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## Ballinger Boy Killed in Fort Worth Tuesday

FT. WORTH, Dec. 18.—J. D. Parker, of Dallas was to leave here this afternoon with the body of his brother, Claude Ray Parker, who was slain last night when he attempted to enter the Cotton Belt Railroad freight depot here.

Parker is the son of Richard Parker, of Ballinger. The youth was shot three times when he exchanged shots with the depot watchman.

Ray Parker is the son of J. R. Parker, who operates a filling station on the Crews road, near here. The youth had been away from Ballinger for about three years and most of the time was reported to be living in Fort Worth. It was said here that he had been married only a short time and his wife is a Fort Worth girl.

Mr. Parker was formerly employed by different packing firms in Fort Worth, but his father told a Ledger reporter he did not know what business he was in at the time of his death.

His body will be brought here for burial, it was said Wednesday afternoon. He is survived also by his mother and several brothers and sisters.

## City Offices to be Moved First of Year

Fixtures and furnishings of the city hall will be moved from their present location on January 1st, it was announced by Mayor W. C. McCarver Thursday. The building, which has been occupied for some time does not have adequate protection for records and other valuable papers of the municipal government, it was stated, hence the change.

The new city headquarters will be in the rear of the first floor of the Ballinger State Bank building, and here the water and tax departments will be housed until the building of the city hall.

In the new building to be occupied vaults are available in which to keep the records. At present only one large fireproof safe is being used by the city officials, but this does not have sufficient space to protect all valuable papers.

As soon as disposition has been made of the bonds for the new municipal building plans will be made to furnish adequate protection for the records.

## BALLINGER SCHOOLS WILL START HOLIDAYS FRIDAY

The Ballinger schools will discontinue for the holidays Friday of this week, according to an announcement by the board of trustees. Most of the teachers are planning to leave for their homes this week and will be away for about a week. Students will have all next week for merry-making. A number of the teachers will not leave Ballinger before Saturday as they will attend the banquet tendered the football players Friday night.

Be wise and advertise

## Youths Injured in Wreck Improved

Three Ballinger boys, hurt in an automobile wreck Sunday afternoon, were resting well in the Baptist Hospital at Abilene Tuesday afternoon, having spent a restful period Monday night. Guy Jones and Otis Jacobs were considered well enough to be removed to their homes soon. Corkill Motley, however, is still in a serious condition.

Young Motley has a fracture at the base of his skull and it will take time to determine just how serious his injuries are. A complete examination will be made at once if he continues to improve and in case an operation is necessary to relieve pressure it will be made. Ballinger parties arriving from Abilene Tuesday said attending physicians believe he has a fair chance of recovery.

The boy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Motley, are at his bedside and will remain there for some time or until he is out of all danger.

## Lower Cotton Rate Charged to Texans

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—A charge that the firm of Anderson Clayton & Company, of Houston, Texas, cotton brokers, were exerting "overshadowing influence" on the cotton exchanges of the country was made before the Senate Agricultural subcommittee today by Senator Tom Heflin, Democrat, of Alabama, during the investigation into the cause of the depression of cotton prices.

Will Clayton, member of the Texas firm, was scheduled to appear before the subcommittee tomorrow.

Senator Heflin asserted that the Houston company's influence "hangs over the exchanges like the sword of Damocles."

## Boy Suffers Broken Leg in Auto Crash

Cleo Hutchens, an employee of the Holt Oil Company, was seriously injured Sunday afternoon when caught between two automobiles and his leg crushed. According to hearsay the youth was putting gasoline in an automobile when a car came from behind another and struck him.

A trailer frame on the rear of the car pressed directly against his leg and broke it in two places. Reports from the Ballinger Sanitarium Monday morning said Hutchens' leg would not have to be amputated as first thought. The two youths in the automobile which struck Hutchens were haled to court Monday, but no disposition of the case will be made until the extent of the injuries are determined.

A fire at noon Monday which brought out the trucks was found to be in an automobile owned by J. C. Sturges. No damage was done.

Mrs. J. G. Douglass left Monday for Cleburne to visit relatives for about two weeks.

## R. Q. Lee will Ask For Re-Election

A telephone message from the office of R. Q. Lee at Cisco to The Ledger Saturday morning stated that Mr. Lee would be a candidate for re-election from the 17th congressional district.

Congressman Lee is in Washington at the present time attending to important business but will visit the district during the holiday season at which time he will have further statements to make to the voters of this district and publish his formal announcement.

Coincident with the announcement several days ago of Thomas L. Blanton, of Abilene, for the same office, Mr. Lee intimated he would again be in the race.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxie J. Cole announce the arrival of a seven-pound boy, born to them December 16th. The infant son has been named M. J., jr., and both mother and baby are doing nicely at last reports.

## Noted Texas Cattle Man Dies in Ariz.

AMARILLO, Dec. 12.—Colonel Charles Goodnight, 93, known as "The Father of Texas Panhandle," died today in Tucson, Arizona, where he was spending the winter, according to a telegram received here today.

The death of Col. Goodnight followed an attack of influenza.

His home is at Goodnight, near Clarendon, Texas. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Corinne Goodnight, whom he married two years ago.

Goodnight's first wife died four years ago. He celebrated his ninety-first birthday by marrying Corinne Goodnight, then twenty-six years old.

Miss Goodnight was an adopted daughter of the cattleman.

Austin—The Panhandle & Santa Fe Railway has authorized by an amendment to its charter, to build two extensions, aggregating 148 miles, to its line in the Panhandle section of Texas, touching territory now without a railway connection.

Borger—Move starts for elimination of all fire hazards.

## Oil and Gas Showing Found in Well Here

Oil excitement reached a new high peak here today when it was announced that a good showing of oil and gas had been struck in the Evans No. 1 test on the Wood tract 5 miles north of town.

At 4 o'clock Friday afternoon the bit went into gas and oil, showing at 3385 feet and after the blow of gas the oil stood over 200 feet deep in the hole.

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## Almost Unbelievable, But True!

### Dress Up for the Holidays at these Prices

## Half Price Sale of Men's and Boys' Clothing

Choice of Any Suit for Men and Boys  
All With 2 Pairs Trousers  
All Brand New Styles

# 1/2 Price

No better selection of fine clothing for both men and boys is to be found in West Texas—clothing like you've never seen at such prices—you'll immediately recognize the workmanship and this seasons most favored fabrics as being worth double the prices—every one a new model, one for everybody, while they last.

\$25.00 suits for men, 2 pair pants, now	<b>\$12.50</b>	\$8.50 suits for boys, 2 pair pants, now	<b>\$4.25</b>
\$30.00 suits for men, 2 pair pants, now	<b>\$15.00</b>	\$11.00 suits for boys, 2 pair pants, now	<b>\$5.50</b>
\$35.00 suits for men, 2 pair pants, now	<b>\$17.00</b>	\$12.50 suits for boys, 2 pair pants, now	<b>\$6.25</b>

## Need A New Dress

No Woman Can Afford to Pass this Opportunity—Such Reductions Will Never be Offered Again

Dresses to \$13.50 Now	Dresses to \$19.50 Now	Dresses to \$22.50 Now
<b>\$2.95</b>	<b>\$4.95</b>	<b>\$5.95</b>

—just a few more than a hundred left and they are all included in these three groups at most astounding prices—prices that have never been equalled for like quality and at prices that will move them quickly. Whether you need a dress or not it will pay you to buy several—and to get them you'll have to hurry.

POSITIVELY NO CHARGES, REFUNDS, EXCHANGES OR ALTERATIONS

## And You Save Here On Gifts Too

### FOR MEN

Shirts by Wilson and Perfecto  
Imported Mufflers  
Wilson Bros. Hosiery  
Wilson Bros. Belt Sets  
Boxed Neckwear  
Boxed Handkerchiefs  
Bradley Sweaters  
Mallory Hats  
Beacon Shoes  
Overcoats  
Silk Lounging Robes  
Pajamas  
Matched Underwear  
Osborn Gloves  
Baggage  
And Many Other Suitable Gifts for Men and Boys

### FOR WOMEN

Silk Underwear  
Pajamas  
Purses and Bags  
Boxed Handkerchiefs  
Silk Bed Spreads  
Trunks  
Fitted Baggage  
Hat Boxes  
Boudoir Slippers  
Silk Robes  
Hosiery  
Shoes  
Dresses and Coats  
Imported Novelties  
Gift Sets

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The blizzard which swooped down on Ballinger Tuesday evening added another touch of the Christmas spirit to the city and gave people the urge to buy gifts to provide warmth. A Christmas season without cold weather does not seem natural.

There is still a Santa Claus for everyone who believes there is one. This is taught our children, but applies with equal force to adults. Grown-ups get about as much out of anticipating the visit of Old St. Nicholas as do the kiddies and the spirit of joy pervades the land. It is one custom that has survived and one everyone wants to perpetuate.

The happy spirit of Christmas is usually mingled with sorrow for some, and a gloom was spread over Ballinger Sunday by the serious injury sustained by two local boys. Other accidents, too, occurred over the week-end to mar the progress of a joyous Yuletide. There is always sadness for some mixed with joy, and the hand of fate may strike any place at any time. During festive occasions, such as Christmas, such catastrophes are more noticeable.

At the beginning of the season the editor of this paper was stepped on pretty hard for predicting that 40,000 bales of cotton would be produced in this county in 1929. Some even thought that a committee should be sent to wait on him and have such "untrue" statements deleted. The last government report from Washington, December 1st, showed that a total of 41,930 bales had been produced at that time in this county.

Officials are afraid that twenty-cycle policemen will be on the highways in this section. Mrs. Otto K. state department, died, her husband became current after night. Week-end when many were reported along the highway. Whether this is true, we do not know, but the officers are instructed to arrest all who are driving too fast, they will be kept in jail and almost every motorist can be arrested.

Traveling shows still skip Ballinger. An announcement was made Sunday that the old time favorite, Harley Sadler, would soon store his tent at Sweetwater for the winter. Advertising was posted here for his engagement at San Angelo, which means the show will not come here this year. The condition of the country in West Texas this fall has made patronage light, and forced touring stock companies to play only in the larger towns.

Extreme new styles and the fashions of a few months ago, as designed for and worn by the fair sex, appear a little incongruous when seen at the same time. They are both splendid, but to see one lady wearing a skirt of the radical design, down to her feet, and another in the same group with skirt slightly above her knees, is a difference of about twenty-inches in length and looks rather funny. A few such contrasts have been noted on Ballinger streets recently and have attracted much attention.

Saturday and Sunday many cars were seen entering town with Christmas trees tied to bumpers and fenders. Many people still hold to the old idea of making a trip into the mountains and cutting their own trees. There is a good reason for this. The smell of fresh cedar brings recollections of other happy Christmases, and the cedar is considered the best Christmas tree in this section of the country. The color of the cedars this year is said to be the prettiest for a number of years, and many homes, school-rooms and stores will be adorned with real cedars this Christmas.

This is the season when many chambers of commerce hold annual meetings, check up on what has been done the past year, set a new program for the ensuing twelve-month and name committees to carry it out. Every private business house makes an annual report about this time to determine if it has made or lost during the year, and if there will be any dividend. Dividends paid by chambers of commerce are different from that a firm or corporation looks forward to. The accomplishments of the commercial body are its dividends. When a chamber of commerce has served a town—put over projects that benefitted the citizenship, made it a better place in which

to live—then it has paid a rich dividend. When a year has passed with nothing accomplished except keeping the office open, then the organization paid no dividend. The report of a chamber of commerce should be of interest to every citizen in the town where it is maintained, and when the annual membership meeting is called, every citizen should consider himself a stockholder and be present. The Ballinger Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting in January, and every citizen should keep an open date for that gathering.

There is no sadder picture than that of the empty stocking on Christmas morn. It means the shattering of childish dreams and disappointment at the happiest season of the year. There are children in Ballinger who will have empty stockings on Christmas morning if the Goodfellows fail to rally to the cause. There are some kiddies here who will not even have a stocking to hang up. A small amount from each person able to give would insure Christmas remembrances for every child of poverty stricken families in the city.

Good roads and fast automobiles are eliminating distance. What a few years ago was considered a long journey is but a few hours run now and each year as highways are improved and speedier vehicles are built people are travelling faster. Airplanes are becoming a common method of travel, not for comfort particularly, but for speed. Everybody is in a hurry. We live faster and our bodies wear out before we are old. The old ox wagon of our grandfather's day would give some of us nervous prostration now. With these new ways to attain speed come new dangers and death rates mount higher each year, especially for motorists and aviators.

Recent political announcements and rumors of other announcements should be an incentive for every citizen to pay his poll tax and be ready next summer to have a voice in saying who shall occupy the important places in our government. Indications are that there will be no contests for a number of offices and the entire campaign probably will be filled with excitement and campaign thunder. Voters are calm in viewing the situation now but before the day primary the excitement will reach a point where every man and woman will wish for a vote. A trip to the tax collector's office now will insure the privilege to go to the polls and help place persons in office that the individual favors. The right to vote should be respected, and to be a good citizen everyone should feel it a duty to exercise this right and help select the best material for the various offices.

A want ad was worth more than \$1,000 to Mrs. Anna Myers of Chicago, who through that medium was advised she was joining her to an estate that had a net settlement of \$2,000.

Little Yarns of Yuletide

1918 By Chester L. Shaw MARS-SUR-ALLIER was conscious of Christmas at 6:30 a. m. The bugler heralded it with first call after he had thawed the ice of his horn. The calendar said it was Christmas, anyway. To Henry Eskins, second class private in the American Expeditionary Force, it was just another day—as cold and drear as yesterday. And tomorrow probably would be the same. To the others in the dozen or so American base hospital that swam on the muddy plains of Mars-sur-Allier, it was just another day, too. Mars-sur-Allier was a place of mud and snow. Draughty wooden barracks, each heated by a pot bellied sheet iron stove and containing 52 white steel cots, housed wounded men. The 52 men in Henry's ward were typical. Some merely had



flesh wounds, some had lost arms, some legs—but none had lost appetites. So when the bugle sounded this twenty-fifth of December, the ward awakened eagerly. Hunger is a good alarm clock. Henry made his bed, military fashion and dressed. Dressing was easy. Each convalescent had a pair of pajamas which did double duty—in bed and out. Over the bottom of them he pulled a pair of heavy woolen socks, then stepped into his hobnailed shoes and donned an overcoat. In that somewhat summary par the convalescent walked to the mess hall there to stand in the still rain and wait for those in line to take their plates, gulp the food at a rough wooden bench, and make room for the others. Orderlies carried plates of food to the bed patients. "It'll be nice this morning," said Henry to his neighbor in line. It was nice, with three prunes, a cup of black coffee, and all the bread you wanted. When it wasn't rice at Mars-sur-Allier it was oatmeal with the same trimmings—prunes, coffee and bread. Not the best breakfast in the world but, as the French said, c'est la guerre. Henry polished his plate and returned to his ward. In his pockets were four slices of bread he had finished. He looked the other convalescents around the stove all of them taking turns in making toast and joining in the daily forecast of what the next meal

would be. That's all there was to do—think about the next offering of rations. "I know what'll be our Christmas dinner," said Hank Joe, the Pennsylvania coal miner. "Beef hash, that's what. We had embalmed beef roast yesterday." "You're right," said the others. Such predictions never had failed. Noon dragged around and the mess line began moving. A startling rumor drifted down the line. Turkey and trimmings! Turkey and trimmings! And would you believe it, there was turkey! They were tough gobblers and ran unbelievably heavy in dark meat, but they were real turkeys. The dressing was soggy and the mashed potatoes were sour, the damp wooden table was cold and cheerless, but this was Christmas and a Christmas dinner. Uncle Sam had not forgotten. That was Christmas, 1918.

New District Named By Telephone Co.

M. C. Atkins returned Tuesday afternoon from Caps, where he had been to check in property in the new district created by the Southwest Telephone Company. Mr. Atkins spent Saturday and Monday in Bradshaw and Tuscola, where he also checked in equipment. The Southwest Telephone Company has regrouped a number of stations in this section and named Ballinger as headquarters with Mr. Atkins as district manager. Stations in the newly organized district include Ballinger, Winters, Paint Rock, Talpa, Tuscola, Bradshaw and Caps. Manager Atkins has been busy for the past week or more visiting these towns and checking over the equipment. He will continue to look after all these places, and materials for other stations will be handled principally from the Ballinger office. In the reorganizing plan it was contemplated that the new district would be handled efficiently by one man, and is in a restricted amount of territory where a manager can keep in close contact with the whole district.

TEMPERATURE REACHES 26 DEGREES TUESDAY

Freezing weather hit Ballinger Tuesday afternoon in the form of a stiff north wind and the mercury dropped constantly from nearly 29 degrees to the low mark for Tuesday night of 26 degrees. The coldest weather recorded for the winter was 15 degrees in the cold wave which swept this section about a month ago. According to the federal weather bureau thermometers in this section are scheduled to register from 14 to 12 degrees tonight.

270 Car Licenses are Issued Here to Date

Automobile licenses issued here during the first seventeen days of this month (totalled approximately 270. More licenses are expected to be issued at the tax collector's office than have been in several years. There have been many new cars sold this year, and this coupled with the number which have been transferred from other counties will make a large total. All licenses are dated for January 1st in order to comply with the law and, at the same time, to relieve congestion at the tax collector's office during January. Several trips have been made by W. L. Brown, tax collector, to other towns in this county, where he registered cars as an accommodation to those who did not have time to make a trip to Ballinger. Automobile license numbers for this county in 1930 start in the 900,000's as compared to the beginning number of 800,000 this year. Mr. Brown declared that this shows the total number of motor vehicles in the state to be increasing rapidly.

LAWYER-FARMER GETS GOOD COTTON TURE-OUT

CENTER, Dec. 18.—Raising more than 200 bales of high grade cotton on 400 acres of land despite prevalence of the boll weevil and poor weather conditions, W. L. Davis, lawyer and farmer here, has proved that the pest can be reduced to a negligible quantity. Mr. Davis used calcium arsenate as prescribed by the county agent, dusting his cotton two or three times and using five pounds to the acre. On the other hand, \$1,600 income from a sugar cane patch of seven acres is the truthful boast of H. N. Williams, 49-year-old farmer of the Patron community. Mr. Williams' cotton crop was poor, because of the boll weevil, and the cane crop put him over for the season. Others are expected to follow his diversification methods this year.

WORLD'S LARGEST HATCHER IS AT BIG SPRING, TEXAS

BIG SPRING, Dec. 18.—What is said to be the world's largest one unit incubator is being installed by the Big Spring Feed and Seed company. The incubator is 10 feet high, 10 feet wide and 14 feet long and has an egg capacity of 52,000. It is equipped with a hatcher, brooder and battery and cost more than \$7,000.

County Ginnings 41,930 Bales on December 1st

Christmas Trees On Sidewalks are Being Decorated

Work was commenced Wednesday morning to finish the Christmas decorations on the streets and have everything ready by night fall. The big community tree in the center of the intersection at Eighth Street and Hutchings Avenue was being built up of small evergreen branches and a West Texas Utilities crew was ready to decorate and light it as soon as completed. Many merchants were placing lights on their trees and plans were for all trees to be lighted by Wednesday night. The trees will be serviced for the remainder of the time until Christmas and all lights kept burning. The trees used this year were slightly late in arriving due to the fact that no one thought of placing an order for them until too late in the season. They are very beautiful and well shaped spruce trees from the state of Washington. The trees themselves look very well in daytime but every merchant is urged to place some decorations and lights on the trees so that they will make a good showing at night.

WINTERS C. OF C. HOLDS ANNUAL MEET TUESDAY

C. W. Lehberg, county agent, attended the membership meeting of the Winters Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night. The affair was well attended and a great amount of enthusiasm was shown in the work reported and outlined for the ensuing year. More than 150 attended the meeting which was held in the Winters high school auditorium. G. E. Nicholson was elected as president of the organization for the next year. He in turn named the standing committees of the organization which include men who have long labored for the growth and development of Winters.

"Casey" Jones, driver of a cleaner's truck, drives University of Missouri co-eds to early morning classes. Be wise and advertize.

Cotton ginned in Runnels county this season up to and including December 1st, amounted to 41,930 bales. At that time the crop was estimated to be about 50,000 bales and not much over 42,000 bales was predicted. The crop so many has been surprising, while those who kept close in touch with the conditions all during the year have kept their estimate at around the 40,000 bale mark since early in the summer. The figures for Runnels county leads all other West Texas counties and ranks 15th in the State of Texas. Counties in the state that led Runnels were: Bell, Collin, Ellis, Falls, Fannin, Grayson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hunt, Kaufman, Lamar, Limestone, McLennan, Navarro, Nueces, San Patricio and Williamson. Nueces county led the state with 123,361 bales. The following report for West Texas counties for 1928 and 1929 was made public on December 14, by the Department of Commerce at Washington:

Table with 3 columns: County, 1928, 1929. Lists counties like Brown, Coke, Coleman, Comanche, Concho, Jones, Nolan, Runnels, Taylor, Tom Green with their respective bales for both years.

NEW JERSEY MAN THINKS VALLEY LAND IS \$5 ACRE

HARLINGEN, Dec. 18.—At least one New Jersey real estate man thinks Rio Grande valley land can be bought for \$5 an acre. A letter from him read to the Harlingen Real Estate Board said: "We want the owner of a large tract, free and clear, priced at \$5 an acre, that can be used for farming or fruit growing, near enough to a proven oil field to have oil possibilities, to place the title of land in trust with a local bank so we can pay for the land as we sell it." The Harlingen Star recently carried advertisements asking for \$200 to \$400 an acre for land near here.

Headache often relieved without "dosing" VICKS VAPORUB OVER 12 MILLION JARS USED YEARLY

HOLIDAY SALE

In order to make a complete clearance at once we are putting on this final Holiday Sale—Make your selections early—take advantage of this opportunity and buy your Christmas gifts at cut prices.

Now Going On

- \$7.50 All Wool Pants \$5.50 \$4.00 Wool Shirts \$2.95
\$6.50 All Wool Pants \$4.95 \$2.50 Quality Shirts at \$1.39
\$5.00 All Wool Pants \$4.39 \$18.50 Genuine Horsehide solid leather. Coats \$13.95
\$5.00 Shoes at \$3.95
\$7.50 Lumber Jacks, large assortment \$4.75 \$37.50 Suits for \$29.85
\$5.00 Wool Sweaters \$3.95 \$35.00 Suits for \$24.85

BIGBY'S

"GENTS' FURNISHINGS" IF MEN WEAR IT, WE HAVE IT

Telephone 63

PIGGLY WIGGLY

Piggly Wiggly can think of no better way of saying "Merry Christmas" to its many friends and customers than to offer them complete stocks of the best known foodstuffs—freshest fruits and vegetables—fine candies and real quality meats at these pleasing prices.

Prices For Friday and Saturday

- APPLES, fancy winesaps by dozen 24c Buy the box \$3.24
ORANGES, extra large Navel dozen 53c Buy the Box \$5.49
BRAZIL NUTS, 2 lbs 41c
CRISCO, 6 lb. pail \$1.18
SALTINE FLAKES, 2 lb. 33c
MILK, Max-i-mum, Baby Tall 5c 10c
COFFEE, Hills Bros. lb. 51c
TOILET SOAP, Dona Castile, 3 bars for 20c
CRANBERRIES, lb. 23c
DATES, pkg 21c
ORANGES, fancy navels, by the dozen 26c Buy the Box \$5.54
APPLES, fancy winesaps by the dozen 39c Buy the Box \$3.25
WALNUTS English lb. 32c
FLOUR, Gold Medal, Kitchen Tested, 48 lbs. \$1.85
COFFEE, Maxwell House per lb. 49c
CANDY, Flint stick, 2 lbs. 25c
TOMATOES, Standard 3 cans for 29c
COCOANUTS, each 9c
PECANS, 2 lbs 35c

- HAMS, Swift's Premium, These will be fine for your Christmas dinner, half or whole, lb. 28c
ROAST PORK, fresh and delicious, lb 22c
BEEF ROAST, This is from fancy beef, lb. 22c

# Rural

### BLANTON NEWS

Rev. Tierce filled his regular appointment with the Baptist Church Sunday morning and night with large crowds present at both services.

There will be a box supper at Blanton school house Wednesday night, December 18th. Everybody is invited to attend.

Miss Bertha Foreman is the best of Miss Alice Foreman this week.

Miss Enla Fowler visited Miss Eva Cox Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boothe spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Bolton, of South Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell have moved to Coleman. We are very sorry to see these good people move from our midst.

A number of the young people of this community enjoyed the party at the G. C. A. home Saturday night.

Miss Juanita Huddleston spent the week-end with Miss Estelle Ingle, of Spring Hill.

Rev. and Mrs. Tierce spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Foreman.

Miss Carrie Witter spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Pauline Malone.

Mrs. D. B. Ingle and Mrs. J. W. Reese were called to the bedside of their father and grandfather, Rev. V. G. Curton, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, who passed away Thursday afternoon. We extend our sympathy to all the relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Forbes, of Ballinger, were guests in the J. W. Reese home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Winkler, of Levelland, visited W. F. James this week.

Relatives from Roscoe visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brevard Sunday.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Blanton Baptist Church on December 24th. Everybody is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wood visited Mr. and Mrs. Cole Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Cole are the proud parents of a fine baby boy, who arrived Wednesday night. Both mother and son are doing fine.

### REPORTER

### NORTON NOTES

Seems as if spring has come again—west winds, warm and cloudy. Maybe with such weather the hunters will be successful.

J. F. Priddy, J. C. Carter and Tom Cope went to Coleman county on a hunting trip this week.

C. C. Glenn, of Bronte, J. Glenn, Maverick and H. Kay Berry, Norton, Saturday for a hunt in Soak.

A. T. Chapman has been to Dallas on business.

Mrs. Tom Cope is visiting Mrs. Maynard this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Caswell have moved to Norton. We are glad to have these fine people in our community.

Mrs. Arthur Curry is visiting her mother and sister at Brownwood this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Setser are at home again. They had been visiting Mrs. Setser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hodge, of Littlefield.

### REPORTER

### BEHOIT NEWS

We are very sorry to report Mrs. L. B. Rumpy is on the sick list this week, with a bad cold and tonsillitis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. Neal Clayton went to see Pinioy Clayton, who is in a San Angelo hospital. He seems to be doing very nicely and we wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clayton, visited in the home of O. C. Cox Sunday.

The P-T A gave a farewell

Next Thursday, December 19th, is P-T A night. A short program will be given. Everyone is invited.

Mrs. Weatherly is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Womack.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Richardson, of Ballinger, attended services Sunday.

A short program and Christmas tree will be given by Miss Chenoweth and Miss Holton Friday afternoon. The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemper Shelburne have returned from Hamlin. They will make their home on the Hillsdale farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Richardson spent Sunday with Mrs. Ernest Turner, of Concho.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Scales are rejoicing over the arrival of a 10-pound boy. The young man arrived December 9th.

U. S. Daniels attended services at Bethel Sunday.

The Bethel Club will meet with Mrs. Tom Crockett Thursday.

Mrs. Kenting and daughters, of Norton, were the guests of Mrs. Tom Crockett Sunday.

Miss Sallie Shelburne, who has been quite ill, is reported some better this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oren Nunley have moved on the Max Wilson place.

Rev. Ezell filled his regular appointment at the Methodist Church Sunday.

Mrs. J. S. Greenhill, Mrs. Oren Nunley, Mrs. J. S. Greenhill, Jr., and Mrs. J. N. Nunley motored to San Angelo Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McShan, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. McShan, Rev. Ezell, Mr. and Mrs. Meade McShan, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shelburne, and Mrs. W. F. McShan visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Richardson Sunday.

### REPORTER

### MAVERICK MUSINGS

People in and around our little town are beginning to get the Christmas spirit and we think we might as well have a Christmas tree and enjoy Santa Claus with the youngsters.

Church at both the Baptist and Christian services was well attended Sunday and the people of the Christian Church enjoyed a wonderful lesson given by Mr. Pyle our school superintendent.

Oscar Richardson and Raymond McMillan of Ballinger were guests in the home of G. A. Davis Sunday.

The Maverick school faculty and a few others presented the play "Poor Married Man" at the school auditorium Friday evening. There was a large crowd present and every one pronounced it one of the best plays ever presented at Maverick.

Mr. and Mrs. John Davis and son, Harold, are visiting relatives at Taylor, Texas, during this week.

Mrs. E. F. Brooks and son and daughter returned Tuesday from an extended visit at Dallas and Ft. Worth.

Mr. Dabney Tomlinson is at home after spending some time at Eldorado.

Mrs. C. L. Horne returned to her home at Norton Tuesday. Mrs. Horne has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Marshall, of this place.

Mrs. C. C. Frazier and son, Euell, were Ballinger visitors Tuesday.

Mr. A. P. Lee and son, Weldon, of Sterling, City were business visitors at both Maverick and Ballinger part of this week.

Miss Callie Wiygle and little niece, Rose Marie Miller, of Abilene were guests in the Marshall home Sunday.

Mr. V. V. Bucklew and daughter, Louise, returned Saturday from a visit at Brownfield, Texas.

### REPORTER

### CREWS NEWS

School is progressing nicely. The monthly tests were given last week and most of the grades were fairly good. In the high school three made straight A cards; Venita Rainwater and Wanda Montgomery in the tenth grade and Frank Grounolds in the ninth grade.

The Senior boys and girls basketball teams play Glen Cove at Crews December 6 and won both games by a good score. They played Talpa here December 13 and won by a good score. We think

we have good teams. They are to play Drasco December 20, at Drasco.

The Talpa Rural School Inspector inspected our school on Monday of this week. She seemed to be well pleased with our school and we hope that she understands our needs.

Miss Tate, one of our teachers, was called home by the death of her grandmother last Friday afternoon. We extend to her our sympathy in this time of bereavement.

The Methodists had quarterly conference here last Saturday. They had dinner on the ground and all report a nice time.

A number of school teachers met in the County Superintendent's office last Saturday and made out the schedule for the interscholastic basketball games in this county. For Crews the schedule is as follows: the senior girls and junior boys play Blanton at Blanton on January 10, the senior girls and boys play Content at Crews on January 17, the senior boys and girls play Winters at Crews on January 24, the senior boys and girls play Herring, place undetermined, on January 31.

The superintendent of the Talpa school and his ball teams put on a "Negro Minstrel" at the Methodist church here last Friday night. It was enjoyed by all.

We expect to have a short Christmas program in school next Friday beginning at 12:30, then the ball teams will go to Drasco.

### REPORTER

### HATCHEL NEWS

The farmers have been very busy breaking land and have had ideal weather for this time of year, but from the looks of the elements tonight the pretty weather is at an end for a while.

On next Friday night we are expecting one of the best entertainments we have had in quite a while at the school auditorium. Our P-T A meets that night and we are planning to have a real Christmas program with a tree and everything. The school is to put on the program and I am sure if you don't come you will be sorry after it is all over. The fourth Friday night in each month is our regular P-T A night, but on account of Christmas coming in that week we are going to have it the third this month. Remember the date and when you want to enjoy yourself for an hour or so, drive out and visit our P-T A.

We are mighty glad to report that Uncle Merrell Smith, as every one knows him, is very much better. He is able to sit up just a little now that he will soon be up again.

Mr. and Mrs. Leas Thompson and family of Stanton visited in the home of Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Caudle last week end. They will remain here a few days and then go on to East Texas for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, of Amherst were visitors in our community last week. John was called to the bedside of his father who has been quite sick. They returned home Tuesday as Mr. Smith was so much better.

Mrs. Jack Robinson and Mrs. Monroe Vogelzang of San Antonio, visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Mathis last week. While here the family was called in and they had a real family reunion with a big dinner and everything to make the day one to be long remembered. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Horn, of Norton; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mathis, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mathis, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker, Mr. Odie Mathis, Mrs. Jack Robinson, Mrs. Monroe Vogelzang, and Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Mathis, the parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ferguson were visitors in Eola Sunday.

Bro. Kelley filled his regular appointment Sunday at the Church of Christ. He preached Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

The Hatchel community was very much excited last week when our oil well began to look very promising. We almost felt like we were living in a real oil town.

### REPORTER

### WILMETH NEWS

Friday afternoon the boys teams played the Wingate team, both junior and senior. The scores were, 38 and 12 and 28 and 7, senior and junior respectively, both in our favor.

Mr. Harvey Womack gave a party Friday night. Many were there, and all reported a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Davis gave a farewell party Saturday night. They are leaving for the Plains soon. Everyone hates to see them go.

The inspector came Friday. She complimented the condition of the school in general.

The ladies of the Methodist Church are giving a bazaar Friday night.

The P-T A is sponsoring a Christmas tree on Christmas eve.

The boys team is playing Winters Tuesday night. We are all hoping they will win.

We will all be out of school this week for the holidays.

The Methodist people gave a pious Sunday night to Mr. Swearingin. He is a good pastor and all his people chose this way of showing their appreciation for him.

### REPORTER

### DALE NEWS

Everyone in the Dale community is rejoicing over the fine weather we have been having the past few days. Hope to have many more as there is still some cotton in the fields.

Quite a number of farmers are getting their land broken for another crop, and we hope for a better one next year.

The chili supper and tarty party given at the Dale school house Friday night was a grand success. Everybody seemed to enjoy it very much.

The teachers of the Dale school were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Brevard Tuesday night.

The Dale people with the help of Mrs. Simmons organized a P-T A Monday night, with fourteen members. We feel very proud of our first meeting. The officers are: Miss Annie Williams, president; Mrs. Patrick, vice-president; Miss Cook, secretary; and T. A. Brevard, treasurer. We will have two meetings each month, beginning in January on the first and third Thursday night. We cordially invite everyone in the community to meet with us and help us to put this one in a big way as we realize the need of the organization very much.

Howard Mayo was the Saturday night guest of Allen Brevard.

The party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mayo on Wednesday night was enjoyed very much by all.

County council of the P-T A met Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Winters high school auditorium, with Mrs. Simmons, of Ballinger, in charge. We are glad to report that we, the Dale people, got organized in time to send our president and a delegate over to gather what information they could from this council meet. Will expect a report at our next meeting.

### REPORTER

### Careless Drivers

### Damage Concrete

State Highway Engineer G. M. Garrett stated Wednesday that a great deal of trouble was being experienced by motorists driving over freshly poured cement just west of Evergreen Cemetery where highway 39 is closed.

This highway is open to the cemetery, but from there west the road is blocked with a large detour sign. At night recently people have been driving around the fence across the road and down the highway as far as possible, across the roadbed and freshly poured cement.

Special watchmen will be posted on this stretch of road and an effort made to catch those who are violating the traffic law. Mr. Garrett stated that anyone arrested for this violation would be prosecuted.

The road past the detour is almost impassible and highway men are at a loss to understand why anyone would attempt to travel the highway west of the detour sign.

### C. B. ARMSTRONG IMPROVING AFTER SERIOUS ILLNESS

C. B. Armstrong, who has been ill since December 2nd with a serious case of pneumonia, is reported to be resting well and now out of all danger. Mr. Armstrong who has served the city as night patrolman for more than a year, for a time was very low. The officer has had a remarkable record as member of the city police force, for more than a year since taking the night job not missing a night nor failing to punch a clock on any night at the right time.

### Football Banquet Plans are Made

A general committee was called together Monday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce offices to formulate plans for the holding of a banquet for the football team on Friday night of this week. Practically all members of the committee were present. H. C. Lyon was named as chairman.

Seventy-five cents a plate was agreed on, and the ticket committee instructed to have tickets printed and the sale commenced immediately.

The banquet place was not decided at the meeting Monday, and the arrangements committee was to receive bids for this up to Tuesday noon. Two church societies and the Central Hotel will submit figures on the service, acceptance of which will be made known by Wednesday morning.

The banquet will be thrown open to the public and anyone desiring to attend may do so by purchasing a ticket. It is the hope of the committee that at least two hundred will be present. The football players, twenty-six in number, will be the honor guests. The girls' pep squad will also be included in the list of guests, which will total about 100 plates to be provided. The high school orchestra will furnish music for the occasion, with vocal numbers by the girls' glee club.

The program will meet Tuesday afternoon and prepare a program to be interwoven with the menu. Another committee will decorate the dining hall several days prior to holding of the banquet.

The following committees were named Monday afternoon to arrange all details of the banquet: Program—Troy Simpson, Miss Katherine Todd, J. D. Motley, J. B. Pace and Harry Lynn.

Decorations—R. E. White, Harley Davis, Mrs. H. C. Spencer, R. W. Egan, and Claude Stone.

Menus—Miss Elizabeth Parker, F. T. Wright, and Mrs. Frank Pearce.

Service—Misses Claudia Smith, Evelyn Stobaugh, and Katherine Barnett.

Tickets—Dr. J. W. Macune, Alfred Crager, and H. S. Strain.

Arrangements—Miss Elizabeth Barker, Tom Caudle, and R. T. Williams.

### Children to Bring Gifts to Free Show

Every child in Ballinger and Runnels county is invited to attend a free show at the Palace Theatre on Christmas Eve morning from 9:00 to 12:00 o'clock. This arrangement has been made by the merchants of Ballinger with W. D. Scales, manager of the Palace, and a special picture of interest to children will be here that day. Souvenirs will also be given to each child to attend the show.

The doors of the Palace will be swung open and no ticket seller or takers will be about for the free show next Tuesday. As long as the children can get in the house they will be welcome. Mr. Scales stated Tuesday morning.

In order to assist the Goodfellows in spreading cheer to the poor children of Ballinger on Christmas Eve, the children will be asked to bring with them a toy or a piece of second hand clothing if they can. This does not mean that they will need anything to get in but the committee thought that each child might have a discarded toy or a piece of second hand clothing that they will bring and donate to the Goodfellows. The little toy may not mean much to the child who has played with it but to some poor child who has nothing to play with it will bring lots of real joy.

Many children need clothing badly and a suit of underclothes, a sweater, a cap, stockings, a pair of shoes or anything that has been discarded or outworn will be taken to some child who needs it and can wear it. Parents are asked to help the children get a bundle if possible and take with them to the Palace next Tuesday. Mr. Scales will be at the front of the theatre to take charge of the bundles and they will then be sorted and made ready for distribution to the poor.

It must be understood that these bundles are only donations and are not necessary to attend the show. The show is arranged for every child and each one will be welcome whether they bring anything or not. It will be a nice thing for the children to do and by bringing these things it will greatly assist the Goodfellows.

Cleta Vee Gill is reported to be improving after being very ill at her home for the past two weeks.

Mrs. J. A. Baker and little daughter left Monday for Gordon to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cole.

Invention of a crude oil engine for motor cars has been reported to the department of commerce.

### Buys Camera for Commercial Use

E. M. McDaniel has purchased and is using a 400-foot Universal motion picture camera of the standard studio type, tested and approved by the larger motion picture corporations. McDaniel will use the camera in Ballinger for commercial work. Big news events will be photographed and sold to the news reels, and leaders and trailers for pictures shown in local theatres will also be made here.

The camera, a rather expensive model, will make it possible to photograph many interesting occurrences and show them on the screen. During the year there are always a number of important events in this and adjoining cities which are worth a place in regularly released news reels and much of the negative will be taken by the large companies.

### Three Men Injured In Fight at Dance

Lloyd Rambow is being held in jail here following a fight at a dance Saturday night at the home of Jess Beard in the southeastern part of the county, according to the sheriff's department. During the affray three men were slashed with a knife. The injured men were rushed to the Ballinger Sanitarium.

A report Monday morning said it was thought none of the trio was seriously hurt. One of the men who was cut, Eldridge Simpson, returned to his home Saturday night after his wounds were dressed. The others, Jess Beard, and Merton Serratt, are recovering and it is thought, will soon recuperate. Beard's condition, however, is said to have taken a slight turn for the worse Monday, infection having been noticed in one of his lungs.

Rambow, whose home is in Breckenridge, has been working on a farm in Concho county owned by an uncle, a Mr. Shannon. After hearing of the affair Sheriff R. E. McWilliams made a trip to Rambow's home but he had not returned from there. Deputy John White, of this town, here and made the arrest.

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### LEGION HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING MON

The regular monthly meeting of the Pat Williams Post, American Legion, was held Monday night with small attendance. Much good was accomplished by those present, however, and an excellent meeting held. The Goodfellows' movement was the principal subject before the post.

Reports were heard on the canvases of the Ballinger district, and what might be expected when the final report is made. The Legionnaires were of the opinion that there will be more calls in Ballinger this year than ever before, and at least \$350 will be needed to care for all deserving cases.

Auxiliary members met at the same hour, discussing principally the shipping of Christmas boxes to veterans' hospitals. A good attendance and an enthusiastic meeting are reported.

### METHODIST CHURCH HAVE WHITE CHRISTMAS

Plans are being completed at the Methodist Church to give a Christmas program on next Sunday night at which time they will observe a white Christmas. The church will be especially decorated for the occasion and children will bring gifts to be sent to the Methodist Orphans Home. At a given time on the program the children representing different departments of the Sunday School will march to the altar and deposit their offerings to the home.

A music program is being arranged of Christmas carols and anthems by the choir to start the program. All singers of the Sunday school and church will meet at the church on Wednesday night to rehearse the music for the Sunday evening program.

### VICTIMS OF CUTTING SCRAPE RECOVERING

The condition of the two men in the Ballinger Sanitarium as the result of a cutting scrape at a dance Saturday night was reported much better Wednesday. Jess Beard and Merton Serratt are recovering in the hospital, while the third injured man, Eldridge Simpson, returned to his home after receiving medical attention immediately following the trouble.

The affair occurred at a social gathering at the home of Jess Beard in the southern part of the county. It is alleged that several men rushed Lloyd Rambow, who used a long knife in the melee. Rambow is being held in the county jail here, awaiting examination.



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August 20

4:00 a. m. Mr. Bethel was murdered between eleven o'clock and midnight last night. Gordon has escaped.

7:00 a. m. Jane is at last asleep, and I have had some coffee. Perhaps if I record the events of the night it will quiet me.

But I will not face that room. Murder. The very word is evil. But no one has ever known how evil until he has seen it.

Ever since daylight, I have been struggling to see the justice of a law where, when Gordon is found—and Greenough believes he will be found—we cannot convict him unless we also find that bit of old flesh and blood and bone which was once Simon Bethel.

It is only necessary to escape justice, that a criminal artfully dispose of his crime?

And by how narrow a margin he did escape it! A matter of minutes between my calling Halliday on the telephone and my finding him at the terrace; perhaps even between that and our entrance into that wrecked room.

To one man only did he make an error, and that error was not to have called me. He may easily have called at her door then decided to let it be his.

Her nervousness giving me the idea, I had given him the most terrible picture that, when I called Halliday, he stood listening in at the telephone, craftily calculating: "Can I make it? Can I not?" With that he left him.

Crafty. As old in crime as crime is old for all its youth. But on the basis of disposing of his horrible freight, and watching the lanterns as they searched for the boat; seeing them waver, looking for other boats with which to follow him out onto the water, and then quietly heading back into the creek again, and escaping through the woods.

August 21. The excitement is still intense. I have hardly seen Halliday since our trouble; he is working with the No. 10, of which a number have come to assist Greenough. Curious crowds stand outside our gates, which we have been obliged to close and lock a few of the more adventurous, taking admission by the line are turned back there by guards who at six o'clock and night.

Thomas, standing at the rear, has orders to admit only the detectives and duly accredited members of the press.

On the bay we have once more the familiar crowd of searching boats. Of the Point, dragging has been going on, but with no result. Owing to the fact that no guards were placed by the boat, a large portion of it has already been taken away by morbid individuals who will place their trophies, I dare say, on tables or mantelpieces, and thereafter allow them.

Truly, just as the fanatic always insists that he is sane, so do the sane often demonstrate that they are mad. And so far, nothing.

Nothing, that is, which needs to Gordon's apprehension. From the time he turned back in the boat and landing, made his escape into the woods above Robinson's point, he disappeared entirely. Here and there a crew has turned up to end in disappointment. Greenough believes that he will be found, that he cannot escape the police dragnet, but I am not so sure.

As I have not yet recorded the events of that tragic evening in their sequence, I shall do so now.

Halliday had dined with us, and had been more like himself than for some time past. After dinner he and Edith sat on the veranda, and going to lower a shade I saw that she was holding a match while he drew something on a bit of paper. But the match went out almost at once, and I would have thought no more of it, had I not heard Edith say:

"And the cabinet was there?" "In the corner," he replied. "I am an eavesdropper, so I drew the shade and turned away."

He left at something after ten, and Edith joined me. She was very quiet, and sat watching me play solitaire while Jane scolded industriously. At half past ten or thereabouts, Jane suddenly said:

"The telephone is ringing." Both Edith and I looked up in amazement; the instrument was in the small hall, not ten feet from where I sat; it would have been impossible for it to ring without our hearing it, and we had heard nothing.

"You've been asleep, Jane," Edith accused her. But I glanced at her, and I remember that she was oddly relaxed in her chair; her face looked white and her eyes were slightly fixed.

"It is ringing," she said, thickly. "And that is how I happened to be at the telephone that night. And how, too, I gave the alarm which enabled the murderer to escape, by calling Halliday."

"Get your revolver and meet me at the main house," I said. "There's something wrong there."

I know that had I not rung the telephone, had I gone for Halliday in

stead we would have caught the criminal. But to ring the one house was to ring the other, he may still have been standing there, gapping. He had, for all he knew, up to that time, the rest of the night to wait to find his deadly work to dispose of the body, to enter on his suitcase, waiting out while we got away.

But I called Halliday, and the criminal listened. He knew then that in a matter of hours he had only minutes. He must have worked fast in that ghastly scramble of a room; the car was probably already out, in the lane. He may even have stood there, at the corner of the lane, the engine turning over quietly, and watched Halliday running up toward the house. And perhaps he laughed, that secret laugh of his which had always rather chilled me.

Then he simply got into the car and drove away. Cool and crafty to the last. No body, no murder. He made for the boat.

He left behind him only two real clues; the knife which Annie Cochran identifies as one taken from the kitchen, and his packed suitcase. Not intentional, this last. He must have needed clean linen. And certainly that diary of his, in cipher—he would not want that in the hands of the police. But what would the diary matter after all, if he himself escaped?

August 22. As time goes on the case is complicated with the eagerness of all sorts of people to bring in extraneous circumstances which they consider important.

For instance, Livingston's butler, the one who brought the knife in Oaxaca and caused so much excitement by so doing, has been over to get a description of Gordon, providing an air of mystery which either after circumstances would be really mountainous.

Another story concerns a middle-aged man of slightly eccentric appearance and of a square and heavy build, who was seen walking over the hill along the main road near the Livingston place at 1:30 a. m. the night of the murder. A passing car seeing his state, stopped and asked if he was in trouble.

He replied that he had been struck by a car an hour or so before, and had been lying by the road ever since. This condition here this man, as he

stated with blood and dirt. He accepted the offer of a lift, and was left at the railroad station at Martin's Ferry to catch the express there for the city.

There have been many similar ones; an innumerable number of people are convinced that they have seen Gordon, and apparently almost any day or night of twenty or so, with what Edith calls patent leather hair and an inveterate cigarette habit, is likely at any time to be tapped on the shoulder and taken to a police station.

Of cases of other and lesser sorts there has been almost an embarrassment. Both the library and that portion of the hall where the telephone have furnished finger prints. But as Greenough says:

"Finger prints do not discover criminals; they identify them."

Nevertheless, great pains have been taken to preserve them. On the white marble mantel a very distinct imprint in blood was photographed without difficulty; others, less clear, were dusted with black powder before the camera was used.

Detailed pictures were made of the library and hall, before any attempt to put them back in order was permitted, and these prints have been enlarged and carefully studied. One of them with a strange result.

Greenough, handing it to me, said: "This print is defective. You can see it if you care to."

But I wonder if it is defective. There is what Greenough calls a light streak in the lower corner, but it requires very little imagination to give to this misty outline the semblance of a form, and to the lower portion of it the faint but recognizable appearance of a brocade.

I have said nothing. What can I say? One thing which puzzles the police is the violence of the battle; it seems incredible that Bethel could have made the fight for life which he evidently did. At the same time, they have two

problems to solve, which repeated searching of the house and wide publicity have not yet answered. One is the disappearance of the man

script on which Bethel had worked all summer. Annie Cochran has testified that this manuscript was kept locked in a drawer in the library desk; when Halliday and I entered the house this drawer was standing open and the manuscript was missing. It has not yet been located.

But perhaps the most surprising is the failure of any friend or relative of Simon Bethel to interest himself in the case. Cameron's note to Larkin before Bethel rented the house expressly disclaims any previous knowledge of him.

"There is a possible tenant for Mr. Porter's house," he wrote, "of which I spoke to me some time ago. I have no acquaintance with Mr. Bethel, save that he called on me a day or so ago, in reference to a statement in a book of mine. I imagine, however, that he would be a quiet and not troublesome tenant."

Halliday brought on this curious situation yesterday in one of the rare moments he has given us since the murder.

"Has it occurred to you, Shinner," he said, "that it is strange that no one belonging to Mr. Bethel has turned up?"

"I dare say a man can outlive most of his contemporaries and most of his friends."

"He wasn't as old as that." And he asked, apparently irrelevantly a moment later: "Two evenings you saw him and talked to him, how did he impress you? I mean, his state of mind?"

"The last time, of course, he was frankly frightened. He said as much."

"And before that?" "The night he was shot he was more or less on guard. He had his revolver, and, of course, those were rather peculiar times."

"As a matter of fact, the case is anything but a clear one against Gordon, as it develops. Greenough has been all along, as convinced of Gordon's guilt as he had previously been of mine. But Bethel is more open to conviction, and a conversation between Halliday and him this morning on the lawn near the terrace, is still running in my mind."

Halliday had been protesting against Greenough's method of "following a single idea until it went up a blind alley and died there."

"Of course," he said quietly, "you can make a case against Gordon; it's all here. But you had something left over that you won't know what to do with. We know that it was Mr. Bethel who hit Gordon and knocked him out some time ago, but who tied him? Where's the boy's own story about seeing a man at the gun-room window? Mr. Porter here later on finds that some window open, and sees a man in the lower hall. Who was that? The same hand tied the boy that tied Carroway, and Gordon hadn't even seen this place at that time. What are you going to do with that?"

"Then where's Gordon now?" Bethel asked, practically enough. "I don't know. Dead, maybe."

Bethel stood thinking. "I think I got the idea," he said. "The fight you think was between Mr. Bethel and his unknown young; the boy either saw it and got mixed up in it, or knew he'd be suspected and beat it. Is that it?"

"Well, I would say that a man about to commit such a crime doesn't pack his suitcase, with the idea of escaping with it."

A thought which, I admit, had never occurred to me until that moment.

As a result of this conversation Bethel has advanced a theory of his own which accounts at least for the failure of any relative to make inquiries. This is that the old man was in hiding under an assumed name, hiding in the most secluded spot he could find, from some implacable enemy who had finally caught up with him.

How he recognizes this with the Carroway murder and the disappearance of Maggie Morrison I do not know, but certain facts seem to bear up this idea. He says in one place

a man of mystery. His accounts were paid in cash; the automobile in which he arrived had been bought at second hand a few days before, by the secretary and in the same manner. And all identifying marks had been care fully removed from his clothing.

In addition to all this, there is the puzzling report on the knife itself. Examination under the microscope shows fibers of flax as well as fragments of cellulose tissue. But it also reveals minute particles of tobacco leaf, showing it had gone through a pocket.

But Mr. Bethel was not a smoker. At some one time, then, Bethel clearly secured the knife and wounded his assailant. Not sufficiently violently, after that, he was able to do what he did do, but sufficiently to turn the minds of the police toward the man who claimed to have been struck by an automobile.

This crew, however, has developed nothing. The night was dark and his rescuers have no description of him save of a heavy set figure and a dazed manner of speech. They carried him to Martin's ferry, but the conductor of

Halliday saw a red light in the house the night Bethel was killed. He has just told me.

He ran out, after I telephoned him, and from the foot of the lawn he saw it. It was gone almost at once.

He has asked me to experiment with him tonight, using the lamp from the attic closet. I have given him the light. Apparently what he wishes to discover is the approximate location of such a light. I have no idea of his purpose.

I understand that the guards who have been watching the house at night have been withdrawn, and that hereafter only such watch will be kept as will suffice to keep away the curious crowds that still throng here in daylight hours.

Today Annie Cochran and Thomas have been putting the house in order, preparatory to its final closing. I shall never open it again. Thomas has already painted the window boards and put some of them in place. Let us pray that they keep inside what should be inside, and outside what should be outside!

August 24. "The strings of small bells, fastened across the closed and shuttered windows, frequently vibrated as though a hand had been drawn across them."

(From "Eugenia Higgins and Her Phenomena.")

Any coherent record of our last night's experiment is difficult today; not only do last night's details seem almost in today's sunshine, but I am not at all certain now that I did not build up out of my recent reading and what I knew about the house, a hazy notion of my own.

And yet—what a night! A man is a fool who, preparing to spend a night in a haunted house, where a terrible crime has been recently committed, "sings during the early morning the idle imaginings which other men have conjured out of their own disordered fancies, or out of their disordered imaginations, according to the newest theory."

Isn't it Wells who has the dyspeptic Mr. Polly sitting on a stile between two three-barreled looking fields and hating the world in general and his own house in particular, after a meal of pork and pudding, treacle, cheese and beer and pickles? And Fraser Harris who attributes "the transcendental nonsense of the post-impressionists" to the absolute in their blood?

No, but still I must needs poison my mental digestion to advance, pick up a book which should be suppressed, or sold only to large ladies of a sympathetic type, to read with a box of caramels, and with my bit myself with elements, blivious masses of matter given temporary life and strange forms; demons summoned by the diabolical rites of the Black Mass; and ghosts of foul crimes, come to seek revenge on their slayers.

Even before I started the untimely ringing of Clark's alarm clock, upstairs, set my nerves to laughing. And there was a certain psychological preparation for me in the very steps I was obliged to take in order to get out of the house. For a man of my age to put on his pajamas coat, and retire into his bed, otherwise fully dressed, was an act of dejection nerve-racking enough in itself. But when Jane came in after I had retired, tardily remembering a missing button, and demanded the shirt I was still wearing, I broke into a cold sweat.

It was with difficulty that I got her the night express remembers carrying no such passenger.

Greenough today showed me Gordon's diary, rescued from the suitcase. It has at some time been dropped into water, and certain pages are all legible. If indeed that word may be used where nothing is legible, where each page presents such a jumble of large and small letters as the following sentence, which I have copied as a matter of interest:

"Tru gK. GTRHz UmMT sot LmGT MotrT."

The record is not a daily one, but apparently was used for jotting down odd thoughts or ideas. It continues, however, at intervals, for the entire period of his stay at Twin Hollows, the last entry having been made on August 17.

Certain entries are neat and methodical. The one on July 27, however, after his injury, is by hand, and shows traces of nervousness. Once or twice in August the record is long, covering more than a page, while the July entries are all brief. On the last page, however, and without comment, he has drawn in, rather carelessly, a small circle enclosing a triangle.

Greenough, while attaching a certain interest to it, has not yet sent it to be deciphered by the code experts of his department. As a matter of fact, I suspect him of holding it out, with the idea of being able to claim the reward he has had Gordon.

Which reward, by the way, now stands at ten thousand dollars.

way, however, and settled down to wait until the house was quiet.

Greenough had opened the main door, and the red lamp was steadily in the air. Going to the door that the doorway was brightly lit, he

my breath, I dived into the lobby and through it to the den. I brought up there, close to the red lamp, caught my foot in the cord and jerked it from the socket. Instantly we were in darkness again, and in absolute silence. Halliday, I believe, was still leaning over the stair-rail, waiting for me to complete the movement, and the sudden plunge into darkness had started me more than I care to remember.

(To be continued.)

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Be wise and advertise.

side, we had no suspicion about lighting it; but although it was better than complete darkness it added very little to the general gaiety. Halliday was quiet and somewhat strained, the house itself hot and airless, and with all outside sounds cut off, depressing

ly still, a lighted match and glanced into the library. It was a ghost of a room, the floor bare, the furniture and pictures, only more deserted in white.

"What the picture of the glass chair dealer reflected the light and seemed as if it flickered, to be quietly in motion."

Halliday but little to see.

"I would like," he explained, "to reproduce conditions as nearly as they were the night you saw the figure here. He said: 'I don't suppose you really want to go and stand at the head of that staircase, Shinner, but I'm going to ask you to fast the same.'"

I looked up the staircase nervously. "If you are going to reproduce the previous conditions," I protested, "you may recall that I had a revolver at that time."

"I also seem to remember that you fired it," he said and grinned at me. "It will answer every purpose, and be considerably safer, if you will merely point your finger at me and say 'trash!'"

But no amount of lightness on his part or mine could do more than temporarily lift the gloom; the shadow of tragedy hung over everything at which we looked, Halliday felt it, and suggested that "we get to work and then get out."

The question in his mind, he said, was this: I had said that, a second or so after the shot and the disappearance of the figure, the red light had died out in the den. If, as is believed was possible, this glow came from the lamp upstairs, brought down for some reason, or from a similar lamp, this required that the man I saw had time to go into the den, extinguish the lamp and conceal it, (since it wasn't in evidence later on) get back to the library, and be ready to leave by the broken window before he, Halliday, had turned on the light.

"It's a matter of time," he said. "I was by the terrace when I heard the shot. I figure it took me ten seconds to pick up the chair, run to the window and smash it."

It was nervous work going up the staircase, but I managed it and took up my position. He stood below.

I fired—theoretically—and he did what the figure had done; moved toward the door still facing me, turned and went into the library. I heard him moving about and the light went out. Then in the darkness he ran into the library again, where he struck a match.

"Twenty seconds," he called. "His voice trailed off; his shadow extended through the den doorway into the hall, and as I watched it, it showed the condition of my nerves that it did not seem to be his shadow at all, but something quite different. For all the world like an old man in a dressing gown. Then the match went out and I heard him coming out into the hall again."

"Did you move a minute ago?" he asked.

"Move," I said. "I wouldn't move for a million dollars. Strike a light."

"Funny," he said. "I thought I heard something."

He groped his way back to the den, and the red lamp looked actually cheerful after the complete darkness. I heard him go into the library again and apparently stand there and listen, and very shortly after he reappeared and asked me to change places with him.

"See how you can make it. Skipper," he said.

I came down rather more rapidly than I had gone up, and Halliday took my former position. I did as Halliday had done, moved to the library door, turned and then, more or less holding

my breath, I dived into the lobby and through it to the den. I brought up there, close to the red lamp, caught my foot in the cord and jerked it from the socket. Instantly we were in darkness again, and in absolute silence. Halliday, I believe, was still leaning over the stair-rail, waiting for me to complete the movement, and the sudden plunge into darkness had started me more than I care to remember.

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ASA CORDILL The Jeweler

SINCE 1886

Utilities Moving Back into Offices

The district office of the West Texas Utilities Company is pressing all hands into service today in moving back into its new building on Eighth Street, after vacating same for several weeks during remodeling.

Considerable improvement has been made on the building and when the utilities' formal opening is held the beauty of the structure, both exterior and interior, will surprise visitors.

In the front of the building a new terrace floor has been installed with complete new wall and ceiling embellishments. New lighting fixtures have been put in and all appointments finished in harmony by a master decorator sent here by the company.

The local accounting department occupies the left side of the front of the building with the local city manager's office on the right.

New offices have been added in the rear of the building to take care of district activities. These offices are all finished in harmonizing tones overlaid with new stipling work. Wall decorations, huge plaques, lighting and heating fixtures all coincide and complement each other.

The new portion of the building continues the Spanish type of architecture. Uncovered passageways lead to the district offices, passing a small patio with a fountain throwing crystal water into a tiny pool.

As the fixtures are moved into the building they are being arranged to convey the spirit of Christmas. The local and district staffs will be kept moving day and night until everything is in place.

Sid Sides has established a headlight testing station in a building on the corner of Seventh Street and Strong Avenue at the southeast corner of the court house. The station will be of the drive-in and drive-through variety. It is one of the most modern and convenient in this city.

Its location, in the neighborhood of the court house, also makes it a desirable place to have your lights tested.

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Night Coughing Quickly Relieved

Famous Prescription Gives Almost Instant Relief. Night coughs, or coughs caused by a cold or by an irritated throat are usually due to causes which cough syrups and patent medicines do not touch.

But the very first swallow of Thoxine is guaranteed to stop the most stubborn cough almost instantly. Thoxine is a doctor's prescription, working on an entirely different principle, it goes direct to the internal cause.

Thoxine contains no harmful drugs, is pleasant tasting and safe for the whole family. Sold on a money back guarantee to give better and quicker relief for coughs or sore throats than anything you have ever tried. Ask for Thoxine.

put up ready for use in 35c, 60c, and \$1.00 bottles. Sold by Weeks and all other good drug stores.

Your dollars will go farther, Saturday at City Grocery. Itw

HIGHWAY OPENED FROM TOWN TO CEMETERY. Highway No. 30 west has been opened and traffic released from the bridge to the cemetery; it was announced Saturday. The road has been finished from town to that point and as the rest of the work is completed the road will be opened.

There are two mixers running on the road at present and with the continued good weather the road will be completed in record time it is thought by experts who have charge of the construction. All other construction is practically completed with the exception of the concrete laying and this is progressing at a rapid pace.

Big Specials Saturday at the City Grocery. Itw

Mr. and Mrs. Laurent Webb, of Brownsville, came in Sunday for a visit with Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Raby. Mr. Webb returned to his home and Mrs. Webb will remain here over the Christmas holidays.

BEFORE BABY COMES. TAKE over oil the pleasant way. Helps keep up the mother's strength and lessens danger to teeth. The new life needs it too. Easily digested and retained.

SCOTT'S EMULSION. Good for Mother and Child. Sold at Pharmacies, Groceries, etc.



New License

Paid on all Used Cars Sold between now and January 1, 1930.

Buy or trade for a Used Car now. We have a good selection to choose from.

Healer Chevrolet Co.

PERMANENT and PROGRESSIVE. Strictly adhering to the highest ideals of sound, conservative banking, our BANK has proven its stability and dependability by 43 years of efficient and unfailing service, making it worthy of your complete confidence and trust.

THE First National Bank

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SINCE 1886

Sheriff's Sale

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels.

Whereas, on the 14th day of November, A. D. 1929, in a certain cause, numbered 2167 on the docket of the District Court of said county, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and W. C. Kroff is defendant, the said State of Texas recovered judgment in the amount of fifty-one (\$51.48) and 45-100 dollars for taxes, penalties and costs with interest computed hereon at the rate of six per cent per annum, together with the foreclosure of plaintiff's delinquent tax lien upon the property hereinafter described as the property of the defendant, because of the non-payment of the taxes due thereon;

And whereas, on the 20 day of November, A. D. 1929, by virtue of the said judgment and the mandates thereof, the Clerk of the District Court of said county did cause to be issued an Order of Sale, commanding me as Sheriff of said County to seize, levy upon and sell in the manner and form as required by law the hereinafter described property as the property of the above defendants, to satisfy the said judgment.

Wherefore, by virtue of the said Order of Sale and the mandates I did on the 20 day of November, A. D. 1929, seize and levy upon as the property of the above defendants, the following property, to-wit:

Being 320 acres of the H. Wangemann survey No. 193, abstract No. 511.

And I will on the first Tuesday in the month January, A. D. 1930, the same being the 7 day of said month, proceed to sell said property at the court house door of said county, in the town of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of 2 o'clock p. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above defendants, in and to the above described property; subject, however, to the right of the defendants to redeem same in the time and manner provided for by law, and subject to the further rights of the defendants to have said property divided and sold in less divisions than the whole. And in event there are no bidders, said property will at said sale be bid off to the State.

R. E. McWILLIAMS, Sheriff Runnels County, Texas Ballinger, Texas, Dec. 3. A. D. 1929 6-31w

Sheriff's Sale

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels.

Whereas, on the 14th day of November, A. D. 1929, in a certain cause, numbered 2173 on the docket of the District Court of said county, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and J. A. Huddleston is defendant, the said State of Texas recovered judgment in the amount of one hundred twenty-eight (\$128.71) and 71-100 dollars for taxes, penalties and costs with interest computed thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum, together with the foreclosure of plaintiff's delinquent tax lien upon the property hereinafter described as the property of the defendant, because of the non-payment of the taxes due thereon;

And whereas, on the 20 day of November, A. D. 1929, by virtue of the said judgment and the mandates thereof, the Clerk of the District Court of said county did cause to be issued an Order of Sale, commanding me as Sheriff of said County to seize, levy upon and sell in the manner and form as required by law the hereinafter described property as the property of the above defendants, to satisfy the said judgment.

Wherefore, by virtue of the said Order of Sale and the mandates I did on the 20 day of November, A. D. 1929, seize and levy upon as the property of the above defendants, the following property, to-wit:

Being 199 1/2 acres of the E. T. Ry. Co., survey No. 145, abstract No. 158, as evidenced by deed of record in the office of the County Clerk of said Runnels County, Texas, to which reference is here made for a better description of said premises.

And I will on the first Tuesday in the month January, A. D. 1930, the same being the 7 day of said month, proceed to sell said property at the court house door of said county, in the town of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of 2 o'clock p. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above defendants, in and to the above described property; subject, however, to the right of the defendants to redeem same in the time and manner provided for by law, and subject to the further rights of the defendants to have said property divided and sold in less divisions than the whole. And in event there are no bidders, said property will at said sale be bid off to the State.

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STATE OF TEXAS,

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Whereas, on the 14th day of November, A. D. 1929, in a certain cause, numbered 2171 on the docket of the District Court of said county, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and S. K. Hard-agree and The Mercantile Trust and Saving Bank, of Dallas, Texas, defendants, the said State of Texas recovered judgment in the amount of Fifty-nine (\$59.88) and 88-100 dollars for taxes, penalties and cost with interest computed thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum, together with the foreclosure of plaintiff's delinquent tax lien upon the property hereinafter described as the property of the defendants, because of the non-payment of the taxes due thereon;

And whereas, on the 20 day of November, A. D. 1929, by virtue of the said judgment and the mandates thereof, the Clerk of the District Court of said county did cause to be issued an Order of Sale, commanding me as Sheriff of said County to seize, levy upon and sell in the manner and form as required by law the hereinafter described property as the property of the above defendants, to satisfy the said judgment.

Wherefore, by virtue of the said Order of Sale and the mandates I did on the 20 day of November, A. D. 1929, seize and levy upon as the property of the above defendants, the following property, to-wit:

Lot No. 6 in block No. 1, in the Vancil Addition to the city of Winters, Runnels County, Texas as same appear on the map and the plan of said Addition now of record in the office of the County Clerk of said Runnels County, Texas, to which map and the records reference is here made for all particulars and descriptions.

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Whereas, on the 14th day of November, A. D. 1929, in a certain cause, numbered 2201 on the docket of the District Court of said county, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and J. H. Muenster and M. H. Reed are defendants, the said State of Texas recovered judgment in the amount of one hundred thirty-five (\$135.87) and 87-100 dollars for taxes, penalties and costs with interest computed thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum, together with the foreclosure of plaintiff's delinquent tax lien upon the property hereinafter described as the property of the defendants, because of the non-payment of the taxes due thereon.

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Wherefore, by virtue of the said Order of Sale and the mandates I did on the 20 day of November, A. D. 1929, seize and levy upon as the property of the above defendants, the following property, to-wit:

Being 182 acres of the M. J. Parramore survey No. 178, abstract No. 836, as evidenced by deed of record in the office of the County Clerk of said Runnels County, Texas, to which reference is here made for all particulars and descriptions.

And I will on the first Tuesday in the month January, A. D. 1930, the same being the 7 day of said month, proceed to sell said property at the court house door of said county, in the town of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of 2 o'clock p. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above defendants, in and to the above described property; subject, however, to the right of the defendants to redeem same in the time and manner provided for by law, and subject to the further rights of the defendants to have said property divided and sold in less divisions than the whole. And in event there are no bidders, said property will at said sale be bid off to the State.

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Whereas, on the 14th day of November, A. D. 1929, in a certain cause, numbered 2189 on the docket of the District Court of said county, wherein the State of Texas is plaintiff and E. J. Collins and J. A. Huddleston are defendants, the said State of Texas recovered judgment in the amount of thirty-nine (\$39.58) and 58-100 dollars for taxes, penalties and costs with interest computed thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum, together with the foreclosure of plaintiff's delinquent tax lien upon the property hereinafter described as the property of the defendants, because of the non-payment of the taxes due thereon;

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"Spent Money Right and Left" Aided by Ordinance

"My health had been going back on me for 10 years until I started Sargon, and I'll tell any man it's a real medicine and does everything claimed for it!"



A. CHOAT

"It looks like I couldn't digest anything I ate. My kidneys were irregular and the pains in my back were awful. I was weak, nervous and rundown. I spent money right and left trying to get well, but I might as well have thrown it in the Trinity river. Now, after taking Sargon I am eating anything I want, never have a trace of indigestion and I sleep like a log all night. The pains in my back are gone and I am stronger and better in every way. Sargon Pills are a wonderful laxative and keep my whole system in healthy condition."—A. Choat, 2759 W. Brooklyn, Oak Cliff, Dallas.

J. Y. Pearce Drug Co., Agents.

WRECK VICTIM RESTING NICELY WEDNESDAY

The condition of Cleo Hutchens, employee of the Holt Oil Company, who was injured Sunday when filling the gas tank of a parked automobile by being struck by another auto being driven by a youth named Morris, is improved. It was thought for some time that one of Hutchens' legs would have to be removed, but his improvement has made amputation unnecessary. It was announced from the hospital Wednesday.

Salmon eggs for hatching purposes numbering 73,588,700 were taken from the Columbia River this year.

Water Payments are Aided by Ordinance

The new ordinance relative to payment of water accounts which went into effect on December 1st caused many consumers to pay their bills before the 10th of the month, according to city hall officials.

On November 12th the total number of delinquents was 260 for that month, which was an average for water collections. On December 11th there were only sixty delinquents, an enormous decrease. The twenty-five cent discount is well worth saving, in the view of most consumers, and as the bill must finally be paid many take advantage of the reduction and pay soon after the first.

City Secretary K. V. Northington said Thursday that the books had been checked and second notices sent those who were in arrears. After the sending of these notices the delinquent patrons are given until the 14th of the month to make their payments. After that date the water will be disconnected by the city and an extra charge of \$1 will be

made to reconnect with the mains, and in addition to this the previous bill plus the extra "two-bits" will be collected.

Unintentional Suicide

Many people are slowly poisoning themselves just as surely as if they drank iodine every morning for breakfast. They are daily absorbing the toxins, or poisons, created by accumulated waste matter in their constipated digestive systems. Sooner or later disease will conquer their weakened bodies. If you have dizzy spells, headaches, coated tongue, bad breath, insomnia, no appetite, bilious attacks or pains in the back and limbs, you are probably suffering from self poisoning caused by constipation. The surest and pleasantest relief for this condition is Herbine, the vegetable cathartic.

Harry Midgeley has been transferred by Carr's Man Shop to the company's San Angelo establishment, and Ray Holloway, who has been with the company at San Angelo, has been moved to Ballinger.

Arthur Giesecke has gone to San Antonio, where he will remain until after the Christmas holidays.



Christmas - New Year Excursion 1 1/3 FARES ROUND TRIP

To all stations in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Colorado and New Mexico, (East of Albuquerque), and certain other territory. Tickets on sale—Dec. 21, 22, 23, 24—Limited Jan. 6.

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Heredity in Chicks Is Being Studied

PATENT, Md., Dec. 13.—A study of heredity that explains why Mrs. Otto has a brown-eyed child and her five blue eyes is being carried out by the department of

Mendel, a monk, based on eight years of experimentation with garden peas.

A complete portion of the project proves the validity of the fundamental principles observed by Mendel.

The remaining portion of the project, which amounts to a quest for "super-breeds," must progress for several years before results will be evident.

White is the recessive character which will not appear if the individual carries also the dominant gene for black.

Bantams and barred Plymouth Rocks have been crossed for new facts on body size.

Legionnaires meet at Brady February 22-23

BRADY, Dec. 18.—February 22 and 23 have been set as the dates for the convention here of the seventeenth district of the American Legion.

Why Pedestrians Worry ATLANTA, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Pedestrians here at least know how much it is going to cost them if their joints stiffen at the wrong moment.

Mrs. M. C. Smith is ill and confined to her home. She became ill Monday morning.

Nearly half of the fatal mine accidents in the United States are caused by falls of mine roof and coal.

Scouts Get First Box Christmas Toys

A large box of toys for distribution by the Goodfellows has been received by the Boy Scout troops for repairing and overhauling.

The Scouts are maintaining a workshop in the rear of the city hall, where they paint, repair and overhaul all toys which are collected and turned over to them.

Boy Scouts will play a large part in all Christmas activities here this year.

Christmas trees are being sold by the boys this year.

Nurses' Institute to Be Held in Austin

An institute for the state department staff health nurses will be held in Austin on December 19, 20 and 21.

The convention will make it necessary that Miss Alexander cancel all her dates in the county for examinations at the various schools which she had arranged for part of the month.

Nurses have been added in Tom Green, Brown, Howard, Nolan, and Pecos counties.

This institute is patterned somewhat on the order of the state teachers' annual meetings.

The group from this section of the state will leave here about the 15th of the month and go directly to Austin for the meeting.

COMMITTEE IS CALLED FOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS BANQUET

H. C. Lyon issued a call Saturday morning for a committee to meet at 5:30 Monday morning in the offices of the chamber of commerce to plan the annual banquet for the football team.

The following were named on the committee by Mr. Lyon: J. H. Motley, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

Members of this committee are requested to be present on time and but a few minutes will be required to arrange all details of the banquet.

The four "great killers of mankind," as listed by the U. S. public health service, are heart disease, kidney disease, cancer and pneumonia.

Be wise and advertise.

Wreck Victims Are Getting Better

Reports from Abilene Wednesday stated that Corkle Motley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Motley of this city, who was seriously injured in an automobile wreck Sunday, spent a very restful night Tuesday night and that he apparently felt much better Wednesday.

Attending physicians felt that he had a good chance for recovery and that the crisis should be over by Wednesday afternoon.

Otis Jacobs was resting fairly well, but an X-ray examination Tuesday revealed that his back was fractured and his injuries worse than at first thought.

Guy Jones was brought to his home in Ballinger Tuesday afternoon about 6 o'clock.

Corkle Motley, Guy Jones and Otis Jacobs are in the Baptist Sanitarium at Abilene following an automobile accident Sunday afternoon, 12 miles south of Abilene.

The accident occurred at 5:30 Sunday afternoon and it was but a short time until relatives of the boys were notified here.

STROBLE OPENS NEW CAFE HERE THURSDAY

L. L. Stroble, owner and manager of the City Cafe, has taken charge of the former Moor's Cafe across the street from his first restaurant.

The place, known now as L. L. Stroble's, opened Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

Chief Business Thrives PAGO PAGO, Samoa, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Among the Samoans there is one chief to every four adults.

Health Program in Ballinger Expands

Health work in Ballinger among the school children has not been confined to the white children alone.

This week the special nurse observed living conditions of the children she had examined.

The colored nurse made six corrections in children she examined, and also brought two to be diagnosed by a physician.

Since coming to Ballinger the colored nurse has been working in conjunction with Miss Addie Alexander, county health nurse.

T. C. U. Students Start Home on 20

FT. WORTH, Dec. 13.—Hayes Barker, son of L. B. Barker; Miss Dorothy Chaney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Chaney; James Baskin, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Baskin; Miss Maxine Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Russell; Miss Eugenia Baskin, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Baskin; and Miss Nell Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell, all of Ballinger, leave for home for the Christmas holidays on Friday, December 20.

Mr. Barker is enrolled in economics, philosophy, Bible, English and business law.

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Milk Ordinance In 75 Texas Cities

AUSTIN, Dec. 12.—Seventy-five Texas cities and towns are operating under the standard milk ordinance and a number of other municipalities are contemplating its adoption.

The ordinance, recommended by the United States public health service, was adopted by the state department of health in 1924.

Milk industries have profited wherever the ordinance has been faithfully carried out because of the justified faith of the people in milk when produced under sanitary and safe conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce have returned home after a month's visit in San Antonio.

Coulter Home is Destroyed by Fire

Fire was discovered Saturday morning at 2:45 at the home of J. D. Coulter on Eighth Street and by the time the department could reach the scene the entire house was in flames.

The department had to devote a great deal of the time to keep the W. L. Brown home from being destroyed.

Mr. Coulter stated Saturday that he carried \$2,500 on his home, \$500 on his furniture, and \$200 on a piano.

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Weeks' Suggestions advertisement listing various household and personal care items like perfumes, stationery, and toys.

Outlook Bright For a Big Crop Of Candidates

AUSTIN, Dec. 16.—While the impending gubernatorial campaign with its big field of prospective candidates had been occupying the limelight, the political ambitious have not been overlooking a few opportunities on the side. There are a number of other state offices which offer splendid opportunity for advancement to be filled.

The lieutenant governorship so far has attracted two avowed candidates, while several are contemplating wetting their feet in the campaign waters.

Other likely candidates are Representative Ray Holder of Lancaster, W. S. Barron of Bryan, now speaker of the House of Representatives, and Senator Edgar Witt of Waco and Tom Pollard of Tyler.

Senator Witt has been busy the past few weeks as a member of the Prison Centralization Commission, and the word "busy" is used advisedly, because the earnest Wacoan probably saw as much and asked as many questions as any member of that commission when it went on its trip of inspection to penitentiaries of a large number of the states of the Union.

As a result of his keen interest he was designated to write the majority report for the commission and the task kept him thinking of nothing else for quite a season.

He has been asked by numerous persons to become a candidate for lieutenant governor and he is seriously considering the matter.

Representative Holder has not definitely made up his mind and offered to surrender all claim to the office if his friend, Speaker Barron, would announce Speaker Barron thereupon told friends that he might decide to become a candidate, but later he was asked by some to enter the gubernatorial field, and it is problematical what his decision will be. Senator Pollard is reticent about his plans.

There are three candidates for attorney general, not counting Attorney General Robert Lee Bobbitt, who, if he does not run for governor, is virtually certain to ask re-election following his appointment to the place left vacant by the resignation of Attorney General Claud Pollard. The trio of aspirants are Representative Cecil Storey of Vernon, J. V. Allred of Wichita Falls, who was runner-up when Pollard was elected three years ago, and Joe Burkett of San Antonio. Burkett was formerly a State Senator and a member of the highway commission during the Ferguson regime.

It seems certain that J. H. Walker, commissioner of the general land office, receiving appointment to the place at the hands of Governor Moody after the death of the veteran commissioner, J. T. Robinson, will be returned to that office without opposition.

There are three aspirants for the office of Commissioner of Agriculture. George B. Terrell, who has held that office for several terms announced that he would not be a candidate this time. Those who have announced are Representatives A. H. King of Throckmorton, J. J. Olson of Yoakum and E. L. Covey of Goree.

Ed Christian of San Antonio is the only announced candidate for State Treasurer. W. Gregory Hatcher, incumbent, will seek the governorship, being one of the nine candidates for the chief executive's chair now occupied by Dan Moody who may seek a third term. E. B. Walthall, chairman of the Board of Control, is considering running for treasurer but has not decided, he said.

S. M. N. Marrs has announced his candidacy for re-election to the State Superintendency of Public Instruction. He will likely have some opposition, since he has been opposed almost regularly ever since he entered the office.

Sam Houston Terrell's friends say he will be a candidate for re-election, and former Gov. Pat M. Neff is expected to be a candidate for the railroad commission, although his name persists in bobbing up in discussions of the governorship. He was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Clarence E. Gilmore, whose term expires in January, 1931.

Just to keep the data intact for convenience of the voters, the list of gubernatorial candidates (all who have announced formally) follows in the order of their entrance: Oscar F. Halcombe of Houston, E. G. Senter of Dallas, Thomas B. Love of Dallas, Miss Katie Daffan of Ennis, Barry Mil-

er of Dallas, T. N. Mauritz of Canado, W. Gregory Hatcher, of Dallas, Charlton Brown of Mineral Wells and James Young of Kaufman.

Adults Contract Children's Diseases

Adults can and do contract many children's diseases. And, usually, they suffer from them much more than children do. For instance, many adults contract worms, an ailment usually associated with children. Sometimes they suffer intensely and take expensive medical treatments, without realizing that worms are the cause of their troubles. Yet, the symptoms are the same as in children, loss of appetite and weight, grinding the teeth and restless sleep, itching of the nose and anus, and abdominal pains. And, the same medicine that surely and harmlessly expels round and pin worms from children will do the same for adults—White's Cream Vermifuge, which you can get at Veek's Drug Store.

DISTRICTS TO COMBINE INTO HIGH SCHOOLS

COLEMAN, Dec. 12.—Plans for creation of a system of eleven high schools in the county have been made by the Coleman County Board of Education and approved by the State Department of Education. Under the plan a number of rural schools would combine into a high school district, maintaining the grammar school building and equipping a modern high school and carrying the children to the high school in buses. Such a plan would require the building of a number of new schools and the employment of more than thirty buses in the county.

The state offers \$500 to each consolidated unit and pays as much as \$300 a year on buses in each district. Just now there are two affiliated high schools in the county, here and at Santa Anna. There are 59 rural schools and fifteen one-teacher schools.

Blanton to Ask for His Old Job Again

All morning of the 17th congress carried an announcement to the effect that L. Blanton, of Abilene, would ask for his old job as representative from this district. At the same time, R. Q. Lee, of Cisco, who is now holding this position at Washington, stated in a telegram that he would be a candidate again. The race for this place now promises to be a hot one, with two such outstanding candidates.

Blanton held this office for twelve years, but two years ago after being urged by friends over the state, announced for the Senate, and lost to Tpm Connelly. As soon as Blanton failed to file for representative, Lee loomed as the foremost candidate and won by considerable majority.

Blanton declared that he was announcing because he was being urged by his constituents all over the district and that he could not turn them down. The former congressman stated that every day he was being work for which "someone" was drawing the pay. He was in long term in congress, and he had a "ropes" tape. The Abilene man that he carefully studied himself during his twelve years in congress to know where all the leaks, extravagances and "gratts" occur, and he now wants to return to the position to finish work he started.

State Senator Walter Woodward, of Coleman, has denied that he will be a candidate for the place of federal representative, stating that he never had any intentions of announcing.

Palace Will Give Free Show to All Kiddies Christmas

W. D. Scales, manager of the Palace and Queen theatres of this city, is working on a proposition this week in which he is getting local support for a free show to be presented at the Palace soon. The show will be offered Christmas eve morning, starting at 9 a. m. and lasting until noon. It is for all the children in this county. Souvenirs will be given to every child who comes to the show.

The picture booked is of especial interest to children, being selected with this purpose in view. Following the custom of many exhibitors over the country this performance is given the kiddies as a gift from the local merchants and it is expected that they will pack the house during the three hours the picture is projected.

Mrs. J. N. Burkhardt, of Beaumont, is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Homer C. Daniels. She arrived here Thursday.

Goodnight Will be Buried in Texas

CLAIFENDON, Dec. 13.—Colonel Charles Goodnight, 93, who died yesterday at Tucson, Arizona, will be buried in the family plot at Goodnight, Texas, beside the bodies of other members of his family and cattlemen who died in his service.

The body is expected to arrive here tomorrow and will lie in state until time for the funeral rites.

Born three years after Texas declared its independence from Mexico on March 2, 1836, and one day before the fall of the Alamo, Charles Goodnight of Macoupin county, Ill., was destined to take a large part in the development of the Lone Star state before his death.

Chance brought Goodnight to Texas. Five years after his father died in 1841 his mother remarried and the family moved to Milan county. All of Texas then was subject to Indian raids; the first house in what now is the metropolitan Dallas had been built five years before; the Fort Worth military post was not established until three years later.

While still in his teens Goodnight began farming, but in 1855 he decided Texas was not big enough for him. With J. W. Sheek he started overland for California. At San Saba creek they stopped having changed their opinion about Texas, and began raising cattle on shares. After a year's work the youngsters found they had made, as their share, \$96, or \$43 apiece. They had 25 calves worth \$3 each. That was in 1857, but in 1865 their herd had increased to 4,000 head and they bought out their employer.

During the Civil war Goodnight was a guide and scout for a frontier regiment, and while he was absent marauding Indians and the elements took their toll of cattle. He soon formed a partnership with Oliver Loving and driving a herd over what became known as the Loving Trail the partners sold several thousand cattle at Fort Sumner, N. M., for 8 cents a pound. The business was so lucrative they drove a second herd over the same trail that year, but on the third drive Indians attacked them and stamped the cattle. Three hundred steers were lost, but the white men escaped. A few days later, with one man, Loving went ahead of the herd to close a contract in Fort Sumner before the cattle arrived. Near what is now Eddy, N. M., he was attacked by a band of Indians and wounded in the arm. His companion went back to Goodnight for aid, and Loving was to remain on a creek bank. The rescue party could not find Loving. He had walked five miles north and had been picked up by another caravan. He died shortly afterward from his wound and exposure.

For three years more Goodnight drove cattle into New Mexico and sold them, surviving numerous brushes with Indians. In his last year on the trail, with John Chisholm, he made \$17,000 and in the same year, 1871, he married Marry Ann Dyer.

With his savings Goodnight went into the cattle raising business 30 miles from Trinidad, Colo., once more out of Texas, but the panic of 1873 swept away most of his property and he returned to the Texas Panhandle with 1,800 cattle, the remnant of his herd. He spent the first winter in Palo Duro Canyon and the next in the Canadian river bottoms.

In 1877 he formed another partnership, with John G. Adair of Wrathair, Ireland. Adair invested \$372,000 in the business and Good-

night ran the ranch for one third of the profits. That partnership continued until 1888, and at one time the Adair-Goodnight combination owned 100,000 cattle. Ten years before severing his partnership with Adair Goodnight had caught four buffalo calves. He crossed them with Polled Angus cows and produced what is known as the Catalo, an unusual beef animal as well as a museum specimen. It had 14 ribs instead of 13 usual for a cow.

Goodnight, as he grew older, turned his business over to an adopted son, Clio Hubbard, and finally the ranch was sold but Hubbard remained manager.

Goodnight contended Indians were poor rifle shots.

"I reckon I've been shot at and missed more times than any man livin', but I wouldn't say so because nobody would believe me and I wouldn't blame 'em," he once said. "There is so much hot air about the pioneer days. It's a shame to be a frontiersman." He had his own recipe for treating arrow wounds. Once a member of the trail driving expedition Goodnight led was shot in the back of the head. Goodnight pulled out the arrow head, treated the wound and the man recovered.

"I put good cold mud on the wound," Goodnight said. "There is no better disinfectant." Despite his many conflicts with Indians, Goodnight had only one notch on his gun, that notch representing a number of the Tonka-va tribe which held the belief, Goodnight declared, that eating human flesh would make them brave.

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WANTED MAN RETURNED BY DEPUTY JOHN WHITE

Deputy Sheriff John White made a trip to San Angelo Wednesday night to get George Bailey, wanted here on several charges. Bailey was in a transaction with Burns Holt a short time which involved possession of an automobile, it being alleged that he forgot to complete the deal with the necessary cash before departure. After Bailey had been gone for several days search was instituted for him and the automobile located in San Angelo and returned to its owner here.

Bailey was arrested and placed in jail at San Angelo for Runnel county authorities. On notification Deputy White made the trip there and returned with Bailey, who is in the Runnels county jail awaiting examining trial.

Miss Adda Ward, of New York, is here spending the Christmas holidays with her mother and other relatives.

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County Council Holds Good Meet at Winters

The Runnels county council of the Parent-Teachers Associations met at Winters Wednesday afternoon in its regular session. The delegates were welcomed on arrival at the Winters school by Mrs. E. M. Montague, and Mrs. Light Hoover, president of the Winters P-T A.

Mrs. Joe Simmons, of Ballinger, chairman of the county council, called the meeting to order at 2 o'clock with thirteen organizations in the county represented. Local presidents made reports for units at Miles, Winters, Wingate, Benoit, Content, Runnels, Norton, Drasco, Franklin, North Norton, Eagle Branch, Dale, and Ballinger. The largest attendance at any session of the county council was present, showing the increasing interest in the movement.

Following the invocation by Rev. Hamner, Mrs. A. H. Smith rendered a delightful piano number, and Mrs. Meredith led the audience in singing P-T A songs. An extra feature on the program was that of a little band from the Winters primary school which played a rendition which was greatly appreciated by the delegates.

Dr. W. B. Halley, county health officer, of Ballinger, addressed the meeting on "Immunization Against Diphtheria." The delegates were apparently particularly interested in the control of this epidemic, and the speaker emphasized many points in a way that made the subject more clearly understood.

The council voted in its business session to sponsor a move to educate the public in regard to the immunization practice. The council treasurer made a report showing \$3 on hand and other organizations ready to pay their quotas.

By-laws were presented to the council and after being read were adopted. Mrs. Simmons, president of the council, explained that besides rural extension the work of the organization for next year would be juvenile protection, through educated parenthood. She urged all members to take their correspondence courses now and be ready to receive their certificates at the state convention at San

Angelo next year. The delicious plate was passed containing sandwiches and hot chocolate. Delegates to the state convention at Waco, Mrs. Montague, Mrs. J. H. Herndon, of Miles, and Mrs. Simmons, presented reports of that meeting. The council adjourned to meet in Ballinger at some date in February.

3 MEXICAN TOWNS TO SEND DELEGATIONS TO LAREDO

LAREDO, Dec. 18.—Three northern Mexico cities have combined to send good will excursions to Laredo prior to Christmas according to advices received by the Laredo Chamber of Commerce.

Touring clubs of Monterey, Victoria and Linares already have completed plans for the good will visit. The first contingent will leave Victoria on the morning of Dec. 19, be joined by the Monterey and Linares motorcades as they are reached, and arrive in Laredo on the afternoon of Dec. 20. The business men of the Mexican cities will remain in Laredo until the morning of December 22.

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## Deaths

**Mrs. J. M. Tate**  
Mrs. J. M. Tate, of Talpa, died at the home of her son, four miles from Talpa, Friday night. She had been ill for several days.

Decedent had lived in Talpa for several years and was well known and liked there. Her husband preceded her in death in 1924.

Surviving are several daughters and sons and a large number of grandchildren, great grandchildren, some of whom reside in Talpa.

Funeral services were held from the Talpa Methodist Church Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with Rev. Frank Smith officiating. Interment was made in the Talpa cemetery with undertakers from Higginbotham Funeral Home in charge.

**Grandmother Stewart**  
Grandmother Stewart died at her home in Paint Rock at 12:50 Sunday afternoon. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Paint Rock Methodist Church, with the pastor officiating.

Funeral arrangements were completed by the Higginbotham Funeral Home and undertakers from that establishment were in charge at the grave.

**Annie Louise Kincannon**  
Annie Louise Kincannon, age 2 weeks, died at the Ballinger Sanitarium Thursday night at 9:40 o'clock. The infant was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Kincannon who reside near San Angelo. The mother and baby had been in the hospital for nearly two weeks at the time of the child's death. Mrs. Kincannon's parents live near Rowena, and are prominent in that community.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 3:30, with Rev. W. Lawson Brown, pastor of Ballinger Nazarene Church, officiating. The rites will be conducted from the Higginbotham Funeral Home and interment will be made in Evergreen Cemetery.

**Mrs. V. L. Burrows**  
Mrs. V. L. Burrows, age 77 years 10 months and 13 days, died at her home, 617 Strong Avenue, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. She had been suffering for about a week with a light attack of in-

fluenza, shortly before her death, sustaining a relapse which developed into pneumonia. She had been sick for only seven days and her condition was not considered serious until her relapse.

Mrs. Burrows was a pioneer citizen of Runnels county and was known by many people as Grandmother Burrows. She was a true friend and cultivated the acquaintance of young people and children.

She is survived by four daughters: Mrs. E. A. McCray Ballinger, Mrs. M. J. Whitley Eldorado, Miss Maud Burrows, Ballinger, and Mrs. Ella Lynch, Ballinger. One son, F. P. Reynolds, Eldorado, also survives.

Funeral services were held from the family residence Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with Rev. J. H. McClain officiating. Following the services interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery.

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

**Miss Willie Schooler**  
Miss Willie Schooler, formerly of Ballinger, died in a San Angelo hospital Tuesday, after a long illness. Miss Schooler, for the past several years, had been living in town west of here. She was only recently brought to the hospital where her condition grew worse instead of better until the end.

The body was brought here and interment made in Evergreen Cemetery Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. E. W. McLaurin conducted the rites at the George M. Vaughn home.

Decedent is survived by her mother, Mrs. R. H. Schooler; two brothers, Joe, of O'Donnell, and J. G. of San Angelo; and three sisters, Mrs. A. W. Gibbs, Big Lake; Mrs. F. E. Norton, Dallas; and Mrs. J. T. Routh, Ballinger.

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Every woman knows how easy it is to burn or scald herself while working in her home. Every woman knows that these burns and scalds are painful and sometimes very slow to heal. Every woman should know that the pain of burns and scalds will be quickly relieved, infection positively prevented and speedy healing assured if Liquid Borzone is instantly applied. Get a bottle of Liquid Borzone and keep it handy in your medicine cabinet. Sold by Weeks Drug Store.

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## M. Feist, Prominent Rowena Citizen, Dies

M. Feist, 67, of Rowena, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Mees Sunday night, December 13. The boy has been named Norris Burkhardt. Both mother and son are doing nicely.

Decedent had been connected with many business enterprises in Rowena, chief of which was the First National Bank of Rowena in which institution he was active for some time. He had extensive land holdings near Rowena and also in the Lipan Flats in Tom Green county.

Mr. Feist was one of the first settlers in the Lipan Flats, buying land there in 1924 and putting it into cultivation. Since Mr. Feist pioneered the section over 15,000 acres have been put into cultivation and it is known as one of the most prosperous farming belts in West Texas.

Decedent had been ill only a short time, having fallen a few weeks ago, and from a cut on his hand had contracted blood poison, this affecting his heart, which had previously given him trouble. He is survived by his wife and seven children and countless numbers of friends in this section. Interment will be made in St. Joseph's Cemetery at Rowena, services to be conducted from St. Joseph's Church there Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Get our prices on oranges Saturday. City Grocery. 11w

**DANCE AT O. D. H. S. HALL**  
A dance will be given in the O. D. H. S. Hall, Rowena, Texas, Thursday night, December 26. Music by the "Lucky Five" Orchestra. d-23-24 11w

**NO PINK BOLL WORM IN CENTRAL TEXAS**

BRADY, Dec. 18.—No sign of the pink boll worm was found in this section by investigators of the United States Department of Agriculture, who completed a thorough inspection of the counties surrounding Brady.

The men who made the inspection are W. E. Gassett and his assistants, H. L. Dee and H. W. Capps.

## Births

Mr. and Mrs. Homer C. Daniels are parents of a nine and three-quarter pound boy, born here Friday, December 13. The boy has been named Norris Burkhardt. Both mother and son are doing nicely.

### EAGLE BRANCH NEWS

The P-T A met Dec. 6, 1929, with an attendance of forty. Several important items of interest were attended to, our representative to the county association Wednesday was elected, and quite a number of the members said they intended to go. Our programs so far have proven very interesting and we expect them to become more so as we learn Thursday, December 19th, at 7:30 o'clock will be our next meeting and we are delighted to say Mrs. Simmons and Miss Alexander said it may be possible for them to be with us.

We are ready for the inspector and Mr. White, who are expected here December 17th. The trustees have indeed been faithful and helpful in repairing and building new equipment for the school. Saturday morning quite a number of the patrons energetically helped in putting a culvert from the road onto the school grounds.

The teachers of Eagle Branch are planning a nice Christmas program in addition to having a tree Friday night, December 20.

The school attendance has held up splendidly in spite of cold weather. We hope it will continue to do so throughout the year.

The honor roll this month is as follows: First grade—Geneva Boothe, Maxie Moore, Lela Jackson, Ralph Bradley, Leo Freeman, Carl Freeman, Earl Freeman, Herbert Jacob. Third grade—Imogene Stoval. Fourth grade—Sylvia Bradley, Bertha Miles, Alaine Kurtz. Fifth grade—Lorena Bradley, Fred Glascock, Walter Jacob. Sixth grade—Merle Moore, Zack Presley.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Bradley and children left for Levelland Tuesday morning to be gone until Friday.

Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Phipps, Mrs. McBeth and Miss Bonnie Mae Clark visited San Angelo Tuesday.

Mr. Presley's arm, which he broke about a week ago, is improving nicely.

Glen Irvin spent the week-end in Lubbock with his brother, Joe, who is working there.

November the 9th, Joe Irvin paid a visit to his parents and friends, then to the surprise of nearly everyone and especially his parents and the parents of his sweetheart, he quite successfully stole Miss Pinkie King, of Crews, and took her to Lubbock with him. The night was ideally romantic for an elopement and his friends wish them a long successful future.

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Mr. and Mrs. Perry King returned to their home at Abilene Wednesday morning after coming here Tuesday afternoon to bring Mrs. King's sister, Mrs. E. E. King, and the Motley girls home. Mrs. E. E. King has been in Abilene since Sunday night when she went there with Mrs. J. D. Motley immediately following the accident in which three Ballinger boys were hurt.

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FOR SALE—141 acre farm, 100 acres in cultivation, good improvements, 7 miles from Ballinger, northwest. G. H. Sturm. 20-21w\*

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## KERRVILLE LEADS NATION IN PRODUCTION OF WOOL

KERRVILLE, Dec. 12.—Kerrville retained top rank among primary wool and mohair markets of the United States when more than 6,400,000 pounds of wool and mohair were shipped from this point during the past 12 months, according to the Schreiner Wool and Mohair Commission Company. Mohair shipments this year reached a total of 2,753,701 pounds, all of which was shipped from

Kerrville to eastern mills. That represented the largest single accumulation in the entire country for the year.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our dear friends and good neighbors for their kindnesses and sympathy shown us during the sickness and at the death of our dear mother, and for the beautiful floral offerings. May God's richest blessings be upon you all.

R. E. Lee and Family  
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Peculiar 1929 Political Pattern Studied As 1930 Elections Loom

By James L. West (Associated Press Staff Writer) WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Political soothsayers turn now to the crystal formed by the criss-cross events of 1929 in the hope of deciphering what lies in store for party fortunes in the forthcoming congressional elections. Looming largest within the mystic ball is the peculiar pattern formed by developments in the senate tariff revision controversy and the routing of the anti-Smith democratic-republican coalition in the election of an old line democrat as governor of Virginia.

reached the market than is usually the case. Feeders who marketed their cattle with a fair finish in May, June and July, obtained good prices. Heavy steers sold from \$14 to \$14.75 at Fort Worth, and the best for yearlings cleared at equal levels. Feeders who carried a portion of their cattle until November and December were obliged to take lower prices than if they had sold early, and the late gains in weight and finish were relatively more expensive than early in the season.

Price of Cattle

(Continued from page 1)

Society

To Hold Open House Mrs. George Pearce, 1004 Ninth Street, will hold open house the afternoon and evening of New Year's Day starting at two o'clock.

Miss Nanell Jones is Honored Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Grippie entertained on Saturday evening to honor Miss Nanell Jones, who was at home from the Teachers' College at Denton, during the holidays.

Miss Lucibel Taylor is Married in Dallas

The marriage of Miss Lucibel Taylor of Dallas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor of Ballinger, and Herman Schaus Jr., son of Mrs. Herman Schaus of St. Louis, Mo., took place Thursday evening, December 26, at the home of the bride, 4233 Hall Street.

The house was decorated with pink rosebuds and white lilies of the valley. The reception table was laid in lace over orchid with pink rosebuds used for the center decoration. The improvised altar was made of palms and floor baskets of lilies of the valley.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Jones Taylor, of Ballinger, wore an ivory satin gown made princess style. Her veil was of tulle, attached to a crown of orange blossoms. Her bouquet was of roses showered with lilies of the valley.

She wore a gift from the bridegroom's mother, a diamond and platinum bar pin.

Miss Doris Taylor of Ballinger, attended the bride as maid of honor. She wore a shaded orchid bouffant taffeta frock with an

orchid tulle hat and orchid slippers. Her bouquet was of pink rosebuds.

Mrs. Ann Miller of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was the matron of honor. She wore a shaded orchid tulle frock with a tulle hat and slippers to match and carried a bouquet of pink rosebuds.

W. T. Wilson of Dallas, attended the bridegroom as best man.

Little Drevvis Miller of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was the flower girl and wore a pink tulle costume. She carried a basket of white rose petals.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held for the relatives and friends. Miss

ON  
Mrs. Herman Schaus to young womanhood. She is a graduate of Ballinger high school, class of 1922. She has a degree from S. M. U. D. is also a graduate of the School of Expression there. It was during her study at the American Academy of Art in New York city that the romance had its beginning. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor, and her brother, Jones Taylor, and Mrs. Taylor, were in Dallas for the wedding.

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HERE YS FLIGHTS to hear above er look at the an op- days. Grandmother her home in Palepublican cities in Indiana. Sunday afternoon Events in the senate have been ices were held Mariously translated by political at 3 o'clock from tments. They have consisted Methodist Church first in disagreement between the northwestern republican senators, including Borah, of Idaho and Brookhart, of Iowa, and President Hoover principally on the tariff, and secondly in the formation of an independent bloc around B.rah, LaFollette and Norris. This bloc has formed a coalition with the democrats similar to that existing just before the 1924 elections and when a tax revision measure was before congress. The old guard republicans finally surrendered to the coalition on the tariff bill, finding themselves hopelessly outnumbered. Out of that situation sprang up "Young Bloc" of administration senators fairly new in their Friday afternoon s, but intent on getting some Rev W Lawson Byron on the tariff. This legis- Ballinger Nazarene on, always the man point of lating the rites wference between the old pol- tical parties, still is in the mak- ing with a long controversy in prospect and one on which the democrats will go to the country. Joutett Shouse, wh otook over direction of national democratic affairs early in 1929 with head- quarters in Washington, made this clear in a statement issued at the end of the special session of congress and in which he laid blame for the failure of congress to act on the doorstep of the president.

What effect each is to have in the selection of a new house of representatives and one-third of the members of the senate next November is the question which these silent observers seek an answer. Will the tariff fight, which has thrown a gulf between the North- western senators and the president, cause a political upheaval comparable to some of those which in the past followed in the wake of general tariff revisions? Does the result in the Virginia gubernatorial election portend a sway of the pendulum which will erase gains in the house which the republicans made in the Old Dominion and several other southern states a little more than a year ago as Hoover split the solid south for the first time since reconstruction days?

There also is search for an answer to the question of to what extent national political feeling was expressed in the off-year 1929 elections in which the democrats held the Kentucky legisla- ture, reelected a mayor of New York City and put into office mayors in a number of normally Republican cities in Indiana.

Parties are preparing for nding contest for the he voters. Aaudius business...  
Mrs. V. L. ves 10 months new her home, ing Wednesday an- She had began a week with 20

ed direct from the range to feed lots in the corn belt. Some cattle were booked early in the season, but the direct buying this year was only a small per cent of the number that moved on contract in 1928.

Along with these go puzzles as to the effect of other, although lesser, political events of the passing year. There is the matter of the President's effort to consolidate his southern gains by forming coalition patronage committees made up of anti-Smith democrats and republicans and a "house cleaning" within the republican organizations in some of the states of Dixie.

That the much talked of shortage in cattle is actual is suggested by market receipts. All of the principal markets show a decline as compared with previous years. The Fort Worth market, however, shows the largest loss in number as well as per cent of decline of grown cattle. Up to Dec 1 this year approximately 128,000 fewer cattle arrived at Fort Worth than came during the corresponding period in 1928. The calf supply shows a decline of only about 1,500 head. This small decline has probably been influenced by more calves coming to market this year than last, when they were sold direct- ly in old thin cows, heifers, some bulls and a big per cent of calves and yearlings. This, they point out, will have a pronounced influence on the tonnage of beef as compared with former years. Some say the decline will amount to as much as 25 to 35 per cent. This year Texas feed pens contained many cattle of good quality that were fed longer and carried more finish when they

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Tony Fuentes, a Los Angeles Filipino, worked 2,100 hours at night to complete a model of the U. S. S. Texas

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