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Cotton Drops \$1 On Acreage Report

Right-of-Way Secured In Concho for No. 4

County Judge O. L. Sims, of Concho county, was in Ballinger Wednesday conferring with Resident Engineer G. M. Garrett on highway business. Judge Sims has been devoting most of his time recently to securing right-of-ways for highways Nos. 4 and 9 through Concho county and is getting the first stretch ready for work to begin.

Judge Sims said he had secured the last deed for the roadway from the Runnels county line to the Concho River, just north of Paint Rock. A small portion of the ground, from the river to Paint Rock, must yet be secured. This is less than a mile and most of it has already been secured with the exception of a few lots whose owners are unknown. He declared these probably would be cited and condemned to complete the right-of-way through the city limits of Paint Rock.

Some difficulty is being experienced in securing the right-of-way on highway 4 from Paint Rock to Eden. Much of this has been deeded to the county, however, and also on highway 9 which traverses Concho county between San Angelo and Brady.

W. O. Woolsey, general superintendent for Brown & Root, has been here for the past several days going over work being done by his firm from Ballinger to the Concho county line. He stated that since the new material plant had been opened that caliche work had been slowed down some and he did not expect that part of the construction to be finished before the middle of August. A crew will be on hand at that time to start the topping and this work will be pushed. Mr. Woolsey said he was satisfied with the progress being made here, that the difficult part was already completed and that the base was in excellent shape.

Both contractors on highway 23 between Ballinger and the Coleman county line, at Talpa, are making good progress at this time, working large crews on the grading and drainage structures.

\$35,000 Fire at Eden Will Start Building Causeway at Creek Destroys 3 Stores

Eden suffered a fire Tuesday afternoon which destroyed three business buildings valued at \$35,000. The blaze is thought to have originated from defective wiring at about 1 o'clock Tuesday morning and by the time an alarm was turned in it had gained considerable headway. The Armor Drug Store, Applewhite Grocery and the J. F. Day Dry Goods Company were all destroyed but each firm carried insurance to cover their losses.

The Eden fire department worked faithfully on the three buildings afire and kept the blaze from spreading to other stores. A high wind was blowing from the north and made the work of saving other buildings harder. The three stores were constructed of rock and the walls are not thought to be damaged much and all records of the firms were saved.

The loss of the Day Dry Goods Company was placed at about \$12,000, being the heaviest losers in the fire. Their stock was badly damaged as well as the drug store stock. Diaz Day, manager of the drug store was severely burned in removing the records of the store from the burning building.

This was the first major fire since the purchase of a new \$5,000 fire truck by the City Commission at Eden and firemen and citizens were delighted with the performance of the new pumper.

It was thought that all three business firms would be reopened as soon as quarters can be arranged for housing them adequately. The Armor Drug Store will be set back on their lot seven feet in order to allow the proper width of the street at that place which will be required for highway No. 4 through that street.

3 Dentist Offices Robbed of Gold

Three dentists in Ballinger are minus their gold used in making bridges and crowns and whoever worked the town is gone and left no clues. Dr. E. C. Baskin discovered that his office had been robbed when he needed some gold to use on a job and found his box was empty. He stated that he had kept the gold in his office in the same place for years in the same box and it was the first robbery he had ever had since entering the profession.

A short time after the discovery of the first office being robbed other dentists made investigation and the offices of Dr. S. B. Raby and Dr. C. W. Cheatham were also losers of all their stock of gold. Dr. Baskin lost about \$20 worth of gold which he uses in construction work and the robbers left a glass full of junk gold nearby containing as much as \$20 or more which they did not take.

Local dentists are unable to figure why this was left unless the thief was being pressed for time and anxious to make his getaway. Drs. Cheatham and Raby each lost between \$30.00 and \$35.00 worth, but in these offices all the junk gold and every other kind was taken not leaving any old crowns or fillings that had a value.

The thief left town without paying a visit to the offices of Drs. Boelscher and Stasney and they were the only workmen here that had a supply of gold to work with until more could be obtained from supply houses.

A number of robberies were reported at San Angelo and Abilene the past week-end and it is thought by officers and the dentists that someone passing through the country was making a practice of stealing gold from dental offices.

Will Start Building Causeway at Creek

The causeway across Elm Creek at the location of the upper dam will be rushed to completion. Both lakes are being lowered so that the upper reservoir can be drained to a sufficient level for work to be done there and after about four days with drain lines open and no rain everything will be ready for workmen to proceed.

Roy F. Davis, city engineer, will be here Friday of this week and at that time expects to set stakes for the work to start about Monday of next week. Brown & Root are contractors on the causeway and have sublet the job to F. L. Duncan of this city.

The causeway will be built just above the upper dam using the dam itself for the lower edge of the driveway. It will be constructed of cement and will have a driving space of 18 feet.

The city expects the work to be completed in two weeks after it is started. It will require several days to make the fill just above the dam before the contractor can start pouring concrete. In case of rain that would cause a rise the work will be delayed.

The opening of the causeway will cause a slight change in the road leading across it. A small portion of land has been secured from the Oklahoma Natural Gas Corporation and the road will be rerouted on both sides of the creek with two small culverts on the side nearest town and a new grade of about a quarter of a mile made which will connect with the new crossing.

This work was a part of the original water improvement program here but so much rain and highwater at the time the dam was completed causes the work to be delayed until a season when it would be safe to begin such work in the creek channel.

Eugene Ischar Killed in Shop by Electric Shock

Thirteen Couples Wed During June

June proved to be a good month for weddings. Mrs. Clarence West, county clerk, issuing permits to wed to thirteen couples. The work of Cupid is continuing in July as indicated by a number issued for the first two days, while others have made applications.

Those receiving licenses in June were: Jeff Brown and Miss Aileen Jordan; Jesse Wood and Miss Norma Bradley; Ceal M. Hughes and Miss Juanita D. Mason; Jack Walter Mann, Jr., and Miss Anne Tippett; Leo Matthesen and Miss Helen Spill; Frank J. Zak and Miss Lillie Hanlek; Laurence Levy Lee and Miss Mabel Brewer; Arlie Downing and Miss Ida B. Brooks; Herbert M. Preston and Miss Grace Dark; Clayton Davis and Miss Jimmie Critz; A. B. Badgett and Miss Hazel Brown; Cecil Bowden and Miss Lillie Mae Kirkpatrick; M. B. Webb, Jr., and Miss Altie Roberts.

The first aid crew from the West Texas Utilities Co. office was called to the scene and remained with the victim for more than 2 hours in an effort to restore life. Other men here who have had training in first aid assisted but shortly after 7 p. m. the attending physician pronounced the victim dead. The accident occurred at 4:30 p. m.

Mr. Ischar came to this county from Wichita Falls in 1921 and for a short time lived in the Winters community, later moving to Ballinger and opening a blacksmith shop.

Decedent is survived by his wife and six children: Loyd, 16; Douglass, 13; Lydia, 10; Ruth, 8; Jean, 4; Alina, 2. Two brothers, Roman and Roscoe, of Wichita Falls; and three sisters, Mrs. P. Parker, Mrs. H. G. Cabiness of Wichita Falls; and Mrs. J. C. Wilber, of Oklahoma City, also survive. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Ischar, reside at Mason.

Funeral services were held at the chapel of the Higginbotham Funeral Home Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Rev. J. E. Kerr officiating. Interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Will Doose, Clyde Harville, Amos Vorbeck, Frank Sharp, D. K. Patterson and Geo. Dankworth.

Undertakers from Higginbotham Funeral Home were in charge of all funeral arrangements.

ROWENA HOME IS RAZED BY FIRE

Ballinger firemen went to Rowena Wednesday afternoon in response to a call, driving the chemical truck. The home of Burns Harwell was practically destroyed and all contents ruined. The local fire fighters arrived too late to be of any service.

The house was owned by Fred Patterson who lives several miles from Rowena, and had been rented to Mr. Harwell.

E. E. King and family left Tuesday morning for a vacation trip to Carlsbad Caverns.

Building Permits for First Six Months are \$18,555.50

Little building has apparently been underway in Ballinger since January 1st, 1931, and yet the record of permits issued at the City Hall show that a total of \$19,555.50 has been done here in the past six months. This covers 37 permits issued by the city secretary K. V. Northington, for repair work and construction on property within the city limits.

This is less than in 1930 but is more than the average person might suspect and represents a good improvement program when it is considered that little building has been done. In the entire list of thirty-seven permits are only a very few that represents a large sum of money.

A few new homes have been constructed and at the present time two stores are being com-

pletely remodeled at a large cost and which are included in the six months report.

The building code has been in effect for a little over two years and it is rigidly enforced. Permits are required for any kind of building or improvement and this construction is carefully inspected to see that it meets all requirements of the city law. In this way the building of fire hazards has been stopped within the fire zone and nothing but permanent structures are allowed. It has also served to create a better demand for good constructions in homes and since it became a law many beautiful residences have been built in this city.

The city has also made about fifty gas inspections since the first of the year.

Good Rains Fall for First Six Months

Rainfall at Ballinger for the first six months of 1931 totaled 10.24 inches. This is less than for the first six months of 1930 when the gauge here recorded 12.65 inches but there is a vast difference in how it fell and with a season already in the ground from winter rains, it has accomplished much more.

Rain in 1930 practically all fell in two months while in 1931 it has been pretty equally divided over the six months and until right now there has never been a time when crops or growing vegetation needed rain badly.

The six months record for 1930 was as follows:

January	0.00
February	0.00
March	0.80
April	1.25
May	6.90
June	3.70
Total	12.65

The first six months of 1931 was as follows:

January	2.35
February	1.85
March	1.40
April	2.70
May	0.67
June	1.27
Total	10.24

Rains which started here last October when the gauge showed 15.65 inches for the month started a good season in this county and many old timers stated at the early spring that it was the best season they had seen in this section. Springs ran from hillsides and early weeds and grass were a big help to stockmen.

Some sections of the county have had much more rain since the first day of January than has been registered at Ballinger, however, all sections of the county have had ideal conditions for agricultural work and until the first of July little was heard of needing rain. Farmers at this time declare that a good rain will mature the feed crops which is already heading and will benefit cotton a great deal.

Stockmen have plenty of water for their cattle, horses and sheep and little irrigation has been done along river fronts so far this year.

Says 60,000 Acres Can Be Irrigated

BRONTE, July 3.—A minimum of 60,000 acres and a maximum of 75,000 acres would be included in the proposed Colorado river irrigation project, according to details of an engineering survey submitted to sponsors here. An engineering company submitted that 144,000 acre feet of water would be available annually to apply to the land, this figure discounting seepage and evaporation.

The cost of the dam would be approximately \$650,000, engineers said.

An area of 250,000 acres will be available from which to designate the district, Robert Knierim, chairman of the irrigation committee, said.

McCLAIN PREACHING IN THE COUNTRY WHERE IT RAINS

A letter received by The Ledger Thursday from Rev. J. H. McClain, pastor of the Ballinger Baptist Church, who is conducting a revival at Stockdale, stated that he realized it could still rain. He said during the past week-end a five-inch rain fell at Stockdale, and that with the heavy rains and everybody shipping watermelons conditions were hard for a religious campaign. A hundred cars of melons were shipped from that point last week and truck farmers are just entering their busy season.

Rev. McClain announced that Rev. W. D. Kirkpatrick would preach at the Ballinger Baptist Church Sunday morning and evening.

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Club Girl Makes Garden Record

One small girl in Runnels county has made a wonderful record with her garden this year and when the summer is over will have set a record that will be a mark for any person to strive for. Mary Fuller, age 13, a member of the Herring 4-H Club, has planned her garden so that she might furnish fresh vegetables for her family the entire garden season and at the same time have a surplus for canning. On June 8 she reported 77 quarts of four varieties already canned and stored away for winter use. This is just a beginning of the canning of products for here and her pantry at the close of the season will be a close run for any ladies entered in the 4-H pantry.

Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, county home demonstration agent, is loud in her praise of the work done by this young club member and estimated that she will have 400 or 500 cans of vegetables by the end of the summer.

The young lady is anxious to attend the short course at A & M College but due to the expense will likely not be able to attend this year unless help is given through her club work. The cost for the trip with meals, room and railroad fare will amount to about \$15.00 for each person.

The garden programs adapted through the clubs of the county have made wonderful records this year and many families will eat delicious vegetables this summer from these gardens and have enough stored for their winter use.

PARISH GIVES BOOKS TO BALLINGER SCHOOL

The Ballinger high school this week was the recipient of a gift of a set of books from Judge Overton L. Parish. The books, entitled "The New Encyclopedia of Texas," will be placed in the school library. The four volumes, beautifully bound, contain more than 4,000 pages.

Supt. H. C. Lyon asks The Ledger to publicly express his thanks on behalf of the school for this appreciated gift from Judge Parish.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lynn visited in Coleman, Bangs and Brownwood Saturday.

NEW ORLEANS, July 8.—Cotton declined approximately a dollar a bale today immediately after the issuance of the government estimate that the area under cultivation on July 1 was 41,491,000 acres. This figure was ten per cent less than at the same date last year when 46,078,000 acres were reported. The acreage picked last year was 45,091,000. The average estimate of private agencies recently gave the reduction at 11 per cent.

FIRE DESTROYS 1400 BALES OF OATS AT J. M. CORDELL PLACE

Fire Thursday night about 10 o'clock at the home of J. M. Cordell near here destroyed a portion of his barn and 1,400 bales of oats. The blaze had made much headway when discovered and the call sent to the city for assistance. The chemical truck and a number of firemen rushed to the scene but were unable to be of any assistance as the flames were already beyond control. The ruins were still smoking Friday morning and water was still being sprayed on the embers.

Mr. Cordell had his oat crop baled and stored in a shed which was later enclosed by boards along the side. No cause for the fire is known.

FAMILY REUNION HERE IS ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

Mrs. B. W. Bigham enjoyed the association of sixteen of her relatives here on July 5 to attend a gathering of the family at the B. W. Bigham home, 704 Eighth Street. Relatives began arriving here last Thursday and by Sunday morning all were present to enjoy the day together.

Those present from out of town were: Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hallmark and two children, of Wichita Falls; Mrs. Jessie C. Collier and two daughters, Anita and Frances, of Haskell; Mrs. W. D. Hallmark and daughter, Margaret, and Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Brown, of Lampasas; and Mrs. Royal L. Mullins and three sons, of Wolfe City.

Most of the relatives departed for their homes Sunday afternoon after spending a very pleasant time here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. White and children will leave Tuesday morning for a vacation at Lubbock, Roswell and Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Robert Stroble, of Austin, is here visiting his uncle, L. L. Stroble. Robert is the son of J. L. Stroble, former citizen of Ballinger.

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HATCHEL HAPPENINGS

Bates Campbell's father and mother, of Ranger, and sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Starr, of Dallas, spent a few days in the Campbell home last week.

Mrs. Marcus Bales spent last week with her mother at Littlefield.

E. Graves took dinner in the Scott Guin home Sunday.

Eddie Voelker and family visited his father at Winters Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Murrel Graves, Mrs. Lou Graves and daughter, Key Williams and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Reagan spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Andrews.

Robert Wilson, of Lott, Texas, is visiting E. M. Moore this week.

The Hatchel baseball team played at Lowake Sunday. The score was 6-5 in favor of Lowake.

Miss Alma Ryan visited Miss Ruby Guin Sunday afternoon.

Baxter Campbell and family visited the Hugh Forgye family Sunday afternoon.

Mord Tucker visited his wife at Carlsbad Saturday and reports that she is getting along fine.

Mrs. W. E. Blair and little daughter, Billie Louise, of Ballinger, are spending a few days with Mrs. Blair's mother, Mrs. Mary Guin.

Mrs. Jewel Phillips and Mrs. Avella Robertson, of San Antonio, are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Mathis.

The Calvin Case baby is seriously ill with diphtheria.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Caudle and grandson, G. B. Shelly, are attending the camp meeting at Fort McKavitt.

H. Tierce made a business trip to Abilene Monday.

BETHEL NEWS

Rev. and Mrs. Cole and family of Abilene, were here to fill Rev. Cole's regular appointment at the Baptist church Saturday night and Sunday.

Rev. George Hienemer, pastor of the Lutheran church at San Angelo, preached at the Methodist church here Sunday afternoon. The first and third Sunday afternoons are his regular appointments.

Rev. and Mrs. L. D. Hardt, of Paint Rock, visited in a number of homes in this community Friday.

Miss Fay Muncy returned Thursday from an extended visit with relatives at Eastland.

Mrs. Silvey, of Brownwood, spent the Fourth with her mother, Mrs. W. F. McShan, and other relatives. An all-day family picnic was enjoyed on the river.

The Baptist meeting starts Friday night and will continue over the third Sunday.

Mrs. John Greenhill and children, Mrs. Tom Crockett and children and Clyde Simmons were among the number to attend the Fourth of July club picnic north of Winters. A very pleasant day was spent meeting with new club members of the county, also attending the free picture show at Winters in the afternoon. An invitation was extended to all to attend the annual club picnic to be given August 13 on the Colorado River in the Lon Muncy pasture, 4 miles east of Ballinger, in the Bethel community.

The Methodist meeting begins Friday night before the fourth Sunday, continuing over the first Sunday in August.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. John Shelburne enjoyed a fish dinner on the Fourth, with home folks.

Ira Sims, of Ballinger, and Will Lampe had business at Lowake Saturday.

D. Tullos is suffering with a very painful sprained wrist caused from cranking a car.

The Happy Home Makers Club had a very interesting program on parliamentary law, in the home

of Mrs. Nath Crockett, Thursday afternoon, with eighteen members present. A very beautiful picture was presented by members to their president, Mrs. Crockett, as a birthday gift. Delicious iced punch and angel cake was served to all. The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. John Bigby and daughters July 16.

BLANTON NEWS

Rev. Tierce filled his regular appointment with the Baptist church with large attendance at both services.

Quite a number from this community attended the singing at Hatchel Sunday afternoon.

The community enjoyed supper in the H. B. Fowler pasture on the Fourth and afterward there was a party in the Fowler home.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Martin and son, of Mexico, are visiting in this community this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Harvey, of DeLeon, are visiting in the A. W. Malone home this week.

Mrs. W. A. Wood and children and Miss Pauline Lockett, of Lawn, visited in the J. A. Foreman home Thursday.

The Baptist meeting will begin the second Sunday in August. Rev. Riddle, pastor of the Paint Rock church, will help in the meeting.

WILMETH NEWS

Edward Low, of Big Spring, is visiting relatives here.

H. K. Dickinson and family were visitors in the old Runnels community last Saturday.

A. B. Badgett and Miss Hazel Brown were married last Sunday. They are making their home in the Drasco community. We all wish them a long and happy life together.

Willie Bell and Eula Mae Virdin visited their parents this weekend. They are attending Simmons University at Abilene.

Billye Weathered was a visitor in Ballinger Saturday.

Joe Witt, of Oklahoma, has been visiting relatives here.

Loyd Badgett, of Drasco, visited friends here last week.

TALPA TOPICS

The Presbyterian meeting closed Sunday night. Everyone who attended enjoyed the good singing and preaching.

Misses Marie and Curtis Gregory spent from Thursday till Saturday visiting in Rockwood.

Miss Geneva Martin is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Yates Martin at Oyer, Texas.

Miss L. C. May, of Glen Cove, was a Talpa visitor Tuesday evening.

Mrs. R. W. Courtney and children and Claudine Bauldin left early Saturday to spend their vacation at Austin, San Marcos and Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Jim Vincent, Adelaide Watkins and Geneva Martin spent last Thursday in Brownwood.

Mmes. W. Bomar, J. M. McConnell, A. V. Livingston and Raymond Rush were Coleman visitors Saturday.

The meeting of the First Baptist Church will begin Friday evening. Services will be held at the tabernacle. Everyone is urged to come and help with the singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith and family, of Iowa Park, are visiting Rev. W. F. Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Deakins, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Livingston and Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Givens attended the funeral of William G. Baker of Coleman, at Mt. View Sunday.

Misses Irene Mae Richey and Helen Davenport, of Brownwood, spent the week-end at Talpa.

Rev. W. F. Smith filled his regular appointment at Crews Sunday morning. The meeting of the Crews Methodist Church will begin Sunday. Rev. Grounds, of Holiday, Tex., will do the preach-

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Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Hoskins spent Saturday and Sunday at Stanton.

Steve Brown, who underwent an operation at the Coleman hospital last week, returned home Monday.

Mrs. McClendon is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Robert Bouldin.

Miss Hazel Sayres, of Coleman, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sayres.

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OXNIEN NEWS

Our meeting will start Friday night, July 10. Bro. Millen will do the preaching. We extend an invitation to all and hope you will attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whitley and children, of McCamey, visited in this community this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cox are visiting in the Horace Whitley home.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Martin and little son, Billie, of San Bernardino, Calif., are visiting relatives in this community for a few weeks.

Misses Emma and Ora Blalock and two brothers, Edd and Don, of Miles, spent the week-end in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stacy are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby boy. The young man weighed 8 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Whitley and family, of Breckenridge, visited in this community last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarm Morrison visited in the D. D. McDaniel home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. McMillan, of Ballinger, visited in the C. E. McMillan home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Rose Cole, of San Angelo; Mr. Greenwood, Oscar Foreman and Mrs. Dore Spreen, of and near Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Burnice Gardner and Mrs. J. T. Brown of Winters visited here Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brown.

Car Registrations Are 24 for June

Motor vehicle registrations in Runnels county showed a gain in June, records in the office of W. A. Forgye, county tax collector, giving a total of 19 new passenger cars and five new commercial machines.

The Batts Chevrolet had sales of nine new passenger cars and one truck for the month. Chevrolet sales included one truck by the Patrick Company of Winters, and three passenger cars by the C. & C. Motor Co. of Miles.

Harwell Motor Company of this city reported five new Ford passenger cars and three commercial vehicles for the June registrations.

The Dickenson Motor Co., of Tuscola registered one passenger automobile, and the Allen Sales Co., of San Angelo, one Whippet.

Twenty-four new sales for the month is a nice increase and may be an indication of the return of prosperity in the country. A large number are reported to be contemplating the purchase of motor cars when their grain crop is sold.

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Weeks Drug Store

Hathaway to Enter School at Abilene

Drury Hathaway, who has been first assistant to County Tax Collector W. A. Forgye since the first of the year, checked out from that job Tuesday and left for Abilene where he will enter business college to review his short hand work and prepare for his new position as stenographer of the 119th district court. He was appointed to this position recently by Judge O. L. Parish and will go on the new work the first Monday in September when the new court holds the first term at Paint Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Hathaway will both go to Abilene but will be home for week ends. Mr. Hathaway was a student in the Abilene school about nine years ago but has become slightly rusty on his short hand and will use most of his time there specializing on this subject and gaining speed so that he will be able to take care of fast testimony when he takes up his court duties. His experience about the court room makes him thoroughly qualified in every way for the job with his summer course.

Mr. Forgye has not replaced Mr. Hathaway in his office and will likely not do so for a few months until work picks up to a large volume in the office. He has several competent applicants and will make a selection in the early fall likely.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Doss, of this city, accompanied by C. H. Allen and Miss Gladys Koachman, of Sonora, motored to Del Rio and Eagle Pass on the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Felton Wright and family left Tuesday for Junction where they will spend a short vacation with Mr. Wright's parents.

W. L. Brown of Austin spent the past week end here visiting with his wife and son. He returned to his work there Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Woolsey of Austin are here for a few days visiting with Mr. and Mrs. K. V. Northington and Mr. Woolsey is looking after business for the firm Brown & Root.

Miss Helen Mosk and Robert Mosk of Nacogdoches are here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. King and family and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt.

Pecan Growers to Meet At Fletcher Mot July 10

Pecan growers of this section of West Texas will gather at the Bert Fletcher place near Maverick on Friday, July 10. The program has been arranged and some of the outstanding men in the industry will be present to discuss the pecan situation and various means for the improving of groves to secure a better yield. The program will start at 10 in the morning when Larkin Hayley, president of the Runnels county organization, welcomes the visitors.

A feature of the program will be a basket picnic at noon Friday when the men and their families will spread a table under the shade of the trees and plenty of time will be given to this part of the day's entertainment. The afternoon session will begin at 2 o'clock and close at 5.

Aside from educational talks and lectures a number of demonstrations will be given to show growers the correct method of doing work on the trees. The last feature of the day will be a tour of the Fletcher grove and inspecting the work done there in recent years.

Following is the program for the day:

10 a. m.—Roll call

10:10—Address of welcome, Larkin Hayley, president, Runnels county association

10:25—Response, C. W. Lehman, county agent, Runnels county

10:40—"Cutting and Storing Bud Wood," Ross Wolfe, Stephenville

11:00—"Behavior of Different Varieties of Pecans in West Texas," James T. Kelly, state de-

partment of agriculture
11:20—"Pecan Developments in My County"; C. V. Robinson, county agent, Coleman county; W. I. Marshall, county agent, Tom Green county; Roy Terry, county agent, Concho county; E. J. Baskin, county agent, Coke county; C. Metz Heald, county agent, Taylor county.

12:15 to 2:00 p. m.—Basket dinner on grounds.

2:00—"Pecan Marketing Problems," H. G. Lucas, president American Pecan Growers' Association.

2:45—"Improving a Native Pecan Grove by Top Working," J. L. Rainey, San Angelo.

3:15—Pecan budding and grafting demonstration, Ross Wolfe and J. L. Rainey

4:00—Educational tour of the Fletcher grove.

SOUTH BALLINGERITES CELEBRATE THE 4TH

Citizens of South Ballinger celebrated the Fourth of July on the Colorado River on the Lon Muncy place. A large number attended, not only from the community but some from other sections. Among the visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. Homer Brown, Mrs. Jack Cook and son, of Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Midgley and Miss Baxter, of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Brown, of Ballinger; and Mrs. Compton and daughters and Carl King, of Hagan.

All loitered and talked under the beautiful shade trees until noon, when a most delicious lunch was spread. Iced tea and lemon-

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ade were served with the lunch. One wit was heard to remark, "Of all the cakes and pies, how I do wish my b— was as big as my eyes."

The crowd broke up in the afternoon, hoping to meet many times in the near future on such occasions.

—Club Reporter

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Lester Marsh left Tuesday for McAllen where he will visit and look after business for a short time.

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FOR SALE—Second hand meal bags suitable for grain 3 cents each. Ballinger Cotton Oil Co. d-sat-wed w-1f

BALLINGER BOY ON HONOR ROLL AT TEXAS

AUSTIN, July 3.—William Elbert Stubblefield of Ballinger is included on the honor list of the school of education of the University of Texas for the spring semester, according to records announced here by Dean B. F. Pittenger, Louis Nitti of Brooklyn, N. Y., heads the honor roll. Nitti made grades entitling him to honors summa cum laude, while Stubblefield's had ampla cum laude.

Others on the list included: Charles Thomas Dailey of Grape-land, Fay Merwin Hemphill of Gainsville, and Mrs. Dorothy Rogers Meadows of Austin, cum laude ampla et magna. Elizabeth Ellen Cowgill of San Benito and Katherine Elizabeth Hill of Austin, magna cum laude; George Alexander Harhis of Austin, ampla cum laude; Ann Cook of Natchitoches, La.; Bernice Gertrude Moore of Port Arthur, John Cleo Powell of Higgins, Bessie Jewel Ricketson of Llano and Mary Alice Swenson of Manor, cum laude.—Star-Telegram.

William Elbert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stubblefield of Ballinger.

LEGION PLANNING BIG AFFAIR FOR THIRD MONDAY

The third Monday in July the local post of the American Legion will stage a big entertainment and feed here and invitations will be extended to all Legionnaires, former members and ex-service men in the county. Officials of the post are trying to get a large attendance to the meeting which will be the last before the state convention of that organization. Important business that will be brought up before the state meeting will be discussed here and delegates instructed how to vote on these issues. Delegates will also be named and given their credentials at the meeting here July 19.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Smith, of Longview, are guests of Mrs. Lennie Harris and other Ballinger friends.

Deaths

Mrs. B. F. Cox
Mrs. B. F. Cox, age 70, died at her home on the Giesecke farm Monday afternoon. She had been in ill health for several years and she and her husband have made their home with their son, J. R. Cox since retiring from active farming.

Besides her husband she leaves 4 sons and 3 daughters to mourn her death.
Funeral services were conducted by Rev. T. E. Bowman at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and interment made in Evergreen Cemetery.

Undertakers from the Higginbotham Funeral Home were in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Billy Smith
Mrs. Billy Smith died at the Valley and Love Sanitarium here last Thursday night at midnight. She had been ill for more than thirty days and Thursday her condition became so serious that she was rushed to the sanitarium in an ambulance late in the afternoon but did not live but a few hours.

Mrs. Smith was 48 years old and had been living with her husband in Ballinger for the past seven years. Mr. Smith had been engaged in the shoe repair business here for a number of years and he and his wife were well known and have a host of friends here.

Besides her husband she is survived by two sisters Mrs. R. H. Howland of Ballinger and Mrs. S. C. Collins of Coleman and one brother John Martin of Mason.

Following her death the body was taken to the King-Holt undertaking parlor where it was held at the chapel until time for interment at Evergreen Cemetery.

M. R. Plummer
M. R. Plummer, 93, died in the home for aged Masons at Arlington Saturday, and was brought here Sunday and interment made in Evergreen Cemetery Monday morning. Mr. Plummer lived for years in Ballinger and was well known by many people here. He came to Ballinger in 1893 and made his home here until a few years ago when he went to Arlington to live in the Masonic home.

Mr. Plummer was one of the most faithful members the local Masonic lodge ever included in its membership. His donations to the order here amount to more than one thousand dollars and he was not a man of means. He loved the order and spent much time studying it and attending the meetings.

Before leaving Ballinger decedent purchased a lot in Evergreen Cemetery and made the request that he wished to be buried there some day. He further stated that his body would not take much space on the lot and he wanted the remainder used to bury any Mason, his widow or orphan who could not afford a burial plot so that they might not be laid away in the potter's field.

Funeral services were held in the Higginbotham Funeral Home Monday morning with Rev. E. W.

McLaurin officiating, and interment was made by the Masonic lodge.

Mr. Plummer had no living relatives that any one here knew of but a host of warm friends mourn his passing.

Undertakers from the Higginbotham Funeral Home were in charge of arrangements.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Tamus Keith, of South Ballinger, are parents of a fine baby girl, born Sunday. The young lady has been named Lou Essie and she and her mother are doing nicely.

Weddings

Davis-Critz
Clayton Davis and Miss Jimmie Critz were married at the Eighth Street Presbyterian manse on Saturday afternoon of last week. Rev. J. E. Kerr performed the ceremony.

Both contracting parties have resided near Ballinger for many years and are well known in this section where many friends offer well wishes.

George M. Garrett Weds Miss Tinkle

In a setting characterized by simplicity, Miss Lura Lee Tinkle became the bride of George M. Garrett in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Fred Tinkle at Winters Thursday morning at 8 o'clock.

Only a few of the most intimate friends of the couple and the bride's family witnessed the pretty ring ceremony performed by the Rev. T. E. Bowman, pastor of the First Methodist Church here.

The spacious rooms of the Tinkle home were given a pretty floral adornment and the vows were spoken beneath the arch between the living and dining rooms.

The bride wore a white sports model with deep bertha trimmed in rose and blue. Her hat and other accessories were also white. Mrs. Garrett is the only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Tinkle and has spent her whole life in Winters where she has a host of friends. She graduated in May from the Winters high school.

Mr. Garrett is a member of a prominent family of Paris, Texas. Following his graduation from A. & M. College in 1923 he became connected with the state highway department. He came here at the beginning of highway work in this county and was made resident engineer for the department, supervising all road construction in the vicinity of Ballinger.

Immediately following the ceremony the couple left for a brief trip to El Paso. They will return to Ballinger next week where they will make home.

Ballingerite Marries Abilene Girl

Marriage of Miss Altie Roberts of Abilene, and M. B. Webb, Jr., of Ballinger, was solemnized at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning in the home of the bride's mother Mrs. J. H. Roberts, 1110 North 21st Street. The double ring ceremony was read by Dr. J. Richard

Spann, pastor of the St. Paul Methodist Church.

Attendants in the wedding were Miss Thelma Roberts, sister of the bride, and J. T. Preston of Ballinger, who served as best man. The bride was dressed in a skipper blue and white sports suit, while the maid of honor wore a tan ensemble with green accessories.

The couple left immediately after the ceremony for New Mexico where they will visit Carlsbad Caverns and other points of interest. They will return to Ballinger, where Mr. Webb is an electrician, and will reside at 205 South Fifth Street.

The bride has received her schooling in Abilene, attending Abilene high school for four years. Since her graduation in 1923 she has done work in Simmons University. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Webb of Ballinger and following his graduation from the Ballinger high school in 1928 attended Simmons University for three years.

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MASONIC VISITORS HERE MONDAY NIGHT

Out-of-town visitors numbered thirty-five at the Masonic session here Monday night when a degree team of certificate men from Eden gave two master's degrees to local candidates. The Eden team was headed by Carroll Fulcher, district deputy grand master, and visitors came from a number of lodges in this section. A good crowd was present and the work witnessed was enjoyed by every member of the lodge present.

The local lodge will conduct installation ceremonies for the newly elected officers on next Tuesday evening, July 14, and all members of lodge No. 643 are urged to be present.

PARR IS WINNER OF MOTOR BOAT RACES

Archie Parr, motor boat driver from here took first honors at San Angelo Saturday in the motor boat speed races and was awarded a silver loving cup and a radio as first prize. Mr. Parr entered his boat that has already established a reputation in this section and in the five-mile event led the field by a wide margin.

Approximately 6,000 people witnessed the races and swimming events at San Angelo and a large number were from Ballinger.

Geo. Kirk has accepted a position with Mike C. Boyd, county tax assessor, and is already on the job.

J. F. Lusk Will Visit Old Home

J. F. Lusk will leave here Friday afternoon for his old home at Morrisville, Missouri, where he will join all his brothers and sisters in a family reunion. Mr. Lusk is the eldest of the children, and the gathering will be held at the home of the youngest sister. Other brothers and sisters will attend from Belton, Texas; Florida, Tennessee and North Carolina. The entire group is expected to be present by Saturday and will visit each other for several days.

Mr. Lusk left Missouri in 1872, and has resided in Texas ever since. He came to Ballinger 42 years ago, when this city was just three years old, residing here for the remainder of his life, and is rightfully termed a pioneer of this section. Every few years he has made trips back to his old Missouri home, and has maintained acquaintanceships with many of the early day friends made when he lived there.

The Ballinger man is looking forward to a great time at which all his near relatives will be present, and stated Thursday that he was feeling fine for the trip. He will be joined at Belton by his brother and the two will make the trip together. Mrs. Lusk will not attend the reunion but will remain in Ballinger while her husband is away.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ENJOY DELIGHTFUL PICNIC

The Sunday school classes taught by Miss Zeddie Royalty and Mrs. A. B. Legate enjoyed a picnic Thursday of last week at the City Park. Each member brought a basket lunch and they and their families gathered for the spread. About 40 persons were present and all reported a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Lemburg and baby returned to their home at Mason Sunday evening after a visit here with Mrs. Lemburg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Skinner.

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POTATO CROP IS STOLEN FROM FARMER
his crop for him and took them to some other part of the country and Mr. Elkins is minus the potatoes.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones of Dallas are here the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Carr. Mrs. Carr merly covered by an old hay and Mrs. Jones are sisters.
Stack had been planted in this product and when they were ready to be dug this year some Coleman Chamber of Commerce, one visited his place while he and attended to business in Ballinger his family were away and dug Tuesday.

STATEMENT of Condition	
...THE... FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER	
June 30, 1931	
RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$297,172.82
Overdrafts	60.50
Banking House	40,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	10,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	4,500.00
U. S. Bonds	25,000.00
Bonds and Warrants	44,762.50
CASH AND EXCHANGE	238,568.21
	\$650,064.03
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	67,938.82
Circulation	25,000.00
DEPOSITS	467,125.21
	\$660,064.03

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At the Close of Business June 30, 1931

ASSETS	
Loans and Discounts	\$339,862.82
Overdrafts	1,117.73
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	9,901.00
Interest Guaranty Fund	1,776.96
City of Ballinger Warrants	9,900.00
Cash and Exchange	40,076.41
Other Assets	4,672.91
	\$5439,907.83
LIABILITIES:	
Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Profits net	41,027.48
Cashiers Checks	893.70
Bills Payable	35,000.00
Deposits	262,986.65
	\$5439,907.83

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