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PLEBISCITE TO DETERMINE ALSACE LORRAINE DESTINY

Petrograd, Dec. 29.—It is reliably reported here that the German delegates to the Brest Litovsk peace conference, privately agreed to submit to plebiscite to determine the future disposition of Alsace Lorraine. According to the agreement the destiny of Alsace Lorraine would be submitted to a vote of all the male population.

LAST 1917 MEETING FOR FEDERATED AIDS

The last day of 1917 comes on the Fifth Monday in the month. The Fifth Monday is the regular meeting day for the Federated Aid Societies of Ballinger. The meeting will be held at the Eighth Street Presbyterian church at four o'clock Monday afternoon. Part of the time will be taken up with a business meeting, and all the ladies of all the aid societies of all the churches in Ballinger, and the ladies of the city in general are urged to be present.

In addition to the business meeting an interesting program has been announced and is as follows:

- Hymn.
- Scripture—Mrs. C. R. Stephens.
- Prayer.
- Subject—"The Year of Public Favor in the Life of Christ."
- "Galilee, the scene of the Years Work"—Mrs. E. L. Rasbury.
- Special Music by Miss Ethel Blair.
- "Miracles"—Mrs. Carlos Dunn.
- "Preaching"—Mrs. J. R. Lusk.
- Special Music by Miss Pern Scholer.
- "The Apostolate"—Mrs. M. F. Treadwell.
- "His Human Character"—Mrs. J. N. McKay.
- Offering.
- Hymn.
- Prayer.

EIGHT VOLUNTEERS TO LEAVE MONDAY

Not waiting to be drafted, but volunteering, eight young men who are within the draft age, will leave Ballinger Monday afternoon for training camps. The men volunteered this week through the local exemption board, and the board will supply them with transportation and meal tickets and send them to the division headquarters in the departments in which they have enlisted.

Six of the volunteers will go direct to the quartermaster's training camp at Joseph Johnston, at Jacksonville, Fla. These all come from the Winters country and are as follows: Joseph D. Meek, Lawrence Alexander Sherrell, Henry Sanders, David Walter Little, Hugh Cryer, Harry Homer Roberts.

Glenn Everett Esmond, of Rt. B, Ballinger and Louis Tigner of Ballinger, will go direct to the aviation branch, and will report for duty at Kelly Field. Mr. Tigner has been with the Brewer jewelry store here for the past two or three years.

Will Gross, who volunteered through the local board early in the week, left Friday for the Kelly Field. These are the only volunteers accepted for service since the local board began mailing out the questionnaires. The board will probably have an announcement to make Monday that will be of interest to others who are contemplating volunteering.

Prof. Bugg, wife and babe, of Talpa, who have been visiting relatives near Winters during Christmas, passed through Ballinger en route home Friday afternoon. Prof. Bugg is the principal of the Talpa public schools.

What Shall He Write on Your Page?



A Pro-German is One Who Opposes Our War Plans

What is a pro-German? A pro-German is a man who, by private or public utterances, stands in the way of a whole-hearted prosecution of this war and the defeat of the German will to conquer.

He may do it by finding fault with the conduct of the war. He may do it by impracticable peace arguments. He may do it through a mistaken policy. He may do it because he is in the pay of the German Government. He may do it because he has been befooled and bamboozled by those who are in Germany's pay.

The German will to expansion by conquest must be broken by defeat. If that rapacious will be not broken, the war will not give us peace. In all the history of the world there never existed a conquering nation less fit to rule others than are the Germans. This is true because the German policy is so brutal, so cruel, so scientifically exterminating. In the streets of every town in German Poland children are falling and dying of starvation. Children 8 to 12 years of age are being carried through the streets by their parents because they are too weak to walk—because of starvation. The Poles are being exterminated as fast as possible by the Germans just as the Armenians—the oldest Christian nation in the world—are being exterminated by the Germans and Turks. Why? Because Germany wants the property of the Poles for Germans after the war; and because they want the property of the Armenians for the Turks and Germans after the war.

Their will can and must be broken by defeat. It is not the will of the individual German. It is the bloody, brutal, cruel, devilish will of the German Government and the German ruling class, mis-educated in the school which believes that war is the summation of human good.

A pro-German is anyone who stands in the way of our successful prosecution of the war. Every word that falls from the tongue of any American or is written by him carries with it a responsibility greater than ever existed in the history of this Nation. Look well to what you say or do.

Germany has in this country hundreds of papers printed in the German tongue. Whether this ought to be or not is a grave question. If any of these papers

are loyal, I do not know of them. Some of them may be, but I have not heard of them.

These and other papers and many individuals say they are for America, but none of them say they are against Germany.

He who is for us is against Germany. He who is not against Germany, tooth and nail, is in this war not for America.

You can tell the pro-German by another test: If he is against France, or against Italy, or against Russia, he is pro-German.

The armies and navies of these powers are fighting our fight. They are dying by thousands every day to make the world safe for democracy. If we win, we must win because they do most of the fighting and dying, while we only do some of it.

The enemy of Russia is pro-German and antidemocratic.

The enemy of Italy is against America.

The enemy of France is lost to every claim of patriotism.

Do not let these pro-Germans poison the atmosphere in your locality by slandering our allies without challenge. It is time to call down the man who fights against our armies with tongue or pen, no matter what flag those armies are fighting under.

J. B. Bass and his son, John, of Norton, came in Friday and the latter gentleman left for Annona, to visit his sister, Mrs. Russell, and family during the holidays.

H. B. and Wm. Halfman and J. J. Henkhouse, of the Alfin and Spring Hill neighborhoods, were among the business visitors to Ballinger Friday afternoon.

FIRE DESTROYS HUNT COUNTY TOWN

Celeste, Texas, Dec. 29.—Seven business houses in this city were destroyed by fire early this morning. The fire spread to the cotton yard where one hundred bales of cotton were also destroyed. The town is almost out of water, and the blizzard made it difficult for the firemen to control the fire after it gained good headway. The property damage will run high into the thousands.

3 BRITISH DESTROYERS MINED; 121 MEN LOST

ATTEMPTING TO RETAKE JERUSALEM

Washington, Dec. 29.—The war office today announced that the Turks had launched an offensive to retake Jerusalem. Reports received at Washington state that four Turkish army divisions have been reinforced by the Austro-German forces from the Russian and Roumanian fronts and that the reinforced army had started a desperate campaign to drive the British from the Holy Land.

GET YOUR AUTO SEAL FOR 1918

Your 1918 auto tax is due. The cash for the renewal of your auto license is supposed to be in the hands of the highway commission by Jan. 1st. You'll have to hurry if you comply with that provision of the law.

Now is the time to pay auto tax for an entire year. Most any auto dealer can furnish you with the necessary blanks, and assist you in figuring the horse power and the amount you must pay, if your car is a new one and never been registered. If you have paid for 1917 you know what it will cost for the year 1918. You will not get a new number but must have a 1918 seal. The old blanks used to make the first payment are good to send in for renewal on. The commission will not accept checks. Save time and trouble by sending the cash. It will be a violation of the highway law to drive a car without a 1918 seal displayed on the front of your car.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boswell and Mrs. W. A. Breedlove returned home Saturday from Fort Worth where Ed is in Camp Bowie and accompanied his wife home who had been quite ill for some time.

DECEMBER WEATHER SMASHES RECORD

FORECAST—Tonight fair and cold; Sunday fair, rising temperature.

The oldest settlers in this country can't recall when the temperature ever dropped so low in December, and dropped so regular and often throughout the month. Early in the month the temperature played around the twelve and fifteen above mark for about one week, and freezing weather for a majority of the nights is the record, and the month is passing out with the temperature at a record breaking low point.

The government weather agent in charge of the local station reports ten degree temperature for Saturday morning. This was six degrees below the forecast, and was by far the hardest freeze ever experienced here in December by the younger generation.

Dry cold weather brings little damage. Most livestock are on feed, depending exclusively for the feed basket to keep them up through the winter. A wet winter would cause heavy loss to live stock interests, and farmers tell us that the cold weather is to be considered as a benefit and indication of a good crop year.

London, Dec. 29.—The first heavy shipping loss in several weeks was announced today when the British admiralty reported the sinking of three British destroyers off the Dutch coast last night. The destroyers were either mined or torpedoed. Thirteen officers and one hundred and eight men were lost.

HERE'S DIRECTIONS FOR HOOVERIZING

How much may a man hedge on Tuesday and still have his foot on the the Meatless Line; and how much might a man eat on Wednesday and still have his appetite within the wheatless zone; and how much may a man hanker after the flesh pots on Saturday and still be within the code on pork eating?

Administer Peden answers the three inquiries as follows:

1. Meatless Day—No beef, no pork, or mutton to be served in any form.

This includes sausage, hash, hamburger, steak, sweet breads, tripe, liver, brains, kidney, pigs' feet, meat soups and so fourth.

2. Wheatless Day—No wheat products to be served in any form.

This includes bread containing any wheat flour, whether white or graham; wheat cereals; white and graham crackers; macaroni; spaghetti; cakes, pies and pastry containing wheat; sauces containing flour or bread crumbs.

Substitutes which may be used include Breads, pastry and pies made from combination or cornmeal, barley flour, rye flour, oatmeal flour, cottonseed flour and rice flour. Pop corn has been found to be a satisfactory substitute for some kinds of crackers.

Do not use wheat on Wednesday on the theory that it will not keep over until the next day. It can be used later for toast and other purposes and must in no instance be served on Wednesday.

3. Porkless Saturday—means literally a porkless day, in which no bacon, ham or pork fats in any form may be used. This is inclusive of sausage and lean meats made from hog flesh.

Administer Peden suggests the following meat substitutes: Poultry, rabbit, fish, eggs, cheese, dishes, baked beans, bean loaf, nut loaf, bean soup, milk soup, chowders milk.

Wheat bread substitutes: corn bread, brown bread, oat cakes, buckwheat cakes, hominy, potato biscuits, rye bread, potatoes and rice.

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., A. W. Sledge, Superintendent.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.

Christmian Endeavor at 6:15 p. m.

You are invited to attend our services.

J. H. King, Minister in Charge.

METHODIST PASTOR AND FAMILY KILLED

Fort Worth, Dec. 29.—Dr. A. L. Andrews, 412 West Terrell avenue, pastor of the First Methodist church, his wife and son, Will were killed instantly when an automobile in which they were coming to Fort Worth crashed into the Sunshine Special at the crossing at Dalworth at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The car was demolished. The bodies were taken to Arlington, and later brought to Fort Worth.

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Editor

PETTY POLITICS.

When Congressman Blanton of this district last week requested the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce to announce a speaking date for him in that city in which he expected to discuss the government's war policy, that dignified body replied that he would better go back to Washington where he was needed, implying that he was grossly neglecting his duty and administering a reprimand only fitting for a man entirely without character.

The Vanguard is not now committing itself to Mr. Blanton's support in the next campaign and it has no authority to speak for him on this occasion, but we do not admire the Prussian style of undermining intrigue and propaganda. This whole affair looks very much on its face as if Brownwood had one or more aspirants who would like to warm Mr. Blanton's seat in congress and who have captured and perverted its commercial club for a petty effort to discredit Mr. Blanton before his own people. There is no doubt every county of the nineteen in his district has potential candidates for the place, and if these aspirants can convert non-political organizations into a po-



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Another Year

Another year is now starting,
At midnight I heard the bells ring
Their final farewell to the old year;
Oh, what will the new year bring?
Shadow and then some sunshine—
Neither can always last;
Sorrow and pain and pleasure—
Just as the year that's past.
None can foretell the future,
It's hidden beyond our gaze;
But most of the year that's coming
Will be made of commonplace days.
Morning and noon and evening
Filled up with little things,
Days of rest and of labor—
These are what each year brings.
Go on then into the future,
With never a thought of fear;
Trusting the hand that leads us
To guide for another year.
—Grace Bulkley.

sition of hostility to him, they will have laid the foundation for defeating him.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Blanton's presence was not needed to vote on the prohibition amendment, and this was well known before the House from the senate. And another thing well known to the country and the administration is that this district has a large number of people who are not awake to the gravity of the situation, and who still, through ignorance think our government was not justified in going to war. It is of the highest importance that all such ignorance be removed and any congressman who has been in Washington continuously during the period since last April has had opportunities of inside information which qualifies him to shed a lot of light on the subject and render valuable service to the government.

The Vanguard believes that in this grave crisis petty politics should have no place in our national councils. It believes that the people themselves who are not aspiring to office will condemn the man or set of men who seek to cast odium upon any member of the national administration for personal or political reasons.—Comanche Vanguard.



Frank Gully, one of Uncle Sam's soldier boys at Camp Bowie, spent his vacation with his parents near Olfin and returned to his post of duty Friday afternoon.

Sales slips did you say. Call 27. We can handle it for you.

K. O. Berry, of the Norton country, and his brother C. M. Berry, of Missouri, were transacting business in Ballinger Friday.

Mr. C. Braden came in from Houston a few days ago to spend a while with his family and Ballinger friends.

Little Misses Jeffie and Sarah Brooks, of Miles, who have been visiting their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Stocks during the Christmas holidays returned home Saturday at noon.

Mrs. Roy Foster of Sterling City, who has been visiting relatives at Ovalo, passed through the city Saturday en route home.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Woods, of Ballinger, passed through Ballinger Saturday en route home.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
THE STATE OF TEXAS—
County of Rannels,
In the District Court of Rannels County, Texas.

M. S. Ujffy, Plaintiff vs. M. C. Hood et al Defendants.

Whereas by virtue of an execution issued out of the District Court of Rannels county, Texas, on a judgment, rendered in said Court on the 25th day of October A. D. 1917, in favor of M. S. Ujffy and did on the 12th day of December A. D. 1917 at 10 A. m. levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situate in the County of Rannels, State of Texas, and belonging to the said defendants, to-wit: Being all that certain tract of land lying and being situated in the County of Rannels, State of Texas, being

Block Nos. 42, 54 and 55 of the South Ballinger Addition to the town of Ballinger, Rannels County, Texas, as the same appears by the map of the plan of said addition on file in the County Clerk's office of said Rannels County, Texas, and on the 1st day of January A. D. 1918, being the first Tuesday of said month between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash all the right, title and interest of the said defendants, in and to said property.

Dated at Ballinger, this 12th day of Dec. A. D. 1917.
J. D. Perkins,
Sheriff of Rannels County, Texas.
12-1926-2

NOTICE OF STOCK-HOLDERS MEETING

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Ballinger State Bank and Trust Co. of Ballinger, Texas, will meet at the Banking House of said bank in Ballinger, Texas, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing the Board of Directors for the ensuing year and any other business that might come before it.
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We desire to give to each and everyone of you a slight token of our appreciation of the many favors rendered us and we know of nothing more acceptable than a neat serviceable 1918 CALENDAR for your home. And until our supply is exhausted they are yours for the asking, whether you do your banking with us or not.

The plan under which we distributed our Calendars last year was very satisfactory and so many of our friends and customers expressed their appreciation that we have concluded to distribute our 1918 CALENDARS in the same manner. We will ask that each and everyone receiving a calendar sign their name in a register which will be arranged for this purpose. Children must have a written order from parents or guardian. Calendars cannot be mailed.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 1918 will be our CALENDAR DAY and we will continue to distribute them until the supply is exhausted.

We appreciate in the highest degree the generous and loyal friends and customers who, we are certain, have found the Strength, the Security and the Service of this Bank fully equal to every expectation and requirement. We feel a deep interest in this community and desire in all ways open to us to promote its welfare and we want you to feel that this interest is lasting the year round and making for pleasant business relations at all times.

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It is the manifest duty of citizens with this special knowledge to use it at this time where it will be of most value to the Government. Women, who are not prepared to take up arms in defense of the country, may find in this office work an opportunity to help the Government in a practical way. Persons who have not the required training are urged to undergo instruction at once, for the prospect is that demand will continue indefinitely.

By direction of the Commission. Very respectfully, John A. McElhenny, President, UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Young men who want to go to France and can not pass the physical test, or will not be called as soon as they like, can qualify at once at Draughton's to go as an army stenographer, or if they prefer to serve their country in a substantial and patriotic way without going abroad, they can join at once the Draughton's Special Civil Service Classes guaranteed to qualify in the SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME to stand the test for a position as stenographer or typewriter in the Government service.

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Washington. — Now that Uncle Sam has the young men of the country in training for military service, he finds that he needs 10,000 typewriters, both men and women, for the departments at Washington. The Civil Service Commission has notified all of its 3,000 boards of examiners that they should put forth their best efforts to secure these urgently needed workers. While examinations are now held weekly in 450 cities, the commission states that arrangements will be made to have an examination held at any accessible place where a small class of applicants can be secured. The entrance salaries range from \$1,000 to \$1,200 a year. Promotion is reasonably rapid to those whose services prove satisfactory. No appointments can be made to these or other positions in the Federal classified civil service unless authorized by the Civil Service Commission, under the civil service law. Any information to the contrary is unauthorized. This is a splendid opportunity to serve your country. Full information may be secured from the secretary of the board of civil service examiners at the postoffice in your city.

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RANGER HEADQUARTERS NOW AT SWEETWATER

Captain Henry Ransome of the State Ranger force has arrived in the city and with his company of State Rangers will make Sweetwater headquarters. There are six rangers under Captain Ransome who will be stationed here. The new arrangement was made about Dec. 1st when the state ranger force was being organized, but no public announcement had been made previous to the arrival of Captain Ransome. He with his men have for some time been located at Ysleta and their operations mainly along the Mexican border. They will cover a large territory extending to the north to the Oklahoma line.—Sweetwater Reporter



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If you will follow me through these short stories, I will tell you how I have studied and practiced conservation for seventeen years or more. It is no "war spirit" with me. I can tell you how the women of America can save our nation five hundred million dollars per month, or six thousand million dollars every year on food, and thereby raise the general standard of health immeasurably. I will tell you how in wheat and meat millions more dollars can be saved and human health and efficiency increased a thousand fold. In these short talks on the need and training and education along these lines we will study food, not from a standpoint of economy alone, but also in its vital relationship to earth's greatest product—the human mind and body.

Reine Oliver Griswold.

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ARRANGING FOR MID-Texas Teachers Meet

Prof. W. S. Fleming returned Saturday morning from Brownwood, where he went to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the Mid-Texas Teachers association. He reports a very successful meeting of the board and good prospects for a program carrying some excellent talent, but is just a little leary about Brownwood being able to take care of the large attendance of teachers who will probably attend the meeting which convenes in March. Mr. Fleming says that the Brownwood hotels have more than they can handle in the way of business and Brownwood homes are now furnishing lodging for the public. The Brownwood Chamber of Commerce assures the committee that ample entertainment will be provided for the teachers, regardless of the oil boom.

NOTICE

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Mrs. P. E. Truly who went to Wichita Falls with her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Cates, following the death of her husband here a short time ago, will not return to Ballinger to make her home, but will remain in Wichita Falls. Her son Tom, and daughter, Miss Francis, who have been attending the local school, will leave Sunday afternoon to join their mother.

E. L. Rasbuh returned home Saturday from different points in the State on business the past few days.

COLEMAN SUFFERS \$100,000 BLAZE

Fire, believed to be of incendiary origin, destroyed the major part of the Coleman oil mill and 350 tons of cake and meal last Saturday night. The seed house, containing about 3,000 tons of cotton seed, was saved by the timely arrival and splendid work of the Coleman fire department, as was also the engine room. Local manager W. L. Rose estimates the loss of the building and machinery at approximately \$100,000.00. Value of the cake was \$57.00 a ton. The work of rebuilding will be started as soon as the insurance adjustment is made, but owing to the congested condition of the railways, rebuilding cannot be hoped for in time to accommodate the present seed crop. The seed in storage at the Bencini mills at other places for immediate manufacture.—Coleman Democrat.

How to Prevent Croup

In a child that is subject to attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety avoided.

WILL ENFORCE PRAIRIE DOG LAW

San Angelo, Dec. 29.—All property owners must kill the prairie dogs on their property on or before January 10th, 1918, or the work will be done by the sheriff. In case the sheriff has to kill the prairie dogs the cost will be assessed against the property and collected from the owner by the county.

The commissioners' report in special session Saturday issued instructions to Sheriff Allen to kill all prairie dogs not disposed of by the property owners by January 10th. The court directed the sheriff to keep an account of the expense incurred in killing the dogs and to mail his report to the commissioners.

Under the law calling for killing the prairie dogs as passed by the last legislature, property owners must kill the pests. If they do not the county will do the work and the charge will operate as a lien against the property. Farmers and stockmen who have killed the dogs on their property are complaining that the pests from adjoining property are occupying homes of the former dogs on their lands.

FLOUR MAKING CONFINED TO TWO GRADES

The report is going the round that after the present supply flour has been consumed it will be impossible to buy white flour at the mills having received orders to quit making the high grades. The government flour board issued orders which governs the making of flour until after the war. It is making five distinct grades of flour as heretofore. This order will prevent the manufacture of flour of this order will prevent the making of the high grades. Under the new order a barrel of flour of wheat and the age of extraction

"A SPLENDID TONIC" Says Hixson Lady Who, On Doctor's Advice, Took Cardui And Is Now Well.

Hixson, Tenn.—"About 10 years ago I was..." says Mrs. J. B. Gadd, of this place. "I suffered with a pain in my left side, could not sleep at night with this pain, always in the left side... My doctor told me to use Cardui. I took one bottle, which helped me and after my baby came, I was stronger and better, but the pain was still there. I at first let it go, but began to get weak and in a run-down condition, so I decided to try some more Cardui, which I did. This last Cardui which I took made me much better, in fact, cured me. It has been a number of years, still I have no return of this trouble. I feel it was Cardui that cured me, and I recommend it as a splendid female tonic. Don't allow yourself to become weak and run-down from womanly troubles. Take Cardui. It should surely help you, as it has so many thousands of other women in the past 40 years. Headache, backache, sideache, nervousness, sleeplessness, tired-out feeling, are all signs of womanly trouble. Other women get relief by taking Cardui. Why not you? All druggists. NC-122

BROOM CORN AS MONEY CROP IS OVERLOOKED

One Coleman county farmer grew three acres of broom corn this dry year. Of the three acres he sold \$160 and estimated the feed value of his sucker crop at \$50.

F. C. Behrend, a local produce dealer, says there is a ready market for all the broom corn the farmers will raise and that he would contract any amount of it at remunerative prices. It is stated also that the soil and climate here is especially adapted to growing of broom corn. If this is the case, Coleman county farmers are overlooking a good bet in not growing broom corn. The present market for bright broom corn, threshed from \$200 to \$300 a ton.—Coleman Democrat.

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and Mrs. Roscoe DeMerville, who spent the holidays and Ballinger for home Saturday.

At Abilene, Ballinger Friday night where she will be duties for the collection of the Doose Building. Pass the guest

of his aunts, Mesdames Skinner and Fleming during the Christmas days, left Friday afternoon for Brownwood, and after a few days visit will go on to Denton, where he is attending college.

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SOCIETY

In Honor of Mrs. Frank Pearce.
 The ladies of the Episcopal church entertained Saturday Dec. 15th, at Mrs. R. A. Smith's in honor of Mrs. Frank Pearce. The house was beautifully decorated in pot plants and cut flowers. At the close of the games Mrs. Pearce was presented with a large bunch of carnations. Sandwiches and tea were served.

Snippers Meet.
 The Wednesday squad of snippers met with Miss Wilmeth Wednesday afternoon and accomplished quite a lot of work. Eleven members were present. Simple refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walker Entertain.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walker opened the doors of their home to the Wednesday squad of snippers Thursday evening. The house was decorated in flags.

The girls invited the boys to join them in the work. The amusement for the evening being "progressive snipping" the score cards being Red Crosses. The two having snipped the most, in a limited time moved to the table nearer head.

Several of the girls furnished a number of piano selections. Tea and sandwiches were served. The boys expressed themselves as having enjoyed learning to use scissors and requested that they be allowed to assist the girls again soon.

Shakespeare Club Report.
 The Shakespeare club met in regular session December 6, at the Library, where they listened to the most interesting report of the State meeting of the Federation at Waco.

The report was given in Mrs. Douglas' own style and brought a new enthusiasm to each member.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.
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L. E. Blair left Friday afternoon for points East on a business trip.

CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN SCHOOL WORK

The following changes will become effective Monday, Dec. 21:

1. The pupils from Miss Goldman's room, in South Ward, will report to superintendent's office for assignment to rooms and buildings.
 2. To fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Miss Wells, Miss James is transferred to Central and Miss Royalty from South Ward to West Ward. Owing to the number of pupils attending, also the scarcity of good teachers, and the possible lack of school funds these changes were made in the interest of economy, and are only temporary and for the remainder of this school year.
 3. New students should report for classification Monday morning. Bring report cards from last school attended.
 4. Promotions were made Dec. 21. Since promotions now depend upon the daily attendance, and daily record, parents should see to it that their children are punctual in attendance.
 5. There is a tendency among some High school pupils to sign their own report cards. We urge every father to call for his child's card. If it is a good one commend him; if a poor one, encourage him to maintain study hours at home, as well as at school.
 6. Pupils in town will report to their old rooms for instructions, and assignment to new rooms.
- W. S. Fleming,
 Superintendent.

Chamberlain's Tablets.
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Jas. Evans of Talpa had business in Ballinger between trains Friday.

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Miss Anna Lee Doose left Friday afternoon for Dallas to visit friends a few weeks.

Mrs. Pyburn, who spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Van Pelt, left Friday afternoon for San Antonio, where she is visiting Mr. Pyburn while in U. S. army camps near that place.

Mrs. H. A. Bradley and mother Mrs. Pierce and Miss May Ella Bradley of the Crews country, passed through Ballinger Friday en route to Coleman to visit relatives a few days.

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GET IT AT Weeks DRUG STORE

J. C. Nix, the horse and mule buyer, left Friday morning for Brownwood on a short business trip.

J. H. Coffey, of Coleman, who has been here at the bedside of his little son in the Halley & Love sanitarium, returned home Saturday morning and he reports the little fellow doing very nicely, when he left him.

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E. W. Gray of New Home neighborhood, was among the business visitors in Ballinger Friday afternoon.

W. P. Hearrell, of Maverick, and H. W. Caswell of the Norton country, were transacting business in Ballinger Saturday and while here Mr. Caswell renewed for the Banner-Ledger for another year.

Corporal H. G. Secrest wife, and babe left Friday morning for Talpa and Santa Anna where they will visit a day or two before he goes to his company at Fort Bliss.

Bevie DeMerville came in from San Angelo Saturday morning to spend the day with his parents before going on to the join the army.

Don't send out your order for sales slips, we can handle them and save your money. The Ballinger Printing Co.

KILLS STEP-MOTHER FOR WHIPPING BROTHER

Burford Lindsey, aged fifteen or sixteen years, son of Ed Lindsey, shot and killed his step-mother, Mrs. Lindsey, at Copperas Cove, Monday afternoon, between 4:00 and 5:00 o'clock. Mrs. Lindsey, it is said, was whipping a younger brother of Ed, when she was shot. After the killing the boy made no effort to escape and surrendered to John Jarson, deputy sheriff of Coryell county, and was taken to Gatesville and placed in jail.

Wm. Hughes, of Eden, who had business in Ballinger the past few days returned home Saturday.

C. B. Armstrong returned from points east Saturday where he had been on official business.

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