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FIRE DESTROYS GIRLS COLLEGE; LOSS HEAVY

(By Associated Press)
GREENWICH, Conn., Dec. 23.—Ely Court, an exclusive girls' school, was destroyed by fire today with the loss estimated between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000. A man named Lingard is believed to have lost his life in the blaze. The school had closed for the Christmas holidays after 100 students had departed for their homes.

London's Hobo Pigeons Face Official Outlaw

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Dec. 23.—The hobo pigeons of London may be outlawed by a special act of parliament. The ownerless birds have increased their flocks at St. Paul's Cathedral and other public buildings in such numbers that the London County Council will submit a bill empowering the officials to put an end to the vagrant pigeon population. The pigeons have been pecking at the mortar and the soft stones, such as that of the houses of parliament, so extensively that the authorities have been spurred to action.

French Composers Turn To Music for Films

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, Dec. 22.—Prospects that every moving picture production sent out will have its own orchestral score has caused leading French composers to turn their attention to this new and rich field of artistic expression. Music composed by Paul Ladmirault, for "La Briere," a French peasant tragedy film, was performed at the Padeloup Concerts, and even without the pictures, made an excellent impression.

The Profit Sharing Sale will continue Christmas Eve and night at King-Holt Co. Plenty of time yet to give Practical gifts for the Home.

Many to Go Without Xmas Unless Citizens Come to Aid

The entire citizenship of Ballinger so far have contributed the pitiful sum of \$15 to make the poor happy for Christmas.

On the same date last year they had contributed \$225, and the year before that \$306.

With more families and children in want than ever before in the history of the town, practically nothing has been given.

Many families plan to have a great Christmas around their own fireside, with their loved ones and everything that heart can desire, and only a few blocks distant will be women and children sick, cold and hungry. While they take their bundles from their family trees, one mother in Ballinger will set by the bedside of a one and a half year old baby and pray for its recovery, without any food, fuel or medicine. Christmas day—while one mother in the city looks after the browning of the turkey to be served to a happy family and friends, another mother living in the "flat" will do a washing on the cold ground, without shoes or wraps, so that three little girls can have some bread and bacon for their dinner.

Another expectant mother with two little boys already, will start Christmas morning by carrying some drift wood from the river so that the little one, without clothing, can stay warm, and this woman will do any other job that she can find to make a little money.

Twenty families in Ballinger will go without any Christmas cheer at all unless the citizens rally to the cause tomorrow. More than fifty children in Bal-

TOM GREEN CO. WINS IN COURT

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, Dec. 23.—The Texas Supreme Court today granted Tom Green county a writ of mandamus against Attorney General Dan Moody, compelling his approval of a county-wide bond issue of \$500,000.

HOFFMAN CO. PAYS TEXAS

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, Dec. 23.—The state's suit against the Hoffman Construction Company was closed today when the company paid the state \$73,826 satisfying a \$412,700 judgment obtained by Attorney General Dan Moody. Cancellation of unpaid but approved estimates due the company satisfied the remainder of the judgment.

TWO INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

(By Associated Press)
AUSTIN, Dec. 23.—Robert Bergen, 22 years of age, of Austin, is reported dying, and Representative W. S. Tomme, of Unalaska, is unconscious in a hospital here, as the result of an automobile wreck near here.

Austin Nunn, of Arizona; Roy Nunn, of Davis county; Chas. Nunn, of Reeves county; John and Hal Nunn, of Stiles, Reagan county, are here to spend Christmas with their mother, Mrs. L. Linda Nunn, of Old Rannels.

linger have no warm clothes at all, will doubt that such a thing exists as Santa Claus, unless something happens at once.

Are you content to enjoy your home, your children, your comforts and joys at this season, and know that humans right at your door are in want, sick and hungry?

Contributions will be received by The Ledger all day tomorrow and a committee will meet Saturday morning and do the best they can with the funds that come in. The pot now totals 15.00 and \$250.00 is urgently needed. Previously reported—\$16.00
 A. L. Spann ----- 1.00

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Prices are reasonable.

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Events in the Lives of Little Men



EAST TEXAS COTTON ACREAGE IS REDUCED

(By Associated Press)
LONGVIEW, Dec. 23.—The East Texas cotton acreage will be reduced 18 1/2 per cent in 1927, returns from more than 1,000 questionnaires mailed to farmers, bankers, merchants, secretaries of chambers of commerce, and county agents, throughout 70 East Texas counties, it was indicated. The questionnaire was recently sent out by the East Texas Chamber of Commerce. About 3 1/2 per cent of this year's crop will not be harvested, while 14 per cent of the East Texas crop is being held by the farmers. The questionnaires further indicated that only about 8 1/2 per cent of the cotton held had been stored and borrowed on.

UNKNOWN MAN KILLS COUPLE

(By Associated Press)
SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 23.—Charles Hallerman, 45 years of age, and his wife, 44 years of age, were killed at their farm home near here today by an unknown assailant. The bodies were found in the yard of their home by the dead man's brother, Leo, who lived with them. He said the couple had gone into the yard to investigate a noise.

MISSING GIRL RETURNS HOME

(By Associated Press)
SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 23.—Miss Ruth Carmen, 18 years of age, for whom authorities of several states have been asked to search for since she disappeared while on her way to school more than a week ago, returned today. She announced that she had been on her honeymoon with her husband, who is Irvin Toole, of the Fourth Cavalry, Fort Meade, South Dakota.

COLEMAN COUPLE COME HERE WEDNESDAY TO WED

A. P. Bledsoe and Mrs. Elizabeth Reed, of Coleman, were married here Wednesday afternoon after securing a marriage license from County Clerk W. A. Forgey. The couple went to the home of Rev. W. H. Doss on Tenth Street where they were quietly married.

Be sure and visit the Christmas Store Beautiful for practical presents. King-Holt Company.

Christmas Sale

Only four latest models

PORTABLE PHOTOGRAPHS

left, regular \$30 now, \$25.00

3 toy drums \$2.50 val. \$1.75

Some real bargains in used and rebuilt pianos.

D. E. MOODY MUSIC HOUSE

Open Till Late

JAPAN'S RULER SLOWLY SINKING

(By Associated Press)
TOKYO, Dec. 23.—The condition of Emperor Yoshihito was officially reported somewhat worse tonight when high court officials were called to his bedside, indicating a serious turn in his illness.

CHRISTMAS TREES AT PIGGLY WIGGLY

Christmas Trees at Piggly Wiggly 22-21d

50

At Smyth's Young Men's Class Next Sunday

Bill's bunch is leading now. But watch Ross and his gang Next Sunday

Up and at 'em every body

The Needs of the Living

Caring for the dead is not all our work, though we give them every possible attention. We believe that we have a duty just as high and as sacred to the living. Hearts made heavy by bereavement deserve all possible consideration. They should have no added burden of practical details, little duties which are none the less important because they are small. To such as these we bring sympathy and a readiness to serve.

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Undertaking Department Day Phone 96

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C. G. Jennings Night Phone 1248

Mrs. Jess Jones, Attendant Phone 233

MYSTERIOUS BLAST TAKES TWO LIVES

MOTORIST KILLS COP

(By Associated Press)
FT. WORTH, Dec. 23.—Police are looking for the motorist who flung Bicycle Officer Frank Maco from an automobile and killed him today. The driver of the automobile was perforated with holes. Maco jumped on the running board of the car when the driver refused to stop.

FALL-SINCLAIR MUST BE TRIED

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Harry Sinclair and Albert Fall must stand trial for conspiracy in connection with the leasing of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve, Justice Bailey ruled in the District of Columbia Supreme Court today, in refusing to quash the indictments against them. Immediately after the ruling the defendants were arraigned and pleaded not guilty. February 2nd was the date set for the beginning of the trial.

FARMER MARKETS HIS LOW PRICED FEED

(By Associated Press)
CANYON, Tex., Dec. 23.—V. D. Beaman, Randall county farmer, is not worried because his feed crop was heavy, but price low. He is marketing his feed through 140 milk cows. He sells seventy dollars of milk, wholesale, each week. Beaman has an up-to-date dairy plant, using four milking machines. Beaman's last wheat crop sold for \$7.40. He has 640 acres now planted to wheat.

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Take Home the BACON

Swift's Premium from

PIGGLY WIGGLY

Friday Morning

With Their Compliments

Here is How

To those entering our turnstile and making a purchase from 7:00 a. m., until our supply is gone we will give a half pound box of Swift's Premium Bacon with our compliments.

We have a large quantity, but be sure to come early and get yours.

We have what you will need for Christmas.

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Mrs. Stanley Baldwin, wife of the British prime minister, confessed that her greatest ambition is some day to mark all her household linen with an appropriate "B".

Northwestern University tries to take some of the sting out of a child's visit to the dentist. A children's playground, resembling a garden, has been installed in the dental clinic, where various amusements take the child's mind off the " ordeal."

Heinz's Fig and Plum Pudding at Piggly Wiggly. 22-2td

Tests Sleeping Brain for Ability to Learn (By Associated Press)

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 21.—A University of Minnesota psychologist is seeking to determine whether learning can be acquired in sleep.

Prof. W. T. Heron is conducting the experiment on himself. He has rigged up a telephone with an electrically driven phonograph so that sounds are conveyed to his ears by head-phones. The contrivance is so arranged that when he releases his grip on an automatic switch, as he falls asleep, the phonograph starts operating softly.

"Whenever I awaken, the renewal of the grip on the switch will immediately stop the machine," he said. "In this way I will be sure that I will not hear the material in the waking state. It does not seem to be beyond the realm of possibility that the human being may learn, at least to some extent, while asleep."

Tips for Toys Found in News of the Year (By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—News-paper headlines dictated the construction of many of this season's toys, and toy planes labeled "North Pole or Bust" will be among the leaders.

Not only are there games portraying the polar flight and channel swim, but this season the German rotor ship appears in miniature, along with the Osprey, a Mareconi-rigged ship, the dirigible "Los Angeles," and innumerable electrified railroad "systems."

Even subway construction is reflected in pneumatic dump trucks and traveling clamshell cranes.

Still Another Style Attributed to Prince (By Associated Press)

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Prince of Wales is held accountable for still another style—the parting of hair at the side.

It was quite the fashion up to a few years ago for both men and women to have a parting in the center. But it is done on the side of the head nowadays and prominent hairdressers attribute the change to the fact the Prince has always parted his locks at that place. Women are doing it as well.

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

As New York Sees It

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A new motif in advertising appeared on New York streets as the "first icy breath of King Winter swept over the land." Enterprising taxi-drivers pasted on their windshields placards reading "Heated." They make an incongruous picture as they sit shivering alongside the sign.

New Yorkers as a rule, due to the great distances to be covered, do not get to see their friends as often as folks in smaller cities, but almost every family has a telephone to make up for this deficiency. Directories have just been sent to more than 1,078,000 subscribers in the Greater City.

A bit of the county fair annually makes its appearance in New York at the Old Glory auction of thoroughbred trotters. Here one sees that rapidly vanishing American—the trotting horse enthusiast. Diamond horse shoe scarf-pins and huge horse-head watch charms are still popular with these horse lovers.

Modern progress has struck the subway guards' stereotyped "Step lively." The guards are trying to think up something new. Here is the pioneer change: "Move up, don't let your feet stick in the glue on the platform."

Pumpkin seeds are about the last commodity expected to be found for sale in the theatrical district around Times Square, but a restaurant displayed a card advertising them. Pumpkin vines may adorn the windows of the flat-dwellers this winter.

Commercialized Greenwich Village still simulates a Bohemian atmosphere. "Friends ring twice, enemies, three times," bandits phone for appointments," says a sign over the barred entrance of one tea room there.

For the benefit of those persons who are constantly wondering where business has gone these days, a sign in a vacant store window in Park Avenue announces: "Business has removed to Blank Market Co., 900 Third Avenue."

A movie theatre has given a thought to the customers whose feet are trampled by those persistent individuals who bump their way to seats. It has a staff chiropodist.

Natives of other countries who wish to satisfy their native gastronomic tastes have difficulty in securing their haunts from the hordes of curiosity seekers. Many an unlighted, and closely locked brown-stone-front harbors, not a den of iniquity, but a rendezvous restaurant for foreign

students, seeking to elude the crowds.

It will be well this Christmas to carefully examine that new set of books. One of the newest sets being offered here includes, Dante, Burns, Shakespeare, and Columbus; but the tooled leather tomes break horizontally instead of vertically to disclose a neat and compact beverage set.

Strenuous night club life of the preferred type of ladies is revealed in the following from the "lost" column of a New York newspaper: "Blonde wig, night November 23, taxi, Club Lido, Club Richman or Club El Fay; \$25 reward."

OPEN NOSTRILS! END A COLD OR CATARRH

How To Get Relief When Head and Nose are Stuffed Up.

Count fifty! Your cold in head or catarrh disappears. Your clogged nostrils will open, the air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more snuffing, hawking, mucous discharge, dryness or headache; no struggling for breath at night.

Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist and apply a little of this fragrant antiseptic cream in your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage of the head, soothing and healing the swollen or inflamed mucous membrane, giving you instant relief. Head colds and catarrh yield like magic. Don't stay stuffed up and miserable. Relief is sure.

Methodist Shower

We wish to express our deepest appreciation for the lovely shower, or rather the great big pounding, that we received Tuesday evening after the Quarterly Conference. Such expressions make us feel very unworthy, but at the same time it makes us feel like giving ourselves unreservedly to the service of a people who so beautifully express their appreciation. From the depths of our hearts we want to thank everyone who had any part in this kind remembrance. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hooper. 23-1td

Fruit Cakes and Hostess Cakes Fresh at Piggly Wiggly. 22-2td

Our force will be enlarged to take care of our customers on the last day before Christmas. We take care of all your wants. King-Holt Company. 1td

Simeon Cottelle is at home from South Texas where he has been buying cotton to spend the holidays with his wife and son.

An unusual coffee

The coffee with the everlasting flavor and a Blend that's famous

For 26 years we have been roasting coffee, today we have perfected the very finest blends. Try them.

H AND H Blend Coffee
H-H COFFEE CO. SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

1927 OFFICERS FOR AUXILIARY

Mrs. Alexander McGregor was elected president of the American Legion Auxiliary Monday night at the regular meeting of the organization held in the auxiliary rooms at the Legion building.

Other officers elected were as follows: Mrs. C. W. Thorp, vice-president; Miss Anna Jean Sharp, treasurer; Mrs. J. M. Skinner, secretary; Mrs. D. G. Posey, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. K. V. Northington, historian; and Mrs. Ira L. Sims, chaplain.

The most interesting reports of any year for the auxiliary were heard at this meeting. A note of \$346.10 was paid off for the Legion; \$89.40 was spent on cheer boxes for ex-service men in U. S. Veterans hospitals; a \$25 box of clothing was sent to a needy family in San Angelo. Other minor details were also heard in the reports of the various committees.

Don't forget the five big prizes will be given away Free, Christmas Eve at King-Holt's Profit Sharing Sale. All votes must be in by 6:00 p. m. 1td

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Malone, Mrs. W. E. Harvey and two daughters, Misses Evelyn and Frances, have gone to Plainview, where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

Ledger advertising pays.

CONFERENCE ON HERE TUESDAY

Dr. A. D. Porter, presiding elder of the Brownwood district of the Methodist Church, presided at the first quarterly conference of the church held here Tuesday night at the First Methodist church.

The report, covering only one month of the new year 1926-27, was very encouraging and shows that the work for this church will be very good during the present year. Much progress has been made during the first month and prospects are very bright for much progressive work during the year.

Thirteen additions have been made to the membership of the church with many prospects in view for the ensuing period. Rev. R. B. Hooper, the new pastor, is very well pleased with the support being given him and expects his congregation to do much good during his pastorate.

"Say It With Flowers"

Ballinger Floral Company—1006 Eighth Street.

A. H. and Arthur Giesecke left Thursday afternoon for San Antonio where they will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Miss Mamie Gene Hale is at home from Simmons University to spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Hale.

PIGGLY WIGGLY

Wishes You a Merry Christmas

To make your Christmas a lot merrier we have for your selection, everything of the very best quality and lowest price that you will need during the holidays.

LOOK! SPECIAL FOR CHRISTMAS

PORK ROAST, lb. 25c
PORK CHOPS, lb. 30c

The above will be fine if you do not care care for a Turkey or a Hen.

Swift's Jewel

Compound 8 lb - 99c
16 lb - \$1.87

Celery Jumbo Per Stalk - 19c

Lettuce Calif. Iceberg Large and Crisp - 15c

New Irish Potatoes 15c Per lb.

Chocolate Covered Cherries 59c lb. box

Assorted Chocolates 5 lb box - \$1.85
3 lb box - \$1.14

OYSTERS Pints - 50c
Quart - 95c

Open Late Every Night This Week.

PIGGLY WIGGLY

WINTERS MAN BUYS SAN ANGELO BAKERY

J. Q. Lankford, of Winters, has purchased the Texas Baking Company in San Angelo and will begin operation of the plant within a few days. Mr. Lankford will continue his business in Winters also, but will move to San Angelo to make his home.

Mr. Lankford formerly was a resident of this city, having moved from here to Winters. He was also in the bakery business here.

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Has been used for many years for the relief of colds and grippe, or "Flu" in a few hours. A phenomenal success. Pleasant to take. No pills. 35c at Drug Stores.

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General Practice
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Office over Pearce Drug Co.
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L. R. TIGNER
Jeweler and Optometrist
Glasses Lenses
Fitted Duplicated



The New Bob
A Style for Every Head

Your're not in style nowadays unless you have the bob to fit the particular contour of your head.

There's a style for every type. Expert barbers that assure you of satisfactory service.

Woodson & Thomas
BARBER SHOP

BEGINNING
January 1st
1927

My business will be conducted on strictly a CASH BASIS.

No credit will be extended as I haven't the time to collect my bills on the first.

Please send the money when the children call for work done after the above date.

Bob Carsey
GOODYEAR SHOE SHOP
Shoe Rebuilding for Particular Men and Women
In Old Stroble Market Bldg on 8th Street

Dr. R. F. Zedlitz
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General Practice
Special Attention Given to Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.
Glasses Properly Fitted
Office F. & M. Bank Bldg.

CHILDREN'S ILLS

Arkansas Lady Says She Has Never Found a Better Laxative Than Theford's Black-Draught.

Mineral Springs, Ark.—"We use Black-Draught in our family of six children," says Mrs. C. E. Nutt, of this place, "and we find it a good bowel regulator. I give it to my children for colds and constipation, or any other stomach disorders, and it certainly is very helpful. I have never known it to fail them. Where there are so many children, it is a good idea to keep a laxative on hand, and Black-Draught is what we use."

"I have taken it myself for indigestion. I would feel dizzy, have gas and sour stomach. I would also feel a tightness in my chest. I took a good dose of Theford's Black-Draught when I felt that way and it would relieve me. I would feel better for days."

"My husband takes Black-Draught for biliousness. He says he has never found its equal. When he has the tired, heavy feeling, he takes Black-Draught night and morning for a few days and he doesn't complain any more. I sure do recommend Black-Draught."

Sold everywhere. Get a package of Black-Draught, today. Costs only one cent a dose. **NC-175**



REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Warranty Deeds

O. G. Loudamy and wife to S. E. Parmer, 20 acres of the W. C. Ry. Co. survey No. 135, December 1, for the sum of \$1,950.

B. G. Owens and M. L. Owens to H. C. Autrey, lot 15 and North half of lot 16 of block No. 2 of College Heights addition to the city of Winters, December 13, for the sum of \$1,350.

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.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

- A. P. Bledsoe and Mrs. Elizabeth Reed
- R. J. Mangum and Miss Lavert McLaughlin
- Harvey Newsom and Miss Wilma Stubblefield
- J. P. Aldridge and Miss Goldie Gabbert
- R. G. Gardner and Miss Bertie Parrott.

Five Free Prizes given away tomorrow night at King-Holt's. All votes must be in by 6:00 p. m. 23-11d

"Say It With Flowers" Ballinger Floral Company—1006 Eighth Street. 22-31d

Christmas Trees at Piggly Wiggly. 22-2td

Get today's news today—read The Daily Ledger

Movies

Valentino Picture "The Four Horsemen," Closes Tonight

Rex Ingram's well remembered screen classic, "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," one of the greatest films ever produced by the industry, has returned in triumph in response to a flood of requests from all over the country. This picture, showing tonight at the Palace Theatre for the last time, unsurpassed as an artistic record of its time, is the film that brought the late Rudolph Valentino to fame. Valentino plays opposite Alice Terry in this picture, and in it does some of the best work he ever contributed to the screen.

An enormous cast was employed by Director Ingram with phenomenal success in translating the popular Ibanez novel to the screen. June Mathis made the adaptation for this production, released by Metro-Goldwyn.

Zane Grey Film Coming to the Palace

A Zane Grey story picture by Paramount with absolute fidelity and authenticity, with one of the most notable stellar and supporting casts in screen history and acclaimed by reviewers as one of the most entertaining and thrilling Grey stories to date, comes to the Palace Theatre for an engagement of two days, starting tomorrow, Friday.

"Desert Gold" concerns itself chiefly with the lawless days at the close of the last century, along the Southwestern border. Into this seething whirlpool comes the son of a rich man and there he encounters a girl. With her he escapes from bandits into the Painted Desert and amid wild rides, fights and adventure, finds love and gold.

Robert Frazer plays the role of the son of wealth and Shirley Mason that of Mercedes, the Spanish girl. Neil Hamilton is seen as Lieutenant Thorne, of the United States cavalry, and William Powell as Landree, bandit and killer.

The supporting cast numbers in its personnel George Rigas, remembered for his excellent work in "The Wanderer," and Frank Laekteen, who scored as a half-breed Indian in "The Pony Express."

The picture was directed by George B. Seitz and supervised

THE NEW PALACE THEATER

LAST DAY

Triumphant Return!
REX INGRAM'S
The FOUR HORSEMEN
with **VALENTINO** and **Alice Terry**

More people have asked for the showing of this epic of the films than any other screen play in years! The greatest picture of the screen!

This Must Head Your List of Pictures to See!

Admission 10c — 30c — 40c

by Lucien Hubbard of "The Vanishing American" fame.

"The Cat's Pajamas" for Mid-night Matinee Xmas Eve

Hailed by critics as "the ideal Betty Bronson picture," Paramount's "The Cat's Pajamas," which will be shown at midnight matinee at the Palace Theatre on Friday night, December 24th, one night only, might also be called the "ideal Ricardo Cortez picture."

Never has this popular young actor appeared to better advantage than in this film, in which he is co-starred with Miss Bronson. It is a delightful tale of love, humor and adventure which was especially written for the screen by Ernest Vajda.

"The Cat's Pajamas," from the time its intriguing title is thrown on the screen, until the last flicker showing Miss Bronson's delightful cat fading into the distance with a brood of kittens, is as good entertainment as anything shown here in recent months. It has all the elements movie-goers like—love, romance, adventure, thrills, magnificent and picturesque settings, pathos, and—the wonderful element of "dreams come true."

The supporting cast includes that grand old man, Theodore Roberts, and the charming Lily of France, Arlette Marchal. William Wellman is the director.

Could Not Read Bible Lavoitnik Makes Eyes Stronger

"Being a teacher I use my eyes all day. In the evening they are tired and painful. But Lavoitnik refreshes them so that I can read my daily chapter in the Bible."—Miss R. Dibs.

LAVOITNIK cools and strengthens tired and weak eyes. Stops eye pains and inflammation. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co., 804 Hutchings Avenue.

Notice

I have moved the Top Shop from the Service Garage to John Castor's place of business. I wish to take this opportunity to thank my customers for their past patronage and am soliciting your future work.

Hoping you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

HENRY DOSS, 20-5td.*

"Say It With Flowers" Ballinger Floral Company—1006 Eighth Street. 22-3td

Get your Dressed Turkeys and Hens for your Xmas dinner at Piggly Wiggly. 22-2td

Simple Mixture Stops Gas Bloating

Simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adlerika, often helps stomach trouble in TEN minutes by removing GAS. Brings out a surprising amount of old waste matter you never thought was in your system. Stops that full, bloated feeling and makes you enjoy eating. Excellent for chronic constipation. Adlerika works QUICK and delightfully easy. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

NORTON COUPLE ARE MARRIED HERE

Harvey Newsom, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Newsom of Norton, and Miss Wilma Stubblefield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Stubblefield of Norton, were married here Wednesday night at the home of Rev. Alvin O. Rue on Eighth Street.

A few friends motored to Ballinger with the couple for the ceremony.

The couple will make their home in Norton.

Heinz's Fig and Plum Pudding at Piggly Wiggly. 22-2td

CASH AND TOTE STORE

LOOK AT THESE

- Short Clear Dry Salt Bacon, lb. 18c
- Picnic Hams, the lb. 20c
- Armour's and Swift's Skinned Hams, 34c
- 8 lb. Shortening at 98c
- 16 lb. Shortening at \$1.85

These are not one or two days specials, but all the time until prices go up or down.

M. D. Chastain

"The Oldest Rat in The Barn"

Christmas Eve

Midnight Matinee

Palace Theatre

BEGINNING AT TWELVE SHARP

FRIDAY NIGHT ONLY

BETTY BRONSON and RICARDO CORTEZ

in

"THE CAT'S PAJAMAS"

You love fast, frisky comedy in which there's the sweet flavor of romance, plenty of laughs and a dash of tabasco—and here it is to perfection!

A William Wellman Production with Arlette Marchal and Theodore Roberts

NOTE—This picture will be shown once only. See It!

A Wooden Desk

—in a home or office, may serve a useful purpose.

But a far safer place for your abstracts, insurance papers, contracts, and deeds is a safe-deposit box.

SAFETY CONVENIENCE PRIVACY
Box \$3.00 a year.

THE First National Bank
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QUEEN THEATRE

TODAY

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FOUND—A signet ring between city schools and business district on Eighth Street. Owner can get same by calling at Ledger office, identifying ring and paying for this ad. 23-3rd

LOST—Brown case, containing insurance papers and records; also a small package of insurance application blanks, in Ballinger. Leave at Ledger office for reward. 23-2nd.*

FOR SALE—New Perfection oil cook stove, 4 burners, with mantle and oven; one Perfection oil heater; one small air tight wood heater; one 50 gallon tank with faucet. Alvin Swindell, 809 Broadway. 22-3rd

FOR SALE—2 sectional book cases and books; 1 dressing table; 2 rockers; refrigerator; 2 small tables; chiffonette; window shades; mattress; kitchen cabinet. Call 333 at 407 Tenth Street. 22-2nd

FOR SALE—Choice pecans. Phone 160. W. T. Padgett. 22-12th-2th

FOR RENT—Two light house-keeping rooms on South Broadway, 363, by Mrs. Stella Franklin. 20-4d*

FOR SALE—Four room house on Twelfth Street at a bargain. Phone 179. 11-11d.*

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Ask a "Light" Then Tip Hats in Berlin (By Associated Press)

BERLIN, Dec. 17. — A fine fine point in etiquette is exciting a hot discussion among German cigar and cigarette smokers. "Please give me a light," is one of the common requests of passenger to passenger in the numerous compartments of railway and street cars where smoking is permitted. The request is usually accompanied by a mutual lifting of hats, and the controversy is over the question whether this polite formality is strictly necessary.

So far the eyes seem to have it. Observation on the public conveyances shows the hat-lifting process, carried out with all due Teutonic solemnity, still quite commonly observed.

All kinds of Fireworks at Piggly Wiggly. 22-2nd

Be wise and advertise

16 GRID MEN GET SWEATERS

Sixteen members of the Ballinger high school Bearcat football team were presented sweaters Wednesday afternoon at a meeting held in the auditorium of the Senior high school before school was dismissed for the Christmas holidays.

Coach Felton Wright presented the sweaters to the players, including Manager Euell Arthur, after a short introduction by J. B. Pace Jr., principal.

The sweaters are of solid black with a scarlet "B" in the center and with scarlet stripes on the left sleeve to denote the number of years the player lettered.

Those players receiving sweaters were: Alagood, McKenzie, Elkins, Marecek, Arthur, and Parrish, backfield men; Tucky, Forman, Mason, Powell, Rayburn, Reese, Middleton, and Smith, linemen; and Euell Arthur, manager.

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Joe Seidel
 Truck Joe Seidel, 79 years of age, died at his home in Rowena, Thursday morning at 4:00 o'clock following an illness which has confined him to his bed for the past three months.

Uncle Joe was born in Germany 79 years ago, but came to Texas when he was a young man. He had been in Texas 53 years and for the last 19 years he had been making his home in or near Rowena in Runnels county.

He is survived by two sons and four daughters, three of whom were at his bedside when the death angel called. One son and one daughter reside in Los Angeles, the other daughter lives in Fredericksburg. They will all be present for the funeral which is to be held Saturday afternoon, December 25th, at the Catholic church in Rowena, with Rev. Fohlms officiating.

Higginbotham Bros. & Co. undertakers prepared the body for burial.

We will take care of your last minute wants and make deliveries of all articles bought up to closing time Christmas Eve, King Holt. 23-11d

Get your Dressed Turkeys and Hens for your Xmas dinner at Piggly Wiggly. 22-2nd

Lord Grey Can Read in Dark as Well as Light
 (By Associated Press)

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Lord Grey of Fallodon can read in the dark as well as light.

When he was threatened with blindness he learned to read by the Braille touch system, and now, with his eyesight much improved, he still finds Braille books useful.

"One can turn out the light," he says, "draw up the sheets and literally read one's self to sleep."

All kinds of Fireworks at Piggly Wiggly. 22-2nd

Mrs. A. B. Lankford is here visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Raby. She came down from Abilene to spend the Christmas holidays.

Get your Xmas Fireworks at Hopper's Cafe. 11-2nd-2th

Anton Lang's Slang
 (By Associated Press)

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 16.—American slang has become a part of everyday speech of Anton Lang, the "Christus" of the Passion Play at Oberammergau, said Prof. C. H. Conley, of Wesleyan University.

The professor visited Lang while in Germany last summer and noticed that while he spoke excellent English he frequently used with evident delight many colloquial phrases which he had garnered while in this country.

Gordon Thomson arrived Wednesday afternoon from Texas Tech at Lubbock, to spend the holidays in Ballinger.

Morris Cummings, who is attending Texas Tech at Lubbock, is at home to spend the holidays.

Be wise and advertise.

Men's Ties to Match Women's Hats is Fad

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Man's ties to match the girl's hat is one of the novelties of the fall styles observed in couples strolling down the boulevards or promenading in the Bois de Boulogne.

This is seen in dark red tones with Milady's hat and her gentle-

man escort's tie decorated in fine gold thread. Blue comes next.

The hats are bought first. Then the gentleman is told to produce a tie of a given shade. Some of the men have solved the problem by allowing the women to buy their ties, an occurrence hitherto regarded as casting a reflection on the gentleman's manhood.

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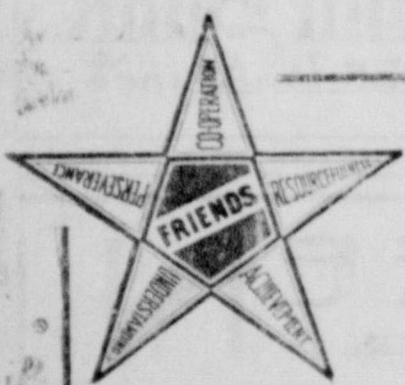
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