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Rowena Man is Dead From Gun-Shot Wound

Ed Pospichal, 44, died at the Halley & Love Sanitarium here Sunday at 1:30 p. m. from a gunshot wound in the head, self-inflicted Sunday morning about 8:30 at his home 4 miles south of Rowena. An ambulance from the Higginbotham Funeral Home was summoned shortly after the shot was fired and brought the wounded man here for treatment. The verdict rendered at the inquest held at the home soon after the tragedy was to the effect that the wound was self-inflicted.

According to information furnished the coroner Mr. Pospichal had been considerably worried over financial affairs for several weeks. Sunday morning he is said to have taken a gun, a 22 calibre rifle, to the barn with him and returned a few minutes later. After decedent entered a room a shot was heard. The family hurried to his side and found a bullet had entered his head and penetrated the brain. His condition was such that little could be done for him.

The body was removed to the Higginbotham Funeral Home where it will be held until 8 o'clock Tuesday morning. At that hour the remains will be taken to Komensky Hall at Rowena. An intimate will be selected to make a short talk before friends follow the remains to a Rowena cemetery for the interment.

The widow and three children survive. One of the boys is attending the Ballinger high school and has many friends here among his schoolmates.

Ballinger Winner In Play Contest

Ballinger high school's players were declared winners in the one-act play contest for this district which was concluded at San Angelo Saturday evening. The victory gives the locals the privilege of representing this district in the regional competition at Abilene.

Seven schools were represented in the district contest: Ballinger, San Angelo, Midland, Rankin, Mason, Big Lake, Junction, Winters, Sterling City and Mertzon. The locals proffered Eugene O'Neill's "Ile." The playlet was directed by A. F. Ligon, principal of the high school, with the following in the dramatic personnel: Alfred Zedlitz, John Nicholson, Leland McWilliams, Milton Greenwood, Margaret Guion, Harrell Flynt, Price Middleton, Davis Sims, Clovis Brown and Terence Straley.

The playlet had been produced in Ballinger a number of times. Recently a large local audience witnessed the offering, presented in competition with the Abilene high school's one-act play, and critics who attended declared the Ballinger play superior. Abilene high school thespians won the state championship last year and are expected to be in the finals this year.

The Ballinger players will be rehearsed thoroughly between now and the date of the next interscholastic meet in an effort to better the presentation.

No Ballinger player was deemed best in individual performance at the district meet, but Alfred Zedlitz and Leland McWilliams were given honorable mention for their depictions.

This is the first year that Ballinger high school has taken part in this event, but officials are greatly pleased with the showing made and plan to continue the department.

Other events in connection with the district meet will be held at San Angelo April 17-18. All literary and athletic contests are included in the two-day gathering, and a number of locals who won in the county meet will contest at San Angelo.

Mr. Ligon said Monday that he wished especially to thank Troy Simpson and the American Legion post for use of make-up boxes and Ernest Moody for use of an organ.

The Ballinger guild will go to Abilene about two weeks from date to compete in the regional tournament to be held there. The locals' most outstanding opponent probably will be the Crowell high school.

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Snow Falls Again In Panhandle Area

DALLAS, Mar. 30.—Winter made another assault on spring weather today and yesterday in portions of Texas with snow in the Panhandle and vicinity.

A dispatch from Amarillo reports a one-inch snow. Guymon, Oklahoma received 14 inches of snow. The white blanket was light at Pampa, and Wichita Falls reported heavy rainfall.

Although East Texas skies were generally cloudy, temperatures rose. A slow rain was reported to be falling at Corsicana.

Club Council in Session Saturday

The Home Demonstration Council met in the court house in Ballinger Saturday afternoon to attend to pressing business of interest to all clubs of the county. All officers of the council and Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, county home demonstration agent, were present and a majority of the clubs were represented.

Seventy-eight women attended the meeting from the following clubs: Bethel, Benoit, Content, Cochran, Dale, Hagan, Hatchel, Miles, Maverick, Norton, North Norton, Oak Creek, Runnels, South Ballinger, Victory and Wingate.

A number of the club representatives gave their views on important matters being considered by the clubs, and the session was considered very beneficial. Many successful campaigns have been staged recently by the organizations.

During the spring much attention is being given to gardens and to preserving of the products from same. Regular campaigns staged annually will be taken up later.

Reports made to the council were filled with enthusiasm and show in small measure the great work being accomplished by the women's clubs of the county.

LEGION CELEBRATION AT WINTERS TONIGHT

The American Legion post at Winters will hold charter night there tonight and a large number of members of the Pat Williams post here are invited to attend. The meeting will be held in the Legion club there and after the presentation of the charter by District Committeeman V. Earl Earp, of Sweetwater, talks by R. C. Winters, of Abilene, and Rev. E. W. McLaurin, of Ballinger, a banquet will be served.

All ex-service men of the county have an invitation to attend and learn something of the work being carried on by the Legion and with the promise that no high-powered methods will be used to get them to join the organization.

Service officers from a number of posts will be present to assist any ex-service man in securing help on any kind of claim with the veterans' bureau.

P-T. A. MEETING WEDNESDAY AT 4

The Ballinger Parent-Teacher Association will meet Wednesday, April 1, at 4 p. m., in the high school auditorium. The following program will be carried out:

Ten-minute talk on "What It Means to a Child to go to School in Good Health," Dr. J. W. Macune.

Debate, by two high school girls. Lesson in character training, Miss Gladys Geistman.

Gem Paper Clips at Ballinger Printing Co.

First Oil Well in Smith Brought in

TYLER, Tex., Mar. 30.—The Guy V. Lewis No. 1 Cook oil well blew in today with an estimated production of 34,000 barrels daily.

This well, the first producer in Smith county, is on a tract three miles southeast of Arp.

3 Drown When Tugboat Sinks

CROSSETT, Ark., Mar. 30.—Word was received here today that T. A. Sanders, 35, his daughter, Mary, 5, and Marvin Walsh, 35, were drowned.

Five women occupants of the tugboat were rescued when the vessel overturned in Mill Pond near here yesterday.

Judge L. J. Brucks Resigns from Bench

AUSTIN, Mar. 30.—Representative Coke R. Stevenson, of Junction, today said Judge L. J. Brucks had tendered his resignation.

Judge Stevenson wants the chairman of the legislative investigation committee to investigate Brucks' official conduct.

Since Mingo Junction, Ohio, has become a city of 5,000, citizens are considering removing the "junction" part of the name.

Will Try to Prove Marco Shot Lingle

CHICAGO, Mar. 30.—Attorneys defending Leo Brothers, St. Louis gunman, on trial for the fatal shooting of Alfred ("Jake") Lingle, crime reporter for the Chicago Tribune, announced today they would attempt to introduce evidence that Frank Marco, recently killed in New York, was once considered by the police as the chief suspect in the Lingle murder.

Rev. W. H. Doss, chaplain of the Texas Senate, came in on the midnight train Sunday. He will spend a few days here with his family and friends.

Burke to Enter Not Guilty Plea

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Mar. 30.—Fred Burke, wanted in Chicago on charges in connection with the St. Valentine's Day massacre of seven rival gangsters, today began a determined fight against life imprisonment on charges of murdering Charles S. Kelly, St. Joseph policeman.

Refusing to waive examining trial, which is set for April 8, Burke indicated he would plead not guilty at the examining trial.

Attorneys Meet Here Next June

County Attorney Roy Hill announced Monday that he had persuaded the County and District Attorneys' Association to hold its next meeting in Ballinger some time in June. This will be the first anniversary of the organization, and in addition to regular business officers will be elected for the coming year.

Mr. Hill has just returned from a meeting of the organization at Junction. A number of prominent speakers attended this convention, among whom were Judge Coke R. Stevenson, Judge Joe Montague, William A. Whalen, director of immigration, San Antonio; E. A. Jones, chief state game warden; Captain W. L. Wright, commander of Company A, Texas ranger service; and S. O. Hamm, of the state highway patrol. Mr. Hamm gave some interesting statistics on warnings and arrests made on state highways. There were 94,000 people warned for traffic violations during 1930, and 7,400 arrests were made in the period.

Mr. Hill was enthusiastic in his description of the way in which the attorneys were entertained. "Eat-more-lamb" barbecues, special luncheons and band concerts were continuously in order he asserted. He said he hoped that

2 Killed; 1 Hurt In Car Accident

HOUSTON, Mar. 30.—L. T. Alford and Mrs. Jessie Mae Radford were killed, and Miss Helen Beaman was seriously injured when the automobile in which they were riding struck a culvert and capsized near here today.

The trio were pinned under the machine, a passing motorist extricating them.

Proration Order Not Been Issued

AUSTIN, Mar. 30.—The state railroad commission today gave no indication of issuing a proration order following the hearing which closed Saturday. Interest is high because of opposition to proration from a large group of East Texans for their area.

It was considered likely that the order would be issued by tomorrow night when the present proration order expires.

To Support Curtis For Vice-President

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30.—Secretary of War Patrick J. Hurley today announced he would support Vice-President Charles Curtis for renomination in 1932.

The statement came when newspaper correspondents asked Hurley regarding recent rumors that he would be a vice-presidential candidate.

Miss Malcorine Wardlaw, teacher in the primary school, is reported ill this week and confined to her home on Eighth street.

Ballinger would make as good a showing in June as was made last Saturday by Junction.

Farm Board Policies Not To Receive Interference

Escaped Robber Is Recaptured

FT. WORTH, Mar. 30.—After taking C. H. Kelly and John Marlin, Bluffdale merchants, with him in a truck, C. P. Wilson was captured today at Cresson, near here.

Wilson, under sentence for robbing a bank at Lapan, escaped from the Stephenville jail yesterday.

Although Wilson was armed when captured, he offered no resistance. The robber had commandeered Kelly's truck and forced Kelly and Marlin to accompany him.

County Singers Here April 4, 5

The Runnels County Singing Convention will convene in Ballinger next Saturday and Sunday, April 4 and 5. The Saturday afternoon, night and Sunday morning sessions will be held at the courthouse and at the close of the Sunday morning session, an announcement will be made as to the place for the afternoon session Sunday.

All plans are completed for the convention here which points to the largest and best ever held in the county. Already a number of out-county male quartets and musical organizations have agreed to be here and take part in the program, and during the Sunday session a large number of these will be heard in special singing. In addition to these special organizations and quartets the regular class singing will be heard with more than 100 voices taking part.

Invitations have been sent to every member of the county organization and a general invitation is being broadcast to every singer of the county and adjoining counties to be here and take part in the convention. It is the plan of the officers to make it the biggest day of music ever staged in West Texas.

Easter music will be featured by the special organizations and at all sessions the public has an invitation to be present as long as the auditorium will accommodate the crowd. The Saturday afternoon meeting will attend to business and make minor plans for handling of the musical sessions.

A piano will be placed in the courtroom at the courthouse for the first two sessions and likely one of the churches here will be used Saturday afternoon and more people can be accommodated at the program.

R. T. Williams and Mrs. M. S. Karmany left Saturday afternoon for Dallas to attend the funeral Sunday afternoon of R. W. Higginbotham. They expected to return to Ballinger late Monday afternoon.

Scratch Pads, 20c per pound, at Ledger office.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30.—President Hoover feels that the federal farm board is amply able to define and defend its own policies and position. The board's decision to discontinue stabilization of wheat prices was one of the first questions brought to the president's attention on his return from the Caribbean trip.

It was said at the White House that the farm board makes its own policies as do the interstate commerce commission and the shipping board.

Some high administration officials have held the view that wheat stabilization, inaugurated over a year ago, had in prospect the saving of many wheat belt banks which might have failed if wheat prices had declined as rapidly as they started.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stallings returned home from Brownwood Sunday. Mr. Stallings had been attending the reserve officers training camp in San Antonio for the past two weeks, while his wife had been visiting her parents in Brownwood.

Charlie Snell and Mrs. R. L. Stephenson and daughter returned to Lubbock Sunday after visiting Mrs. Z. A. Snell and other relatives here.

Mrs. W. L. Williams, who is in a Temple hospital for treatment, is reported to be slightly improved.

WEATHER FORECAST

West Texas—Fair and colder in the southeast portion, possibly frost in the southeast tonight. Tuesday fair and warmer in the west and north portions.

East Texas—Cloudy, rain in the east portion, colder except in the extreme east portion tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy and colder in the east and south portions.

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Are you having trouble with your milk, bad odors, off flavors, or any other cause? Better call Kemp's Dairy and get their Superior Quality. It carries all of the good, none of the bad—never a complaint.

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Antarctic Wasts Again Beckon to Byrd



Rear Adm. Richard E. Byrd is planning another voyage of exploration in the Antarctic. Above is a typical scene near the south pole and below a group of Antarctic penguins. The dark portions on the map are still unexplored.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30.—A "perfectly tremendous lot of land" at the bottom of the earth beckons to Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, and he plans to explore it.

In planning another voyage to the Antarctic, he fulfills a promise made last June when the storm of welcomes on his return from Little America and aerial conquest of the South Pole had barely begun.

"We've got to get in and find out what's there," he said. "This work is a bug—and hard to get over."

He would say no more until the home work of the expedition had been finished; now, with eight to nine months to be spent on scientific reports, he is looking toward new conquests.

Flying, through which so much of his career has been shaped, will again be called to the fore when he starts this new venture.

A genius for organization and the use of aircraft have been interplayed to make of this modest, aristocratic Virginian, at 43, a world famous figure.

Retired as an ensign from the navy in 1916 for lameness in the right ankle, he was recalled to duty and in 1918 qualified as a naval aviator as the start of a career destined to write aviation and world history.

Assigned to navigational preparations for the trans-Atlantic flight of the NC boats, he missed one adventurous item for his record. He was transferred to the non-rigid C-5 to fly the Atlantic—only to have the ship destroyed at Newfoundland by a storm.

He was designated as a navigator for the trans-Atlantic flight of the R-38, being built by England for the United States, and again lost by accident when the ship was destroyed on her trial flight.

Heavier-than-air craft then began to play a part in his career. In 1925 he took charge of the naval aviation unit with Commander Donald MacMillan's Arctic expedition.

He proved to the world the usefulness of the airplane in severely cold climates and completed his plans for a flight over the north pole.

This venture, with Floyd Bennett as pilot, was made in 1926, then in 1927 he flew the Atlantic in the America; and his final achievement was the conquest of the south pole in 1929.

As he was carried on the retired list of the navy, there had been no chance for promotion and, starting in 1925, special laws were passed by congress to elevate him at last to rank of rear admiral.

His title marked the third time that a naval officer had so been honored for peacetime service to the nation.

WANTED

We want to supply your grocery needs during April.

We appreciate your past business and solicit a continuance of same.

We invite new accounts, you will find our quality and prices right.

SAM BEHRINGER'S CASH and CARRY GROCERY

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Saturday resembled a prosper-
ous fall day in Ballinger. The
throngs of shoppers began crowd-
ing the streets and stores shortly
after noon and special sales events
received good patronage until
closing time at night. Only one
week remains before Easter and
during that period shoppers will
be given every encouragement to
make purchases here from well
selected stocks of merchandise.

A large number of crows were
found sick Sunday around the
roosts where poison was placed
about a week ago. The effect of
the campaign here against the
pests was voided somewhat by
rain which fell soon after the
poisoned grain was put out, the
poison being washed off the bait.
It may be necessary to go through
the process again but every ef-
fort will be made to destroy most
of these pests before the time
when they can injure crops.

March came in like the lion
but has not exactly faded from
the picture like the lamb, or at
least it was a rather rough lamb
it simulated. The blizzard which
swept through this section, send-
ing the mercury down below the
freezing point, caused considerable
damage, and it will require sev-
eral weeks for plants to gain
back to where they were before
the cold wave.

Next Sunday begins Clean-Up
Week, Fire Prevention Week, Milk
Health Week, and Paint-Up
Brighten-Up Week in Ballinger.
It is also Easter, which is spring
dress-up day, and perhaps the
date on which most people attend
church. The special campaigns
commencing next Sunday deserve
the support of every citizen and
to be successful should have the
cooperation of every resident. Do
your part to make all of these
civic movements successful.

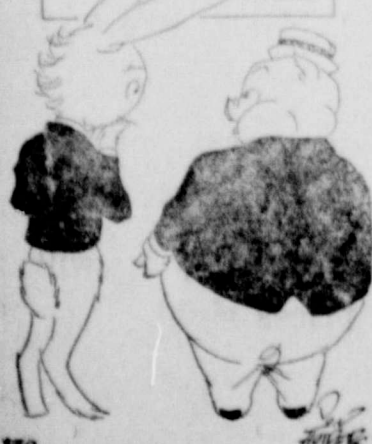
The charity situation in Ballinger
during the winter and early
spring has been handled success-
fully and without a donation from
local residents. More than \$1,000
has been used in extending aid
to needy cases here, and C. R.
Stephens, chairman of the board,
believes it will not be necessary
to ask for donations during the
year which closes Thanksgiving
Day. The only expense citizens
have been asked to share in is
employment of clerks in the local
relief office which has attended
to all applications for farm loans,
Red Cross aid, and local charity.
Part of the money for this item
has been raised and an additional
\$200 will be asked for within the
next few days. This is a negligible
sum when it is considered the
amount of charity work necessary
here this year, and it should be
quickly subscribed.

Harry Lynn was ill Monday with
a light case of flu and unable to
be at his desk in the First Na-
tional Bank. His daughter, Dor-
othy Ruth, also is ill with the
same malady.

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"Please get our things together,
for tomorrow we must go." Our
hero tells his valet, "to the
Isle of Borneo."
And do not get excited, for there
are no wild men there—
The only place you see them now
is at the county fair."
(Copyright, 1930)

Castanets Lure Consul's
Daughter to Dance Stage

Joan Keena, daughter of the American consul-general in
Paris, learned the dances of old Spain in the years when her
father was stationed in Latin-American countries, and is now
entering upon a professional career as a Spanish dancer.

By Adelaide Kerr
PARIS, Mar. 30.—(AP)—To the
click of castanets the 20-year-old
daughter of the American consul-
general in Paris will whirl onto
the dancing floor of the Lido
April 17 to make her professional
debut as a Spanish dancer.

She is Joan Keena (Maria del
Pilar for professional purposes),
and she has studied Spanish
dancing for the last 15 years in
Latin-American countries where
her father was stationed as
consul.

When she begins the Jarabe
Tapatio, danced with staccato
taps on the wide brim of a Mex-
ican sombrero, she whirls into a
dance she learned in Chihuahua,
Mexico, where she was born.



INDIAN CHIEF'S STORY

By Mary Graham Bonner

The Little Black Clock was al-
lowing the children to play with
the old-fashioned toys that were
in the secret drawer of the desk
where he always stood.

The little doll named Abby had
been telling about her good times
when she had been a playmate
for her little owner—the child-
ren's great grandmother.

And now the little Indian chief,
who also lived in the drawer,
continued with his story.

He spoke in a fine, brave voice.
As the Clock's magic made it pos-
sible for John and Peter to
understand all kinds of language,
they could understand doll talk.

"Yes," he said, "Abby had a
fine time at the party where her
owner went to her first big ball.
At that ball there was a hand-
some young man who thought
Abby's owner the most beautiful
person he had ever seen."

"They fell in love with each
other, were married and came to
this house to live. Abby was
brought along, too, and I had
always been the favorite posses-
sion of my young owner."

"We met each other then, and
our owners said they thought it
would be nice if we were always
kept, for we had given them so
much happiness. They put us in
this secret drawer, and they said
I must always guard over Abby.
I have, you see—no harm has
ever come to her."

"Now and again we were taken
out and admired. And then once
some beads were put in here too,
and later on some papers—and
then I was immensely proud when
my master put that arrowhead
beside me."

"But I believe the Clock has
something he wants to do for
you very soon. I must not talk
any more."

(Tomorrow—"The Ball")

Window shades of linen, laun-
dered until the stiffness disap-
peared, were made into shirts for
deserted men and boys by the
St. Louis citizens' relief commit-
tee.

WANT ADS PAY

She never has stage fright. At
the age of five she made her
first public appearance in a fairy
ballet at a Valparaiso theater,
and liked it so well she repeated
her dance four times.

Later she began her professional
study with the premiere danseuse
of the Buenos Aires Opera Com-
pany. Then came a session with
the Denishawn Dancers in New
York and later a year's study
with the Nemchinova Ballet in
Paris.

Recently Miss Keena danced at
private receptions in Paris, where
she attracted the attention of
Gilbert White, American painter.
He arranged an audition with the
director of the Lido, and her en-
gagement at the amusement
palace was the result.

HOW'S your
HEALTH

Edited by
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VITAMINS AND DISEASE

A diet rich in vitamins—particu-
larly in vitamins A, C and D—
will increase resistance to tuber-
culosis and help in the preven-
tion or cure of the intestinal form
of the disease, accumulated evi-
dence shows.

This was recently pointed out
by Dr. Eugene F. DuBois, in a
paper on "Diet in Disease." He
also affirmed that experience
shows such a vitamin-rich diet
will increase resistance against
minor infections.

The demonstration of the value
of vitamins in these and other
respects brings up the problem
of what cooking, preserving and
drying does to them. Some vita-
mins are very resistant to these
processes. Others are easily de-
stroyed.

Vitamin A, found in milk, to-
matos, carrots, lettuce and peas,
is fairly resistant to heat and is
slightly affected by canning or
by cooking, particularly when air
is excluded.

Vitamin D is not easily de-
stroyed. Vitamin C, found mainly
in the citrus fruits, however, is
rapidly destroyed by cooking, by
drying and by storing. Fortu-
nately, Vitamin C in tomato juice
is not spoiled by careful cooking
or canning.

There has been a widespread
prejudice in this country against
canned vegetables, and a great
many people still believe that the
so-called "fresh vegetables"
cooked in the home contain more
vitamins than canned foods.

This is probably not the case,
as the home cooking of vegeta-
bles, or fruits in an open vessel
may oxidize and hence destroy
the vitamins, particularly if cook-
ing soda is added to preserve the
green color and improve the
flavor.

Most of the canners are now
taking ever precaution to avoid
the oxidation of the vitamins.
Fruits and vegetables are pre-
pared when they are very fresh,
and if they are to be pureed they
are hashed in an atmosphere
from which oxygen has been ex-
cluded and cooked in one that
is practically oxygen-free.

(Tomorrow—Luxur Consumption)

Scanning
NEW BOOKS

By Richard Massock

NEW YORK, March 30.—(AP)—
Keeping up with the good novels
is in itself a task at the moment.

"When the flood of new books
seems about to overwhelm you,"
a publisher admits, "you must
relax, or be lost."

But suppose you do relax. So
what? You are apt to miss a
book like "The Dogs," or "The
Forge," or "The Squire's Daugh-
ter."

"The Dogs" is a novel of the
Russian revolution by Ivan Nash-
iv, a former anarchist who gets
along no better with the soviet
and now is living in Belgium.

It is a dog's-eye view of the
Russian upheaval. A prince's fa-
vorite pointers, Dobrynia and
Svietlana, fine aristocrats, and a
shaggy proletarian bound are the
principal characters.

They see terrifying things.
First life is good and the beau-
tiful Svetlana has pups out of
the plebian Siedol's moment of
unexpected ecstasy.

They see a hunt and see a
grand duke flick an eye from one
of his hounds with a whip. Siedol
goes to war, is taken a prisoner,
lives a while in Germany, and
steals back to Russia.

He feels starvation and sees his
fellow dogs quarreling at dump
heaps until they are shot down,
sees the uprising of the villagers,
the hanging of the prince's dogs,
the slaughter and looting of the
revolution.

Nashiv's meaning is not diffi-

cult to comprehend.

The Wartime South

T. S. Stribling, author of "Teef-
tallow" and other novels of the
South, turns his hand to one of
the most glamorous periods in the
South's history in "The Forge."

It is a story of a middle class,
Alabama family during the pe-
riod which saw the develop-
ment, the losing, and the recon-
struction after the war between
the states.

"Old Pap" Vaiden, a blacksmith,
and his brood of children and
slaves are full of family pride,
although their poverty can not
be ignored. Stribling takes his
group through love affairs,
brawls, battles, good and bad for-
tunes, with a thoroughness and
unity which demonstrates his cap-
able skill.

Post-War England

"The Squire's Daughter" is by
F. M. Mayor, author of "The
Rector's Daughter." Here we are
back in the old familiar setting
of gentle England—English social
structure in the World War.

Scenes and characters are done
definitely to bring out the conflict,
tempered by conventions, between
the quiet traditions of the landed
gentry and the manners of the
American nouveaux riches. It
shows a family fortune crumbling
after the war and the marriage
of one of Sir Geoffrey de Lacey's
children to a rich American.

But more than that, it shows
the restlessness of post-war
youth, as expressed by Ron, the
squire's daughter, who finds it
difficult to settle her affections
on the one man.

More than half of the 653 stu-
dents at Wake Forest college do
outside work to defray expenses.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE
BALLINGER STATE BANK

at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 25 day
of March, 1931, published in The Daily Ledger, a newspaper printed
and published at Ballinger, State of Texas on the 30 day of March
1931.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$133,341.12
Loans secured by real estate	25,741.50
Other bonds and stocks owned	7,350.00
Banking House \$20,000.00, Furniture & Fixtures \$6,805.00	26,805.00
Real Estate owned, other than banking house	13,351.00
Cash in bank	7,811.21
Due from approved reserve agents	43,314.46
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	1,765.29
Total	\$264,540.58

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 40,000.00
Surplus fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, net	7,767.04
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check	1,158.31
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	201,144.33
Time certificates of deposits	8,780.55
Cashiers' checks outstanding	690.35
Total	\$264,540.58

STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF RUNNELS,

We, C. P. Shepherd, as President and Sam Baker as Cashier of said
Bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true
to the best of our knowledge and belief.

C. P. SHEPHERD, President.
SAM BAKER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of March, A.
D. 1931.

(SEAL) Gertrude Woods, Notary Public, Runnels County, Texas.
CORRECT—ATTEST:

E. F. Batts, W. B. Dankworth, T. B. Saunders,
Directors.

Palace Theatre

TODAY and TUESDAY

Racial Habit

THE BIG TRAIL

THRILLS!

ADVENTURE!
ROMANCE!

In 1,001 gripping
patterns woven from
the bone and sinew
of the heroic souls
who bartered com-
fort, security and life
itself for a share
in the vision of the
West....

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PICTURE

Enacted on
movietone
by 2,000

including
JOHN WAYNE
MARGUERITE
CHURCHILL

EL BRENDEN
Tully Marshall
Tyrone Power

David Rollins



A Saga of
BREATHLESS
GLORIOUS
LOVE

That set young
blood to racing in
the great outdoors
—that steeled
young hearts to face
death with a smile.
SOUND NEWS

Society

Dallas Visitor is Honored

Mmes. Mary B. Sharp, W. C.
McCarver and F. W. Welhausen
were hostesses at an affair of
unusual interest on Wednesday
afternoon of last week when
Mrs. M. E. Daugherty of Dallas
was named guest of honor by
them. Mrs. Daugherty returned
to her home Thursday after a
three weeks' visit in the home of
her daughter, Mrs. McCarver.

Into rooms of the Welhausen
home on Fourth Street gay and
bright with early spring blossoms
guests were welcomed by the
hostesses. Pleasant conversation
and busy needles caused the af-
ternoon to pass all too swiftly for
this group of friends of many
years' standing. Fancy work ex-
hibits view with reminiscences of
years gone by to make the occa-
sion one long to be remembered.
Old time songs played by Mrs.
Lizzabell Schermerhorn, were
sung.

Old-fashioned sliced apple and
pineapple pies were served with
cocoa and coffee.

Included were: Mmes. Daugh-
erty, J. L. Bailey of Temple, J. N.
Harris, Mary Bradford, J. Z.
Brazelton, M. E. Boggess, Lucy

Townsend, S. H. Holhauser, N. J.
Morgan, L. C. Alexander, B. F.
Kemp, Hill Jackson, G. B. Nixon,
J. F. Lusk, Mattie Holliday, S. P.
Stone, and Elizabeth Davis.

CHINESE ARSENAL TO BEAT
SWORDS TO PLOUGHSHARES

PEIPING, Mar. 30.—The arsenal
at Taiyuanfu, capital of Shansi,
is to be changed so as literally to
beat swords into ploughshares.

Last year the plant made most
of the munitions used in the civil
war by the northern rebels. But
henceforth it is to produce farm
implements, rails and other steel
products.

Railroad schemes, intended to
exploit the phenomenally rich
mineral resources of Shansi prov-
ince, also are under consideration.

C. P. SHEPHERD

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Ballinger, Texas

Condensed Statement of Financial Condition of

FARMERS & MERCHANTS
BALLINGER STATE BANK (TEXAS)

Close of Business March 25, 1931.

ASSETS

Loans and Discounts	\$351,747.21
City Ballinger Warrants	11,543.16
Overdrafts	1,591.96
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	9,901.00
Interest Guaranty Fund	1,776.96
Cash and Exchange	46,854.96
Other Assets	4,254.32

\$460,174.57

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus—Profits NET	41,909.58
Deposits	282,389.12
Cashier Checks	875.87
Bills Payable	35,000.00

\$460,174.57

We Carry No State, County,
City or Special Deposits

STATEMENT
of Condition

...THE...

FIRST NATIONAL BANK
OF BALLINGER

March 25, 1931.

Resources

Loans and discounts	\$338,085.49
Overdrafts	109.89
Banking House	40,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	10,000.00
U. S. Bonds	26,000.00
Bonds and warrants	34,562.50
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	4,500.00
Acceptances (cotton)	1,643.78
CASH AND EXCHANGE	192,689.63

\$647,590.69

Liabilities

Capital stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits	73,678.67
Circulation	25,000.00
DEPOSITS	448,912.02

\$647,590.69

We carry no state, county or municipal interest bearing
deposits.

We desire to thank our many friends and customers for
all business entrusted us, making it possible for our bank to
render this most satisfactory statement.

By Percival Christopher Wren—Author of MYSTERIOUS WAYE

Author of
BEAU GESTE
BEAU IDEAL

SYNOPSIS: Dr. Charters tells Dr. MacAdon and Mr. James that he has abandoned his plan of poisoning Marjorie Lauderdale, who is his daughter. But James, who thinks Charters has been double-crossing them, decides to get the girl's fortune for himself by marrying her. He rapes at his intrusion into her room. Marjorie scores his offer to get her out of the home if she will accept him. Nurse Jones appears and inadvertently shows James into the hall. Coming her way, the nurse—eagerly to provide poison so that he can put her out of the way and inherit Mrs. Lauderdale's little fortune for himself. John Wayne, the mysterious person whose name is on the envelope when he hears a night grocer in the corridor near his room.

Chapter 25

DR. CHARTERS' SON

Swiftly he opened his door and crept into the corridor.

Sleeping low, Wayne caught a glimpse of the outline of a dark figure between himself and the tall window that framed the star-spangled sky rising. He crept swiftly in its direction. It disappeared. Touching each door as he passed, it came to one that was ajar. Softly pushing it open, he said:

"Come out," and stood aside, his left hand raised and leveled. Scarcely had he done so, when the dark figure reappeared between

died—poisoned by the draught he had himself prepared. Seizing Marjorie's trembling hands in a firm, steady grip, Wayne soothed and comforted her. "He really died of the blow I . . ."

"Rubbish," interrupted the girl. "I'm all right now . . . I understand. He came in here and poisoned the water in the glass. I drank a glassful before I went to sleep, and poured out some more . . . It was quite all right before I went to sleep."

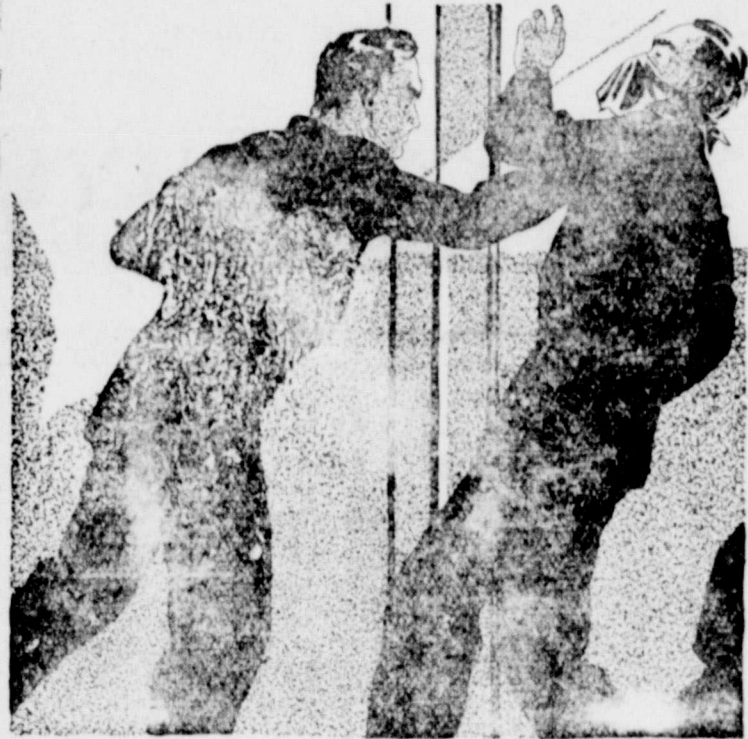
"Dress at once," Wayne said. "We're going now. Get ready quickly, and just bring what you must."

"I'll be ready—but don't be long. And can you take that away?" she added, with a shuddering glance at the bent body. "Leave everything to me."

Closing the door behind him, Wayne, within the minute, had hung Mr. James's body on Mr. James's bed.

Sister Weldon was a light sleeper, and tapping at her door brought her out of bed and into dressing-gown and slippers.

"Sister, it's time for us to act," Wayne said as she opened the door. "The man James went into Marjorie Lauderdale's room and poured poison into the glass of water on her bedside-table. I caught him com-



Wayne's fist crashed on James' jaw.

him and the window at the end of the corridor. Instantly a beam shone from a tiny torch in Wayne's left hand, and almost instantaneously his right hand shot forth—a blow delivered with a skilled athlete's strength enhanced by the irrepresible fury of long pent rage.

The heavy fist crashing upon James' jaw drove his head against the stone wall. Without a groan he sank to the ground.

"You damned dog," whispered Wayne, and, not gently, stirred the inanimate form of Mr. James with his foot, ere removing the black handkerchief that was tied about his face.

There was a movement within the room; the door was opened.

"What is it?" asked Marjorie. "Sister, it's all right," whispered Wayne, putting his finger to his lips. He motioned to her to go back into the room.

"It's that man," she said.

"Yes," he's faintly.

Turning to her table, Marjorie caught up the jug of water.

"We can't leave him like this. And, kneeling beside the prostrate man, she sprinkled water upon his face and hands.

"Don't, child," protested John Wayne. "I hate to see you touch the reptile. I'll drag him."

"Get me the glass," said Marjorie. "I believe he's dead."

With a shrug John Wayne fetched the glass of water from Marjorie's bedside-table.

"Pour a little more on his hands and head," she directed. "Now raise him up a little."

Mr. James stirred and opened his eyes, groaned and closed them again.

"Drink some water," said Marjorie.

Semi-conscious and faint, "What the hell?" sighed Mr. James, and drank.

And, as the man and girl watched him, Mr. James jerked convulsively, sat up suddenly, glared at the glass and at the girl who held it in her hand; clutched his throat; and, with hoarse voice, cried:

"You've killed me," and, as a violent contortion twisted his body,

ing away, and knocked him down for good. But the girl's room at four in the morning.

"Marjorie came out and insisted on trying to bring him round, gave him the water in the glass to drink.

"It killed him. I'm going to tell Charters what happened."

"Can't I do anything?" she inquired.

"You can, Sister. You can get the girl out of this house and take her to your brother. I'll come with you."

"Certainly. I'll ring up Levitt at the gatehouse, and tell him the car is to be on the road, in five minutes, and that I shall be taking two patients away. He'll obey me as he would the Doctor himself. He'll be perfectly content to let you go off in my charge. I'm coming back as soon as I have seen you both safe in the Vicarage."

A minute later she turned from the telephone. "It's all right unless the doctor acts first, and . . ."

"I shall call him until you and Marjorie are out of the house," interrupted Wayne.

"I've got something to say to him. Something that's got to be said. If I don't join you within ten minutes I don't wait for me."

Dr. Charters sat up, instantly, wide awake, as his light was switched on, and a harsh voice said:

"Get up!"

"You! What's the matter?"

"Murder's the matter. Your treacherous reptile, James . . ."

The Doctor sprang out of bed. "Murdered?" he cried.

"No. Punished for murder. Come with me. His room . . ."

Charters dashed ahead of Wayne up the stairs and threw open the door of James's bedroom.

In a few seconds his professional eye told him the worst, and, as Wayne entered the room, he saw the intractable man suddenly burst into tears and heard him, with rending sobs, cry aloud:

"Oh, Jimmy! My son! Oh, James, my son!"

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Hopeless love for Wayne—recaptured romance for Marjorie! But tomorrow they leave on a long journey together.

IN NEW YORK theaters

By Mark Barron

NEW YORK, March 30.—(AP)—Walter Hampden, with the charming aid of Fay Bainter, has returned to the stage in one of

William Gillette's best known vehicles. This is the Barrie play, "The Admirable Crichton."

Those who saw it in other days say it never was a great play and there is no doubt now that it is a flimsy and thin work.

The familiar story of the king and his butler who have their positions reversed when they are wrecked on a desert island has been seen in too many forms to present any charm of novelty.

Hampden's melodious and oratorical voice does him well as the butler, but the remainder of the production is chiefly important to those who have a sentimental regard for the traditions of the play.

It's Grandiose

The Theater Guild brought out its newest production in "Miracle at Verdun," a drama which has kept European critics ecstatic since it first appeared in Leipzig last October.

The Guild promised a pretentious background and, for the first time, utilization of talking pictures as an integral part of the play. These grandiose surroundings lessened rather than increased effectiveness of the play.

Hans Chlumberg, the author,

SINGING SISTERS



This trio of young women vocalists is known as the Boswell Sisters, now appearing once or twice a week in NBC broadcasts. Starting at the top, they are Helvetia, Connie and Martha.

was an Austrian army officer, and he came from a military family. So incensed did he become at so much war that he wrote "Miracle at Verdun" as an indictment of all those who seek to begin again

the roll of battle drums.

Back to Life

In Verdun he has the dead soldiers rise from their graves again and start for the homes they once knew. Thirteen million dead men come to life and seek out their accustomed places in the world, places which have disappeared or have been filled by others.

They return to life to find that they must remain dead men. They are not wanted, spurned by their families, their churches and their governments. And they come back to find that the war to end all wars has been forgotten and that even now hostile nations are preparing for new conflicts.

It is a tremendously virile play, an indictment which cannot be ignored in the halls of nations. But that is an hour that belongs to the author. It is to his greater credit that his play is powerful enough for the most part to plunge through the merry-go-round of novel effects which hamper its presentation.

GIRLS LIKE BASEBALL

(By Associated Press)

GALVESTON, March 30.—A safe bet would be that almost as many girls in Galveston like baseball as boys.

When registration for membership into the Galveston "knot hole gang," an association by which boys and girls can see their home town team play during week days, approximately five-twelfths of the near 1,200 applicants were girls.

The Galveston "knot hole gang" is similar to those of other cities in which the "gang" has been formed. It is sponsored by the Galveston Booster's Club.

Goof, a 15-year-old English sheep dog, has ridden nearly 300,000 miles in autos owned by his master, James Lanyon, of Helena, Montana.

Woman is Pilot On "Big Muddy" For Thirty Years

(By Associated Press)

HELENA, Ark., Mar. 30.—Petticoats on the Mississippi.

In the colorful chronicles of the Big Muddy, with its glamor and hard living, hard swearing line of famous woman pilots follows, there is yet to be recorded that side of river life in which a feminine pilot has held 30 years of mastery over the Mississippi river.

But in that chronicling the name of Captain Millie Johnston would hold a prominent place.

"Cap'n Mollie"—Mrs. C. M. Johnston—has followed the currents and dodged the bars of the Mississippi and Ohio for 30 years. She is now believed to be the only woman pilot on the river.

There was one other famous pilot of her sex before her—her mother, Captain A. C. Johnston.

Eventful years passed since Captain Millie and her husband, himself the descendant of a long line of river pilots, took out the "Grace Valley," towing a floating store from which they made their living through the store communities.

The "Grace Valley" became the first of the Johnston boats when Captain Millie and her husband were left stranded at Helena with their store boat by a hired tow.

A quarter of a century of thrills and hardships followed the purchase of the "Grace Valley," later named the "Mollie Belle II" in honor of Captain Mollie.

Small town storekeepers had no love for the nomadic river merchant, and often Captain Mollie and her husband were rudely informed to keep clear of the shore communities by merchants there, whose trade was injured by the

floating store.

Two other steamers followed the "Grace Valley" in the hands of Captain Mollie. They were the "C. M. Johnston" and the "Hardwood," the first which sank at the mouth of the White river in 1909. The "Hardwood" was recently taken out of service.

Another river steamer is now in the building here, the "Steamer Marie," named for Mrs. Johnston's daughter, the third in the line of famous woman pilots. Captain Mollie, however, expects to take out the "Steamer Marie" on its maiden voyage.

Baby's Colds
Best treated without dosing—Just rub on
VICKS VAPORUB
OVER 17 MILLION JARS USED YEARLY

PLAINS HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS IN CANYON APRIL 10

(By Associated Press)

CANYON, Tex., Mar. 30.—Members of the Pannhandle-Plains Historical Society will convene in Canyon April 10 for their annual meeting.

Three sessions have been scheduled for the day: a business session at 11 a. m., a general meeting in the afternoon and a banquet at night. Pioneers of the Pannhandle will be introduced to the student body at West Texas State Teachers College at the morning session.

Plans for the museum building project, sponsored by the society, will be outlined by Judge H. E. Hoover, of Canadian, pioneer plains lawyer. A \$50,000 unit of a proposed \$75,000 museum is being sought this year to house the collection of pioneer relics which have been collected over a period of 10 years.

Annual election of officers will be held. T. D. Hobart, of Pampa, is retiring president.

"I've ridden the logs in white water

—says Chesterfield



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JOINT CELEBRATION IS PLANNED FOR JULY 4th

(By Associated Press)

LAREDO, Mar. 30.—Cotulla and Laredo will join hands July 4th in celebrating the expected completion of the 44-mile "gap" in the Laredo-San Antonio highway, 25 miles of which is now surfaced.

Plans for a barbecue and a rodeo at Cotulla were outlined late Thursday at a luncheon of the Cotulla Chamber of Commerce, a meeting which was attended by Charles Mumm, secretary, and Edward H. Corrigan, president, of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce.

The dirt stretch has long been a moot question in the territory south of Frio county, where pavement ended, because of tourist traffic to the border which

has been thwarted because of the bad roads. Paving was started about six months ago, after the Texas highway commission awarded contract after deciding to bear the entire expense, rather than agree to build an east-west highway through LaSalle county.

Features other than the barbecue and rodeo will be added, it was said. The Cotulla American Legion post has offered its full cooperation in staging the celebration. Automobile clubs and tourists bureaus the nation over will be invited to send representatives.

Mr. Mumm checked the highway from Dilley south, after the meeting and found that 25 miles of the road are completed; 12 miles are gravelled; and five miles are dirt.

Want Ads

Rates and Rules
Two cents per word first insertion and no advertisement accepted for less than 25 cents. All subsequent insertions 1c per word each insertion.

All classified advertisements must be accompanied by cash unless advertiser has a regular account with the paper.

No classified advertisement accepted on an "until ordered out" basis. The number of times the ad is to run must be specified.

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WANTED—Beginning April 1st, will take a limited number of boarders and roomers. Phone 179 or call at 207 Broadway Mrs. D. C. Simpson and Mrs. W. W. Chastain. 28-6d

WANTED—Large responsible company has unusual opening in Ballinger for reliable man to take over established home service; excellent earnings; good reference required; lifetime opportunity. Address R. D. Brookins, 70 W. Iowa, Memphis, Tennessee. d-9-16-23-30

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

First Presbyterian
Enrollment, 127
Attendance, 96
Visitors, 1
Offering, \$9.36

First Christian
Enrollment, 152
Attendance, 102
Offering, \$4.76

Eighth Street Presbyterian
Enrollment, 132
Attendance, 76
Visitors, 3
Offering, \$3.55

Ballinger Baptist
Enrollment, 552
Present, 301
Visitors, 7
Offering \$115.61

OWNER OF LION THAT KILLED GIRL, TO TRIAL

(By Associated Press)
SAN ANTONIO, Mar. 30.—Clark Coley, showman, will go on trial April 7 in County Court at Law No. 1 on charges of negligent homicide growing out of the death of Viola Friesen, 2, following the attack of a mountain lion owned by Coley.

The child was attacked by the lion and killed before Coley was able to effect a rescue. The lion was supposed to have been harmless and children of the neighborhood had been in the habit of petting it. Coley beat the animal to death with a hammer immediately after the fatal attack.

MATAMOROS GROUP WILL RESUME BULL FIGHTS

(By Associated Press)
BROWNSVILLE, Mar. 30.—After a lapse of seven years, bull fighting will return to Matamoros, and Brownsville.

When the ring burned in 1924 the promoters gave it up as a bad job. They admitted the jinx which pursued bull fighting in Matamoros had won, for that was the third ring in the city to burn in less than ten years.

A group of Matamoros men, headed by Luis Rendon, formerly secretary of the chamber of commerce there, has decided however, to defy the jinx, and to build a bull ring in the city.

A concession from the state government of Tamaulipas, and from the city of Matamoros was secured. Construction work on the bull ring is to be started in a short time.

It will be a frame affair, similar to the other bull rings on the Mexican border, and similar to the one which burned down in Matamoros in 1924. The ring will have seating capacity of 8,000, being the largest ever constructed in Matamoros. The cost will be around \$10,000.

The bull ring probably will receive its baptism September 16, Mexico's big holiday, according to present plans.

An ancient Roman flour mill uncovered near Pompeii has been restored and placed in the Field Museum, Chicago.

Read today's news in The Ledger today.

MOVIES

Momentous Movietone Depicts Pioneer Trek to Golden West
One hundred years ago began a movement that was profoundly to affect the history and the contours of the United States. Its vehicle and its symbol was the pioneer wagon.

Between the first and ultimate rumblings of its westering wheels it carried over a single trail at least 350,000 pioneers and gave to the United States undisputed windows on the Pacific Ocean and it influenced if it did not actually determine the Americanization of all the vast territory west of the Rocky Mountains that lies between lower California and the Canadian border.

Raul Walsh's Fox Movietone production, "The Big Trail," which opened a three-day run at the Palace Theatre yesterday, has been acclaimed by previewers as the most important contribution to the sound screen to date.

The story of "The Big Trail" is by Hal O. Evans, famous novelist and authority on the old and new West. It embodies a delightful romance between the leads, John Wayne, youthful discovery of Walsh who plays the role of "Breck Coleman," a boy who has lived with the Indians and eked out a living as a fur trapper and scout, and the girl, Marguerite Churchill, a daughter of the old South who goes over the trail with her brother and sister, the trail which Wayne scouts.

The picture abounds in thrills as would be expected of a faithful narrative of the brave pioneers of a century ago.

El Brendel's "Swede" character comic, shares the featured honors with Wayne and Miss Churchill, while Tully Marshall, Tyrone Power and David Rollins are among the 93 principal players who have actual speaking roles. The company in its entirety includes 20,000 players.

John Gilbert Coming in Two-Fisted Role

John Gilbert is starred in "Way for a Sailor," the new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer talking picture which will open a two-day run at the Palace Theatre Wednesday, with Wallace Beery in a prominent character part.

This is Gilbert's first picture since "Redemption" and is regarded with particular anticipation because of the virile role he plays as a tramp steamer sailor-man, ready for a fight or frolic in any port any time. It is a wide departure from Gilbert's uniform type of part and packs a mighty dramatic wallop as well as gripping romantic interest.

Wallace Beery, whose talkie debut in "The Big House" was an outstanding performance of the season, plays another "light-heavy" role as the boy's mate who drinks with Gilbert one minute and fights with him the next.

The trio of shipmates is rounded out by none other than Jim Tully, hobo-author, whose fist fights with Gilbert recently occupied expansive headline space. Tully, having patched up his troubles with Gilbert, makes his acting debut in the comedy characterization. Tully is best known for his authorship of "Jarnegan," "Circus Parade" and "Beggars of Life."

The story is taken from the two-fisted sea novel by Albert Richard Wetjen, published by the Century Company, winning critical acclaim as an unusually human writing with a vivid background of life aboard the rolling main.

CENSUS REPORTS MUST BE IN BY APRIL FIRST

R. E. White, county school superintendent, has received thirty-two of the thirty-nine common school census reports. All reports must be in by April 1. Though no accurate check has been made, Mr. White estimates that the aggregate attendance will be slightly lower this year than last. Economic conditions are probably responsible for this decline.

One school at Williams Springs has just completed its regular seven month term. The total enrollment there this year was five but only three finished the entire term. Each pupil should have been present one hundred and forty days. Due to the withdrawals, only 77 per cent attendance was had. Yet this was more than made up for by the 100 per cent promotion record of those who finished their courses.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Herring returned to Ballinger Sunday from Brownwood after a short visit there. They are moving this week to their home on Eleventh Street.

An Alberta, Canada, organization, headed by New York interests, proposes to pipe natural gas from Kinross, Alberta, 350 miles to Regina, Moose Jaw, and Saskatoon.

Buy your printing at home.

Eleventh District Shows Improvement

(By Associated Press)
DALLAS, Mar. 30.—Further improvement in the agricultural and livestock industries, which placed them in an excellent physical condition at the opening of spring, has strengthened sentiment underlying business and industry throughout the Eleventh Federal reserve district, according to a monthly business review by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

Ample moisture, favorable weather and the good condition of the soil are factors enabling farmers to proceed with confidence in planting operations, the report said.

Regarding livestock, the review read: "Livestock and their ranges again showed a material improvement during February and the first half of March. According to the Department of Agriculture ranges are now in excellent condition and livestock will be fat somewhat earlier than usual. Large calf, lamb and kid crops are in prospect. Trading on the ranges, however, is at a standstill and prices of most classes of livestock at central markets have tended downward."

The most significant development in the financial field was the rise in member bank deposits and the heavy subscriptions to the government securities issued March 16, according to the summary. The daily average of the combined net demand and time deposits of member banks is said, was \$14,699,000 higher than in January and while \$74,824,000 less than during the corresponding month of 1930, the decline was smaller than in January. Subscriptions to the government issues totaled \$102,417,750, of which \$41,555,000 represented subscriptions to the 1½ and 2 per cent Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, and \$60,862,750 represented subscriptions to the 3 3-8 per cent bonds.

The actual distribution of merchandise at wholesale and retail has not shown any noticeable improvement, the report said, adding that the undercurrent of good feeling has been sustained and in many quarters is gaining ground due to the good agricultural conditions, improvement in some lines of industry, and the strengthening of the cotton market. Department store sales in larger cities were slightly larger than in January, but were 12 per cent less than in February a year ago. Wholesale distribution was smaller than in either January of this year or February last year.

Southwestern car loadings, the review related, were slightly larger in February than in the previous month, but were considerably smaller than in February, 1930.

Discussing building, the summary said that while permits at principal centers were 15 per cent larger than the low January volume, they were 28 per cent smaller than in the corresponding month a year ago. The production of lumber, it said, was maintained at practically the same level as in the previous month, yet new orders and shipments again showed a considerable expansion.

Plan Berlin-Rome Air Route

BERLIN, March 30.—(AP)—Beginning this spring a new air route from Berlin to Rome will be inaugurated by the German Luft-hansa. The route, by way of Munich and Milano, will be covered in ten hours as against 32 by train.

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City Improvement Of Streets Goes On

The city weekly report showed that all current bills for water and sanitary work had been collected for the month of March and that no delinquents were on the books Saturday when the report was closed. This is an excellent record and shows intense effort on the part of city employees in this department. Meters were read and billings are being prepared for the first of April. The water department repaired a number of small leaks in the system, flushed all dead ends of pipe lines and received and stored 100 new steel meter boxes in the city warehouse.

At the city hall members of the fire department repaired the furniture in the auditorium, completely re-upholstering it. The police department reported one arrest, one fine assessed and one fine collected.

Dr. E. R. Walker, city health officer, reported one case of scarlet fever placed under quarantine and a number of visits to cases of chicken pox for investigation but no quarantine established. The dairy department reported two dairy inspections, seven laboratory tests of milk samples and one cow inspected.

Work continued on the streets surrounding the city hall and this will be completed some time this week. The street has been graded, all holes filled with caliche and gravel and these have been rolled hard and when completed the street will be in excellent condition. The proper grade has been given the street for drainage in heavy rains and the improvement work will better conditions in that part of town for travel. Graveling of blocks on Tenth street has been completed and made into good roads at moderate cost. The cost for the city's one-third of the last block was \$55.80.

A large amount of material has been hauled to Railroad avenue to be used in repair of that street. Twenty-one loads of rock and dirt has been hauled to Hamilton avenue where improvement is being made at this time.

The sanitary department during the past week hauled many loads of dirt and trash from the residential section of the town to the dump ground. This trash came from homes where clean-up work is being done and trash piled at the rear of the houses.

Christians Start Pre-Easter Service

Rev. F. M. Crabtree opened pre-Easter services Sunday night at 7:30 at the First Christian Church. The topic of his sermon was a lucid and interesting discussion of the principles and doctrines of the Christian church, and how they were essentially applied to man's salvation.

His text came from the eighth chapter of Acts. Its substance was an enumeration and explanation of the apostolic forces which make men preach. He listed them under the following heads: 1. the part played by the Angel of the Lord; 2. the part played by the holy spirit; 3. the part played by the preacher. Taking these up consecutively he discussed how each of these things has an influence on a man who spreads the gospel.

Rev. Crabtree made some interesting commentaries on his own work and that of contemporaries. He said that he personally received a divine call to preach on the 12th of July, 1913, and that to date he has been out of a pulpit only one Sunday since that time.

The Christian church will hold services every night this week. All the public, regardless of denomination, is invited to attend. Saturday night and Easter Sunday V. O. Stamp and his recording quartette are scheduled to be at the church. The quartette is coming from Dallas to fill this engagement and it is hoped that many local people will attend.

BALLINGER GIRL MAKES GOOD RECORD ON GRADES

DENTON, Mar. 30.—Miss Carmen Demmer of Ballinger was among the 133 students at C. I. A., the Texas State College for Women, who made all A's and B's during the first semester this year. This group represents the upper eight per cent of the student body and letters of commendation were sent to them by E. V. White, dean of the college.

Miss Demmer is a public school music major and a sophomore. She has been active in campus clubs and is serving as president of the Presbyterian club. She is also a member of the college orchestra. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Demmer, 400 Tenth street.

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A. K. Doss, of Abilene, was here Saturday attending to business and visiting his mother and sister.

Floyd W. Dawson is here this week looking after business. Mr. Ledger office.

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