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MEMBER INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Runnels Leading in Cotton This Season

The latest report from government sources as given to the press places Runnels county in first place as to the production of cotton among all the counties comprising that area known as West Texas. Coleman county had second place with 38,846 bales and Runnels has 45,843 bales.

Jones county, which has for so many years led West Texas drops down considerably this year with a production of only 31,470 bales. The report is as follows:

County	1928	1927
Archer	2,234	3,177
Bailey	991	1
Calhoun	15,865	10,472
Callahan	9,732	7,893
Childress	24,729	32,496
Clay	19,943	19,875
Coke	8,178	9,320
Coleman	38,846	28,157
Comanche	7,789	5,853
Concho	15,534	15,198
Dosby	14,312	20,572
Dawson	14,495	30,879
Dickens	11,386	27,003
Donley	17,627	9,879
Eastland	6,248	2,602
Paso	40,959	38,914
er	16,595	25,698
d	11,924	3,999
rd	7,521	17,520
milton	19,449	14,447
askell	28,611	40,557
ones	31,470	56,020
ampasas	7,011	5,268
ubbock	17,720	28,098
Lynn	17,272	25,701
McCulloch	21,557	21,019
RUNNELS	45,843	50,979
Taylor	24,554	40,972
Tom Green	8,890	8,593

SENATE CONFIRMS I. C. C. APPOINTMENTS TODAY

(By International News Service) WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The senate today confirmed the nomination of Clyde B. Atchison, of Iowa; Claude R. Porter, of Iowa; Patrick J. F. Farrel, District of Columbia, as members of the Interstate Commerce Commission. All are re-appointments.

Miss Hortense Holt is here from Taylor, Belton, spending the holidays with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. King and other relatives.

Neil Eubank, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Eubank, who is attending John Tarleton College, Stephenville, has returned home to spend the holidays.

Rousing Reception For Ball Players

(By International News Service) EL PASO, Dec. 22.—The students of the State College of Mines here, are preparing a rousing reception for the Georgia Tech football team, which is scheduled to reach here at 6:30 today, en route to California to play the University of Southern California on New Year's Day.

Goodfellows Can Still Use Money

The Goodfellow's fund has exceeded \$350 but more money can be used as it is evident that the treasury will be defunct when the shopping is all done. It appears there are more needy cases than was at first anticipated. You can never give a dollar which will go to a better cause.

The average person, in the every day walk of life does not realize nor can he even imagine the want that some people live through. If the average person had only beans for a diet and not half enough clothing to keep his body warm then he would begin to realize what poverty means. Or even worse, when there is nothing to eat and no fire to keep you warm.

The following contributions were made today:

Dr. F. M. Hale	\$1.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Jones	2.50
Mrs. L. A. Jeanes	2.25
Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Watson	1.00
Boy Scouts	2.82
J. A. Williams	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harwell	10.00
Total	\$374.07

Ex-Senator is Given Pardon

(By International News Service) WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Coolidge today restored citizenship rights to ex-Congressman John W. Langley of Kentucky, with the issuance of a full pardon. Langley has served time in the Atlanta federal penitentiary for conspiracy to violate the liquor laws. His wife, Katherine, succeeded her husband in congress.

MORE COWS WANTED

More cows are wanted in Runnels county and the county agent is requested from time to time to ship more cows into this territory. Mr. Lehmburg will be out of the city until January 1 and after that time an order will likely be placed for one or more cars of good milch cows.

In order to ship cows in at the lowest cost it is imperative that they be shipped by the carload. Mr. Lehmburg is asking all those who would want some more good cows to either notify him or W. B. Currie, president of the local creamery, or C. A. Womaek, manager of the creamery.

After January 1 Mr. Lehmburg's office will be in the same place with the chamber of commerce, over Tigner's jewelry store.

Miss Eleanor Greer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Greer, is spending the holidays with her parents. Miss Greer is attending McMurry College at Abilene.

Dies from Fall In Truck Wreck

(By International News Service) DEL RIO, Dec. 22.—G. W. Schiror, who lay under a truck for a day after the same overturned, died today of the injuries and exposure.

Kidnap Officials and Rob Bank

(By International News Service) ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—W. W. Bradley and E. E. Blake, cashier and cashier's assistant, of the Crystal City State Bank, who were kidnaped by bandits this morning were later released at Arnold, Mo., unharmed. The bandits escaped with about \$5,000. The payroll of the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company, at first believed to have been taken, had not arrived at the bank at the time of the robbery and was therefore not taken with the other loot.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—President and cashier of the Crystal City National Bank here were kidnaped today by three armed bandits who took all the cash in the vault. The bandits made their get-away in automobiles. It is believed that the payroll of several thousands was included in the loot.

Detective is Free on Bond

(By International News Service) HOUSTON, Dec. 22.—J. V. Harris, 24, a private detective, was released on bond of \$500 in connection with the fatal shooting of J. L. Hammonds, 56, a carpenter. Hammonds was killed near a grocery store in the outlying districts of the city.

Accused Selling "Petrified Body"

(By International News Service) LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22.—Accused of obtaining money by the sale of her dead son's "petrified" body, Mrs. Alice Sawyer, wealthy apartment house owner, was found guilty in federal court here today.

SHEA IS DEAD

(By International News Service) INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 22.—Joseph H. Shea, 69, ambassador to Chile during the Wilson administration, died here today.

THE WEATHER

All Texas: Tonight and Sunday fair and slightly warmer.

Dress Like Twins To Rob Big Store

(By International News Service) KANSAS CITY, Dec. 22.—Two bandits dressed like twins today robbed George L. Schmidt, superintendent of a feed company of \$1400.

Rule on Contest After Holidays

(By International News Service) AUSTIN, Dec. 22.—A telegram was received Saturday by Mrs. Jane Y. McCallum, secretary of state, from a committee of San Antonio citizens in which it was stated by Dr. John Albright, representing a mass meeting of 2,000 people, protesting against a certificate of election being issued to Judge Augustus McCloskey, on the basis of returns he is the winner over Congressman Harry Wurzbach. The election board is not to act on the matter until after the holidays.

KING IS STILL IMPROVING

(By International News Service) LONDON, Dec. 22.—King George today entered his thirty-second day of illness with slight improvement in his case, a bulletin from Buckingham Palace indicated.

Clarence McCarver is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCarver. He has been attending Howard Payne at Brownwood.

Buc' Elkins, Howard Payne student, is here to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Special Christmas Music at all services.

Subject of morning sermon—

"The World's Greatest Event"

Subject of evening sermon—

"The World's Most Daring Venture"

Everyone should go to Church Sunday.

Come to the Methodist Church—we welcome you.

Child Severely Burned Playing Near a Fire

Coolidge and Congress Agree On Farm Bill

(By International News Service) WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—For the first time in five years of bitter warfare, congress and President Coolidge appeared today to have agreed upon farm relief legislation. It was reported here that the new McNary farm relief bill also has the endorsement of Herbert Hoover. The equalization fees is eliminated in the new bill.

TRIP TO SING SING FOR THEFT OF AUTOMOBILE

(By International News Service) NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—John Quinn, 26, of Dallas, Texas, was today sentenced to 10 years in Sing Sing on a charge of auto theft.

Art Goebel at Point of Death

(By International News Service) WICHITA, Kans., Dec. 22.—Grave fears are entertained for Art Goebel, Dole flight winner, who is ill here with pneumonia. Goebel is reported to be unconscious. His mother is en route here from Santa Monica, Calif.

J. C. the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Aycock, who live south of Ballinger, while playing near the fire at the family home, Friday, was severely burned about the body, when his clothing became a mass of flames.

The child was rushed to the Halley & Love Sanitarium, where every attention was given, and the child returned to its home. It is thought that the child will recover. It was estimated that possibly one-third of the body was burned.

Last week, Bobby, another of the Aycock children, was so unfortunate as to have his leg broken and this other accident occurring at the same time the other child was suffering causes the parents to be doubly anxious.

Reports from the home Saturday indicated that the boy with the broken limb was resting fine, but the baby which was so severely burned was in a serious condition, and it could not be told at that time just how serious the burns would prove.

Earth Tremors Noted in Nevada

(By International News Service) TONAPAH, Nev., Dec. 22.—Slight earth tremors were felt shortly after midnight at Eden Creek, a mining camp 60 miles from here. The disturbance lasted for several minutes.

The quickest way to keep abreast with the times is to read the ads.

Be wise and advertise.

One More Shopping Day
 Shop Early and Late at
Piggly Wiggly



This store will be open from 6 a. m. to 11 p. m. Monday.
 A few Xmas Trees left.
 Don't fail to get a piece of Buffalo Monday.
 We have everything you need for your Xmas dinner.

PIGGLY WIGGLY

Buffalo Meat
 From Goodnight Ranch—Stall Fed
 MONDAY
 at
PIGGLY WIGGLY

The Gift That Keeps on Giving

ORTHOPHONIC
 Victor Portables
\$25 AND \$35

Radio and Victor Combinations
\$250 AND \$285

J. Y. Pearce
Drug Co.
The Retail Store
 Free Delivery Phones 38&26

Holiday Special

on All Electric and Battery Radio Sets. It will pay you to come in and see these

RADIO BARGAINS
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 while they last at prices that will interest you.

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Monday's issue of The Daily Ledger will largely be devoted to Christmas greetings from the live, wide-awake firms of this city. People who appreciate your business and feel kindly toward you at Christmas time don't mind spending a few dollars for space in the paper to tell you so. At least they will take some means of thanking you and wishing you good cheer.

SPANISH CLASS PRESENTS
CHRISTMAS PLAY FRIDAY

Presenting "La Nochebuena" to a large crowd in the auditorium of the high school Friday morning, the Spanish classes of the Ballinger High School scored a hit with their little playlet.

The cast as presented was as follows:

- An Orphan Gypsy Girl
Marguerite Truly
- Robbers
Frank Coker Jervis Robinson
Candy, Toy and Fruit Vendors...
Ruth Spoons, Myrtle Burdon
Mandolin Lorenda Burdon
A Rich Merchant Fred Spreen
(Father of Rosita)
- Rosita Altha Lee Gill
El Estudeante Jack Wheeler
Turkey Peddler Ernest Nance
Flower Seller Fern Killam
Beggars Children Marie Castor
Corkle Motley, Steve Francis
Civil Guards Wood-
row Wilson, John Frank Davis
Night Watchman
Raymond McShan

SCIENCE STILL SEEKING
REAL CAUSE OF CANCER
AS WELL AS ITS CURE

(By International News Service)
CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Science as yet has found no real cure for cancer, according to Dr. Albert LeLand of Los Angeles, one of the heads of the Radiological Society of America, in addressing a convention of the organization here. Twelve hundred American and foreign physicians attended the gathering.

"We do not yet know what cancer is," he said. "As soon as we discover what it is we will have a cure. There are three agencies of unlimited value in the treatment of cancer. They are X-rays, radium and surgery. Singly or combined they constitute the best weapons we have today for fighting this disease."

Dr. Soland termed cancer a "pirate cell on a rampage" and stated the disease caused 200,000 deaths annually in the United States.

DIZZY, NO APPETITE

Since Taking Black-Draught
This Man Is Eager For
His Meals and Feels
Much Better.

Harrisburg, N. C.—Mr. M. F. Pink, of this place, says: "It must have been fully twenty-five years ago that I began taking Black-Draught regularly. It wasn't so long after I married.

"I was in town one day, and while talking to a friend I stooped over to pick up something. When I straightened up, I felt dizzy. I spoke to him about this and how I had not felt like eating.

"My friend told me to take some Black-Draught. I knew my mother had used it, and so I bought a package. When I got home, I took a good, big dose, and the next night, another. In a few days I felt much better. I was hungry and the dizziness was gone.

"A good many times I have had this dizziness and a bad taste in my mouth, or headaches, and then I take Black-Draught and get better. I do not have to take it very often. We buy from five to seven packages a year."

Theford's Black-Draught has been found to relieve sick headaches in thousands of cases that were due to constipation. Containing no mineral drugs, it acts gently, yet promptly. Try it. NC-123

Black-Draught
for Constipation
Indigestion, Bloating

Personals

Robert Lee Maddox of the Ranger High School faculty, is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Maddox, and other relatives.

Oscar Schott of St. Edwards College, Austin, is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Schott.

Geo. Daugherty from Sul Ross College, Alpine, has arrived here to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Miss Evelyn Shepherd is at home from Simmons University to spend the holidays.

Miss Routh Holliday of Simmons University, Abilene, is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Mattie Holliday and other relatives.

Miss Esther Parish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Parrish is here to spend the holidays.

Miss Ethel Kemp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kemp, has returned from Simmons University to spend the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Cheatham spent Friday in San Angelo on a visit to relatives and friends.

Miss Hattie Mae Dunlap is at home to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dunlap.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy P. Simpson went over to Abilene Friday, where Mr. Simpson witnessed the football game between the Yellow Jackets and Eagles. Mrs. Simpson and Mary will remain over to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Goss, her parents.

Word was received by Mrs. W. D. Gregory this week from her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Tibbs of Dallas, stating that her son, Chas. Jr.,

was confined to his bed with a severe case of influenza, consequently the Tibbs family will not be privileged to spend Christmas in Ballinger this year.

Miss Ringle, nurse at the Halley & Love Sanitarium, will leave for a few days Christmas visit with her people at Rowena, Saturday.

Miss Mason, student nurse with the Halley & Love Sanitarium, will leave Sunday for a Christmas visit with homefolks at Sylvester.

Geo. Hill of Winters was in Ballinger Friday night to meet his daughter, who came in on the Santa Fe from Baylor, Belton.

Jas. Trail from A. & M. College, is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Trail and friends.

Miss Verda Nell Trail of Daniel Baker College, Brownwood, is here visiting her parents.

State Engineer Garrett has gone to Austin where he will spend the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

C. B. Hays of O'Donnell, with his family will arrive Sunday to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. H. G. Hays.

Mrs. W. P. Howard and family of O'Donnell will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. H. G. Hays.

Fred and Daisy Killam, McMurry students, Abilene, are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Killam.

Paul Killam of Hugerton, Kans., is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Killam.

Miss Louise Kirk, daughter of Mrs. R. P. Kirk, will arrive tonight to spend Christmas with her mother and other relatives.

Chas. Lankford has been down from Abilene visiting during the past week.

F. B. Baker, wife and son of Strawn arrived in Ballinger Fri-

day and visited overnight in the home of his brother, J. A. Baker

Clell Reid of Goldthwaite is here visiting his sisters, Mmes. Lee and O. C. Sykes.

Wm. Dickson of Southwestern University, Georgetown, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Drew Dickson, and also with his many friends in Ballinger.

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CANDY SALESMAN DONATES
FIFTY POUNDS OF CANDY

James A. Wear of the Dueler Candy Company graciously contributed 50 pounds of nice candy to the Goodfellows Saturday. Mr. Wear makes Ballinger his headquarters and his company has headquarters in San Antonio. The candy will be used to good advantage by the Goodfellows, who will make it their business to see that there is not a child in Ballinger wanting on Christmas Day.

Be wise and advertise.

KING'S
CANDY

No Christmas is complete without it. Indeed, scarcely a gift to some one near and dear now-a-days that doesn't convey a bit of candy as a companion gift just to emphasize your
"MERRY CHRISTMAS"

Leave your order now and it will be delivered any time you wish.

STRAIN
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"The Store of Personal Service"

LEGION TO ASK STATES
FOR ORPHAN SCHOLARSHIPS

(By International News Service)
INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 22.—State legislatures will be asked by the American Legion to establish scholarships for war orphans at state educational institutions. Maj. Gen. P. C. Harris, head of the Legion's committee on orphan education, announced here.

"Under a recent law, the Federal government pays \$120 a year to

war orphans taking a course of instruction. Legislatures will be asked to match this government compensation, according to General Harris.

AMERICAN FACTORY IS
NOW MAKING CYMBALS

(By International News Service)
QUINCY, Mass., Dec. 21.—A local factory has begun the manufacture of Zildjian cymbals—the first time that these musical accessories have been made in America.

FRESH EATABLES

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To be sure of getting delicious, fruits, Vegetables and other foods at the minimum cost phone 318 or 357.

You'll get the best that the market affords and you'll also get prompt delivery service.

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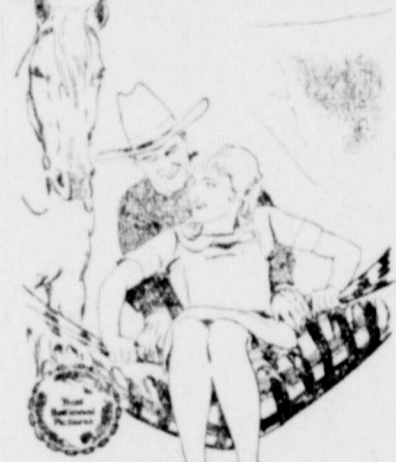
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SHOWING

KEN
MAYNARD

He loves as well as he rides. And oh, boy, HOW he rides to victory in a sensational cross-country, endurance race. It's the biggest outdoor adventure drama you've ever seen.



"The Upland
Rider"

COMEDY

NEWS

Another Thunder bolt of
Flaming Tyler action!

TOM
TYLER

Daring!

Chilling!

Staggering!

Comedy No. 3

"TARZAN THE
MIGHTY"

FRANKIE
BARRO
Tyrant
of Red
Gulch



QUEEN
THEATRE

LAST DAY

OVER 200,000 SAW

THE OUTSTANDING

Chevrolet

IN NEW YORK THE FIRST THREE DAYS; NOT SO MANY WILL SEE IT IN BALLINGER, BUT EVERYONE SHOULD SEE IT. YOU WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.

THEY WILL BE HERE

December 29th

Healer Chevrolet Co.



Link Bowline's Cowboy Band which will appear at the Palace Theatre Christmas day only. On the screen Thomas Meighan will be seen in "The Racket."

Nation Enjoyed Good Business For Year 1928

By W. S. Cousins
(International News Staff Correspondent)

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—American business had a successful year in 1928. From the standpoint of corporation profits the year was without doubt the most satisfactory of any similar period since the end of the war, and the recoveries in important sections of industry that have been under depression since 1921 were carried to the highest levels yet attained.

In the first ten months of the year, the net earnings of 229 corporations, representing a complete cross-section of American business, increased 21 per cent over the corresponding period of 1927. Of these companies, 162 have reported larger incomes than for the corresponding period last year, and 67 had smaller net earnings.

The best gains of the year were made in copper, motorcar, motor equipment, petroleum and retail chain store groups, while moderate gains were made in the chemical, iron and steel, and machinery groups.

Going into the matter a little more specifically, it is found that eight copper companies showed a gain of 68 per cent in net earnings as compared with last year from 13 to 17 cents a pound; 18 motor equipment companies had net income 52 per cent higher than in 1927; 27 petroleum companies increased net earnings 45 per cent; six retail chain stores increased 25 per cent; eight chemical companies 11 per cent and 18 iron and steel companies 8 per cent.

It must of course be remembered that 1927 was not a good year from the corporation earnings standpoint. In the second half of the year the output of the automobile companies shrunk considerably due to the closing of the Ford works and the decline in production schedules of other important plants. The oil companies in many cases ended the year in red ink figures on their balance sheets, because of a huge over-production of crude oil and gasoline and the consequent slumping of prices of the oil products. Copper companies complained of low prices and un-

profitable operations, and the textile companies suffered from the same complaint.

Since the first quarter of the year these conditions have been reversed. Relieved of the burdens of large inventories, and finding an ever-widening market for their products at home and abroad, American industrial manufacturers were encouraged to add materially to their producing capacities and to speed up their machinery to the highest point. Thus the operations of the steel mills have kept above 50 per cent of capacity for practically all of the second half of the year, a considerable increase over 1926, the previous peak year of the post-war period.

Steel production, automobile manufacturing and building construction have held their own as the "big three" in the back-log of the country's prosperity. General Motors as an industrial money-making giant has hardly been surpassed in this or any other age, and with an aggregate of profits this year of \$300,000,000 it has established a high water mark for corporation profits that will be hard to surpass, though the president of General Motors recently declared that 1929 would be more profitable for his big enterprise than any previous year.

The steady improvement in the textile industry has been one of the outstanding features of the year in the industrial world. Textile heads are striving manfully to overcome the handicap of over-production which has been holding them back for the last five years or more, and many of them are already seeing daylight just around the corner.

The squeeze in the money market was principally in the realm of speculative borrowing, or the call loan market, but it undoubtedly had its effect upon the commercial money markets where rates have been unusually high. One by-product of high rates has been the enormous increase in earnings of the banking institutions all over the country and the consequent sky-rocketing of bank stock prices in a wide distribution of the shares all over the country.

The year closes with employment and wages at the peak of the post-war period; with buying power never better; retail trade and holiday trade booming; manufacturing corporations at or near the peak of production; order books carrying a good volume of new or-

ders for home and foreign markets; political skies clearing and increasing good will at home and abroad; American business from all indications is on the threshold of a prosperous period that may stretch considerably longer than a single year.

GINNS WILL SHUT DOWN FOR TWO DAYS NEXT WEEK

The following gins will close down Saturday night and will not be open again until Wednesday morning, Dec. 26. The employees will take these two days for Christmas. All will be open and ready for

your cotton again on Wednesday morning.

Farmers Bureau Gins, Nos. 1 and 2
W. F. Mason
Mrs. W. E. Harvey
The Day Gin. 20-4d

Notice

I am now back in my old place of business. Would appreciate a visit from all of my customers and friends. We have fireworks.
J. C. COOK, 21-3d

Currie Produce Co. is selling nice apples for Christmas at \$1.50 per bushel. 21-2d

REPERTT WARNS AGAINST PROBABLE INSECT PESTS

(By International News Service)

DALLAS, Dec. 22.—R. R. Reppert, entomologist with the A. & M. College Extension Service is strong in his warnings to the farmers of the state against the danger of a probable insect scourge next year. M. C. Counts, agricultural agent of Tarrant county, and his assistant, W. W. Bridges, conferred in regard to the methods which should be followed in preventing breeding of the insects.

On account of the excessive rainfall of this winter and the relative lack of freezing weather, this spring season may be an exceptionally good one for insects. Reppert and his conferees pointed out:

"Plowing and cleaning of the fence rows and the burning or clearing out of rubbish and underbrush will do more than anything else to keep down the pests," the experts stated.

Special warning is given in respect to grasshoppers, as a certain species was in evidence as late as December, presaging infestation of this insect to some degree next spring.

Do not buy a portable phonograph until you hear the Columbia portable. \$25.00. D. E. Moody Music House. 21-3d

LEGION WILL URGE EARLY PASSAGE OF CRUISER BILL BY CONGRESS

(By International News Service)

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 21.—Passage of the cruiser bill is one of the main legislative objectives of the American Legion at the short session of congress, it was announced at Legion national headquarters here.

"As far as national defense is concerned, our objective is the cruiser bill," said a statement of John Thomas Taylor, of the national legislative committee of the Legion. "An attempt will be made

to put through the multi-lateral treaty. The cruiser bill must be put through first because it is evident that the pacifists of the country are going to insist on the multi-lateral treaty going through so they can say 'What is the need of further armament?' the Legion has to sustain its position on national defense."

Referring to the legislation proposed to relieve sick and disabled veterans, Taylor's statement said:

"The hospital situation is a serious one. In 1919 we asked for \$35,000,000 and we got \$18,500,000 to start with. We told them that we wanted a definite hospital construction program inaugurated. It was not believed by congress that it would cost \$35,000,000. Since then we have secured more than \$115,000,000. We got \$15,000,000, fresh money, at the last session. Still at this session of congress we have asked for 2,750 more hospital beds and that will run into another twelve or fifteen million dollars. Ultimately, I dare say, instead of \$35,000,000, it will be closer to \$250,000,000 that will be required for this work."

Ballinger Floral Company has Poinsettias, Cyclomans, Cenerarias, Begonias, Bougainvillea and many other beautiful pot plants and cut flowers. Cemetery and auto wreaths. See them at once. 8-dtf

GERMAN CITY TO HOLD A GREAT CELEBRATION ON ITS 1000th BIRTHDAY

(By International News Service)

MEISSEN, Dec. 21.—As a feature of next year's celebration of the one thousandth birthday of the city of Meissen, a church to be erected as a memorial to the victims of the World War will have interior decorations entirely of the famous Meissen porcelain.

The formerly Royal Meissen Porcelain factory has just opened its first salesroom in Berlin.

Be wise and advertise.

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

Saturday and Monday

No. 1 EMERALD WALNUTS, lb. ... 35c
3 pounds for \$1.00

5-lb. box CHOCOLATE CANDY \$1.48

MIXED CANDIES, per lb. 23c

Special MIXED CHRISTMAS CANDY, per lb. 20c

Pure East Texas RIBBON CANE SYRUP gallon \$1.00

No. 2 1/2 SPINACH, per can 17c

No. 2 KUNER'S KRAUT, per can 8 1/2c
(Regular 15c size)

MRS. BAIRD'S CAKES, Extra Fancy

FRESH STRAWBERRIES, Extra Fancy

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FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Phone 319 at 311 Seventh Street. 19-6d*

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FOR SALE OR TRADE—One four room house, one three room house, two two room houses, on Sealy Avenue near steam laundry. Also 6 small tenant houses lying near fair grounds with 11 acres of land and two lots in Miller addition on 11th Street. W. W. Embry, Phone 463, Ballinger. 17-25d-4w

FOR SALE—City Tailor Shop, Wingate, Texas. Boiler and press in good condition. Have SA Hoffman press. Price \$399. See H. L. Bryan, Wingate, Texas. 19-4d-1w*

LOCAL THEATRE MANAGER WILL GIVE KIDS SOUVENIRS

W. D. Scales of the Palace Theatre says he will give the children Cracker Jacks for a Christmas present, having placed an order for 500 packages of this confection, and will give each child a package coming to the show on Christmas Day, just as long as they last.

Mr. Scales, who is always generous with the children, is giving the children this little remembrance as a token of his appreciation of their past patronage.

Do not buy a portable phonograph until you hear the Columbia portable. \$25.00. D. E. Moody Music House. 21-3d

EIGHTH STREET CHURCH SHOWERS ITS PASTOR

Wednesday evening the members of the Eighth Street Presbyterian church surprised Mr. Rue and family with a shower of many good things to eat. The dining-room table groaned under the load of a variety of canned fruits, vegetables, fresh meat and many other things. It was kept a secret and was thus a complete surprise to the recipients.

Nice Apples for only \$1.50 per bushel at Currie Produce Co. 21-2d

TEACHERS GO HOME

The Ballinger schools were dismissed Friday at noon for the Christmas season and the teachers who did not make this place their home left for other cities.

Misses Parker, Hamilton and Guitman went to Abilene. Miss Harrison went to Greenville. Miss Murchison to Athens. Miss Walker to Lubbock. Miss Mary Walker to Bremond and Miss Sturgess to Grandview.

Fine for cooking, good for eating, big apples at \$1.50 per bushel. Currie Produce Co. 21-2d

Misses Maxine and Nell Russell are at home to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Russell and their friends. They were accompanied home by Miss Nell Wilson of Ashville, N. C., also a student in T. C. U., who will spend her Christmas with the Russells.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lehberg and children have gone to Fredericksburg where they will spend several days visiting. They will also visit in San Antonio, returning here about January 1.

Anstin Nunn and wife of Arizona, Roy Nunn of Culberson county, and Charley Nunn of Reagan county are all here to spend the Christmas holidays with their mother, Mrs. L. A. Nunn.

The quickest way to keep abreast in the times is to read the ads.

CHURCHES

First Presbyterian Church
9:45 a. m. Sunday school.
11 a. m. Morning worship.
Evening worship 7 p. m.
7 p. m. Christmas pageant: "Prisoners of Hope." Familiar Christmas carols will be sung preceding and following the pageant. The music will be fine and the whole service will be inspiring and interesting.

A cordial welcome to worship with this congregation is extended to all who do not have a church home elsewhere.
E. W. McLaurin, pastor.

First Christian Church
Bible school at 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship at 11 a. m.
Evening worship at 7 p. m.
You will always find a welcome and a friendly church when you come with us.
ALFRED CRAGER, Minister.

Church of the Nazarene
9:45 a. m. Sunday school. S. C. Chasco, superintendent.
11 a. m. preaching.
7 p. m. N. Y. P. S.
7 p. m. Junior N. Y. P. S.
Mrs. Irene Brown, president.
Preaching at 7:45 p. m.
You are cordially invited.
W. LAWSON BROWN, Pastor.

Methodist Church
You are always welcome at the Methodist church. Our services are brief and to the point. We shall do our best to make you feel glad that you came.
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
Prayermeeting every Wednesday at 7 p. m.
Woman's Missionary Society every Monday afternoon.
Stewards' meeting Thursday night after every first Sunday.
Welcome
R. B. HOOPER, Pastor.

Church of God
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Preaching at 11 a. m.
Young People's Meeting, 7 p. m.

Evening service at 8 p. m.
Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.
There will also be preaching each Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Everybody invited to attend.
Q. R. WILLIAMS, Pastor.

Eighth Street Church of Christ
(Corner of Eighth Street and Bonsal Avenue)
Bible study, 9:45 a. m.
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.
Young people's meeting 7 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Ballinger Baptist Church
9:45 a. m. Sunday school; E. E. King, superintendent.
11 a. m. Preaching service, Lk. 2:14. "The Song of the Angels."
6 p. m. Meeting of B. Y. P. U.'s; R. E. White director.
7 p. m. Preaching service, by pastor.
7 p. m. Wednesday, prayermeeting.
A joyous welcome to all. A hearty good wish for all and the best of all that is good for all the year of 1929.
J. H. McCLAIN, Pastor.

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church
This is to invite you to any or all the services at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church Sunday. Both morning and evening orship will be in keeping with the Christmas spirit.
Sunday school at 9:45; S. P. Hathaway, superintendent.
Ballinger Men's Bible Class at Palace Theatre, at 9:45; M. J. Collins, president.
Morning worship at 11 a. m.; subject, "The Mission of the Son."
Junior Christian Endeavor at 2 p. m. Miss Kelly Bowden, Supt.
Adult Christian Endeavor at 6 p. m. Mrs. G. P. Teague, president.
Evening worship at 7 p. m. subject "The High Calling of God." A friendly church.
ALVIN O. RUE, Minister.

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Miss LaVerne Sims is at home from T. C. U. to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Sims.
Miss Eugenia Baskin, student in T. C. U., Fort Worth, is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Baskin and friends.

Miss Willwood Bridwell, who is attending North Texas Teachers College at Denton, is here to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bridwell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rogers of Winters passed their fiftieth wedding anniversary on December 11. They had no celebration, owing to the fact that their children were so widely scattered, but will have the celebration next summer when it will be possible for all the children to be at home. They were married in Bell county on December 11th, 1878, and came to Runnels county 36 years ago and have been citizens of Winters for most of that time.

Miss Marthyle, who is teaching in the Merkel schools, is here to visit her father, and also her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bridwell.

Ballinger Chapter No 184 - R. A. M.
Ballinger Council No 122
Regular stated meetings held on 2nd Friday in each month. Members requested to attend. Visiting companions cordially invited.
J. McGregor Secy. Noel Penn H. P.

Ballinger Lodge No 643 A. F. & A. M.
Regular Stated Meetings on Second Tuesday of Each Month.
Visiting Brothers Invited.
W. B. Halley Secy. Noel Penn W. M.

O. E. S.
Ballinger Chapter No. 266
Order of Eastern Star
Regular meetings Second Monday in each month at 7:30 p. m.
All members urged to attend. Visitors always welcome.
GRIFFIE ATKINS, W. M.
IONE TEAGUE, Secretary.

Newt Wardlaw, wife and three children are here to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives. Mr. Wardlaw is a brother to Malcolm and a son of N. J. Wardlaw of Miles. Mrs. Wardlaw is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Mapes. They formerly lived here.

Anita Routh, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer C. Daniel, is reported to be quite ill at the family home on Tenth street.

Fred Kiechie, vice president of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank, who has been suffering with an infection in his knee, and who has been confined for several days is now able to be back at his desk at the bank. His many friends are glad that his illness did not prove to be more serious.

O. R. O'Neil and Tom Caudle were visitors in Abilene Friday and witnessed the football game.

J. A. Baker, printer of the Ledger force, left Saturday for Strawn, accompanied by his wife and daughter, Margaret Allen.

Miss Wyniss Greer who is attending the Southwestern Methodist University at Dallas, is to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Greer.

Irvin Armstrong, son of H. I. Armstrong, has returned to his home at Corpus Christi, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Ivan Hamilton and daughter and Raymond Reagan. They had all been here to attend the funeral of Mrs. H. I. Armstrong.

The Royal Neighbors of America donated the Goodfellows a box of Christmas stockings, fruits and candies, which will be distributed to the needy children of the community.

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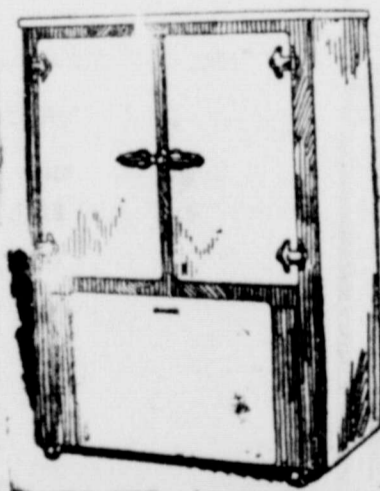
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