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RECENT FREEZE KILLS 87,500 CATTLE

TWO ACCIDENTS HERE MONDAY

C. W. Ladwig was seriously injured about dusk Monday evening when a delivery car struck him while he was crossing the street at the corner of Cameron's garage on Eighth Street. Mr. Ladwig had started home and was walking across the street when a delivery car for a grocery store struck him, and according to eye witnesses, dragged the aged man about thirty feet. The injuries consisted of a badly fractured right arm between the shoulder and the elbow, and bruises about the body. The injured man was picked up and hurried to the Halley & Love sanitarium, and reports from him Tuesday stated that he was resting as well as could be expected.

Mr. Ladwig is 78 years of age. He is the father of G. A. Ladwig and Charles and James Ladwig, local merchants.

Elbert Conners, a local painter, suffered a fractured leg Monday afternoon when a ladder on which he was standing while at work at the Gem Theatre on Eighth Street slipped and threw him to the floor.

Mr. Conners was at work on the new theatre building doing the painting on the interior of the new playhouse. The ladder was being used as a scaffold in painting the walls and ceiling of the building. The injured man was carried to the Halley & Love sanitarium and an X-ray examination made. It was reported that he suffered a fracture of the bone in the lower limb near the foot.

SNOW FORECAST FOR CHRISTMAS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—A "white Christmas" for many sections of the United States was the forecast today by the government weather bureau. The forecast said that there would be snow on the ground over most of the Middle West and Northern sections from the plateau region Eastward to the Atlantic coast.

The forecast also predicted that cold weather generally would prevail on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kennedy, of Winters, were shopping in Ballinger Tuesday.



The greeting of world kinship, the message of the fellowship of man! Christmas! Its benevolent spirit of peace and good-will, of cheer and happiness that finds its greatest joy in service to others—what a benediction it breathes on this old world of ours!

So rich in memories, so all-inclusive in its wish, truly no other greeting could so eloquently bring you a message with real heart interest than these two words—"Merry Christmas!"

This Institution will not be open on Thursday, December 25th.

CHRISTMAS DAY

WINTERS STATE BANK

Winters, Texas

WIRE FENCE FOR GIRL'S SCHOOL

AUSTIN, Dec. 23.—The proposal of the State Board of Control to build a barbed wire fence, at a cost of \$10,000, around the Training School for Girls at Gainesville, has started a state-wide controversy.

Protest at such action has been editorialized have been written for and against the proposition.

R. B. Walthall, a member of the board of control, said today that despite the protests, the board expected to recommend an appropriation for the enclosure, and if approved the fence would be constructed at once.

J. E. Byers and C. H. Clark, of the Winters country, were among the Christmas shoppers in Ballinger Tuesday.

FREIGHT RATES ARE NOT EQUAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Freight rates in the territory South of Kansas City and between the Rocky Mountains and the Mississippi River are unreasonable and prejudicial to localities and shippers, according to a report made to the Interstate Commerce Commission today.

The report was made by a board of examiners appointed by the commission to make a canvass of the situation.

COOLIDGE MAY VISIT IN TEXAS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Coolidge was invited today by a delegation, including a number of Texans, to attend the national meetings of the United States Good Roads Association and the Bankhead Highway Association at Houston next April.

The president said he had planned no trips after the adjournment of congress, but said he would consider the Houston invitation in connection with any Southern trip he might make.

NEW PHONE DIRECTORY FOR TALPA EXCHANGE

The West Texas Telephone Company is issuing a new directory for the Talpa exchange. An order has been placed with the Ballinger Printing Company for the new directory which will be issued shortly after Christmas and in time for New Year's distribution. The Talpa exchange has about 130 stations, which shows that the citizens of that progressive little town do some talking.

W. H. Rogers, of Winters, was among the citizens here from that city Tuesday morning.

GERMANS EAGER FOR ARMING

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Chances of the Cologne area being evacuated by the allies on January 10th, under the provisions of the Versailles treaty, have been diminished, it is thought, in French official circles.

This was made known today through the semi-monthly report of the allied military control mission in Germany. This report, it is understood, confirms special reports that Germany is persisting in arming herself.

BRIBE CHARGES FAIL TO STICK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The Department of Justice investigation into charges that a Senate committee employee had accepted money for the use of his influence in behalf of certain legislation, has resulted in the finding that no law was violated.

Attorney General Stone declined to divulge the nature of the legislation or the name of the man involved in the charges, as no law was violated, and no action could be taken in the case.

NEAR 13 MILLION BALES GINNED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Cotton ginned prior to December 12th totaled 12,796,216 running bales, including 293,366 round bales, which are counted as half-bales, according to the Census Bureau figures made public today. The ginnings for the same date last year were 9,549,915 running bales.

The ginnings in Texas prior to December 12th were 4,574,551 bales.

CAN'T OUST OFFICER NOW

AUSTIN, Dec. 22.—Officials cannot be removed from office for acts committed prior to their election to a term in office they are holding, the state Supreme Court declared today in reversing a quo warrant judgment by which former Sheriff J. J. Reeves, of Titus county, was removed from office.

Reeves was given a new trial on account of errors in admitting testimony concerning charges against him during his first term of office, and before he was elected for the term he was being tried for.

Ed O'Kelly returned home Sunday from near the North Pole, at Lubbock, where he has been selling cotton seed, and will remain at home until after the Christmas holidays.

Gordon Thomson came in Saturday night from A. & M. College to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Thomson.

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NO DANGER IN ALCOHOL FOR LEGAL USE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The assurance that no law-abiding American is likely to be injured by denatured alcohol was given today by Wayne Wheeler, anti-saloon league, in a statement filed with the Senate committee considering the Crampton bill for the creation of a separate prohibition enforcement bureau.

Wheeler added that those who make, or buy denatured industrial alcohol for bootleg purposes are law breakers. The statement was made and filed in reply to a charge by Senator Reed, Democrat, of Missouri, that the addition of poison to alcohol released for industrial purposes is approaching murder.

MAIL AVIATOR KILLED IN LEAP

AURORA, Ill., Dec. 22.—The body of Charles Gilbert, air mail service aviator, who lost his way last night in a snow storm over Kaneville, Illinois, while en route to Omaha from Chicago, was found this morning a half mile from his wrecked plane.

Apparently Gilbert leaped from his plane with his parachute, but it was torn from him, and he fell to the ground, while his plane landed in a wreck a half a mile away. His plane probably went to the bad while flying and he deserted it in an effort to save his life.

Gilbert entered the air mail service on August 15th of this year. He was 26 years of age. His home was in Plainville, Arkansas.

COTTON CONTEST WINNER NAMED

DALLAS, Dec. 22.—J. W. McFarland, of Palestine, Texas, has been declared the winner of more cotton on fewer acres, a contest conducted by the Dallas News and Semi-Weekly Farm News. The winner was announced today.

Mr. McFarland will receive a prize of \$1,000 for growing more cotton on fewer acres than any of the farmers who entered the contest. More than 3,000 farmers participated in the contest, and some splendid results were shown in the various reports.

FLU SPREADING OVER TEXAS

AUSTIN, Dec. 20.—Dr. Malone Duggan, state health officer today urged the people of Texas to take precautions against the spread of influenza. He said 990 cases were reported to the state health board in November, and the disease had spread until for the week ending December 13th, 365 cases for that week were reported, showing a marked increase.

A. & S. TO COMMENCE BUILDING PROGRAM

It is reported upon good authority that the Abilene & Southern Railway will make extensive improvements in its line between Ballinger and Abilene during 1925. According to the reports the roadbed will be improved and heavier steel laid on most of the track. The program also calls for wharf improvements and extension of yard facilities at the most important stations on the line. Large quantities of material have been purchased, and the improvement program may include new rolling stock.

HOBBY QUILTS TECH BOARD

FT. WORTH, Dec. 22.—Former Governor Hobby tendered his resignation as director of the Texas Technological College at Lubbock, today. The resignation was announced here today by A. G. Carter, chairman of the board of regents of the new college. Mr. Hobby gave "pressing business" as his reason for resigning from the board. He was appointed when the new board was made up after the passage of the Tech bill.

HOUSTON, Dec. 23.—Cattle loss in the Houston territory as a result of a week-end sleet and ice storm was estimated today at \$2,187,500.

The estimate was made by Henry Fox, a Houston banker, after a consultation with persons who have been making a study of the situation. The loss is estimated on a basis of 87,500 head of cattle which perished in the severest winter weather to reach this far South and East.

PUP PREVENTS JAIL DELIVERY

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 23.—An Airdale pup last night prevented escape from the Wyandotte county jail here of Fred Poffenberger and Keith Collins, principals in the \$3,500,000 Council Bluffs, Iowa, mail robbery in 1920.

The unusual antics of the dog caused Sheriff Daniel Maher to start an investigation to determine what the dog was alarmed about, and the investigation disclosed that the prisoners had burrowed almost through a four-foot brick wall which separated their cells from the jail yard.

LITTLE BOOM ON IN CHRISTMAS WEDDINGS

The marriage records show a little boom is on in Christmas weddings. While only twenty permits to wed have been issued during the present month, or less than an average of one per day, the last three days have shown more than an average of two per day, seven licenses having been issued since Saturday. Following are the latest victims:

Cordell O'Neil and Miss Johnnie Kincaid
Wade Colburn and Miss Noreen Hogan
J. C. Hall and Miss Ruby Malone
Carlton Dobbins and Miss Anna Lee Scott
Clyde Gabbot and Miss Thelma Scarborough
J. W. Stone and Miss Lelia Tucker
Bill Reel and Miss Claudie Rhoads

Maurice Gressett, Oscar Zappe, and Cecil Dickinson returned home Monday from College Station, where they are attending A. & M. College, and are at home for Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Maddox and little son came down from Maryneal Monday to visit relatives.

BIG CHRISTMAS STATE WARDS

AUSTIN, Dec. 23.—Twelve thousand pounds of turkeys and thousands of pounds of candy, nuts and fruits were moving today to the state institutions to provide Christmas dinners for the state wards. Provisions have been made for supplying all the state's institution inmates with Christmas dinner.

Many of the institutions have planned Christmas entertainments. Not a single unfortunate in care of the state will be forgotten, said R. B. Walthall, member of the State Board of Control.

BALLINGER MAN HEADS TEACHERS

Prof. R. E. White, county superintendent-elect of Runnels county, was elected as director of the 1925 institute at the closing session of the Concho-Colorado Teachers Institute at San Angelo Friday. The teachers accepted an invitation from Ballinger to hold their 1925 institute in Ballinger. J. D. Motley, secretary of the Y. M. B. L. appeared before the institute and extended them an invitation to come here next year. The institute is composed of eleven counties, and with the rapid increase in population more than 600 teachers will come here next year for a week. Ballinger will be prepared to entertain them in the new \$100,000 school building.

Morris Nicholson is at home from Fort Worth, where he is attending T. C. U., to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. R. A. Nicholson.

Miss Katherine Penn came in Saturday and will spend the Christmas holidays with her father, W. C. Penn, and other relatives. Miss Penn is attending T. C. U. at Fort Worth.

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Analysis and consultation given free of charge.

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MORE CHEER FOR THE CHEER FUND

As the campaign to make cheerful the homes of needy families on Christmas draws to a close, several contributions come in, and proper credit is given. The American Legion is seeking those whom they may help, and will start out on a mission of cheer and good will next week.

The latest contributors to the fund are: E. E. Holt, \$1.00; D. C. Underwood, \$1.00; and M. P. Kennon, \$1.00.

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\$5,000,000 for Fireworks
LONDON, Dec. 16.—Guy Fawkes, the man who attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament, was heartily condemned when his plot was discovered, but he has since grown into something of a patron saint for English small boys and makers of fireworks. Estimates of the value of fireworks consumed in celebrating his special day, November 5th, this year ran as high as \$5,000,000.

STAR PARASITE REMOVER

Star Parasite Remover given Hens through the winter will improve their health, increase egg production, keep them free of all insects and insure you better results during spring hatching time, or your money refunded. For sale by Jeanes Company. 19-47w

Mrs. Robert Stephenson went to Abilene Saturday afternoon to meet Mr. Stephenson, who is en route home to spend the holidays.

Genuine **ASPIRIN**
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CAPLAN WINNER OVER PATTERSON

Before a crowd estimated at between 125 and 150 the local National Guard company staged one of the most successful wrestling and boxing exhibitions Thursday night ever staged in this city. The crowd would not doubt have been larger except for the extreme cold weather. There were several ladies present and the fans seemed to be about evenly divided on every bout.

The first bout was an exhibition boxing bout between Carter and Jones, both of Ballinger. The fight went three rounds to no decision.

The next event was a wrestling match between Watkins of Ballinger, and Douglas, of Winters. This went 15 minutes and both men showed much promise for making good wrestlers with more training—especially Watkins, as he is a young fellow with lots of ambition.

The third contest was another boxing exhibition between Ernie Brinkley and Andy Tindall. These two put on three of the fastest rounds yet seen in the ring here. It was also a no decision. These men will likely meet again soon as they are both evenly matched and show lots of stuff.

The main attraction of the evening was between Abe Caplan, of Coleman, light heavyweight champion of West Texas; and Jimmie Patterson, light heavyweight champion of Canada.

Both men tipped the scales at 175 pounds. It was the fastest and best wrestling match ever staged in Ballinger. Both men were in the pink of condition. Patterson relied mostly on the headlock and toe-hold, but Caplan was successful in breaking every hold. After 51 minutes and 15 seconds of wrestling Caplan sprang a new hold on Patterson which spelled defeat for the latter. It is known as the "flying mare" hold. The match was scheduled to go to the best two out of three falls, but Patterson was not able to go back on the mat. After it was over Caplan explained this new hold, which effects the muscles of the neck and causes momentary dizziness. Caplan also expressed his desire to come back to Ballinger and wrestle again.

Mickie Flynn, former boxer, and ex-service man, was the referee. He was gassed in France and is now traveling over the country with his wife trying to regain his health. He expressed his desire to put on several bouts here in his effort to come back.

All these exhibitions are clean and deserve the support of those who like good clean athletics.

COMB SAGE TEA IN HAIR TO DARKEN IT
The old-time mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur for darkening gray, streaked and faded hair is grandmother's recipe, and folks are again using it to keep their hair a good, even color, which is quite sensible, as we are living in an age when a youthful appearance is of the greatest advantage.

Nowadays though, we don't have the tedious task of gathering the sage and the mussy mixing at home. All drug stores sell the ready-to-use product, improved by the addition of other ingredients, called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." It is very popular because nobody can discover it has been applied.

Simply moisten your comb or a soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears but what delights the ladies with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound, is that, besides beautifully darkening the hair after a few applications, it also produces that soft lustre and appearance of abundance which is so attractive.

Miss Helen Brewer came in Friday at noon from Georgetown to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Brewer. Miss Helen is completing her school work in Southwestern University at Georgetown.

Misses Edna Mae Lowry and Susie Hale came in Thursday night from Baylor College at Belton, and are at home for the holidays with their parents.

Miss Marthyle Bridwell came in Friday night from Liberty Hill, where she is teaching school, and will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Bridwell.

COLDEST DECEMBER IN 33 YEARS GRIPS TEXAS

WINS TRIP TO MEXICO

R. F. Lane, better known among his friends as "Ike" Lane, will pack his grip soon after Christmas and go to Dallas, where he will join a party of insurance men on an excursion to old Mexico.

Mr. Lane qualified for the trip, with all expenses paid by his insurance company, when he completed writing \$100,000 worth of life insurance this week. In order to get the free journey he had to write \$100,000 worth of business within a given time, and he was successful in qualifying this week. The first stop on the excursion to the Southern republic will be at Mercedes, where the insurance men will spend some time before crossing the river.

A trip North at this season of the year would not have appealed to the insurance writers, but a trip South, and into a territory where the name Volstead has never been mentioned, caused some of the agents to work overtime. A desire to see the country at the other fellow's expense caused the local representative of the Southland Life Insurance Company to do a little extra hustling. He has some friends who are a little envious of his good luck at this particular season.

MAYR'S WONDERFUL REMEDY FOR STOMACH TROUBLE
ONE DOSE WILL CONVINCE AT ALL DRUGGISTS

AN ECHO FROM THE LEGION PLAY

In a letter to K. V. Northington, John Q. McAdams, cashier of the Winters State Bank, says a good word for the American Legion's fourth annual show. Mr. McAdams was among those who came down from Winters to see the play, and in his letter he says:

"We do not recall having enjoyed quite so much any program as we did that of the American Legion play entitled 'Down on the Farm.' The cast of characters all showed unusual ability, much training and study and special mention is due Mrs. Paul in playing the role of Alvira Hoi-comb, Silas' sister. Should your local American Legion ever put on another play we intend to be on hand if we are fortunate enough to hear of it in time."

Children's Fatal Diseases

Worms and parasites in the intestines of children undermine health and so weaken their vitality that they are unable to resist the diseases so fatal to child life. The safe course is to give a few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge. It destroys and expels the worms without the slightest injury to the health or activity of the child. Price 35c. Sold by John A. Weeks.

Oscar Schott, a student in Howard Payne College at Brownwood, came home Friday night to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Schott.

DALLAS, Dec. 19.—The most severe weather of the present winter is being experienced in nearly every section of the state today. The cold wave which held other sections of the country in any icy grip for the last few days, struck Northern Texas late yesterday and soon sent the mercury to the freezing point. Snow and sleet are reported in West and North Texas. Wire communications to several points are out of commission and interurban service has been greatly interrupted in North Texas.

The coldest December weather in the history of the Amarillo weather bureau which was established thirty-three years ago, was broken there. The thermometer stood at six degrees below zero this morning. The temperature in North Texas along the Oklahoma border was around ten degrees above zero while at Waco the mercury registered sixteen degrees above.

Freezing weather was reported at Houston, while San Antonio and Corpus Christi reported the temperature falling this morning. Colder temperatures were predicted for tonight and tomorrow by the Dallas weather bureau. The forecast is for zero to six degrees below within the next 24 hours in North Texas, near zero in East Texas and West Texas, with 30 degrees above zero as far South as the coast.

One of the severest, if not the most severe, drops in temperature ever experienced here for any pre-holiday season, gripped Ballinger and this section of the country Thursday night, and the low temperature lingered through Friday. At 8:30 Friday morning the government weather record reported from the home of E. L. Enbank gave the temperature at that hour at 9 (nine) degrees above zero, which was the lowest recorded up to that time. At noon the day before the thermometer registered 82 degrees above zero.

No rain or snow accompanied the cold wave in this section, and the livestock industry will not suffer any serious loss, but the small grain crop, a pretty good acreage of which was planted and coming up, will probably be damaged, if not completely destroyed in some localities.

Reports of loss to water pipes began to pour in to the plumbing shops during the early hours of the day, and it is believed that business for the plumbers will be good for a few days.

Radio weather reports at a late hour Thursday night indicated that the winter storm was one of the worst and most extensive to sweep the nation in many seasons. Mercury readings at 11:00 o'clock Thursday night, according to wireless phone reports for Texas, were from 86 on the Southern border of the state to four degrees above zero in the Panhandle, and while one South-eastern Texas city reported the weather "too hot for dancing," a Michigan city reported the mercury standing at 43 degrees below zero.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
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WARNING AGAINST MEASLES EPIDEMIC

The state health department has sent out a warning against measles. "Measles ranks as one of the most contagious diseases," says Dr. Duggan, state health officer, and with the exception of malaria he says there are more cases of measles reported in Texas than any other communicable disease.

For the first ten months of 1924, 12,291 cases have been recorded. The coming months of January, February, March and April are the most dangerous months of the year. During these months this year something like 10,597 cases were reported to the state health department.

The after effects are the dangerous period of measles, pneumonia and tuberculosis frequently resulting, and the body left in a permanently disabled condition. We are just entering the measles

season, and parents should guard carefully every symptom of the disease.

KIDDIES' COLDS
should not be "done." Treat them externally with—
VICKS VAPORUB
Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

Sam Dunlap came in Friday night from College Station. Sam is a "Fish" in A. & M. College. He says it is a good place to go to school, with nothing to do but study.

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Yuletide Greetings

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May your Christmas be filled with Happiness and your New Year be a Prosperous one.

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Rt. B. Ballinger
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JAPAN AND U.S.
BURY HATCHET

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The Washington government, whose officials have been puzzled and somewhat disturbed by agitation over the American-Japanese relations, took occasion today to formally bespeak an era of the most cordial relationship between the two nations.

Departing from a well established precedent, Secretary Hughes issued a formal statement taking notice of the appointment of Thunoo Matsudaira as new Japanese ambassador here, welcoming him to this country as a step towards further cementing the friendship between Tokio and Washington.

GAINESVILLE, Tex., Dec. 19.—Robbers entered the First National Bank and the Guaranty State Bank at Valley View, near here this morning and escaped with the safes of both the banks. The yeggs dynamited the vaults and carried out the safes, trucking them away. Fire which broke out soon after the dynamiting of the banks destroyed the entire business section of the town.

No accurate loss sustained by the robbing of the banks could be secured early today, but the damage by fire is estimated at more than \$100,000.

There is no fire department in Valley View and with a stiff wind blowing from the North, it was feared the entire town would be destroyed. One entire block and part of another went up in the blaze before the fire burned itself out.

The two safes taken from the banks by the robbers weighed 4,000 pounds each. The robbery took place about five o'clock this morning, and the robbers got away with the steel fire-proof safes before a posse could be formed following the dynamiting and fire alarm.

Messrs. D. Phillips and Edmond L. Richards, of Boulder, Colorado, are visitors at the G. G. Odom home for the holidays. These young men are students in the University of Colorado and are friends of Miss Maurine Wylie, who was a student at Boulder last summer and at which place the acquaintance and friendship began. These young men made the trip in an auto, arriving in Ballinger Monday of this week.

Clarence Harter, of the Wingate country, was here Tuesday looking after business.

Miss Maggie Herring came in first of the week from Denton, where she is attending C. I. A., and will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herring.

B. A. Jacobs, of Winters, was here on business Tuesday. Mr. Jacobs reported that the Christmas season was making things move in a hurry at Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tyree left Monday afternoon for Temple to spend the holidays with Mr. Tyree's brother.

MOODY NAMES
HIS ASSISTANT

AUSTIN, Dec. 23.—The selection of Wright Morrow of Austin, to be assistant Attorney General was announced today by Dan Moody, Attorney General-Elect.

Morrow is the son of Judge Morrow, presiding judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals. He graduated in the University of Texas and has been practicing law at Hillsboro and Dublin, Texas, before coming to Austin.

Shower for Coming Bride

Complimenting Miss Kate Cockrell, whose marriage to Mr. George Amery, of San Angelo, will take place on Saturday, December twentieth, the ladies of the Eighth Street Presbyterian church, assisted by Mrs. A. K. Doss, sponsored a most delightful affair at the home of Mrs. E. C. Miller on Seventh Street.

After the arrival of the guests a program of unusually entertaining numbers inaugurated the afternoon's pleasure. Mrs. C. A. Doss sang and Mrs. Roscoe DeMoyville gave violin numbers accompanied by Miss Eva Lilly at the piano and Ernest Moody on the saxophone.

On entering the dining room, which presented a beautiful appearance with its yellow and white streamers leading from the chandelier to each corner of the table to yellow electric candles, an artistic miniature golden oil well and a table laden with gifts attracted attention. Miss Eunice Lilly then made an apt and clever speech regarding the value of oil wells and an oil man's frequent visits to Ballinger and turning to Miss Cockrell, who was completely surprised as she had been invited to assist in serving at a tea given by her church, asked her to draw forth the treasure, which consisted of the smaller gifts tied to a gold ribbon. The opening of the many beautiful and useful gifts was a source of extreme delight to the honoree as well as the guests.

Refreshments were served to the honoree, Miss E. C. Miller, W. A. Taylor, Gerald Black, W. E. Allen, E. V. Bateman, A. K. Doss, C. A. Doss, Roscoe DeMoyville, K. V. Northington, Max Wilson, A. W. Sledge, W. T. Routh, Earl Webb, Lee Ziegler, S. P. Hathaway, G. P. Teague, Henry Jones, R. B. Twitty, Mary Spreen, Oscar Routh, Mary Bradford, J. W. Black, Homer Carsey, J. A. Ostertag, Marshall Northington, T. S. Lankford, Robert Allen of Sweetwater; Misses Ruth Cockrell, Eva, Maggie and Eunice Lilly.

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Dr. Chas. Bailey came in from Galveston Sunday, and will spend the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Halley. Dr. Bailey is a student in the medical school of the University of Texas.

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TEXAS' VOTE
FOR PRESIDENT

AUSTIN, Dec. 23.—The official vote on presidential candidates in Texas in the November election was announced today by the secretary of state as follows: Davis, 478,425; Coolidge, 128,240; LaFollette, 42,541.

FREEZE DID MUCH
DAMAGE TO PIPES

It will be several days before the plumbers catch up with their work, and extra men have been put on the job to help handle the rush work, as a result of the recent freeze in this city.

The damage to water pipes was the greatest ever known here for December. While most of the

OLD DOC BIRD says



It appears that some things have rounded into shape.

At this holiday season of the year, we desire to again thank you for your friendship and patronage.

Let each New Year bring us in to closer co-operation for the good of all.

It is in this spirit that we wish you a very

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Coy Drennan

water consumers used some prevent freeze-ups the freeze caught some unexpected and unprepared, and quite a number of those who did cut off the water suffered losses.

SPOONTS TO MAKE
HEADQUARTERS HERE

Leonard Spoonstons, who until recently had been with the hardware and implement department

of Higginbotham Bros. & Co., and who has accepted a position with the John Deere Company, will go on the road soon for that concern. Mr. Spoonstons will travel in a large territory of which Ballinger is a part, and his friends will be glad to know that he will continue to make his home here, making this city his headquarters.

Ledger want ads pay.

Compliments of
the Season

With the hope that this Christmas finds you enjoying a day filled with gratitude and pleasure and that the New Year holds in store for you the fullest measure of happiness and health, we wish to you and yours our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

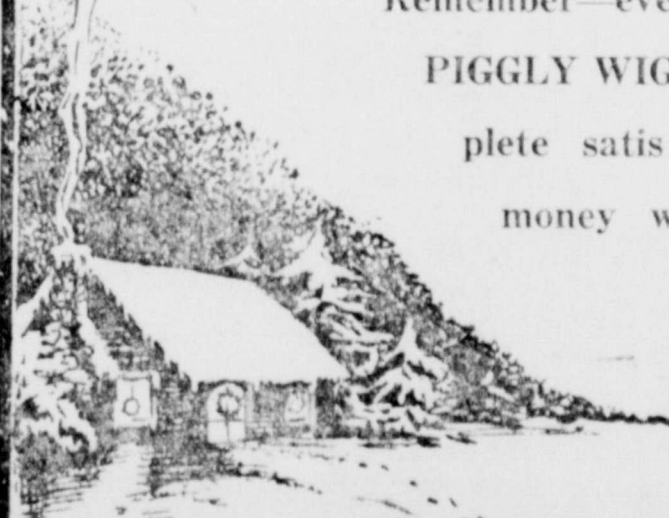
Ballinger Auto Co.



Best Wishes and Appreciation

As we pass another milestone in the flight of time it is fitting that we express our appreciation of your patronage and renew our pledge to serve you as faithfully in the future as we have in the past, by offering you the best Nationally known food products, freshest fruits and vegetables at prices which insure you real savings on your purchases.

Remember—every purchase from
PIGGLY WIGGLY must give complete satisfaction or your money will be cheerfully refunded without question.



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Christmas Cheer

To our Friends and Patrons, we take this opportunity to extend best wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

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Some of the best Christmas
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Year payers.

Christmas shoppers who waited
for the rush in which to do their
shopping now have an alibi; it's
too cold to come to town.

The Australian government
fines citizens who refuse to vote
\$10. This country should fine
some people for the way they
do vote.

Gov. Al Smith of New York, has
accepted an invitation to "Ma's"
inauguration. Mrs. Nellie Ross,
governor-elect of Wyoming, has
declined for "business reasons."

President Coolidge has the reputa-
tion of keeping cool, but he is
about to get up a little heat over
the effort of congress to override
his veto of the postal employes
pay bill.

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YOUTH AND LAWLESSNESS

The first of a trio of young
men, ages 18, 19 and 22, has been
sentenced to the pen for twenty-
eight years for a bank robbery in
Young county. It is hard to con-
ceive how a boy can become so
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young age as to participate in a
bank holdup with firearms. It is
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like children in a nursery—cap-
able of infinite mischief, but not
allowed to play with matches or
edged tools, metaphorically
speaking. Nobody is as good as a
woman for supervising a nursery
and getting things done. State
Press has never been in favor of
zoos, especially Government-
owned zoos. He thinks the zoo
business should be conducted by
private exhibitors, so that a citi-
zen who doesn't want to look at
imprisoned things need not be
taxed in order that those who do
like to look at prisoners may look
at them without buying tickets.
But leaving the political side of
zoology out of it, S. P. indorses
the appointment of the California
lady to zoo service, provided, as
above excepted, that she be not
required to tend the snakes. Since
the Edenic days women have had
an instinctive horror of snakes,
and it is impossible that any wo-
man even on wages, could give a
zoo snake justice. She would al-
ways be saying, "Get thee behind
me, Satan!" and if the serpent
did get behind her she would
scream and beg somebody's heel
to bruise its head. A woman is
extra good at working with cows
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—
The estate of Samuel Gompers,
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eration of Labor, is valued at
\$30,000, S. J. Gompers, son of the
deceased labor chief and execu-
tor of the estate, declared in a
petition filed for probate of the
will. The document was filed in
the District of Columbia Supreme
Court today.

All the heirs next in kin joined
in a request for a probate of
the will except the widow, Ger-
trude Gompers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—John
Ryan, age 34, a song writer, is
the latest victim of alcoholic poi-
soning as the result of drinking
Christmas intoxicants. He was
the thirty-fifth victim of poisoned
alcohol in this city this month.

Twenty-one persons suffering
from alcoholism were admitted to
the Bellevue Hospital during the
past twenty-four hours. Six of
them are women. Patients in the
Bellevue Hospital suffering from
bad liquor now number more than
one hundred.

Ryan, who died from drinking
poisoned liquor today, was the
author of several popular songs.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 20.—A
failure to put thru the \$50,000,000
loan which had been negotiated for
the Mexican government by
J. L. Arlitt & Company, bond
brokers, of Austin, Texas, was
announced today by the secretary
of the treasury of the Mexican
government.

The secretary gave out the text
of a message sent to the Mexican
consul general in New York order-
ing him to notify Arlitt that as
the time stipulated by the loan
contract was long overdue the
contract was cancelled at the
moment the notification was
made.

FT. WORTH, Dec. 20.—The
Frisco depot safe at Tolar, in
Hood county, was cracked last
night and a small sum of money
secured. The robbers also entered
the Continental State Bank at
Tolar, but failed to get any
loot.

HANOVER, Germany, Dec. 19.
—Fritz Haarmann, "wholesale
murderer," whose trial for slay-
ing twenty-six persons, has stirred

all Germany, was sentenced to
death today. The extreme pen-
alty was also ordered in the case
of his accomplice, Hans Grans.
Haarmann was found guilty of

murdering twenty-four young
men, his crimes extending over a
period of six years. Grans was
condemned for inciting to murder
in one case.

CHIROPRACTIC

This is to wish my many friends and patients a Merry
Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

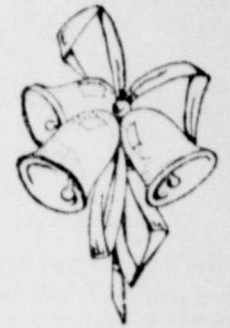
If you are not feeling up to 100 per cent efficiency,
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NETTIE MONTGOMERY

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Season's
Greetings



Friends in business are as precious as
friends in social life.

With the dawn of a Bright New Year we
feel a deep gratitude to our
friends for their loyalty.

May we continue to serve you in a sincere
spirit of co-operation and
mutual helpfulness

Underwood News Co.

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Hurry Mother! Even a fretful, peevish child loves the pleasant taste of "California Fig Syrup" and it never fails to open the bowels. A teaspoonful today may prevent a sick child tomorrow. Ask your druggist for genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has directions for babies and children of all ages printed on bottles. Mother! You must say "California" or you may get an imitation fig syrup.

DEATHS

Mrs. Beattie Wade, wife of L. O. Wade, died at her home in the New Home community about nine miles North of Ballinger at 5:00 o'clock Saturday morning. She had been in ill health for quite a long time, being a sufferer from the deadly white plague, and for a year or more had been confined to her bed most of the time. Death did not come unexpected, but nevertheless brought sorrow to loved ones and friends.

Mrs. Wade was about thirty years of age, and had been living in Runnels county for several years. She is survived by her husband and other relatives. The King-Holt undertakers were in charge of funeral arrangements, and it was announced that the remains would be laid to rest in Old Runnels cemetery some time Sunday afternoon.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets). It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c.

BALLINGER GIRL
DIES AT ELGIN

News was received in Ballinger Friday night of the death of Miss Katie Bell Brown, at Elgin, Texas. The young lady died at three o'clock Friday afternoon in Elgin where she recently went on a visit.

Miss Brown's parents reside near Hatchel, and for the last seven months, up to about three weeks ago, Miss Brown was an employee of the local telephone company, and was one of the most popular and efficient employees ever connected with the Ballinger phone office. She resigned her position here the last of November.

The family of the deceased moved to this county from Round Rock about a year ago, and the remains of Miss Brown were laid to rest at Round Rock Saturday afternoon.

Farm Tracts for Sale
2,240 acres of the Gross Ranch, South and West sides, in any size tracts, easy terms. Write
W. H. GROSS & SONS,
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SANTA CLAUS
IS FIRE VICTIM

A storage room in Dallas where clothing, bedding, food and other things were being concentrated for distribution among the needy people of that city on Christmas, was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. The United Charity Board had made a city-wide drive for help in relieving suffering among the poor, and were about ready to begin distributing the goods when the fire destroyed the warehouse. Another call has been made to replenish the loss and help the helpless.

Leslie Baker had business in San Angelo Thursday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Baker and David, who spent the day in San Angelo.

Judge C. O. Harris came down from San Angelo Thursday and spent a few hours in Ballinger on business.

W. A. Halameick, of Rowena, was a business visitor to Ballinger Thursday.

HOLDS NEGRO FOR
FORGING CHECK

A young negro was placed in jail shortly before noon Friday on a charge of forgery. He was caught in the act as he attempted to cash in what was declared to be a bad check at the First National Bank.

The negro presented the check made payable to Sam Harrison, and bearing the signature of Willie Stewart, or the name of Willie Stewart. The paying teller at the bank refused payment on the check on the grounds that the signature was not that of Willie Stewart, and also on the grounds that Stewart checked out his money the day before.

Harrison claimed that Stewart gave him the check, but when asked to write his own name and the name of Stewart he did so and the names showed to be in the same hand-writing as that of the check. The check was for \$18.40.

While en route to the jail the negro "fessed up," admitted that he had forged the check, and also told of another forgery which he recently put over when he cashed a forged check at a local drug store, but went back and took it up before the deal was discovered.

FOR HOME AND STABLE

The extraordinary Borozone treatment for flesh wounds, cuts, sores, galls, burns and scalds is just as effective in the stable as in the home. Horse flesh heals with remarkable speed under its powerful influence. The treatment is the same for animals as for humans. First wash out infectious germs with liquid Borozone, and the Borozone Powder completes the healing process. Price (liquid) 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Powder 30c and 60c. Sold by

John A. Weeks

ABILENE FAIR
CLEARS \$10,000

ABILENE, Dec. 20.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the West Texas Fair Association held December 2nd, the secretary made his report and officers and directors for the ensuing year were elected. The secretary's report showed a net income of a little more than \$10,000 for the year. It also brought out the fact that the fair conducted the past year had cost at least \$10,000 more than any previous fair. The stockholders were unanimous in the opinion that the past fair was the best that had ever been conducted. In his report the secretary outlined some avenues of improvement, including the erection of a textile building, merchants exhibit building, an athletic stadium and the enlarging of the grand stand.

The dates for the 1925 show were set for September 21 to 26 inclusive.

HAS REAL FREAK
OF NATURE

C. W. Evans, who ranches a few miles North of Ballinger, was in the city Monday with one of the most remarkable freaks of nature exhibited here in a long time. The freak was in the form of a baby lamb which was born a few days ago. The lamb was well formed as a sheep should be, with the exception of its head, and this resembled the head of a human being more than it did the head of a sheep as far as the head figured in the freak.

In addition to having a human shaped head the lamb had only one eye, and it was in the center of about where the eyes are formed in a human face, and the mouth resembled the mouth of a bull dog.

Mr. Evans said that the mother ewe gave birth to twins, and the other one was well developed and living. The freak only lived a few minutes after being born.

Mr. Evans said that the blizzard caught him with about seventy-five young lambs, or at least they were born at the rate of about twenty-five a day during the blizzard, and it kept him busy to save them.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon McKinney came in from California Thursday for a Christmas visit with Mr. McKinney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McKinney. They may remain in Ballinger and make their home here.

FIRE DESTROYS
WILLIAMS HOME

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams on Broadway was destroyed by fire shortly after noon Sunday. Only the charred walls of what was one of the best homes in the city remain standing, and practically the entire contents of the elegantly furnished home were destroyed.

While it probably will never be determined how the fire originated, it is believed that it started from electric wiring. An examination of the ruins shows that the fire started near where an electric range was located, and burned up to the second story of the building from the steps leading from the kitchen up stairs.

There was no one at home when the fire started. Mr. Williams was in Brownwood, and Mrs. Williams and little daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Richards, Mrs. M. S. Karmony, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Louis Williams were taking dinner at a local hotel. They returned home from church, and left home to go to the hotel a few minutes after 12:00 o'clock. They were gone about forty minutes and found the house aflame throughout when they returned. Mr. Williams, who was at Brownwood on business, was notified of his loss, and arrived home about 5:00 o'clock.

Flames were leaping from the building when the fire company arrived, and while the fire was beyond control the fire fighters soon had three streams of water playing on the fire, and succeeded in confining the flames to the interior of the building, saving the lower walls and protecting shrubbery in the yard and near the house which has required years to grow.

At the present day cost of building material and labor it would require twelve or fifteen thousand dollars to replace the Williams home. It was also one of the best furnished homes throughout, and while it is im-

possible to fix a monetary loss on the destruction of a home, Mr. and Mrs. Williams' loss, and the loss to other members of the family, will probably amount to upwards of \$25,000, with only \$7,500 insurance.

Work of clearing away the debris and preparations for replacing the home were begun early Monday morning, and within less than twenty-four hours after the building had been destroyed, Mr. Williams stated that he would rebuild the residence as soon as the work could be done.

Mr. and Mrs. Richards and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Louis Williams lost considerable property in the blaze. They remained over Monday to restock with new clothing.

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

ROBBER SUSPECTS
ESCAPE FROM JAIL

Three men recently arrested at San Angelo with their auto loaded with explosives and burglary tools, and who were carried to Bell county on charges of robbing a number of stores at Killen, broke jail at Belton last week. Several other prisoners, some of whom were under sentence, also got away.

The three burglary suspects were arrested by San Angelo officers who were in line to receive a \$400 reward for their capture. The reward goes glimmering with the escape of the robbers.

No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with Worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nutrients, then throw off or dispel the worms, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

H. T. Hodge was here from Abilene Thursday looking after work on the new Gem Theatre which he is constructing in Ballinger.

Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Bandy are here visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. R. Lusk.

CHRISTMAS RUSH
COMES AT LAST

The Christmas spirit prevailed here Monday for the first time, and following a four days freeze-up and a lull in business lines which was almost pitiful for the merchants, the streets and stores were thronged with people throughout a greater portion of the day.

Dealers in holiday goods were swamped with business during the early afternoon hours, and the delayed rush made a jam which taxed the entire salesforce of the dealers.

Shopping which would probably have been spread out over at least a week's time must be put over in two or three days, as a result of the worst December blizzard ever experienced in this country. The cold wave which had been predicted, and which kept the people in suspense for

two or three days before it reached here, cut a gap in the last week of the pre-holiday shopping season not only by its severity, but by lingering for four days and holding the country in its icy grip.

WATER TURNED ON;
HOUSE IS FLOODED

Someone turned on the water at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cameron Sunday while they were absent from home and flooded the house in the rooms where there are open hydrants. Mr. Cameron had cut the water off and opened the hydrants, and it is presumed that someone, probably a mischievous boy, passing the place, turned on the water to get a drink from the hydrant in the yard, and left it on, with the result that carpets, rugs, and floor were damaged or completely ruined.

Judge J. F. Cunningham, of Abilene, spent Wednesday night here on business, returning home Thursday morning.

Yuletide Greetings

WHAT would be more appreciated by your family or your friends who are not with you at Christmas time than to hear your voice over the telephone on Christmas Eve.

Our evening rate on station-to-station calls from 8:30 p. m. until midnight is approximately one-half of the day rate and our night rate on station-to-station calls from midnight until 4:30 a. m. is approximately one-fourth of the day rate.

Distance is eliminated. Our service is universal. Ask our operators to quote you rate to any point reached by telephone in the United States.

The employees and management of your telephone company extend to you Holiday Greetings with the wish that this Christmas of 1924 will be to you and yours a time of Happiness and Good Cheer!

Merry Christmas at Your Service

West Texas Telephone Co.

Dean Brothers
Tire & Battery Station

Sieberling Tires and Tubes, highest quality and moderate prices. Storage Batteries and all Auto Accessories.

We have with us Mr. C. W. Jennings, an expert Mechanic and Electrician. Generation, Magneto, Starter and Ignition a Specialty.

We guarantee satisfaction—give us a trial and be convinced.

Sheep Farm For Sale

We have just acquired by foreclosure of a mortgage a fine tract of land containing 1829 acres near Gouldbusk in the southern part of Coleman County.

We will cut this land into small tracts or sell as a whole. We are not in the land business and want to dispose of the land at once and will sacrifice it at a price much lower than any adjoining property can be bought.

It is an ideal locality for sheep and cotton.

Write us for full description, price and terms.

BROWN BROS., Owners

Austin, Texas

Globe-Wernicke
Sectional BookcasesEasy to
Move and
Set UpHIGGINBOTHAM BROS.
& COMPANY.

Globe-Wernicke AGENCY.



Christmas Greetings

expressed in a friendly way
seems appropriate to this
season of rejoicing.

Please accept ours
for a

Merry Christmas
and A Happy
New Year

KING-HOLT

**COLD WAVE WARNING
WITH SNOW OR RAIN**

The government weather bureau sent out a storm warning to livestock owners Tuesday morning, predicting another blizzard for this section tonight or Wednesday. The weather forecast as applies to this locality says: "Tonight and Wednesday rain or snow. Colder Wednesday. Notify stockmen."

Be wise and advertise.

PARAMOUNT THEATRE

Under Same Management as the Fo-to-sho

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 26-27

BUCK AT HIS BEST, IN
A WONDERFUL
WESTERN



WILLIAM FOX
presents

**BUCK
JONES IN
THE
DESERT
OUTLAW**

Wm. Fox Monkey Comedy,
"MONKEY FARM"

And FOX NEWS

Admission 10c and 35c

**TEACHERS MUST
DISCOUNT PAY**

FORT WORTH, Dec. 23.—Texas has no right to expect its teachers to carry a burden of interest by discounting their pay checks. It is unfair for teachers to have to wait considerable periods before having the pay checks cashed, or to have to discount them for immediate cash. Authorities should not only be allowed but should be required to use their borrowing power in order to give teachers their full salary when due.

So declares Dr. George A. Works, director of the Texas School Survey, who states that it is an altogether too common thing in Texas for teachers to have to go to local banks or individuals and put up their salary checks as collateral or otherwise be at considerable expense to get ready cash. Thousands of dollars are lost to Texas teachers annually in this wise, bringing about a great degree of dissatisfaction on the part of the teachers who thus lose a part of their already meager earnings.

**75 CENT TURKEYS
IN NEW YORK**

Market reports broadcast Tuesday at noon stated that live turkeys were selling for 60 cents per pound in New York, and dressed turkeys were bringing 75 cents a pound in gay old Gotham. It was said that the retailers in New York were taking advantage of the embargo on the Middle Western states, and the shortage of turkeys to run the market up—or in other words to hold the consumer up.

Arch O'Kelly came in from Paducah Wednesday evening. He says that he passed through some real winter weather en route home and had to scrape the ice from his windshield. He reported that the weather was warmer from Knox City to Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Schuhmann returned to their home at Rowena Sunday from Marlin, where they had been for the benefit of Mr. Schuhmann's health.

Ford
THE UNIVERSAL CAR

**NEW YEAR
1925**

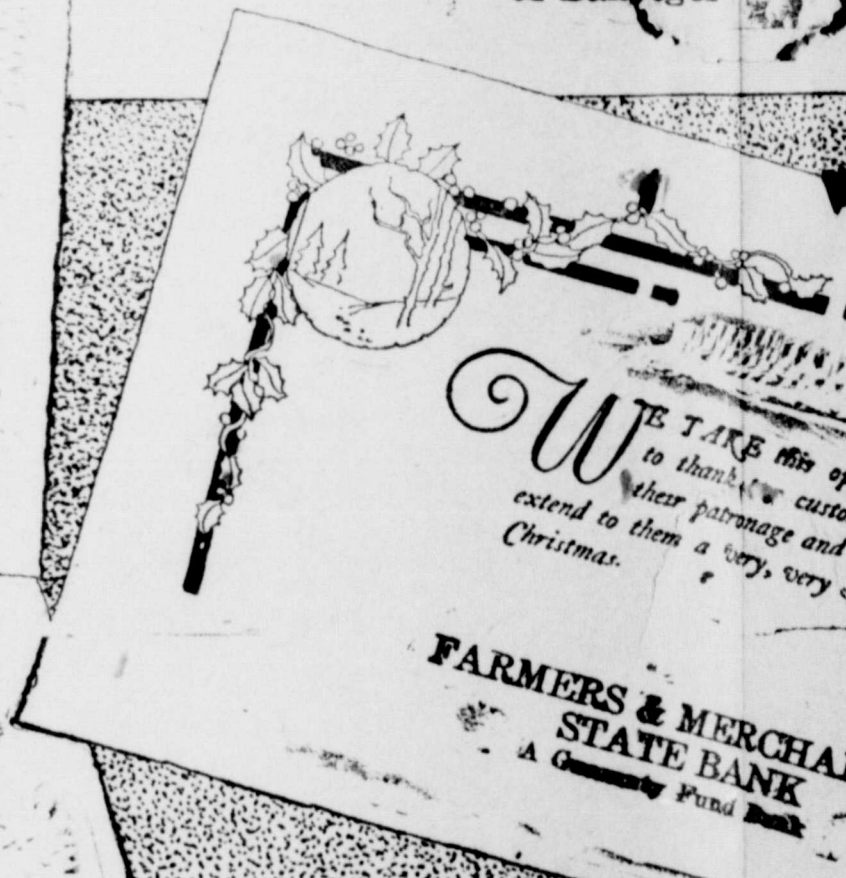
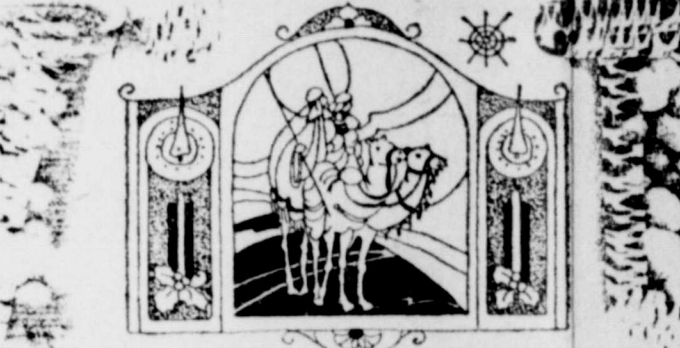
With the advent of the Holiday Season and the coming of the New Year it is our great pleasure to express to our friends and customers the real appreciation we feel for their helpful patronage which has had a share in our success.

Here's wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

**Harwell
Motor
Co.**



Christmas



Movies

"HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME" HERE MONDAY

At the Fo-to-sho Theatre on next Monday night and for three days, Dec. 29, 30 and 31, will be shown the widely heralded production, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," which won the unqualified praise of New York critics, being generally hailed as the finest achievement of the age.

Throughout the Hugo masterpiece runs a beautiful love story—certain changes were made in the production in order to avoid offending any particular religious body, but these changes have been endorsed by all who have seen the production.

Lon Chaney heads the stellar cast of 3901, which includes such notables as Ernest Torrence, Patsy Ruth Miller, Tully Marshall, Bandon Hurs, Nigel de Brulier and Winifred Bryson. The majority of these are as well known on the stage as on the screen.

Wallace Worsley, who directed the filming of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," occupies the unique position of having produced in motion pictures a theme in which he once acted on the legitimate stage. A role in "The Hunchback" when it appeared in legitimate drama was Worsley's first stage appearance. That was 22 years ago, but he minded well the unfortunate handling of the theme that kept it from attaining the success that should have been its, and in the film production it need not be assured, the same mistakes were not repeated.

In other ways Worsley was peculiarly fitted as the director for this production. Worsley's favorite subject in Brown University was French history. His initial theatrical role revived this interest and through all of the intervening years he has been a student of French history. His knowledge is such that he could have been waked up in the middle of the night and he would have been able to direct from almost any period of French history.

STOP CATARRH! OPEN NOSTRILS AND HEAD

Says Cream Applied in Nostrils Relieves Head-Colds at Once.

If your nostrils are clogged and your head is stuffed and you can't breathe freely because of a cold or catarrh, just get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm at any drug store. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic cream into your nostrils and let it penetrate through every air passage of your head, soothing and healing the inflamed, swollen mucous membrane and you get instant relief.

Ah! how good it feels. Your nostrils are open, your head is clear, no more hawking, snuffling, blowing; no more headache, dryness or struggling for breath. Ely's Cream Balm is just what sufferers from head colds and catarrh need. It's a delight.

EARLY RUSH FOR 1925 AUTO SEALS

Automobile number plates to the number of 907 for the year 1925 have been issued, according to records of the tax collector up to Tuesday morning. This is the earliest rush experienced in auto tax paying, and the people are learning that it is a violation of the law to drive a car after January 1st without a number plate for that year being displayed on same. Forty-six truck plates have been issued.

The new plates have been here for some time, and notice has been given that the plates are ready. Many wait to pay their auto tax when they pay other property taxes, and the rush will come soon after the holidays. Seventy-five autos were registered Monday.

Tax Collector Brown reports that tax collections are some better than for the same season last year, more people having paid their taxes in December than for several years heretofore.

Tom Trail presented his family with a new Hudson sedan for a Christmas present. James Trail and Billie Cordill drove the new car through from Dallas.

Judge A. K. Doss left Sunday afternoon for a business trip to Dallas.

MORE MONEY FOR NEEDY CHILDREN

One five dollar contribution and several dollar contributions were handed in to The Ledger office Tuesday morning to be credited to the American Legion's Christmas Cheer Fund, which will be used in making cheer for the cheerless homes. E. P. Talbott came in with a five dollar bill, and others who "chipped in" included J. J. Beck, E. L. DeWitt, Claud Wilmet, Dr. S. B. Raby, Roy Mack, Mrs. S. A. McCray, I. D. Little, James Powell Wear, all one dollar each; Mrs. D. C. Simpson, \$2.00; Needle Workers' Club, \$2.50; W. R. Little, 50 cents; Jas. Skinner, \$1.50; J. D. Coulter, 50 cents; and another five dollar donation by Col. G. G. Odom.

Pot collections up to Monday night amounted to \$13.13, lucky numbers and the pots are still boiling. Quite a number of bundles were also left in the barrels on the streets, and the American Legion feels greatly encouraged in its efforts to make a successful job of playing Santa Claus for the poor children of the city.

"I wish you would go and see what I saw," said a member of the committee who went out to make a survey of the field and see if there really was any charity work to do in this city. The charity worker stated that he saw

conditions which he did not realize existed in a land of plenty and prosperity. "I can't understand how some folks can get in such a condition," said another man who canvassed the city for poor folks Monday. He stated he found homes where not only the cold was biting for lack of both fuel and clothing, but where hunger was stalking, and where there was no sign of any Christmas for the poor children.

If you have been contributing to this cause, this is where your money will go. The adults in such homes in many cases may not be worthy of help. The chances are they could do better if they would get out and hit the ball, accept employment at the fair wages which are being paid, but the children are innocent victims of the sins of poverty and disease, and this is where charity will extend a helping hand in carrying out the work which must be done if the Christmas spirit is permitted to have full sway in Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Louis Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Richards, of Lawn, were here visiting the family of R. T. Williams Sunday.

Let us remind you that the speed limit in Ballinger is still twenty miles per hour. Some motorists seem to be driving with the idea that it has been doubled.

Greetings

MAY CHRISTMAS DAY BRING YOU MUCH JOY
AND EACH YEAR BRING YOU MORE AND MORE
IS THE SINCERE WISH WE WISH YOU
IN THIS YEAR NINETEEN TWENTY-FOUR

STRAIN DRUG CO.



"Sing a Song of Pleasure
Pocket Full of Happiness"

May this Christmas Day
Bring you only joy

RUNNELS COUNTY FAIR
ASSOCIATION



To our many clients we wish to extend
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
and the Season's happiest greetings

E. SHUMPERD & CO.

OUR SINCERE CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS we extend to our
clients of 1924 and hope that our 1925 cus-
tomers will enjoy a very HAPPY YULETIDE.

CITY OF BALLINGER
Public Works Light Department



We are Glad that the
passing of another year
gives us the opportunity to
express a sincere appreci-
ation of your Loyal Friend-
ship and to wish you a
Happy New Year

Wm. Cameron Co. Inc.

Season's Greetings

Imbued with the spirit of this joyful Christmas season we are eager to express our best wishes for your welfare and to wish for you and yours

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A PROSPEROUS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

L. R. TIGNER

Good Improved Farm For Sale

165 acres, near Ballinger, about 130 acres cultivated, good land, all tillable, small cash payment, balance good terms, and give possession Jan. 1st, if sold by Dec. 15th.

145 acres near Ballinger, 75 cultivated, improved, pretty fair land, \$30.00 per acre. Small cash payment, good terms on balance. Possession Jan. 1st, if sold by December 15th.

McGarver & Lynn

ABSTRACTS, LAND LOANS, GENERAL INSURANCE
Ballinger, Texas.

CORNS

Lift Off—No Pain!



Doesn't hurt one bit! Drop a little "Freezone" on an aching corn, instantly that corn stops hurting, then shortly you lift it right off with fingers.

Your druggist sells a tiny bottle of "Freezone" for a few cents, sufficient to remove every hard corn, soft corn, or corn between the toes, and the foot calluses, without soreness or irritation.

BALLINGER TEACHERS ARE PURSE-SNATCHERS' VICTIMS

Several of the teachers attending the institute in San Angelo this week were the victims of pickpockets or purse-snatchers. Miss Ethel Henson, one of the Ballinger teachers, perhaps suffered a greater loss than any other. Someone lifted her suit case containing considerable clothing and other articles of value, and she had the misfortune to also lose her hand-bag containing considerable cash. Miss Henson left her suit-case in the lobby of the Baptist church where the institute was in session and was only away from it a few minutes when it disappeared. Other teachers are reported to have had their hand-bags lifted from their arms, or they were picked up while the teachers did some shopping.

"Stop That Itching"

No matter how hopeless your case may seem, nor how long you have suffered from Eczema, Ringworm, Cracked Hands, Itch, Poison Oak, Old Sores and Sores on children, or any other skin disease, we will sell you a jar of Blue Star Remedy, on a guarantee. This is different from the ordinary skin treatment, it penetrates the skin, going direct to the seat of trouble and immediately relieves that terrible itching. Will not stain clothing and has a pleasant odor.

Weeks Drug Store

AN ANIMAL WITH A VIGOROUS GROWTH

There is a certain concern in Ballinger which has been operating with the same capital stock for a number of years, doing practically the same amount of business each year.

The tax payments of this concern since the year 1915 are unpleasant things to resurrect, but they make a comparison that is interesting in showing how our taxes have increased over a period of nine years. Here they are, as submitted to the reporter:

1915,	\$124.20
1916,	\$146.80
1917,	\$165.15
1918,	\$168.68
1919,	\$182.20
1920,	\$241.80
1921,	\$253.30
1922,	\$360.15
1923,	\$362.25

This leads us to say that taxes have increased faster than any other item of expense where cash over the counter is a part of the transaction. Will some wiseacre take his pencil and do a little figuring and show us where we are getting three times as much for the three times as much tax money we paid nine years ago?

To Stop a Cough Quick

take HAYES' HEALING HONEY, a cough medicine which stops the cough by healing the inflamed and irritated tissues. A box of GROVES' O-PEN-TRATE SALVE for Chest Colds, Head Colds and Croup is enclosed with every bottle of HAYES' HEALING HONEY. The salve should be rubbed on the chest and throat of children suffering from a Cold or Croup.

The healing effect of Hayes' Healing Honey inside the throat combined with the healing effect of Groves' O-Pen-Trace Salve through the pores of the skin soon stops a cough.

Both remedies are packed in one carton and the cost of the combined treatment is 35c.

Just ask your druggist for HAYES' HEALING HONEY.

Henry Tegal, one of the successful young farmers of the Rowena country, was trading in Ballinger Thursday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Douglass left Saturday morning for Cleburne, where they will spend the holidays with relatives, expecting to return home about December 28th.

SANTA HEARING CALLS FOR HELP

The idea that there were no families in Ballinger who would appreciate a little Christmas assistance this year is all false. Letters addressed to Santa Claus, and received at the Ballinger post office, have been delivered to the American Legion, which is in touch with Old Santa this Christmas, and some of these letters are from fathers and mothers—parents with children who can not properly provide for them, and keep the wolf from the door.

Many of the letters are from children, some of whom are in the best of circumstances, and will receive no attention, but the appeals from the fathers and mothers, who have thoughts of their children, but can not supply the necessities of life, will be given the careful attention of the Legion Santa.

One letter from a mother says: "Dear Santa Claus: I hope you have lots of things for poor little ones. I have five at my house. Francis needs a hood; she is five years old. Lee needs clothes so he can go to school. Farnsworth needs shoes and stockings, and the baby needs underwear. My little girl needs a Christmas dress. Santa Claus, this is the first letter of this kind I ever wrote in my life. Anything to eat will be appreciated so much, and I will be very thankful for anything we get."

The letter was signed, "A Mother out of work," and the street address was given. Santa Claus has her number, and the case will be investigated and relief given.

Here's another letter received by Santa Claus: "I am a little girl thirteen years old. I need a coat to wear to school, and I need a new dress and some stockings. I have a little brother nine years old. He needs a sweater and I will thank you ever so much." The little girl also gives her street address.

Such cases as these is where your money will do some good charity work for you, if you are a contributor to the Christmas Cheer Fund. The American Legion has a little more than \$100 with which to send Santa Claus on his mission of merry making. You can have a hand in the good work either by contributing money, clothing or something to eat.

The latest contributors to the Christmas Cheer Fund are: A. R. Legate, \$1.00; J. T. Wiley, \$1.00; Mrs. J. T. Wiley, \$1.00; Mary Lou Creasy, \$1.00; Mrs. E. A. James, \$2.00; P. C. Straley, 50 cents; James Skinner, \$1.00; Arthur Dooze, box of apples; C. J. Lynn, \$1.00; Jack Bandy, Mr. Gregor, \$1.00; Alex McGregor Jr., \$1.00; Jack McGregor, \$1.00; Cleburne Voelkel, \$1.00; W. L. Brown, \$2.00; Will Mountz Jr., \$1.00; Horace Strain, \$1.00; Mary Virginia Simpson, \$1.00.

RED PEPPERS STOP BACKACHE, LUMBAGO

The heat of red peppers takes the "ouch" from a sore, lame back. It can not hurt you, and it certainly ends the torture at once.

When you are suffering so you can hardly get around, just try Red Pepper Rub, and you will have the quickest relief known. Nothing has such concentrated, penetrating heat as red peppers.

Just as soon as you apply Red Pepper Rub you will feel the tingling heat. In three minutes it warms the sore spot through and through. Pain and soreness are gone.

Ask any druggist for a jar of Rowles Red Pepper Rub. Be sure to get the genuine, with the name Rowles on each package.

MAIL AND TRAIN SERVICE CRIPPLED

The Christmas rush, coupled with the severe winter weather, had demoralized mail and passenger service. For the last three or four days trains have been arriving late, and bad connections have caused delay in the mail service. The Santa Fe Westbound train was three hours late Saturday at noon, and the mail from the North which arrives here over the A & S. motor car at 9:15 a. m., has been arriving in the afternoon for most of the week.

J. T. Tillery, a former citizen of this country, and who lives in Oklahoma, is visiting relatives in Rannels and Concho counties.

Pepsinated Calomel Is Better than the Old-Time Sickening Kind

It is gentle, imported English Calomel, combined with Pepsin and other helpful ingredients. It is mild but certain, causing no harshness or unpleasantness and will absolutely relieve indigestion, biliousness, bad colds, constipation and sick headaches. And best of all it does it at once—quickly and pleasantly. Take one small tablet at bed-time and you will get up hungry and feeling fine. Recommended by John A. Weeks, Druggist

Society

Beautiful Home Wedding

In a setting characterized by beauty and simplicity, and, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends, the wedding service solemnized with pretty detail Saturday morning at 8:00 o'clock uniting in marriage Miss Kate Cockrell and Mr. George Amery.

The ceremony was said in the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. C. C. Cockrell, which was decorated with ferns in pretty arrangement.

A. K. Doss Jr., was the only attendant and preceded the bride and groom, carrying the ring in the heart of a rose. With the Rev. R. B. Twitty reading the beautiful and impressive ring ceremony, the service was said promptly at 8:00 o'clock. Miss Ruth Cockrell, sister of the bride, gave Lohengrin's Wedding March as the processional and softly played, "I Love You, Truly," during the ceremony.

The bride is one of Ballinger's fairest young women, having been reared in this city where she has a wide circle of affectionate friends. She was graduated from the Ballinger high school in '20, and was an employee of the law firm of Doss & Boynton at the time of her marriage. For her wedding she was charming in an ensemble suit of brown charmeuse, with smart accessories also.

in brown. She carried an arm bouquet of pink Killarney roses and ferns.

Mr. Amery was reared in Victoria, Texas, where his parents still live. He is at present with the Marland Oil Company with headquarters at San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Amery left in their car immediately after the ceremony for San Antonio, and upon their return will make their home in San Angelo.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

BLOW UP CAUSES A NEAR BURN-OUT

A stove explosion at the home of Clint Penn on Fourth Street sent in a fire alarm early Saturday morning, and some damage resulted. A coal stove with hot water attachment in the kitchen at the Penn home went to the bad for some cause and an explosion sent red hot coals, cinders and smoke through the house and set fire to draperies. The fire company responded to the alarm, but the situation was under control when the company reached the scene.

Undelivered Mail Ten Years Old Found in Dead Postman's Home

BELEFAST, Dec. 18.—More than 1,000 undelivered letters from all parts of the United Kingdom, including registered packets as well as ordinary mail, were found hidden in the home of Thomas S. Keady, a postman, who died here recently. Some of the letters were more than ten years old, and were found secreted in Keady's bed and in different parts of the house. All were unopened, and will be delivered to the addresses indicated.

Officials are at a loss to explain Keady's action in holding the letters.

Efficient Ship Captains

Clear Manila of Stowaways MANILA, Dec. 16.—Manila's fame up and down the China coast as a good port for beachcombers, where stowing away on army transports has been easy, is passing away.

Sneeze gas, furnished by the chemical warfare service of the

Philippine department of the United States army, is forced into the hold of every transport for a period of 24 hours just before departure, thus making the hold uninhabitable. Not a single stowaway was found on the transport Thomas when it touched at China on its last trip. On previous trips the discovery of 15 or 20 was not uncommon.

Sam Malone, who has been dividing his time between barbering and farming, and who has made many friends since coming to Ballinger, will leave soon for Hillsboro, where he has purchased a barber shop.

COTTON SEED

If you need good Planting Seed I am agent for the Big Boll Russell Cotton, Long Staple, Star Variety, \$2.75 per bushel.

The Belton Cotton Seed Co., a very strong cotton Rowden Variety \$2.75 per bushel.

Cash Cotton Seed Co., of the Mebane Variety, gins from 3 to 42 per cent lint; \$2.50 per bushel.

The Clift Select of the Mabern Variety, \$2.75 per bushel.

R. E. LANE
Ideal Barber Shop

Singer Sewing Machines

Rented, Repaired and Sold on Easy Terms.

Singer Sewing Machine Co., P.O. Box 35. Res. Phone 625

JAS. BETTERTON
Agent

Ballinger, Texas.



To our Friends and Customers who have been instrumental in making this closing year successful and satisfactory, we take this opportunity to express our appreciation. We shall strive by strict adherence to our policy of store service, honest merchandise and by giving highest quality and best values, to merit a continuance of your confidence and patronage.

Hail Hardware Co.

THE WINCHESTER STORE

Hearty Holiday Greeting

Looking back upon the Old Year we are gratified to feel that the business friendship existing between us has been kept unbroken.

Looking forward to the New Year we feel confident of a further growth of reciprocal Good Will.

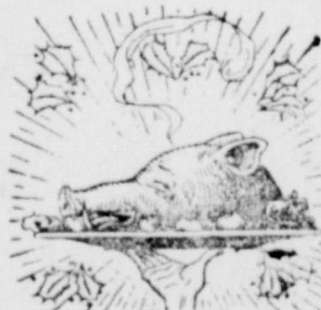


Ballinger Electric Co.

G. P. Teague, Prop.

Phone 7

Xmas 1924



May this be the Merriest Christmas of them all, and may the New Year bring you many joys and blessings, and may peace and prosperity be more than your greatest expectations is our sincere wish for you.

STROBLE'S MARKET

Phones 153 and 101



Getting Ahead by 1926

There's only one way to progress in this world—and that is to save systematically. Make that one of your New Year's resolutions during 1925 and ever after that.

Come to this Bank and let us show you how it can be done by making regular deposits every pay-day. In a year you will have acquired the principal plus the interest.

Start a Savings Account today.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ROWENA

For All the Family

have used Black-Draught ever since we have had a family. It was shortly after 1914," says Mr. E. A. Jettler, of St. James, Mo. "It is my first remedy when any of us gets sick. . . . We use Black-Draught for torpid liver and stomach complaints. . . .

"When I get sluggish and don't feel so good, I take Black-Draught—and you have to show me that there is a better medicine."

in Missouri. I think it is fine for indigestion or for headache. It is a splendid family remedy. My wife uses it for any stomach ailment, indigestion and biliousness. We never let the house be without it if I know it. We also give it to the children for children's complaints, colds or fever."

Keep a package of Black-Draught in the house for all the family.

Your dealer will sell you a mammoth package, containing five of the regular-size packages. It's cheaper.

Remember
If It's Not Thedford's, It's Not

BLACK-DRAUGHT
Vegetable Liver Medicine

SEEKING THOSE WHO NEED HELP

Do you know anyone who needs the help of the Legion cheer fund at Christmas? If you do please let the local post American Legion know at once. Write a letter and address it to "Santa Claus," in care of the American Legion, giving the party's name, how many in family, what they need the most, where they live and any other information that you can give. You can sign your name if you want to, or not. The Legion wants the information so that no one will be neglected. The town is being canvassed but all the information in regard to anyone who is needy is wanted, and you will greatly assist the work if you will let the boys know of any case. Do this at once as the time is short and the budget is going to be limited.

KIDNEYS NEED LOTS OF WATER AT TIMES

Most folks forget that the kidneys, like the bowels, sometimes get sluggish and clogged and need a flushing occasionally, else we have backache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe headaches, rheumatic twinges, torpid liver, acid stomach, sleeplessness and all sorts of bladder disorders. You simply must keep your kidneys and help stimulate them to meet you feel an ache or pain in the kidney region begin drinking lots of water. Also get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good drug store here, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is intended to flush clogged kidneys and help stimulate them to activity. It also helps neutralize the acids in the urine so they no longer irritate, thus helping to relieve bladder disorders. Jad Salts is inexpensive; makes a delightful effervescent lithia water drink which everybody should take now and then to help keep their kidneys clean.

A well-known local druggist says he sells lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in trying to correct kidney trouble while it is only trouble. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least twice a year.

MILES NEWS NOTES

MILES, Dec. 18. — Schumm-Tatum—Aaron Schumm and Mrs. Lillie Tatum were happily married at the Methodist parsonage Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. J. T. Tracy performing the ceremony in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Reed and children of San Angelo; Mrs. W. T. Rogers, of San Angelo; Lavonne and Ouida V. Tatum, of Miles.

The couple will make their home near Miles.

Habitual Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days

"LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN" is a specially prepared Syrup Tonic-Laxative for Habitual Constipation. It relieves promptly but should be taken regularly for 14 to 21 days to induce regular action. It stimulates and regulates. •Very Pleasant to Take. •60¢ per bottle.

Prof. J. B. Pace left Saturday morning for Brownwood, Cleburne and Dallas, where he will visit relatives during the holidays.

TEACHERS COME HERE NEXT YEAR

The Concho-Colo-Colorado Teachers Institute closed at San Angelo at noon Friday, after one of the most successful institutes held since the eleven counties formed a joint institute. There were more than 500 teachers in attendance, and an interesting program carried out from start to finish, according to reports brought home by the Ballinger teachers who attended. Some of the teachers from here came home each night, but most of the number remained in San Angelo throughout the institute.

The plan adopted for holding the institute at Ballinger and San Angelo holds good and the 1925 institute will be held in Ballinger. These two cities are the only ones in the district large enough to furnish accommodations for the teachers. The coming together of more than 500 teachers for a week is no small job for the two cities to handle. The city which entertains the teachers each year takes care of all the expenses of the institute.

AN EXHILARATING EFFECT

A bottle of Herbine on the shelf at home is like having a doctor in the house all the time. It gives instant relief when the digestion gets out of order or the bowels fail to act. One or two doses is all that is necessary to start things moving and restore that fine feeling of exhilaration and buoyancy of spirits which belongs only to perfect health. Price 60¢. Sold by John A. Weeks.

FATHER GETS AUTO FOR XMAS PRESENT

E. E. Holt Sr., is driving a new Ford coupe, and has discarded his roadster, as the result of a visit from his sons who were here from Oklahoma this week. C. J. Holt, B. C. Holt and R. C. Holt, all successful business men of Altus, Oklahoma, visited their father, E. E., and brother W. A. Holt and sister, Mrs. E. E. King here this week, and before leaving for their home Thursday the boys presented their father with a new auto.

A TONIC

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic restores Energy and Vitality by Purifying and Enriching the Blood. When you feel its strengthening, invigorating effect, see how it brings color to the cheeks and how it improves the appetite, you will then appreciate its true tonic value. Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is simply Iron and Quinine suspended in syrup. So pleasant even children like it. The blood needs QUININE to Purify it and IRON to Enrich it. Destroys Malarial germs and Grip germs by its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60¢.

NEW FILLING STATION IN CITY SUBURBS

Mrs. R. A. Nicholson is installing a modern filling station on the highway near her home in the Northern part of the city. The filling station is the first to go up on the new link of the Ballinger-Winters highway. It is located on the North end of Broadway, or where Broadway runs into the highway.

J. A. Parnell left Friday afternoon for Dallas, where he went to spend the holidays.

City Will Get New School Building; Bids Received

The issuance of \$100,000 of school bonds for the purpose of constructing a new high school building was approved by a majority of the 463 voters who went to the polls in the election here Thursday. The bond issue carried by a majority of 89 votes.

The campaign was a quiet one until the eleventh hour when the opposition raised some questions calculated to defeat the issue and the result of the election was in doubt throughout the voting period Thursday, and the majority either way would have been small had not parties interested carried on an eleventh hour canvass and prevailed on many indifferent voters to go to the polls. The proponents of the bonds did some aggressive work during the late hours of voting, and ran the majority for the bonds up to what was declared a very satisfactory margin by those advocating the construction of a new building.

No time will be lost in the construction of the new building, unless there is some unexpected hitch. The school board went into session at 9:00 o'clock and was still deliberating at 3:00 o'clock Friday afternoon, after a short recess for lunch. There were a half dozen bond buyers here in person, and several bond brokers submitted bids by wire. The school board was receiving bids Friday afternoon. It was announced that the board reserved the right to reject any and all bids.

W. B. Currie, president of the board, stated Friday afternoon that the board had discussed the building program some during the forenoon session, and were in consultation with the architect.

The plans will be approved and the contract awarded as soon as the red tape proceedings can be complied with. Actual work on the building will be under way early next year, and the building completed in ample time for the opening of the 1925 fall term. Mr. Currie stated that the location for the building was discussed, and that while no definite action had been taken on the matter, it was probable that the new building would face Eighth Street, and occupy the site between the Central ward building and Eighth Street. This question will be determined at once.

PHYSICIAN LOSES A VALUABLE MICROSCOPE

Dr. T. A. Rape is the loser of a valuable microscope that was and is valued at \$135.00. This loss occurred in rather a peculiar way.

The Physicians Laboratory Supply Co., of Chicago, ran an ad in the leading magazines and medical journals that they would sell any extra equipment, not needed, for the doctors of the country, and in reply thereto Dr. Rape opened correspondence and later negotiations with this concern whereby an agreement was reached that this said concern would sell for him his fine microscope and equipment for a nominal commission, after the contract was agreed on, Dr. Rape shipped the said Physicians Laboratory Supply Co. of Chicago the said microscope to be sold as agreed on. This shipment was made in January, 1924, and after the shipment nothing was heard from the Chicago firm.

So, in April, 1924, the doctor began to write this concern, about what had been done about selling his property, but could get no answer. This demand by the doctor was kept up for some time with no results, then the doctor wrote the mayor of Chicago telling him of the fraud that had been perpetrated on him. The mayor turned the doctor's letter over to the chief of police of Chicago, and the chief began investigating as to where and what this said concern was, that had been operating under the name of "Physicians Laboratory Supply Co.," and found that it had been in bankruptcy for some months, with no assets with which to satisfy its creditors.

The chief of police of Chicago finally located the trustee in bankruptcy, and today Dr. Rape received a letter from him asking him to file his claim, but held out no hope of any dividends.

So, looking at the matter from any standpoint, it looks like Dr. Rape is and has been the victim of a "swindle," and has lost his property.

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

COLDS

"Pape's Cold Compound" Breaks a Cold Right Up

Take two tablets every three hours until three doses are taken. The first dose always gives relief. The second and third doses completely break up the cold. Pleasant and safe to take. Contains no quinine or opiates. Millions use "Pape's Cold Compound." Price, thirty-five cents. Druggists guarantee it.



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**Produce
Cream
Chickens
and Eggs**

Come to see us before you sell.

SEE US FOR

Groceries

Get Our Prices Before You Buy

CURRIE MERCANTILE CO.

FRUIT DISPLAY MAKES BIG SHOW

The Fruit Display at the Jeanes Company is something that not only shows the prettiness of fruit but is a real Christmas display itself. The company made the display to compete for a prize offered by the Abilene Fruit and Produce Co., and someone is going to have to "step" to beat the local firm. The arrangement of this display is good and the variety and quality of the fruits are the best.

As a background to the display is a hand-painted canvass showing the fruits growing on trees and this canvass bordered with Christmas decorations and holly leaves gives the display a proper send-off. In front of the canvass artistically arranged is the largest collection of fruits ever shown in Ballinger. Eight varieties of apples make the bottom and first row; oranges, in many varieties, and tangerines, make the second row; while the rest of the display includes practically every fruit sold at this season of the year all arranged to show in the best manner. Grapes, dates, cranberries, nuts, grape-fruit, bananas, coconuts and other specimens make up the exhibit.

The company entered into the presenting of the display with a determination to win, and whether they do or not the display will be a good advertisement.

for the firm and will no doubt cause much fruit to be sold by them.

For Rock, Brick and Cement work see J. Cavanaugh, Rt. B, Ballinger, Texas. Phone No. 509. 5-6tw.*

W. W. Embry orders The Ledger for his son, W. H. Embry, who lives at Medicine Mound, Texas. The paper will go to the Medicine Mound man for a year.

OXYGEN CARRIERS

Millions of red-blood cells, oxygen carriers, are born in a healthy body every day. The ability of these cells to enrich the blood depends upon how well you are nourished.

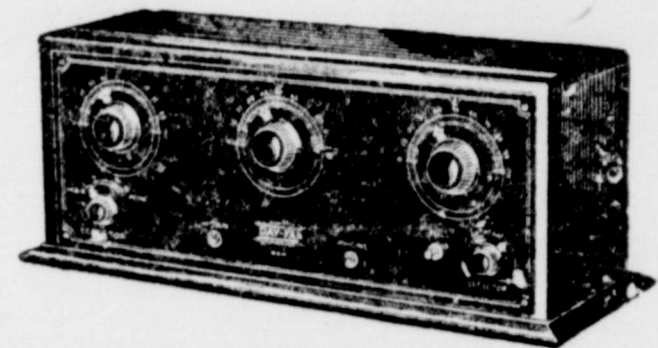
Scott's Emulsion

brings to the body rich vitamin-nourishment that is easily absorbed by the blood-making organs to build strength. Scott's Emulsion nourishes and strengthens wonderfully well.



Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J. 24-25

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Dentist
Office over Winters State Bank
Winters, Texas.



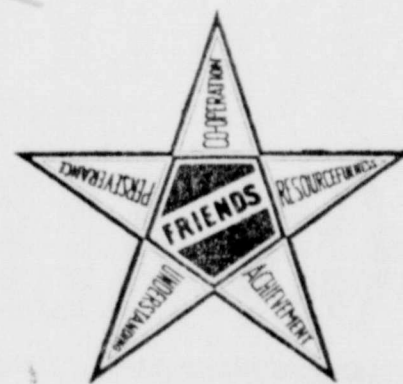
DAY FAN MODEL OEM

This set is designed for YOU—not for the radio expert. You can actually get the station you want without previous experience. The tone quality is quite exceptional and no five tube set will give greater volume.

These are rather startling claims but the results you will get will amply justify them. Radio Science has made big strides and the new DAY-FAN model OEM, is well in the lead.

The Instruction Book which comes with each DAY-FAN set will give you the dial settings for all broadcasting stations.

Ballinger Electric Co.



A RESERVE—For Personal Defense—

This bank believes in preparedness in personal preparedness against the uncertainties of the future.

None of us can prophesy what the years have in store, but we do know an untouched reserve in the bank will meet every emergency.

Build against the day of uncertainty and when it does come you can meet it without fear or misgivings and find just reward for your early foresight and wisdom.

Do not let Tomorrow find you unprepared. Begin to build your reserve at this bank today.

**FARMERS & MERCHANTS
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"Guaranty Fund Bank"



Good Plowing in the Toughest Soils

Oliver disc plows possess a number of typical Oliver features which give them an enviable reputation for satisfactory plowing under difficult conditions. They operate efficiently in sticky, waxy loam soil and in heavy gumbo. Because of their sturdy construction they are very successful in new cut over land, raw land and any land containing stumps, heavy roots and stones.

We are prepared to furnish these disc plows exactly fitted to your plowing condition. Call and give us an opportunity to explain them in detail.

E. T. Branham Grain Co.

READY TO LOAD OUT OLD SANTA

The American Legion has eight committees at work preparing for the visit of Santa Claus to the needy homes of the city. Committees are canvassing the city and making an investigation to find out where charity can be extended to a good advantage. Other committees are providing the necessities—acting as purchasing agents—while twenty Legionnaires will meet in the Legion hall tonight and tie out packages, and get ready to load Santa Claus' wagon.

Orders will be issued for certain articles of clothing, shoes, etc., where worthy objects of charity are found. These orders will be honored by the merchants upon whom they are drawn for the articles called for only. Where the orders are filled the American Legion Cheer Committee will pay the bill. Merchants who sell the bearer of the order anything further than what the order calls for will be doing so at their own risk.

If you haven't had a hand in



FOR SALE—One 160-egg Safety Hatch Incubator; also a Saddle and a Violin. Can be seen at Auto Repair Shop in City Wagon Yard. 22-2d-1w.*

FOR SALE—Fresh Jersey milch cows. At City Wagon Yard.

FURS WANTED—Bring your Furs to Potter Produce Company. 26-4tw

HAIR—Switches made by mail. Mrs. Aurelia Kirk, Route A, Ballinger. 5-4tw.*

FOR SALE—80 acres of land 4 miles West of Rowena, 65 acres in farm, 3 room house and garage. Priced at a bargain. See W. V. Connelly at Ballinger Steam Bakery. 12-3d-2w

NOTICE—Two stray animals; one Jersey cow about 6 years old and one Jersey yearling heifer; both unmarked and unbranded, are now in my pasture 3 miles West of Ballinger, and unless these animals are claimed and removed at once they will be estrayed and sold as the law directs. W. E. ALLEN, Ballinger, Texas. 18-1d-1w.*

FOR RENT—Sixty-acre farm in South Ballinger. J. C. Taylor, 806 Tenth Street, Phone 516. 20-2d-1tw

the Christmas charity work, you can yet drop your contributions in the pot on the streets, leave your bundles in the barrels, or hand your contributions in to The Ledger. Several contributions came in Monday and late Saturday, among those making donations being: A. R. Jones, \$2.50; E. C. Schott, \$1.00; Jess Jones, \$1.00; Collis Dooce, \$1.00; G. P. Teague, \$1.00; Marjorie and Dorothy Ruth Lynn, \$1.00; R. C. Malone, \$1.00; C. C. Smith, \$1.00; O. R. O'Neill, \$1.00; Clarence Routh, \$1.00; Mrs. A. R. Jones, \$1.00; Mrs. W. T. Routh, \$1.00; Asa Cordill, \$1.00; Floyd Carr, \$1.00.

Card of Thanks

We take this method of thanking all those who so kindly aided and comforted us in the sad hour of our father's passing. We cannot find words to express our full appreciation for what you have done.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hall.

26-1tw

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

SCHOOL BONDS BRING PREMIUM

The Ballinger school board sold the \$100,000 bonds voted here last week to a Kansas City bond broker for par plus \$3.90 per \$1,000, or a total premium of \$3.90 on the issue.

The board received about a dozen bids on the bonds, representatives of bond buyers being here on the day following the election and submitting bids in person, and several bids were received by wire.

The bonds will be converted into cash as soon as approved, and the board can deliver them. They run serially for forty years, one bond of \$2,500 being payable annually, while the interest of five per cent is payable semi-annually.

Aside from selling the bonds, and approving tentative plans for the new building, the school board took no definite action looking towards early construction of the new building. It is the purpose of the board to let the contract as soon as the plans can be drawn in detail and approved, and bids for building advertised for.

It has been practically settled that the new building will face Eighth Street, and occupy the site between the Central ward building and Eighth Street, and the new structure will be three stories. The heating plant to occupy the basement of the new building will also furnish heat for the other two buildings, if plans practically agreed upon are carried out. This will make it possible to heat all the buildings from one heating plant, while under present plans of heating, stoves are used in Central, and the heating plant of the old high school building is not at all satisfactory.

OUCH! BACKACHE! RUB LUMBAGO AWAY

When your back is sore and lame or lumbago, sciatica or rheumatism has you stiffened up, don't suffer! Get a 35 cent bottle of old-honest St. Jacobs Oil at any drug store, pour a little in your hand and rub it right on your aching back, and the soreness and lameness is gone. In use for 65 years, this soothing, penetrating oil takes the pain right out, and ends the misery. It is absolutely harmless and doesn't burn the skin.

Ledger want ads pay.

HEAVY SNOW IN NORTH TEXAS

AMARILLO, Dec. 18.—The Panhandle of Texas is in the grip of severe winter weather today. The mercury stands at sixteen this morning and a heavy snow is falling.

DALLAS, Dec. 18.—The cold wave from the Northwest, which has been struggling for three days to overcome the South wind over Texas, finally is about to win the battle in North and Central Texas, Dr. Cline, forecaster for the local weather bureau, said today.

Dr. Cline said that the icy wave should spread over the Central and Northern portions of the state by nightfall.

AMARILLO, Dec. 22.—Following a comparatively mild day of sunshine yesterday, Amarillo and the Panhandle of Texas was again in the grip of a piercing Norther today. The thermometer registered eight degrees above zero this morning with snow falling.

No serious cattle losses or other serious damage has been reported since the cold spell struck here last week.

DALLAS, Dec. 22.—A cold wave, which for the past few days has held the entire state in its grip, had moderated in most sections of the state today, although a fresh blizzard was reported to be sweeping the Panhandle.

While the temperature was reported to be moderating in most of the state, telephone and telegraph communications continued to be badly demoralized in several sections of the state.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Commissioners Court of Runnels County will receive bids at Ballinger, Texas, on February 10th, 1925, for the purchase of one or more ten-ton "Caterpillar" road Tractors.

PAUL TRIMMER, County Judge, Ballinger, Texas, December 18, 1924. 26-4tw

Carl Tegal, of the Rowena section, was looking after business in Ballinger Monday.

We regret to note that Raymond Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thomas, is still very ill with the after effects of pneumonia and influenza. It was reported last week that he was improving, but his fever ran up again to about 105 Sunday. Raymond was one of The Ledger's carrier boys, delivering papers for more than a year. Ninth and Tenth streets.

Miss Lillian Mel Slaton, came home Christmas visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ledger want ads.

Eight, who is tools of for a parents. money.

We Extend Greetings

Some say it is old fashioned
Sending Greetings Christmas Day
But some of us cling fondly
To the good old fashioned way.

Accept our old fashioned wishes
For the sake of Auld Lang Syne,
A merry, merry Christmas
Good luck to thee and thine.

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Merry Xmas

At this Season our hearts go out in gratitude to our friends who have made our past year's business successful. May the coming year bring you Prosperity and Happiness.

No matter what you may give or receive; no matter the size of your bank account, or the prosperity of your business, our best wish for you at this Christmas time is that down deep in your heart you may wish

"PEACE ON EARTH"
and that you will feel
"GOOD WILL TOWARD MAN"

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10 PER CENT OFF ON ALL GOODS

Until January 1st

we will give a discount on all purchases at our store. Our stock is complete and you can save money on

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