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MEMBER INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Chamber of Commerce To Close Year's Work

J. D. Motley, secretary of the chamber of commerce was reported better Wednesday and expects to be back about his office in a few days. As soon as Mr. Motley is able to resume his duties the year's work of that organization will be closed and new directors elected for the coming year. The membership in the organization at present and the firms who are donors to the budget will remain the same for the coming year, unless the organization is instructed differently. The membership committee at an early date this month will stage a membership campaign to get new members for the chamber of commerce for the coming year and the budget committee will call upon new firms and firms that have not been contributing in an effort to enlist them in the work for 1929.

A meeting of the directorate will be called at an early date to make plans for the annual banquet. It is the hope of the local organization that the largest banquet ever held here can be arranged for an early date and a real progressive program presented to those who attend. The only business that will be brought before the banquet will be the annual report of the secretary and a report of the nominating committee for the 10 new directors to be elected.

The present board of directors is composed of 21 members. Every other year there are 11 elected and the next year 10 are to be elected. This year there will be 10 men who will finish their two-year term on the board and the year of 1929 will start with 11 hold-over men and 10 new members. As soon as the banquet is over and the new members elected a meeting will be called and officers elected for the coming year, committee appointed and the body will get down to work to accomplish the matters before them for 1929.

W. C. McCarver will be the retiring president this year and the chamber has never had a man who has worked harder for the organization than has Mr. McCarver. He has given freely of his time and he and Secretary J. D. Motley have done much this year to make it one of the best years the local body has ever had, as the annual report will show. Much has been accomplished and the organization will close the year in good shape, giving the incoming directors practically a clean slate to start with.

FIGHT ON KLAN IS TAKEN TO SUPREME COURT BY NEW INDIANA PETITION

(By International News Service)
 INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 2.—Attorney Arthur L. Gilliom of Indiana is continuing his crusade to wipe out the Ku Klux Klan by filing a petition with the State Supreme Court asking the disbarment of W. Lee Smith, former Indiana Klan grand dragon, and Robert F. McKay, erstwhile great titan of the Hoosier Klan realm, on the ground that they have been convicted of felonies.

A Complete New Stock of Blank Books for Beginning the New Year

J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

Free Delivery Phones 38426

Postal Receipts Gain \$1,487.99

The postal receipts at Ballinger made a nice gain in 1928 over the receipts of 1927 indicating in a measure the growth here during the past year.

The check-up of receipts for the year by Postmaster Reese Monday showed a net gain of \$1,487.99 for 1928 over 1927. The gain here was steady throughout the year with most of the months giving a gain for last year and closing with December breaking all records for a big month at the local postoffice. Total receipts for the year ran \$22,014.14 as compared to \$20,526.15 for 1927.

The gain showed by the postoffice is a fair way of judging the gain of other business lines in Ballinger. All lines have enjoyed a good business during the past year and the substantial growth here has made Ballinger a much better town than it was a year ago.

Following are postal receipts by months:

Month	1927	1928
January	\$ 2,106.25	\$ 2,042.02
February	1,442.79	1,504.88
March	1,486.16	1,564.46
April	1,761.33	1,887.14
May	1,457.94	1,645.80
June	1,323.76	1,545.91
July	1,500.58	1,855.69
August	1,302.05	1,429.10
September	1,809.95	1,559.60
October	2,061.96	2,393.31
November	1,790.64	1,894.18
December	2,437.74	2,792.05
Total	\$20,526.15	\$22,014.14

Bridge Approved By Department

(By International News Service)
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—A bridge application across the Guadalupe River near Tivoli, Texas, was approved today by the war department.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sturges left Wednesday morning for Comanche to look after business in that city.

C. G. Jennings of Higginbotham Bros. & Co., left Monday for Dallas to do some buying for his firm.

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

2 Students Die in Hotel Fire

(By International News Service)
 DALLAS, Jan. 2.—Samuel Scott of San Antonio and James Martin of Itasca, medical students at Baylor Medical College here, were burned to death and 15 other persons injured in a fire that razed three hotels and rooming houses. The bodies were found in the ruins and were identified by classmates. Another person is believed to have perished in the flames. The fire was across the street from Baylor Medical College and Malcolm Daniels was injured when he leaped from a second-story window.

Another man jumped to the ground, his wife tossed him their one-year-old child and then followed herself in a successful leap to the ground. A search for other bodies is being made. The property damage is estimated at \$50,000.

King No Bigger Is Last Report

(By International News Service)
 LONDON, Jan. 2.—King George spent a restless night but his condition remained unchanged today, the official bulletin stated this morning.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—"I am to say that King George has taken a turn for the better and is slowly pulling through," said Home Secretary Sir William Joynson Hicks, today just before leaving for the holidays in France.

Deaths Avoided In Hotel Blaze

(By International News Service)
 FORT WORTH, Jan. 2.—Death was narrowly avoided by nine when fire destroyed a rooming house here. C. F. Ford carried his sister, Mrs. Roy Jackson, and four children from a room where they had been overcome by smoke.

Negro Lynching Probe Started

(By International News Service)
 PARICHMAN, Miss., Jan. 2.—An official investigation into the lynching of Charlie Shepperd, 41-year-old negro murderer, was under way today. It is not considered likely that mob leaders will be singled out for prosecution.

Influenza Deaths Increase Last Week

(By International News Service)
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Deaths from pneumonia and influenza are increasing, according to reports of the public health service. A report from 39 cities for the week ending December 29 showed 513 deaths from influenza and reports from 39 cities disclosed 901 deaths from pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams left Tuesday night for Abilene to be with Mrs. C. D. Richards who was operated on at the Baptist Hospital Wednesday morning.

Texas is first in production of grain sorghum among states of Union.—El Paso Herald.

Marfa—Street paving operations will begin here in near future.

Bus Crashes In Bridge; 16 Hurt

(By International News Service)
 EL PASO, Kans., Jan. 2.—Sixteen persons were injured when a stage line bus, enroute from Tulsa, Okla., Amarillo, crashed into a bridge near here. Among the injured were Homer Newley, of Borger.

El Paso—More than \$300,000 in new home construction completed in the past 60 days or is now under construction here.

Have you read the want ads?

U. S. Ambassador At Point of Death

(By International News Service)
 CLEVELAND, Jan. 2.—Myron T. Herrick, United States ambassador to France, is reported to be near death at his home in Chagrin Falls, near here. He has been suffering for 10 days from bronchitis.

A summer resort that will make Del Rio known throughout the state as a summer resort is the dream of citizens of that town who are planning to use the water backed up by a power dam for recreational purposes, and are spending a large sum of money for that purpose.

El Paso—Unique Theater being remodeled into coffee shop.

Be wise and advertise.

More Than 2 Million On Deposit in Banks

Plane Going Good After First Day

(By International News Service)
 LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—Droning steadily between Los Angeles and San Diego, the army plane, "The Question Mark," today had spent nearly 24 hours in the air. The big ship is manned by a crew of five. It was refueled by another plane at intervals and hot food was passed to the crew from an attending plane also.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—Miss Bobbie Trout, age 19, took off from here today in an attempt to break the world's endurance record for women. The record of eight hours and six minutes is held by Viola Gentry. Miss Trout hopes to stay up 12 hours.

MARSHALL, Mo., Jan. 2.—Blaine M. Tuxhorn, Kansas City inventor, as pilot, with Leonard H. Rhiner, took to the air today in an attempt to set a new record for sustained flight. Only 25 gallons of gasoline was carried in the small plane. An ejector pick-up device will be used to refuel at intervals.

Marfa—State Highway Department will build concrete bridge over Alamito Creek on Alpine road near city limits.

High Salaried Will Not Dodge Taxes

(By International News Service)
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—A corporation cannot avoid income tax by paying exorbitant salaries to directors and officers, the supreme court ruled today. The court rejected the appeal of the Botany Worsted Mills in an effort to recover \$554,000 taxes. The heading company tried to defeat the law by paying high salaries.

By order of the city council at Crosbyton, elm trees are being set out in the city park to replace locust trees that have died. The city square has been improved by bermuda grass that was planted in the spring. Crosbyton people do their part in civic beautification by keeping attractive lawns.

Tulia—Martin Stores open branch dry goods store in Jones building.

The deposits in the three Ballinger banks show that the local firms have enjoyed a good business this fall. A canvass of the three banking institutions for Wednesday morning showed a total of \$2,100,000 on deposit in Ballinger, land commission 31 a total of \$1,000,000.

This deposit is no question of the entire year's business, but it is that of a year's business. No official canvass has been received for a statement of the financial conditions of the local banks, however, one is expected at any time for this report as of December 31. There has been nothing special to boost the local deposits this year but a steady increase of business in all lines has placed the deposit here at a high mark.

Pays \$14,400 For 5-Year Lease On Store Building

G. A. Ladwig announces that he has closed a contract for another five year lease on the building at the corner of Eighth Street and Hutchings Avenue for that popular store and that the price paid was \$14,400 for the term. McCarver & Lynn are the owners of the property.

Mr. Ladwig intends to make big improvements inside the building, providing more ample display facilities and affording more convenience for his customers.

Mr. Ladwig in commenting on business conditions stated that he was well satisfied with the past year's outturn and expected big things in 1929 and expressed the belief that when Ballinger provided ample water resources that the town would show decided growth. Stating that he believed this one thing alone had retarded Ballinger's growth more than anything else.

It was through his faith in the future of the town that Mr. Ladwig built his business to its present proportions and through that same faith that he expects to do bigger things in Ballinger in the future. By securing the lease on this building for an additional five years, Mr. Ladwig shows his confidence in the town, the people and the country.

El Paso—Smelter road will be widened and highway will be constructed immediately between Val Verde and Ascarate in near future.

Half Price Sale of Men's & Boys Suits

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Only

\$30.00 Suits for Men with 2 Trousers, half price **\$15.00**
 \$35.00 Suits for Men with 2 Trousers, half price **\$17.50**
 \$8.00 Suits for Boys with 2 Trousers, half price **\$4.00**
 \$9.00 Suits for Boys with 2 Trousers, half price **\$4.50**
 \$12.00 Suits for Boys with 2 Trousers, half price **\$6.00**
 \$14.00 Suits for Boys with 2 Trousers, half price **\$7.00**

Every Suit a this season's pattern—every one an all-wool fabric every Suit well tailored—and for the first time offered at just half regular price, plus alteration cost when necessary.

See them quick—every one will sell at these sacrifice prices—far below actual wholesale cost and a good selection of season's most desirable patterns. Serges not included at these reductions.

D. Reeder Dry Goods Co.

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Makes Ballinger"

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Hill and Sher-
ve granted 15
ers in which to
the number plates on
the cars. According to the num-
ber that have been bought at the
collector's office there will be a
rush at that place if everyone gets
numbers during the remaining 13
days.

A good way to improve Ballinger
for the coming year will be to
plant trees, shrubs and flowers in
the yards. During the past two
months there has been a good
planting program carried on and
many more plants will be put out
in the spring. This is not just a
matter of beautifying property but
every tree and shrub adds in dol-
lars and cents to the value of
property. A few pecans now will
mean a good increase to your place
in a few years.

Notice To The Public

Believing it will be to the best
interest of the citizens of the
county, fines will not be imposed
against automobile owners who
have not registered their cars, un-
til after the 15th of this month.
This law works a great hardship
on the collector, as well as the
public, as it is impossible for ev-
eryone to get their number plates
on the 1st day of January, and
of necessity, it takes several days
to comply with the strict letter of
the law in this regard; therefore
under existing conditions we think
it would be imposing a great in-
justice on the public generally to
enforce this statute at this time.
After this date, however, the num-
ber plates must be on the rear
and front as prescribed by law,
or the usual fine will be forth-
coming. This fifteen day period
will also be given in Coleman, Tom
Green, Taylor and Concho coun-
ties.

ROY L. HILL,
County Attorney.
R. E. McWILLIAMS,
Sheriff.

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NEW AIR MAIL PLANES
TO CARRY MORE LOAD

(By International News Service)
CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—A new chap-
ter in the history of the air mail
will soon be written it was revealed
here today by William R. Wilson,
chairman of the board of the
Great Lakes Aircraft Corporation of
Cleveland, manufacturers of the
famous Martin battle planes. Mr.
Wilson announced that his com-
pany has completed plans for the
production of giant mail planes
capable of transporting up to three
times the maximum load carried
in present-day mail machines, with
room and facilities for a clerk to
sort letters en route.

In effect the new planes will be
flying railway mail cars, he said,
permitting important time saving
with consequent speeding up of the
air mail.

The general plan of the ship will
be similar to the all-metal combi-
nation torpedo, bombing and
reconnaissance planes being supplied
the navy, with modifications for
maximum mail carrying capacity.
Mr. Wilson explained. Up to 3,000
pounds of mail will be carried,
compared with the 500 to 1,000
pounds hauled by air mail planes
now in use, he said. This is in
addition to a sorting clerk and two
pilots and other necessary equip-
ment. Mail will be sorted while
the machine is under way, and the
consignment for the cities on the
route will be dropped at each stop.

An extension road improvement
program has been started by the
citizens of Plainview. Five city
blocks have recently been ordered
paved by the city council. This
will include paving of the streets
on two sides of the Plainview san-
itarium, and widening of Seventh
Street. A dip in Seventh Street
will be eliminated.

Business Reflects Growth
and Improvement in Firms

Editor's Note—This is the first
of a series of articles on Ballin-
ger's business houses and a sur-
mise of the expectations for 1929.
Another will appear tomorrow
giving a complete summary of
the other businesses not men-
tioned below:

Ballinger business, generally
speaking, reflects a gain in 1928
over 1927 and some store manag-
ers aver that their business was even
better during the last year than in
any previous years. The opinion
that 1929 will be the best year in
our history seems to prevail. Of
course this depends as all will say
on the crop conditions and out-
turn, but right now the people
generally are in better shape than
at any time in several years.

The crop outlook is good and un-
less unforeseen disaster befalls
the small grain we will harvest
the biggest crop in 11 years.

The poultry outlook just now
is the best in the history of the
county and to this is added the
dairying which has heretofore been
a small thing compared to the in-
come derived from that source
now.

The improvement program for
Ballinger and the county is the
biggest that has ever been assured
so early in a year. The building
of 55 miles of concrete and maca-
dam road and the seemingly cer-
tain fact that Ballinger will build
a new water system and a new
city hall insures us having much
money in circulation during the
dullest months of the year, when
we would otherwise be content to
live off the "interest on what we
owe," makes it reasonably certain
that business will be better than
usual this year.

While no big business changes
have been made during the early
days of 1929 a few have been not-
ed and the stores with their pre-
sent forces are listed below:

Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

This store is maintaining a good
force and has many improvements
in mind for the coming year, in-
cluding the establishment of a new
and modern funeral home on the
Bruce property, which was recent-
ly purchased for that purpose.
The business handled by this store
during 1928 is known to be very
satisfactory to the stockholders
and the manager, R. T. Williams,
has some plans under considera-
tion for 1929 to make the business
more attractive to the general
public. To begin the new year this
store had to run its business the
following force: R. T. Williams,
manager; M. S. Karmany, book-
keeping; Clyde Davis, secretary;
Mrs. M. S. Karmany, department
manager for the ladies and dry
goods section; with the following
salesladies assisting: Mrs. R. E.
Truly, Mrs. Abbie Roberts, Mrs.
Augusta Bethany, Miss Blanche
Yeager and Miss Maggie Lilly. Roy
Smith and Chas. Grant will man-
age the men's department and
under the supervision of J. E. Ar-
thur, the hardware department will
have E. J. Lambert, Turner Shel-
ton, T. J. Seals. The furniture de-
partment has as its manager C.
G. Jennings and Joe Osterlag,
undertakers, assisted by Oliver Ja-
cobson.

Stone's

C. R. Stone, manager of Stone's
Dry Goods store, reports that his
1928 business has been very sat-
isfactory and he is looking forward
to 1929 with much anticipation,
and also will make many added
improvements to his store during
the present year. Mr. Stone now
has assisting him: Mmes. A. R.
Jones and Jno. I. Guion and

FARMER'S WIFE
GETS STRENGTH

By Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's
Vegetable Compound

Schoolfield, Va.—"My mother had
taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable
Compound and I decided to take it
for my own troubles and found
great relief. I was hardly able to stand
on my feet some-
times and now I
feel better than I
have for several
years. I credit the
Lydia E. Pinkham's
Vegetable Com-
pound with my
present good health. I have taken five
bottles of it and I am now able to do
all my housework and sewing, feed
my chickens, milk the cow and tend
the pigs, and feel fine."—Mrs. J. C.
BRADLEY, Box 249, Schoolfield, Vir-
ginia.



Lee Simmons.

West Texas Utilities Co.

The West Texas Utilities Com-
pany, which is always at the fore-
front in improvements and ever
trying to make a better town is
proud of its achievements during
1928 and for 1929 anticipates a
much bigger business and is main-
taining a big force at this place,
including: Earl Morley, manager;
J. W. Wilson, Susie Rogers, Al Bur-
den, Grace Wootton, accounting,
A. L. Brady, Roy R. Witt, C. L.
Chumley, W. P. Denny, E. Mulli-
kin, R. S. Galbraith, Joe Baxter,
Ollie Floyd, R. E. Wilson, A. D.
Donham, E. E. McElroy, W. H.
Maxwell, Harvey Pearce, M. L. Tay-
lor, Howard Earl, G. A. Swann,
Dewey Campbell, J. L. Byers, G. R.
Ransbarger, Joe Odom, R. L. Grip-
ple, T. A. Paul, F. J. Caudle, W. A.
Green, Roy Sanders, Stell Branch,
John W. Collins, G. W. Lively,
W. R. Denman, Joe Eubank, Ray-
mond Thompson, W. H. Wilder,
Richard Winchester, C. M. Thur-
man and A. H. Smith.

Hall Hardware Co.

Hall Hardware Company, under
the management of the McGregors,
has enjoyed a nice business in
1928 and they anticipate that 1929
will be a good year for them, es-
pecially in the implement business.
A. McGregor, M. McGregor, A. J.
Voelkel, J. H. Voelkel and Levy
Lee, constitute the force at this
time.

D. Reeder Dry Goods Co.

D. Reeder Dry Goods Company
reports a very satisfactory busi-
ness in 1928 and they anticipate
that 1929 will equal or exceed it
if prospects continue to look so
good as at present. The force here
is composed of D. Reeder, Roy
Reeder, Ross Black, Jones Taylor,
Mrs. T. A. Rape, Mrs. C. A. Bog-
gess, Miss Josephine Grant, Miss
Ida Warren and James Baskin.

Van Felt, Kirk & Mack

The store of Van Felt, Kirk &
Mack has enjoyed a wonderful
year in 1928 and their aspirations
for 1929 are to exceed in sales and
service of the past year. They have
established a branch implement
house in Winters which will be
under the management of John
Smith and others. The force at
Ballinger will be: Scott H. Mack,
B. C. Kirk, Paul Kirk, Dick Euck-
ert, Bert Witt, Jim Duncan and
Jim Flynt, Jr.

Bettis & Sturges

Bettis & Sturges report that 1928
was their banner year in Ballinger
and this store has reported busi-
ness as excellent all through the
year. What their program is for
1929 is not known just now as the
manager was out of the city. The
force is composed of Mr. and Mrs.
J. C. Sturges, James Jacobson, Mrs.
Jones Taylor, Mrs. H. O. Andrews,
and Mrs. A. E. Bozzell. J. C. Stur-
ges, Jr., will arrive here about
the 15th of January and will be
permanently connected with this
store.

The Hub

The Hub, dry goods store, re-
ports the biggest business in its
history so far as the present man-
agement is concerned and R. E.
George has been at the helm here
for nine years. They anticipate

some improvements but are as yet
not ready to make definite an-
nouncement concerning this. The
force for the present is composed
of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. George, Mr.
and Mrs. Stanley Gray, Earl Bak-
er, Misses Samantha McElroy, Mida
Layton, Nann Keville, Margaret
Kirk, Mrs. H. T. Forson, Jimmie
Parrish, Harold Trammel. About
January 15 Lewis George of Los
Angeles, Calif., will arrive here to
take charge of the shoe depart-
ment. He is a single man and has
had six years experience in one
of the biggest shoe stores in the
California city. While of the same
name as that of the manager, he
is not in any way related to R. E.
George.

Piggly Wiggly

Sam Behringer, manager of Pig-
gly Wiggly, reports a good busi-
ness in 1928 and said he attributed
more results to advertising done
in The Ledger than any form of
advertising he had ever tried. He
says you can feel more direct re-
sults from newspaper advertising
than any other known source and
he ought to know. The present
force here is composed of Mr.
Behringer, L. R. Bradford, W. D.
Howell, Mrs. H. Laxon, and there
will be others added very shortly.

G. A. Ladwig

The G. A. Ladwig dry goods es-
tablishment has enjoyed a wonder-
ful business during the past year
and for the future has some im-
provements in store that will make
for the betterment of their busi-
ness and the convenience. Mr.
Ladwig stated that he had renewed
the lease on the building for five
years at \$14,400 for the term. The
store will be completely changed
inside and a new arrangement of
display had throughout. The force
to start the New Year was com-
posed of the following members:
Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Ladwig, Mrs.
Pearl Gustavus, Miss Tommie
Starkey, T. F. Bridwell, Rayburn
Ladwig.

Weeks Drug Store

Jno. A. Weeks and R. W. Earn-
shaw, proprietors of Weeks' Drug
Store, had the biggest year's busi-
ness in the store's history during
1928 and Mr. Weeks, speaking for
the entire store, said they antici-
pated putting in some new fix-
tures, new ice cream machinery
and other things. The force here
is composed of Mr. Weeks, Mr.
Earnshaw, R. T. Seitz, pharmacist,
Lura M. Alister, office and sales,
Felton Davidson, head of the
sales service, Wilmet McKenzie,
fountain and floor sales, Charlie
Roberts, Ford delivery service.

Mr. Weeks stated that the only
year that came near to 1928 was
1920, and that he attributed this
to the fact of the store's policy
of every customer a satisfied cus-
tomer. He contemplates many big
things for Ballinger in the near
future and says Weeks' Drug Store
will be numbered among the oth-
ers to make it possible for Ballin-
ger to grow and extend.

WIRELESS COMPANY IS TO
HAVE STATIONS IN TEXAS

(By International News Service)
WACO, Jan. 2.—While detailed
plans have not been announced
yet, Waco has been designated as
the location of one of the points
at which an office of the newly
formed Universal Wireless Com-
munication Company of Buffalo
N. Y., will establish a station. Four
other Texas cities, Dallas, Houston

San Antonio and Austin, will also
be sites of offices.

At least 15 stations throughout
the United States are expected to
be in operation before the end of
1929. Construction will begin soon
on the first of the plants, which
will be placed in New York, Buffa-
lo, Chicago, Washington and on
the Pacific coast. Following com-
pletion of these, two additional
stations will be installed each
month until the entire chain, cov-
ering the nation with a network
of wires, is completed.

The company will enter the com-
mercial telegraphic field as soon
as the key locations are equipped.
Forty short wave channels have
been assigned for the use of Uni-
versal Wireless Communication
Company by the Federal Radio
Commission.

Be wise and advertise.

CONFERENCE WILL PLAN
CHAMBER OF AGRICULTURE

(By International News Service)
ATLANTA, Jan. 2.—Formation of
a "United States Chamber of Ag-
riculture" is contemplated in a
movement that has been launched
here.

At a conference of leading Geor-
gia agriculturists one of the first
steps toward that end was taken
when a call was issued for a
"Southeastern Agricultural Con-
gress" early in 1929.

The congress will meet in At-
lanta. Plans for the formation of
a national agricultural body will
be discussed at the southeastern
meeting, it was said.

Baird—Fire insurance rate low-
ered here as result of removal of
telephone, telegraph and light
poles from business section.

NOW ON
DISPLAY

The New Outstanding

CHEVROLET

Come see it---make your
own comparison

HEALER CHEVROLET
COMPANY

DON'T

Go Home Without a Loaf of

VERI-BEST
BREAD

IDEAL BAKERY

FRESH EATABLES

Mark It On Your Memorandum

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

You'll get the best that the market
affords and you'll also get prompt de-
livery service.

Why not try trading here for awhile.

FRESH FRUITS — FRESH VEGETABLES

JEANES CO.

Telephones 318 and 357

THE STRONG DIRECTORATE---

of this Bank has influenced many people
in opening their Checking Accounts
here. Guided by such men trained in
financial affairs, every depositor shares
in the security given.

If without a banking home we invite
you to look up the record of our
Directors, then become a depositor.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS
STATE BANK

Ballinger, Texas

Established 1909

Northcott Goes to Trial Today For Gruesome Murder of 4 Boys

(By International News Service)
RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 2.—One of the most gruesome cases in crime annals of the West neared a climax here today when Gordon Stewart Northcott, alleged "murder farm" slayer of four young boys, went to trial.

Weird and almost incredible are the accusations lodged against the 21-year-old Canadian youth, whose temperamental oddities have baffled authorities since his capture in British Columbia last September. He stoutly denies all charges, despite a confession the state claims to have in its possession.

The trial, called today, is specifically for the murder of three of the asserted "murder farm" victims, Nelson and Lewie Winslow, brothers aged ten and twelve respectively and a Mexican youth, whose decapitated body was discovered near Puente, Calif., last February. The Mexican boy's name was given as Alvin Gotha in Northcott's purported confession.

Eight days from today Northcott is scheduled to go on trial again for the murder of a fourth boy, Walter Collins, 9, who disappeared from his Los Angeles home last March and for whom an extended search, covering the entire country, was unsuccessfully conducted. In this trial the Canadian youth's mother, Mrs. Louise Northcott, will be a co-defendant.

All of the alleged boy-murders are believed to have occurred on the lonely Northcott chicken ranch near the hamlet of Wineville, Cal., to which Northcott is said to have lured the young boys to their death.

In its battle to send Northcott to the gallows, the state is expected to rely mainly on the testimony of three principal witnesses. They are:

Sanford Wesley Clark, 15-year-old nephew of Northcott, whose "horror story" launched the investigation which resulted in the capture and arrest of his uncle and grandmother.

Jessie Clark, 19-year-old sister of Sanford, whose report to the American consul at Saskatoon was the cause of the detention of her brother at Riverside, where he first disclosed what he knew in connection with the case.

Cyrus G. Northcott, the defendant's gray-haired father, who has been held as a material witness since the investigation began.

Gruesome bits of evidence, including fragments of bone and shreds of hair, dug up at the Northcott ranch and declared to be of human origin, are expected to be introduced by the state in its efforts to establish Northcott's guilt.

The story of the asserted horrors of the "murder farm" first came to light last August 14, when Sanford Clark, after being arrested by immigration authorities, began the recital of his astounding tale wherein he accused his uncle and grandmother of killing four boys on the Wineville chicken ranch. The boys had been lured to a desolate farm by Northcott who mistreated them before putting them to death, the Clark boy said. All, except the Mexican youth, were bludgeoned to death with an ax as they slept in the hen coop, Sanford declared. The Mexican youth, the boy charged, had been shot by Northcott with a 22 calibre rifle, after he had been caught stealing money. He was decapitated in order to avoid identification according to young Clark's story, and the headless body was taken to Puente where it was buried by the side of a road.

All of the boys were killed be-

cause they "knew too much," the Clark boy told the authorities, asserting that his uncle had mistreated him also and had threatened to take his life. The Collins boy and the Winslow brothers, were forced to say their final prayers before an improvised altar, not knowing that they were marked for death that night. After they were killed, according to the Clark boy's version Northcott attempted to destroy the remains in quick-lime. He did not succeed in destroying the remains entirely, said his nephew, and what was left he buried in shallow graves on the ranch, later to exhume the remains and take them to remote spots in the Mojave Desert, where he reburied them.

Young Clark's story probably would never have been related had it not been for the action of his older sister, Jessie, in reporting his illegal entry into the United States to the American consul at Saskatoon. Her wish to bring Sanford back home, she told authorities, prompted her in reporting to the consul and asking that her brother be forced to return to Canada.

During a brief visit at the Wineville chicken ranch, Miss Clark asserted, her brother had secretly revealed to her the alleged perpetrations on the farm and she determined to save him from the supposed fate of Walter Collins and the Winslow boys.

After the Clark boy had narrated his story on the night of August 14, officers rushed to the Wineville chicken ranch only to find that Northcott and his mother had fled to Canada. Northcott was captured on a lake steamer at Okanagan Landing, British Columbia, and his mother on an eastbound train at Calgary, Alberta.

Extradition proceedings were successful and Northcott was first returned to the scene of his alleged crimes. During the journey on the prison train, he is said to have delivered a confession to Deputy District Attorney, Earle Redwine of Riverside county. This confession he repudiated immediately upon his arrival in Los Angeles.

Planning to lead a party of officers to a spot on the Mojave Desert where he said, he would

reveal grave sites, Northcott surprised two official escort expeditions by refusing to disclose anything. Promising to plead guilty to the murder of the Mexican youth he sprung another surprise by pleading not guilty when arraigned. From his cell in the Los Angeles county jail, he denounced his attorney, Norbert Savay, for his methods in conducting the defense. And on one occasion he stood up in the middle of a mental examination, called a group of alienists "crazy" and walked off the scene, refusing to have his mind diagnosed.

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Strangler and Sonnenberg On Mat for Title

(By International News Service)

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—Although wrestling has long been considered a minor sport, the genteel art of grappling and twisting humans has swept New England within a short space of time, with the result that this section will again witness a match for the heavyweight championship of the world.

Ed "Strangler" Lewis, of Kansas City, Mo., the "champ" is in the Hub training for his return bout with Gus "Dynamite" Sonnenberg, for the world's title on January 4, at the new Boston Garden.

The return meeting of the champion and the former Dartmouth football star, has attracted a great deal of attention as Sonnenberg had the big Lewis groggy in their first match, but lost when he missed his famous flying tackle and crashed through the ropes, nearly breaking his neck on the concrete floor.

Lewis will receive \$50,000 for his end of the purse, the highest price ever paid a wrestler in the east, and it is expected that the match will draw the greatest house in the history of the mat game.

For a time it was believed that Sonnenberg would not return to the game, but his almost meteoric comeback earned him the match with Lewis.

Among those the former Dartmouth tackle pinned to the mat were Stanley Stasiack, the "Lion of Poland" and "Farmer" George McLeod, the grapegrower of California.

Sonnenberg has been given the title of the "Iron Man" for he has engaged in an average of three matches a week during the season. Recently he threw five men in one week.

Lewis is one of the finest types of athletes. Lewis has trained under all the old masters of the art and has incorporated their best holds in his own collection.

Sonnenberg, who has yet to be thrown for a fall, has become the greatest drawing card the professional wrestling game has ever known. Because of his magnetic

qualities and his great strength despite his almost dwarf-like size compared to the really big men, Sonnenberg is even more popular than the champion.

Gus is confident, claiming that he has gained much needed experience since last June, the time of first meeting. In the first set to Gus had but three or four months experience. He said he will keep within his strength awaiting an opportunity for his flying tackle which will, he hopes, bring him the world's wrestling crown.

Lewis, on the other hand, is likewise confident of victory, for he claims he has perfected a defense against the bull-like rushes of Sonnenberg. Meanwhile the champion has specialized in his famous headlock.

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CHILD MEMORIAL TO JOEL CHANDLER HARRIS, AUTHOR (By International News Service)

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 2.—Memory of Joel Chandler Harris, creator of "Uncle Remus" will be perpetuated by the erection of a memorial to the Georgian in the South's "Westminster Abbey" at Fletcher, N. C., according to an announcement here.

The memorial will be placed in the yard of the Calvary Baptist Church at Fletcher beside buildings erected to the memory of various other Southern authors, statesmen and soldiers.

El Paso—Work started on \$195,000 expansion program for Southwestern Portland Cement Co. here

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Rotary Luncheon Is Well Attended

The first Rotary luncheon of the New Year was held Wednesday noon at the Central Hotel with a good attendance. President H. C. Lyon read Christmas greetings from officers at different places in the United States and one from Ireland. He also read a message from the district governor asking for a meeting here on Friday, January 25. The club voted to change their regular meeting from Wednesday to Friday night on that week in order to meet the district governor when he is here.

Harley Sadler was a visitor with the club Wednesday, coming here from Winters to make up his attendance.

E. W. McLaurin addressed the Wednesday meeting on the subject of "What Has Been Done to Promote World Peace." The speaker outlined many things that had been accomplished since the close of the world war to promote world peace.

New members at the meeting Wednesday were E. W. McLaurin, R. J. Wheeler and J. A. Williams.

Hub Building to Be Remodeled

Announcement is made by the owners, J. F. Currie, owner of the building and R. E. George, owner of The Hub, to the effect that plans are now being perfected for the complete remodeling of the building housing that popular dry goods store.

The entire front of the building will be torn out, a new front built and new display windows of absolutely up-to-date type installed.

The exact plans are not available as they will be left up to an architect for perfection, but it is known that an up-to-date and modern front will be built at this place. In making this improvement it is the plan to set the windows back several feet further than at present and thus give ample room for the display of merchandise in the windows.

Other improvements will be made inside which will correspond with the front and the store will have every appearance of a real city store.

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NEW WAR HORRORS ARE PICTURED IN TALK TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The horrors appertaining to another world war have been vividly pointed out by Field Marshal Sir William Robertson in an address to the League of Nations Union.

"Should another great war occur," said the field marshal, "we know that the loss of life and waste of wealth will exceed by many times the experiences of 1914-1918, while the horrors which may be suffered by the civil population from air attacks, combined with the use of new chemical substances would seem almost limitless."

"The world will never know what it had to pay for the last war. Taking the belligerents into account, the direct money outlay seemed to have been nearly \$200,000,000,000, while the indirect cost of such items as destruction of property and so forth may be put at not less than \$150,000,000,000 or some \$350,000,000,000 in all."

"The loss of life was about 10,000,000 which was double that of all the wars of the preceding 120 years put together, and there were probably not less than 20,000,000 wounded."

Quebec Dogsled Derby a Test of Speed and Stamina



The interest and enthusiasm evidenced by many thousands of excited spectators who witnessed the 1927 International Dogsled Derby, held the third week in February at Quebec, indicates that dogsled racing has come to stay. Championship "mushers" from all parts of the United States and Canada foregather annually at the Ancient Capital to participate in this classic of the snows, which is one of the best means of ascertaining the type of animal most suited for running mail and supplies to isolated lumber camps and trading posts. The race is usually run over a 120-mile course. In three laps of 40 miles each on three successive days, irrespective of

weather conditions. It is really a race against time, over the same 40-mile course, the team covering the 120 miles in the shortest time being declared the winner. The race was organized in 1921, under the auspices of the Eastern International Dogsled Derby Club, its objects being to stimulate interest in dog sled racing and improve the quality of sled dogs.

Emile St. Godard, of The Pas, Manitoba, by cutting down the time established in 1926 by Frank Dupuis of Quebec by 34 minutes and 35 seconds during the 1927 Derby, has earned the position of champion dog-sled racing driver of North America. While St. Godard was engaged in beating Dupuis' record by nearly one hour in his determination to win

over his doughty opponent, Leonard Seppala, the Alaskan dog racing wizard was striving to overtake the Manitoba musher. Past records were roughly treated when Seppala covered the 120 miles of the race in 11 hours, 57 minutes and 55 seconds—34 minutes and 57 seconds faster than Dupuis' 1926 time. St. Godard takes as much care of his dogs as a fond parent, and it is his contention that the animals will respond to the urging of their driver just in proportion to the amount of care and attention they receive at his hands. The Chateau Frontenac, Quebec's medieval hostelry, is already receiving reservations for the coming Dog Derby, which will be held on Feb. 21, 22 and 23, inclusive, 1928, and which will terminate with the "Dogsled Derby Ball," a society function attracting increasing numbers of smart folk annually.

DEATHS

Anna Maria Halfman

Mrs. Anna Maria Halfman, wife of William Halfman, died at the family home in the Olfen community at 3:45 o'clock Tuesday morning. She was taken sick with influenza about ten days ago and was apparently on the road to recovery when she suffered a relapse which brought on pneumonia causing her death.

Mrs. Halfman was 60 years, 4 months and 23 days of age at the time of her death. She was born in Colorado county, Texas, in 1862. After her marriage to William Halfman they moved from Colorado to Runnels county in 1899. They were among the early settlers in the Olfen community and have made their home at that place ever since coming to the county, over 30 years ago.

Surviving Mrs. Halfman are her husband, William Halfman, five sons, Hugo, Theodor, Paul, Otto and William, and one daughter, Matilda Halfman, all of whom reside in the Olfen community and were present at the time of their mother's death.

The funeral service will be held at 10 o'clock Thursday morning

in the Catholic Church at Olfen and interment will be made in the Olfen cemetery.

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The home is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Schumate and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Marchison. No cause for the fire could be given except that possibly a spark had blown from a nearby trash pile and started the blaze.

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