tried Hunt's Lightning Oil, which almost instantly relieved her, and has been entirely free from those dreadful headaches since. Ask your druggist.

Abner Perry and H. W. Bigler, of Miles, came in Friday afternoon to look after business affairs in our city between trains.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND.
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbons. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS for 20 years known as Best, Safest & Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

What's the matter?
I Should Be Your Tailor,

Because I am prepared to turn out anything in the Tailoring line.

I have employed a skilled workman who can take your suit, coat suit, or anything you want cleaned, pressed, or remade and fix it up any way you may wish. I am prepared to make your clothes or remodel anything. A trial is all I ask and you should try us once and be convinced that I turn out only the best kind of work. All work handled in a clean sanitary way, in a shop well equipped for doing anything in the Tailoring line. I need your patronage and you need my work. Clothes promptly called for and delivered. Call me up when in need of good tailoring. Again I say that am prepared to do anything and solicit a fair share of your patronage. I also call your attention to the fact that I am exclusive representative of the largest Tailoring house in the world, the house of, Ed. V. Price & Co., Chicago, Ill.

W. H. Roark, The Tailor
"Nuf Sed"