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AUSTIN GRAND JURY IS PROBING BRIBE CHARGE

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, March 18.—Arising from his sick bed, Judge James Hamilton today instructed the Travis county grand jury, which was called to convene in special session, to investigate thoroughly the charges of bribery which George Boring, member of the grand jury, and Harris Bell, city recorder for the city of Austin, have made against each other. Judge Hamilton urged the grand jury to return indictments if it found evidence calculated to sustain or warrant convictions. Boring charged that Bell tried to bribe him, and in turn Bell charged that Boring voluntarily offered to accept a bribe to quash an alleged indictment which Boring claimed that the grand jury was about to return against Bell.

WACO, March 18.—Former Governor Pat M. Neff, when informed today that it was reported that the engagement between his daughter, Miss Maude Neff, and Harris Bell, corporation judge at Austin, had been broken, declined to make any comment.

CITRUS NOW DEMANDING NOTICE NEAR LAREDO


(By Associated Press)
LAREDO, March 18.—While the farmers here are making preparations for the shipment of one of the largest Bermuda onion crops grown in this section, people of Laredo are turning their attention to the citrus fruit crop. The citrus fruit crop is expected, within a few years, to rival the onion crop. Since the first of March the setting out of citrus trees has been in full swing. Many local residents are using the trees to beautify the yards of their residences. Considerable acreage beyond the city limits is also being devoted to the citrus trees. It is estimated that close to 50,000 citrus trees will be planted this spring.

The Laredo Citrus Fruit Growers Association, recently organized, is planning to have expert citrus growers look after the citrus trees. During the past season many orange, grape fruit, tangerine and lemon trees were so heavily laden that they had to be supported by props to prevent breaking of the limbs. The date palm is another popular fruit tree with Laredo residents. This past winter a number of palms in this city bore from 900 to 1,300 pounds of dates. The large palm on Jarvis Plaza last season produced more than 1,300 pounds of dates which were cured and sent to persons in all parts of the country as a sample of what this section is capable of producing.

LADS JAILED FOR STEALING LEAD

Two local lads were placed in jail Wednesday afternoon, and charges filed against them for theft. It is alleged that the lads stole one hundred pounds of lead from the city water works department, and sold it to a local plumber for about half price. The boys were still in jail at a late hour Thursday.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS



I hate the man who boasts that he works with his head instead of his hands. The woodpecker does that and he is our greatest bore.

COL. COOLIDGE NEARING DEATH

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 18.—President Calvin Coolidge, accompanied by Mrs. Coolidge, Attorney General Sargent, and Dr. James Coupal, the White House physician, will leave Washington this afternoon to go to the bedside of the president's father, Col. John Coolidge, at Plymouth, Vermont. They are due to arrive at the Vermont homestead of the Coolidges' early tomorrow.

PLYMOUTH, Vt., March 18.—Colonel John Coolidge, father of President Calvin Coolidge, has from twenty-four to forty-eight hours to live, his physician, Dr. Albert Cram, said today.

The aged father of the president has suffered two severe heart attacks since yesterday. Early today a severe attack occurred and Col. Coolidge's pulse reached a beat of 140. Dr. Cram was called and soon after his visit President Coolidge was informed by long distance telephone of his father's grave condition.

The physician said, soon after talking to the White House, that the president was expected to arrive before tomorrow morning. He said that his patient might lose his slight hold on life at any moment. Col. Coolidge is nearing his eighty-first birthday, having been born on March 31, 1845.

DAN MOODY VISITS ABILENE "FRIENDS"

"I haven't decided as to the opening of my campaign and as for discussing politics I don't believe there is anything that I can say just now," declared Attorney General Dan Moody, candidate for governor, here Wednesday afternoon.

The attorney general arrived from Austin at noon Wednesday for a visit with friends here. He made his formal announcement for governor ten days ago and plans to conduct an active campaign throughout the state prior to the July primaries. The first speech he has made since his announcement for governor was Monday night at Waco before the Men's Brotherhood of the Austin Street Methodist Church. No reference to politics was made in that speech—Abilene Reporter.

Modesty for home folks probably prompted the Reporter not to state what Mr. Moody's real mission in Abilene was. Within the not far distant future he is to wed Miss Mildred Paxton, of Abilene.

Bases Mission School Fund on Old Confederate Stamps
LEXINGTON, Va., March 17.—Confederate postage stamps, cast into the discard when they lost their market value following the war between the states, are to provide funds for the building of an American mission school in the interior of China.

James L. Howe, Jr., an instructor in the missionary college at Hang-Chow, is in this country collecting the stamps from the sale of which he proposes to raise \$2,500 to found a school for boys in the nearly inaccessible interior town of Kintehchen. A wealthy Philadelphia stamp collector has agreed to buy all the stamps.

Milk is healthy and besides the bottles are handy things for throwing at burglars. There's so much to worry about it's impossible to finish, so there isn't really any use in starting.

One sign of spring is when the clerk looks up as if he wonders who let a customer in.

Denton Has \$70,000 Fire Loss; Blaze Starts in Tailor Shop



Events in the Lives of Little Men

Texas Fourth in Population; 117,135,817 in the States

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 18.—The population of continental United States will be 117,135,817 by July 1st, the Census Bureau estimated today. This will be an increase of 11,426,197 since the last federal enumeration in 1920. The bureau places the increase in Texas at 650,000 for the period since the last census was taken. This would place the estimated population of Texas at 5,312,651 on next July 1st.

Texas still maintains her position as the fifth state in the union in population. The other four leading states also having shown a substantial increase in the last year. The four states having a larger population than Texas are New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The Department of Commerce announced a revised estimate of the population of the United States made by the Bureau of Census and based upon the available data regarding births, deaths, immigration and emigration since 1920. This gives a total estimated population of 117,135,817 on July 1, 1926, as compared with 115,378,094 on July 1, 1925, and 105,710,620 on January 1, 1920.

SPECIAL MEET WORLD COURT 17 CHINESE ARE KILLED

(By Associated Press)
GENEVA, March 18.—A conversation at a special conference of world court members to discuss reservations to American adherence was said by the League of Nations officials today probably to be the plan of Austen Chamberlain, British foreign secretary. The aim of the conference, which would be held a week prior to the September league assembly, is an endeavor to secure a common answer to the American government from all the signatories to the court protocol.

ANTI SMUGGLING TREATY IN EFFECT

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 18.—The new anti-smuggling treaty entered into between the United States and Mexican governments, became effective today. It was announced that exchange of ratifications has been made and the treaty is now in effect.

REQUEST MEXICO PUNISH BANDITS

(By Associated Press)
MEXICO, D. F., March 18.—The Mexican government has received representations from the American embassy requesting Mexico to punish bandits who last Sunday killed Rex Mellpore, an American, and wounded another American, E. H. Heidenkamp, in the vicinity of Mazatlan.

Mrs. John Walden, of Bronte, was called here Wednesday to attend the funeral of her brother, Bob Fowler, who died early Wednesday morning. Ruled Index Cards 5x3 inches, \$1.50 per thousand at Ballinger Printing Co.

SEEKS MAN FOR DEATH OF TWO

(By Associated Press)
MEADOW, Tex., March 18.—Frank Howard, age about forty, is dead, and Bill Fisher, also about forty years old, is believed to be fatally wounded and posses are searching the country for a man who is alleged to have stabbed both of the men late yesterday. The stabbing is said to have been the result of a horse trade over which trouble had been brewing. After stabbing Howard and Fisher the man with his wife fled from a rented house leaving their house furnishings intact.

Meadow is in Terry county North of Brownfield.

OIL SCOUTS KEEPING EYE ON BALLINGER

E. E. Hundley, representative of the Lucas Oil & Refining Company, of Dallas, was here this week. He did not make his business known to newspaper men, but talked oil development in this section of the state. "We know that there is oil in this country somewhere," declared Mr. Hundley, as he drew a line across the map of Runkles county, "and somebody will find it." Oil scouts and geologists have been working out of Ballinger since last fall, and at present there are several geologists with headquarters in Ballinger. Two or three different blocks of acreage are being shaped up for drilling contracts, and we hope to be able to announce something definite along this line within the near future. It is generally predicted that new drilling projects will be underway in the county and not far from Ballinger before mid-summer.

Belled Buzzard 44 Years Old Shot Down in Georgia

(By Associated Press)
ATHENS, Ga., March 18.—Not all belled buzzards are of the proverbial variety. One of them at least, was an actuality and for forty-four years was a bell ringer over the valleys and hills of Northeast Georgia, or wherever his wanderlust took him. W. C. Birchmore, who lives near here, was hunting wild geese and took a pot shot at several on the wing, only to bring down a buzzard. Examination disclosed that he had killed a genuine belled buzzard. Around its neck was a small brass bell, about two inches across the base, fastened with a wire. On the bell was the date, "1882" and the name, which was hardly legible, "Joel Mine, Lianville."

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Farmers will make themselves conspicuous by their absence during the next two or three weeks. It is planting time.

The biggest turkey crop in the history of Runnels county should be made a part of the five-year program, for the first of the five years at least.

No organization can function efficiently in serving the public when the employees of that organization devote most of their time to playing politics.

The republicans are scrapping over the seat of the lone republican congressman from Texas. The republicans of Texas are not entitled to a seat in congress, and they stand a good chance to lose it this year.

Every child within the scholastic age in Runnels county should be on the scholastic roll which is now being made up. If the census enumerator has failed to find you and list your children, you should report it to the enumerator or the school authorities before April first. Missing them means a loss of about \$14 per head to the school fund of this county from the state.

When a good rain is valued at one million dollars some people get the idea that the value is exaggerated, but did you ever stop to think what would be the result if it did not rain? The time would soon roll around when the people would gladly put up a million dollars and then some for a fresh supply of water. It all comes as a free gift from God, and while some times there may be damage reported from rain, there never was a rain that was not worth more than it cost.

The "Better Homes" Week is a new movement, but is one which should receive the loyal support of every home loving citizen. We already have a calendar full of "weeks," and are often called upon to observe health week, clean-up week, fire prevention week, and other weeks, but this better homes week can be made to serve in the promotion of all the other weeks, for better homes mean better health, better homes must be cleaner homes, and better homes will help to keep down destructive fires, and then the moral, religious and educational part of the program can be worked into the better homes campaign. Ballinger will be one of several thousand cities and communities to take part in the better homes movement. Be at the high school building next Tuesday at 4:00 o'clock and learn more about this important movement.

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Society

Honor Visiting Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simmons were the delightful hosts to a group of friends, entertaining Saturday evening in the home of Mrs. C. S. Miller, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell and Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of Brady.

Six tables were arranged in the lovely entertaining suite for the games of progressive forty-two. The rooms were given a pretty floral adornment of lilacs used in profusion. Refreshing punch was served throughout the evening and at the games' conclusion a salad course was served.

Those extended the privilege of spending a most pleasant evening with these guests of honor by the host and hostess were: Messrs. and Mmes. Alfred Crager, Alex McGregor, Cecil Thorp, C. W. Cheatham, Ira Sims, Horace Murphy, R. L. Stephenson, H. S. Strain, J. G. Douglass; Mmes. C. S. Miller, Ellen Strickland; Misses Anna Jean Sharp, Roach; and Dr. W. B. Halley.

Entertains at Ranch Camp

Mrs. I. Vancil was hostess during the past few weeks at two unusually pleasurable affairs when she invited groups of her friends to spend the day with her at her camp on her ranch about nine miles from town. At the noon hour a delicious repast consisting of fried chicken with all the accessories was served. In the afternoon the hours sped away all too swiftly while the guests enjoyed bridge and forty-

two games. The entire personnel for both occasions included: Mmes. Dan Moser, R. W. Bruce, L. R. Tigner, W. W. Fowler, John Weeks, Cal Kirk, C. P. Shepherd, D. C. Simpson, W. W. Chastain, Jno. Currie, James Brewer, Asa Cordill, A. K. Doss, J. G. Douglass, W. B. Woody, Ed O'Kelly, R. W. Earnshaw, M. McGregor, Conda Wylie, C. B. Penn, Harry Lynn, Arch O'Kelly, K. V. Northington, Sim Cottelle, R. T. Williams, Claude Stone, Ralph Erwin, R. L. Harwell, Leslie Baker, Chas. Cheatham, Geo. Holman, Alex McGregor, Frank Pearce, D. Reeder, Joe Simmons, Harry Thomson, Cecil Thorp, Osear Williams of Winters, R. G. Parks, and Troy Simpson; Misses Nell Alexander, Lausa Orgain, Mildred Herring, Felda Cathey and Winnie Trail.

Freshman Party

The members of the Freshman class of the Ballinger high school spent a most enjoyable evening on Friday of last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Jones on Broadway, the event being sponsored by the class.

After an evening spent in playing various indoor games a refreshment plate containing Eskimo pie and cake, with a candy "fish" as plate favor was served to more than fifty class members and the following teachers: Miss Marryatt Smith, Messrs. Ivan P. Oliver, Kennedy, and J. B. Pace.

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FORD DEALER IS AT HOME FROM FACTORY

R. L. Harwell returned home Wednesday from Detroit, Michigan, where he went as a member of the Texas delegation to attend a meeting of Ford dealers. A special train from Dallas carried 178 dealers in the Dallas district, and a South Carolina delegation also met at the Ford factory in Detroit at the same time.

Mr. Harwell states that barring cold weather which prevailed in Detroit, the trip was a very pleasant one, and he learned much about the Ford business which he did not know. The temperature was about ten above zero in Detroit, Mr. Harwell stated, and the cold wind blowing in off the ice was a little pinching to a Texan.

It required the Ford dealers two days to go through the factory, and Mr. Harwell stated that it was hard to conceive of the magnitude of the headquarters plant. One branch of the headquarters covers 1100 acres, and other departments take in many acres of territory. Mr. Ford is in Florida and the Texas dealers did not get to see him, but his representatives were on the job to see that the dealers got everything they wanted to make their visit pleasant and profitable.

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Frank Miles is here from Santa Anna visiting relatives. Mr. Miles is one of the pioneers of West Texas, and was a citizen of Ballinger for many years in the early days of the cattle industry here, and before farming invaded the region.

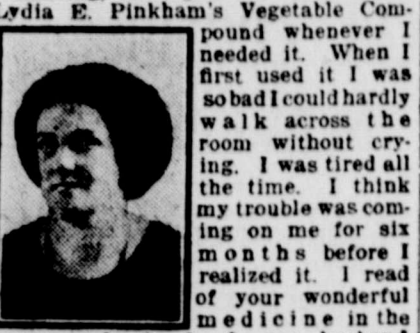
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harwell are new citizens of Ballinger. Mr. Harwell is a nephew of R. L. Harwell and he comes to Ballinger to accept a position in the Ford agency here. Mr. and Mrs. Harwell are from Texarkana. They have rooms at the home of Mrs. R. A. Nicholson on Broadway.

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EGYPTIAN ONIONS MAY BEAT LAREDO MOVING

(By Associated Press)
SAN ANTONIO, March 16.— Egyptian onions, in all probability, will be first to Eastern United States markets.

J. Austen Hunter of the Texas Market News Service has received advices from the bureau of agricultural economies at Washington that a boat carrying 7,800 bushels of onions from Egypt is due to dock in Boston on March 24. These Egyptian vegetables thus should win the annual market race by a full week, since the Laredo shipments probably will not commence until March 27th.

The Laredo shipments are expected to be heavy by April 10, while the Eagle Pass territory, always a little later, will not hit its stride until May 5.

The Texas Bermuda onion crop again is a fine one. L. A. Seymour, director of markets for the state department of agriculture, who has completed a tour of the Winter Garden district, said the crop was in a first class condition.

The American consul at Alexandria, Egypt, reported to the bureau of agricultural economies that there was a slight demand for Egyptian onions both from the United States and Europe. Arrivals of onions at Alexandria were about 10,000 bags a day.

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"FITTER FAMILIES" IS MADE NEW SOCIAL ORDER

(By Associated Press)

LAWRENCE, Kans., March 16.—A new social classification, based not upon blue ancestral blood but upon the red blood of the living, is a possibility of not remote future.

That was the thought in the mind of Dr. Florence Sherbon, of the University of Kansas faculty, when she launched a new venture six years ago at the Kansas Free Fair at Topeka—a "Fitter Families" contest.

"The time may come," Doctor Sherbon said, "when the family not possessing a eugenic certificate will be looked upon askance by the 'certified' family."

Thus was born an idea that has since been adopted by six other states and by the National Eugenics Society. In the last six years 523 persons, comprising 126 families, have been examined as participants in the "Fitter Families Contest" in the Kansas Free Fair.

The purpose of the eugenics contests, Doctor Sherbon pointed out, is first to arouse family pride in being well-born and to spread information concerning heredity and conduct.

SAY PRODUCERS READY TO GIVE BETTER FILMS

(By Associated Press)

HOLLYWOOD, March 17.—The motion picture industry is prepared to produce artistic pictures just as soon as the public is in the proper mood to accept them. This is the consensus of producers and directors and the hoped for movement, they say, also has the approval of scenarists and players as well.

Clarence Brown, director, supports Jesse Lasky in voicing the opinion that "the public will not get better pictures until they demand them."

So-called artistic photoplay would go right over the head of the average movie patron," he says, "and would mean at present almost certain financial failure for the sponsor. Educating the public to better pictures must be gradual. The movie people are eager to improve the quality of their product but are held back by lack of support for advanced ideas and thought."

Brown cited several pictures that he placed within the category of the artistic. Some patrons described them as the finest produced, but the box office result was a sad disappointment. Others brought forth newspaper praise but the pictures failed to draw the line at show time.

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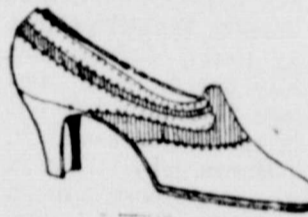
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DeMolay Cast is Ready to Greet Audience Here

Many amateur plays have been presented in Ballinger, comedies, dramas, minstrels, vaudeville, and otherwise, but never before has such a general combination been found all in one as the DeMolays have found in "Love a la Carte." To say that it is different from the ordinary run of plays does not half do it justice. It is pleasing every minute from the appearance of the first character to the fall of the last act. There are moments that furnish side-splitting comedy, moments of intense dramatic situations, moments of tender love scenes that will remind you of your youth, and when they are woven together in a delightful, interesting plot it makes one of the best bills every offered to the public in Ballinger.

The principal cast has worked hard and long in getting the play to the high point of perfection that they have attained. Under the direction of Troy Simpson, rehearsals have been held every day for the past two weeks and each character has long ago had his lines memorized perfectly and the past two weeks have been used in giving the little finishing touches that make it so good.

It would be impossible to give any idea of just what the play is like unless the characters were introduced to you and even then you will not be able to see them as they really will appear.

Probably the heaviest comedy role is taken by Miss Coilla Mason in the character of "Cookie," an old negro servant, cook, and general of the household. Miss Mason is a real find to the amateur talent of Ballinger. She has a personality that holds you, a voice that is perfect for speaking parts, dialect that is perfect, and grace, ease, and stage presence that take her out of the class ordinarily found in local talent shows. In "Love a la Carte," she is presented in a part that is the best of the comedy roles and you will long remember her after witnessing the play.

It is impossible to say that any of the ladies are leading women, as several play parts that are leads. Miss Mildred Butler, who is already a favorite with Ballinger audiences, will be one of the strong and bright spots in the show. Miss Butler was seen last year as one of the main characters in "The Hoodoo." She also was presented by the American Legion in their fifth annual show, "A Full House," in which she was declared one of the best in the cast. Mr. Simpson placed Miss Butler first of all characters in "Love a la Carte," and predicts that she will delight the entire audience in her delightful part. She will be seen as Miss Tillie Tickle, one of the leading ladies of the show in a part that is filled with real comedy, not old slap-stick comedy, but fast, catchy lines, which she interprets in a way that will stop the show.

Miss Ruth Holliday, leading lady in "The Hoodoo," will be presented in the part of Jill. The lines, the part and all are particularly well suited to Miss Holliday and with her looks, her gentleness of voice, her perfect stage presence she will cause many gentlemen in the audience to smile that smile of satisfaction and their wives to frown because of their husband's interest. Ruth has real ability and in the part of Jill has an opportunity to use it. You will miss much if you fail to see her in her troubles, love scenes, family rows and other scenes that make her one of the most pleasing parts in the show.

You will fall in love with Miss Maxine Russell in the part of Marjorie Mansfield, from her first line spoken off stage until the completion of the story. Miss Russell portrays the part of what we would call just a girl. In the play she is just like anyone of a thousand girls you can think of on the outside and it is that perfect naturalness that makes her so good. She is in love with Jack and if you have ever seen a young girl really in love you can imagine that part she plays. Her rich, low voice distinguishes her from the other ladies of the cast and adds greatly to her scenes when she pines for the Jack that she thinks is lost to her. As we said at first you will love her in the part she plays so well.

There is only one other girl in the show and we have saved the disagreeable part until last. Miss Verda Nell Trail is to play Hannah Huff, who is one of those masculine, suffragist, predominating type of women who has followed her career, letting her family grow up as best they could while she roamed all over the world so that other people might better enjoy zoological, entomological, geological, ornithological and botanical data. See her and you will be more appreciative of your own wife and thankful that you do not have to try and argue with one of her type who knows no defeat, especially from her husband. Miss Trail has put her whole soul in this part and presents it in a way that is one of the spots in the show that calls for real acting. She is naturally of a very sweet disposition and to portray such a part as Hannah Huff is a real effort for her.

Neil McAlpine is the poor victim who catches the fury of Hannah's wrath, but having tramped the entire world over in search of rare bugs, he is equal to all occasions. Neil has appeared before many Ballinger audiences and has long ago established himself as one of the real comedians of the town. He has enough nerve to try anything once and this with his ability makes him a sure bet with the audience. He has lots of things to tell you about women and to those men who experience trouble in the handling of wives he will demonstrate how to make them as meek as a lamb—excuse me, please—a tiger.

J. L. McWhirter, as Jack, is a typical lover. He loves everything including sleep, drinks, cigarettes, and most of all, Marjorie. His looks, build, manners, smile, dress and grace will single him out from the multitude as a natural leading man and after the performance, "Love a la

Players Have Little Fun During Night Rehearsals

"All work and no play," makes life very monotonous. The same adage applies to the practicing of a play. While the atmosphere is usually filled with seriousness, there are many humorous incidents that take place during a rehearsal of a play such as the DeMolay play, "Love a la Carte."

Troy Simpson, who is directing, furnishes the cast a great deal of laughter. Always in a serious mood, Mr. Simpson says many things that tickle the funny-bone of the entire cast who are of a less serious nature. Being of a nervous disposition, Mr. Simpson paces the floor wringing his hands like a raving maniac and shouts in a forceful voice:

"Go back there and do it over."

Oh, but you should have seen Troy play the part of Tommy Carte," you will be convinced of his ability. He plays a part that is modern and up-to-date in every way including oiled hair and full oversized, balloon trousers.

Then comes Billy Boxford in the person of George Key. George is one of those likeable kind of fellows and has just such a part to play. The entire cast loves him, Mr. Huff and Tommie thrown in, who have a similar love for Billy as for that of a rattlesnake. Mr. Key is new to Ballinger audiences but is slated to star in many local shows in the future, provided his wife will let him.

And then last we introduce to you Carlos Black as Thomas Taddy. Coming from the fiery, tropical country of Ecuador his wardrobe may be a bit out of place in the scenes that take place in Boston, but Tommie is out to live and learn and love, and he succeeds in fitting himself into the situations of the play. Mr. Black has no doubt appeared before more Ballinger audiences as an entertainer than any local man, woman, child or animal. He has long been a sure laugh, in fact his family laughed the first minute they saw him, and he is still getting laughs on every appearance. Tommie admits that he has never won a prize in a beauty show, but of course they didn't have 'em in Ecuador, however he looks good to Tillie, who hails from Iceland and never saw much except Eskimos, dogs and Santa Claus. Being serious tho, folks, Mr. Black will deliver one side-splitter right after another, just giving you a breathing spell between, from his clumsy entrance in the first act until he manfully takes Tillie in his arms on the last curtain.

Aside from these characters, vaudeville between the acts will be handled by a bevy of chorus girls, twenty-four in all, and a ten-piece orchestra in the pit will help during all intermissions.

frantically to the curtain, but when they pulled it back, there was J. L. sitting on a soap box calmly smoking a cigarette.

Carl Black playing the part of Taddy, happened to a very embarrassing accident the other evening which afforded the cast a few minutes of laughter. The incident referred to was this:

Carl was making love to Tilly Tickle and at the climax he went to kiss her, but about the time he was ready to kiss her the box, upon which he was sitting fell and instead of kissing her lips he kissed her shoe. Carl jokingly remarked that her shoe polish did not taste quite as pleasant as her lip stick.

WANTED—to know who is Jimmy? Apply to any member of the cast except Ruth Holliday.

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DeMolay

"Love a la Carte"

Second Annual Show
 3 Act Comedy
 Friday, March 19, 1926
 High School Auditorium
Cast as you meet them:
 Cookie, culinary artist, diplomat J. L. M
 Jack } children of the Huffs Ruth
 Jill } Neil
 Horace Huff, lover of zoology Verda N
 Hannah Huff, lover of botany Max
 Marjorie Mansfield, a lovable girl M
 Billy Boxford, a likeable boy G
 Tillie Tickle, from Iceland M
 Tommy Taddie, from Ecuador Car

The Plot:
 ACT I.—The home coming, month of May
 ACT II.—Lovers' troubles, month of June
 ACT III.—???????? ???? ???? ???? ???? ???? ?

Between the Acts:
After Act I:
 "Goodbye Girls I'm Through"
 Chorus: Helen Williams, Evelyn Shepherd, Aud LaVierne Sims, Altha McKown, Oreta McWh and Nettie Ruth Sledge
 Junior Chorus: Wyvon Mason, Ollie Jean Cordill Gassoway, Virginia Holman, Elizabeth Do and Ollie Mae Barrow.
After Act II:
 Hawaiian Ensemble—Guitars: Messrs. Bauman, M Hale, Ukes: Little Misses Cordill, Mason, Doss, Holman and Gassoway.
 Chorus: Misses Williams, Shepherd, Sledge, S Whirter, McKown, and Smith.
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It was midafternoon, cool in the full scene completely detailed,
 shade of those wonderful palms, his mind would not carry it all.
 The waters in placid peace lapped. Even as he is about to see
 the shores, gradually washing a climax of that last most touching
 few pebbles and the sand back scene he heard a call from the
 and forth, seemingly with the nearby shack, which swept his
 some pleasure that a cat gets in actresses from before leaving
 playing with a ball.
 Standing at the water's edge blackest, deepest despair.
 one could look shoreward finding He must have that last final
 a gradual slope ascending to one touch of realism before his eos-
 of those high snow-covered moun- tunes, plans, and so forth
 tains seen at a distance. Drawing would be complete. Therefore,
 the eyes nearer the scene before with calm, unhesitating step he
 the water's edge was a sight of approached the home, made
 extreme landscape beauty. known his needs, and with his
 The continual swaying of the long persistent insisting drew
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 Just such an afternoon and tion of these two for their
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 the eyes of the DeMolay de- Now, ladies and gentlemen,
 corator when he went to the bays boys and girls, before you will
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 "Love a la Carte." Without fur- the first and only opportunity
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 a likeable boy ----- Maxine Russell
 on Iceland ----- George Key
 from Ecuador ----- Mildred Butler
 ----- Carlos Black

The Plot:
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 and Nettie Routh Sledge
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 and Ollie Mae Barrow.
After Act II:
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 Little Misses Cordill, Mason, Doss, Barrow
 Holman and Cassoway.
 Williams, Shepherd, Sledge, Sims, Mc-
 Whirter, McKown, and Smith.
 ----- Mildred Cassoway
 Gal ----- Wyvon Mason and Chorus

they had previously set out to
 find the musicians to fill their
 needs. It must be found so that
 they could appear with the
 Legion in their fifth annual show,
 "A Full House."
 After long and diligent search
 the Legion found that very need
 right at their very front steps,
 even then in the city of Ballinger
 there was an orchestra pre-
 paring itself awaiting a call.
 And by the way preparedness is
 the great asset to any business.
 This body was prepared to meet
 the emergency to which they
 were about to be sent. This or-
 ganization of musicians to which
 reference is made was that which
 had no name, but is now known
 as the American Legion Orchestra,
 and their director is Mr.
 Ernest Moody.
 There are ten members of the
 orchestra and since their appear-
 ance before the Ballinger audi-
 ence on December 21st of last
 year with the Legion's show they
 hardly need another introduc-
 tion. Their names will recall to
 your mind their ability to play
 their various instruments. It is
 even hard to select from the
 group the best, still we must
 start and not pass up this oppor-
 tunity of mentioning each in a
 few words.
 Mrs. Vic. Paul will perform on
 the piano, er—ah—no, I don't
 mean upon the piano, but I mean
 that she will play the piano.
 Yes, and little Wix Currie will
 be there tooting around with his
 cornet, and he is some tooter, too,
 so don't miss it.
 Who? Joe Beck, yes, sir, Joe
 will be there with his clarinet,
 and "Happy" Gustavus will be
 there to help entertain with his
 saxophone!!
 J. P. Rhuman, the official drum
 trapper will show you a rattling
 good time if you will just come
 and listen.
 Messrs. Henry Moody, Ernest
 Moody and Robert Lusk will also
 be there with their racket-
 makers, better known as saxo-
 phones.
 Many will be glad to hear Miss
 Dorothy Chaney render a few
 selections on the violin. Miss
 Chaney is one of the leading vi-
 olinists of the city, so don't miss
 this treat, either.
 Last, but, perhaps, not least,
 Mr. Neal Eubank will be there
 with his slide trombone, and I
 don't mean maybe, he can slide
 it. He is the slidingest slider of
 sliding trombones that ever slid
 for "Love a la Carte."
 Ha, ha, only a few nights ago,
 Miss Ruth Holliday playing the
 part of Jill, was very deeply en-
 grossed in conversation with
 Tommy but his name seemed to
 be very, very, hard to say. In
 fact, she mispronounced it one
 time so that the name she did
 call was "Jimmy." Now let me
 ask you do you see any resem-
 blance in those two names—
 Jimmy and Tommy?

It seems that the property men,
 Messrs. Neil McAlpine, who is
 also playing Mr. Huff; and Mar-
 vin Atkins, general stage boss,
 are going to institute suit against
 the director. Missing a cue the
 director while playing the part
 of Tommy came rushing in late,
 the stage gave way a little under
 his monstrous weight and his
 little left foot landed right in the
 middle of a box of nice delicious
 chocolates. The audience en-
 joyed the play very much and
 carried home all the cabbage
 after that had happened.
 Miss Verda Nell Trail has so
 many words that are tongue-
 twisters that it seems impossible
 for her to speak with naturalness
 at all. Why only a few evenings
 ago, she tried to "set up" an
 affair when it should have been
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 beans, etc. For further informa-
 tion apply to Coilla Mason.
 Quietly he slid back out of
 sight and with a quick hurrying
 pencil his notes began to in-
 crease from one page to a whole
 note-book, but undaunted he
 starts another—he must have the

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February 27, 1926—377
January 30, 1926—434
January 2, 1926—538
December 5, 1925—632
November 7, 1925—616
October 10, 1925—528
September 12, 1925—531
August 15, 1925—469
July 18, 1925—495
June 20, 1925—492
May 23, 1925—424

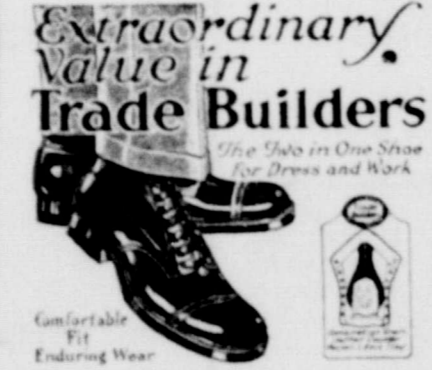
The reduction of 13 per cent in the total number shown in the last four-week period as compared with the period ending Jan. 30, 1926, must probably be credited largely to the season of the year. Fewer automobile fatalities in February is the rule owing to diminished use of machines in bad weather. For example, in 1924 in the registration area the February total was 26 per cent less than the total for January even after full allowance was made for the difference in the number of days in the months.

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Movies

Corinne Griffith Picture Closing at the Queen Tonight

A woman's faithfulness to a jazz-mad husband, who dragged her to the very rim of the vortex of Parisian night life, is graphically envisioned in Corinne Griffith's latest screen endeavor, "The Marriage Whirl," First National offering, which closes its two-day run at the Queen Theatre tonight.

Startling in its realism, the film brings home the lesson that the woman who "sticks" isn't always the sentient, sensible and successful being that she is held up to be, and that loyalty on the part of one without faithfulness on the part of the other is no gain to either.

Expertly assisting Miss Griffith in the development of this absorbing plot are Kenneth Harlan, Harrison Ford, Nita Naldi and a half dozen other prominent film delineators.

The crash and color of the jazz-swept French capital is all there, forming a throbbing background for one of the most dramatic achievements of the screen. Based on the successful J. Hartley Munn stage play, "The National Anthem," Miss Griffith's latest contribution will rank at the very top of her list of successes.

"The Mansion of Aching Hearts" Picturizes Noted Ballad

One of those rare pictures that moxes real laughs with its thrills and pathos, opened yesterday at the Maeroy Theatre, where its last showing will be made tonight. It is B. P. Schulberg's latest production "The Mansion of Aching Hearts," adapted from the famous ballad by Harry Von Tilzer and Arthur J. Lamb.

The picture besides proving one of the most entertaining seen

thus far this season serves also to bring back to the screen a luminary, whose light as a star did not dim despite an absence from pictures for several years. In "The Mansion of Aching Hearts," Ethel Clayton comes back with her old verve and her old artistry to charm and delight once more those thousands of admirers of hers, who missed her so during her absence.

Miss Clayton is supported by an excellent cast including Cullen Landis, Barbara Bedford, Sam De Grasse, Priscilla Bonner, Philo McCollough, Ed Gribbon, Eddie Phillips, Charles Delaney and Helen Hoge.

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CIRCUSES QUIT STREET PARADES

(By Associated Press)

PERU, Ind., March 18.—The annual circus season this year will lack one of its greatest thrills for the children.

The circus parade, it has been decided by showmen here, is to be abandoned. The high priced performers, especially the Europeans, will not parade. The big circuses now visit only the large cities, it is explained, and noon-day traffic problems and the growing distance of the circus lot from the railroad make the parade physically impossible.

Ten years ago there were twenty circuses with a train of ten or more railroad cars. Now there are only a dozen, but these have expanded until the largest circus in the country travels with 1,500 persons, and the smaller ones carry about 600.

The three circuses which spend the winter here have finished their winter overhauling, which includes inspection, repair and a fresh coat of paint.

There are about 250 on the permanent staff of these three, and these, mostly the "canvasesmen" of the traveling days, are the nucleus around which is forming the bandmen, acrobatic teams and other specialties. The animal trainers, however, have been here all winter as usual, as the animals must be put through their stunts every day, else they quickly forget.

Virtually all of the circus people come from small cities, probably because in the early days of the circus the performances were given mostly in smaller communities and the small boys of those places caught the circus fever. Then, too, the small town boy had a barn in which he could practice on the trapeze. In the garage of the city boy's father, there is no haymow to flop in.

Bloomington, Illinois, is the home of most of the "flying acts," as showmen call the trapeze artists. North Tonawanda, N. Y., can always be relied on for a trained seal act. Many of the acrobats come from Reading, Pa. The showmen go to Bloomington, Indiana, for dog and pony acts. One of the best elephant men with one of the biggest circuses is from Pana, Illinois, and so on.

Early April is the opening time for most of the circuses, except those which open in the metropolitan centers in permanent buildings.

The Ringling-Barnum and Bailey circus, wintered at Bridgeport, Conn.; Sells-Floto at Peru; 101 Ranch at Ponca City, Okla.; Hagenbeck-Wallace at Peru; John Robinson at West Baden; Christie Brothers at Beaumont; Sparks Circus at Macon, Ga.; and Al G. Barnes at Los Angeles.

Navy Pigeon Went Home as Soon as Shorn Wings Regrew

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Navy pigeons may go A. W. O. L., but they do not desert.

An aerial messenger, lost at sea more than a year and a half ago, turned up recently in the loft at Coco Sola, Canal Zone, and reported for duty. Examination showed that the bird's wings had been closely clipped, probably when it was forced down by a rain storm and captured by a fancier who attempted to lure it

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DEATHS

James Robert Brown
James Robert, the fourteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brown, died Wednesday night at the family home four miles South of Ballinger after an illness of about three weeks. James suffered pneumonia and complications developed which caused his death.

The deceased came to Runnels county with his father when the family moved here from Louisiana more than a year ago. They have been living at what is known as the Hubbard place at the four-mile corner on the Ballinger-Paint Rock road.

King Holt undertakers arranged for the funeral, and the remains were laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery at 4:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Dr. Alvin Shindell conducting the funeral services.

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FUNERAL SERVICES FOR BOB FOWLER

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Bob Fowler died suddenly early Thursday morning, and the remains were held pending the arrival of relatives. Two sisters, Mrs. John Walden, of Bronte, and Mrs. August Glober, of Dallas, arrived late Wednesday, and arranged for the funeral.

This death removes from the walks of life another pioneer of Ballinger. Mr. Fowler was forty-eight years of age and had lived in Runnels county most of his life.

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FARMERS GAIN BY WAREHOUSE

R. W. Frazer, United States warehouse examiner, is in Ballinger today auditing the affairs of the Runnels County Warehouse, licensed under the United States warehouse act. This company has sensed the value of the service it might render growers in this vicinity by storing their cotton under the provisions of this law. "Although the United States warehouse act," said Mr. Frazer, "is a comparatively recent enactment, growers as well as warehousemen in ever increasing numbers are beginning to appreciate the advantages which may accrue to them through the operation of the federal warehouse law."

"One of the principal purposes of the warehouse law," said Mr. Frazer, "is to convert stored agricultural products into suitable collateral for financing purposes. This once accomplished, congress felt the necessity for dumping at harvest time would soon pass."

Mr. Frazer explained that it is now possible for growers to take their cotton to a licensed warehouse or elevator and receive a federally licensed warehouse receipt therefor on which the grower can usually borrow a reasonable portion of its value at the local bank. This type of security which has behind it the vigilant supervision of the federal government is particularly desirable to the local banker because the banker knows that if it becomes necessary he can easily rediscount notes supported with such receipts with correspondent banks, the Federal Reserve banks or the Intermediate Credit banks.

Mr. Frazer pointed out that Secretary of Agriculture Jardine recently said: "One of the greatest problems which has ever faced American agriculture has re-

sulted from dumping large volumes of farm products on the market during the first few months after harvest. Such a practice has resulted in glut and periods of low prices. We have done a lot of talking about orderly marketing in years past but it has only been of more recent date that real progress has been made. We recognized that a flow of farm products to market in keeping with consumptive demand was essential but many factors presented themselves to make this difficult. We had no way of advancing to farmers a proportion of the price for their products which might be stored and kept off the market. The United States warehouse act gives farmers of this country a handy vehicle to use in bringing about a more even distribution of their products."

"Many dealers and operators are making use of the law as it also assists them in financing their business," said Mr. Frazer Thursday.

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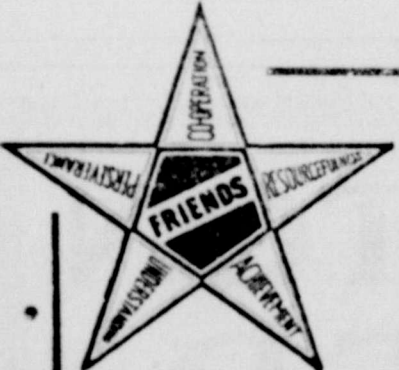
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