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AGNEW-FOWLER WELL IS GOOD PRODUCER

The Agnew & Sons-H. B. Fowler No. 1 which came in Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock gauged 672 barrels of high gravity oil at the close of the first 24 hours. The well is considered the largest producer in the McMillan field to date. A number of deals are being made in Ballinger this week and heavy development is expected to begin within a short time. Most of the deals pending are not ready to be announced until papers have been signed and recorded.

Another flowing oil well was added to production in the McMillan field north of Ballinger Tuesday afternoon when Agnew & Sons-H. B. Fowler struck pay at 2,537 feet. After a good flow of gas the bit was sunk another

Local Firemen Plan For Big Convention Here in February

Ballinger firemen have commenced working on plans for the convention here February 13 of the Hill Country Firemen's Association. At a meeting last week committees were named for every detail of the program and all have accepted responsibility for staging one of the most successful conventions in the history of the organization.

Chief Chester Cherry expects to call all committees together next week and complete the program so every member can know what is expected of him. The committees named are: Reception and Badges—K. V. Northington, Miss Ve Maddox and Miss Winona Jones. Decoration of Hall—Joe Baxter, J. A. Schnabl and C. G. Cape Street—Lee Moreland. Finance—H. W. Lynn, W. C. McCarver and George Holman. First Aid Drill—Joe Baxter. Races—C. L. Armstrong, Ollie Hamilton and George McMillan. Entertainment—Troy Simpson, J. D. Motley and C. R. Stone. Hotel Reception—Mrs. E. E. Avey, Mrs. I. M. Preston and Mrs. Gosnell.

Reception at Hall—Mrs. George Holman, Mrs. J. A. Schnabl, Mrs. D. G. Posey, Mrs. Chester Cherry, Mrs. H. W. Lynn and Miss Winnie Trail. Dance—C. L. Armstrong, Roy Hill, Owen Boone, M. Morgan, Troy Stewart, Ad Krempin and L. J. Campbell. Hall—C. L. Armstrong, D. G. Posey and M. Morgan. Chief Cherry stated that he expected attendance of 500 at the convention if weather conditions are good. A number of notables have already accepted invitations to be here and some will have parts on the program. Among these are: Johnny O'Brien, assistant chief of the Fort Worth fire department; W. M. Wolf, assistant chief of the Dallas fire department; C. C. Hedges, head of the chemistry department of A. & M. College; H. R. Brayton, head of the state fire school at A. & M.; Frank Williams, state field instructor; George Hawley, state insurance commissioner; Raymond S. Mauk, state insurance commissioner.

Included in the day's entertainment features will be horse races on the streets, a banquet at night followed by a dance, and amusement numbers during the regular program and at the banquet.

Horace B Sessions returned this week to his work at Altus, Oklahoma. He recently took the bar examination and passed and will return here April 1 to be associated with his brother, C. C. Sessions, in the practice of law.

Agnew & Sons-H. B. Fowler No. 1 ... 110 barrels of oil the first two hours and a half after being brought in Tuesday afternoon, and is continuing to head at regular intervals. Production is estimated at approximately 600 barrels a day.

foot and pulled from the hole and everything made ready for the oil. The first head started within twenty minutes after tools were taken from the hole and began filling the first 1,000-barrel tank made ready for production.

To please the large crowd present the drillers gave a demonstration when an elbow was connected to the line and the valve opened, allowing the golden fluid to gush into the air for a few minutes.

Many spectators assembled at the location soon after noon Tuesday and remained until the first head was made at 4 p. m. A majority of those present were oil men from other sections of Texas who are interested in development of the local field.

Initial production of the Agnew well was thought to be about the same as the two producers brought in by B. C. Mann and others on the T. B. Wade farm a short distance north-northeast of the new producer. A gauge will be set on the line for several days to determine the average the well probably will produce regularly.

The new well centered more interest on the Golden Petroleum Company's No. 2 well which is expected "in" the latter part of this week or the first of next. This test is east of the Agnew well.

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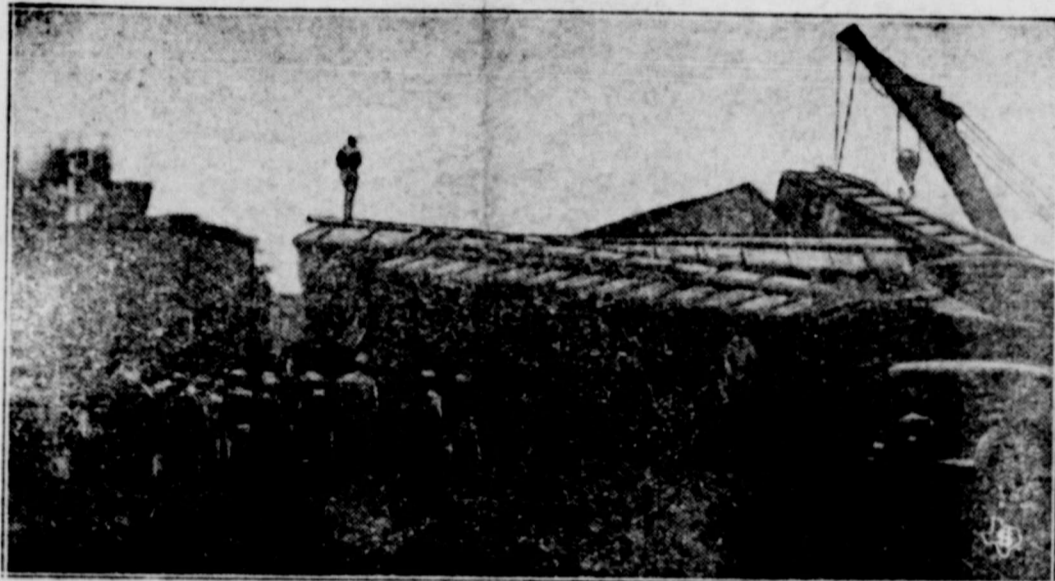
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First Home Loan For This County To Winters Man

The first loan in this county has been granted through the home owners' loan association, C. P. Shepherd, attorney for this organization in Runnels county, announced Tuesday. The loan is to E. E. Roberts, of Winters, for \$1,263.92, on his home. The home is a modern five-room cottage.

The title has been approved, the abstract inspected, and the money will arrive in a few days from the San Antonio office. Mr. Shepherd stated that three other abstracts had been inspected and he expects approval of the loans in a few days.

The county appraiser has been instructed to inspect eleven other residences in the county on which applications for loans have been filed and this will be attended to this week.

Local officials of the association have received numerous applications but to date few have been considered worthy of the sums sought. The purpose of the association is to aid only those whose homes are in distress and in danger of being lost.

Application blanks can be had at the office of Mr. Shepherd on the second floor of the Security State Bank building.

New Auto Sales Show a Decline During December

Sale of new motor vehicles in Runnels county during December declined from the high marks set in previous months, only 17 cars being registered at the tax collector's office. Numerous transfers were recorded, however. The decline in sales was possibly caused by many prospective buyers awaiting new models during most of the month.

Registrations for December follow:

- Chevrolets**
Batts Chevrolet Co., Ballinger, 1
Patrick Chevrolet Co., Winters, 1
- Fords**
Harwell Motor Co., Ballinger, 3
Miles Motor Co., Miles, 1
Nance-Brown Motor Co., Winters, 2
- Plymouths**
Sykes Motor Co., Ballinger, 4
Hoover-Bourne Co., Miles, 2
- Dodges**
Sykes Motor Co., Ballinger, 2
- Studebakers**
Cook Motor Co., Abilene, 1.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTS MISS ALLMAN

The board of trustees of the Ballinger Independent school district at its last meeting, this week, elected Miss Monette Allman as a substitute teacher. Other business transacted at this meeting was of a routine nature.

Twice a Queen



A quick perusal of the papers would lead the average reader to believe that most college girls are beauty queens at least once but Miss Josephine Flanken of Vernon, Texas, (above) has won the distinction twice—once as a sophomore and now as a senior at West Texas S. T. C., Canyon.

Jury in Justice Court Acquits 3 Winters Youths

Three cases were tried in justice court here Tuesday, a jury of six men hearing the evidence. Byron Jones was charged with disturbing the peace and assault and battery; Guy Adkins on the same two counts; and Derrell Harkins with assault and battery.

The cases originated Thanksgiving day at a dance hall near Winters known as the Lewis Casino. A number of Winters boys and girls were called here as witnesses. At the conclusion of the trial the three defendants were declared not guilty by the jury.

Two cases for affray were filed Tuesday by County Attorney Roy L. Hill, and the first part of the week Claude Goodman entered a plea of guilty and paid a fine of \$18.50 for permitting stock to run at large.

Simmons Quartet Will Sing Sunday At Baptist Church

A special service has been arranged at the Ballinger Baptist Church for Sunday morning at 11 o'clock when the Simmons University male quartet will present "A Sermon in Song." Clyde Garrett, director of the quartet, has arranged with Rev. J. H. McClain, pastor, for the appearance here and the singers will be given the entire morning worship hour.

Rev. McClain stated Wednesday that he had not been furnished with a complete program of the personnel of the quartet. The singers have been making a good reputation this year, however, and have visited many West Texas cities already.

Besides singing here in the morning the quartet will sing at Drasco in the afternoon and at Winters at night.

It pays to read the ads.

Livestock Raisers Meet in Ballinger Friday Evening

A meeting of the Runnels County Livestock Association will be held at the court house in Ballinger Friday evening, January 5, to discuss important business. All stockmen in this section are urged to attend and become members of the association which is launching a program to stop theft of livestock.

Paul Campbell, secretary of the association, went to Sonora Tuesday to attend a meeting of the Sutton county livestock association and get new ideas to present to the Runnels county organization.

One of the items to be called to the attention of members Friday will be that of dogs which have been causing sheepmen much grief. A number of sheep raisers in this county have sustained heavy losses the past several months by dogs raiding their flocks at night. Plans will be presented which may lead to preventing this in the future. Another matter to be discussed will be spring shearing and the prices to be paid for this work.

The Runnels county association has only been organized a short time but already results have been won in halting stealing of livestock. Other nearby counties have organized and all are cooperating to deal out justice to rustlers.

HOFFMAN, BENOIT, REPORTS EARLY LAMBING

L. Hoffman, pioneer ranchman and farmer of the Benoit community, transacted business in Ballinger Wednesday and while talking to a Ledger representative stated that his ewes were in the midst of lambing. This is usually early for lambing and Hoffman was a little uneasy about his new-born flock.

Due to the fact that the weather was dry and unfavorable for lambing at the proper time, Hoffman said he did not have his usual pasturage of small grain or weeds for his sheep to water on and was therefore a little anxious as to the outcome of his year's increase.

DALAM FARMERS RAISE CATFISH IN TANKS

IALHART, Tex., Jan. 3.—Two Dalam county farmers are getting the family fish supply out of surface tanks stocked with catfish, and have been enrolled as "fish demonstrators" by R. T. Lee, county agent. The tanks were dug without cash using plows and freeways, and are 45 and 50 feet long and 100 feet long. They are situated below the ground surface and are kept filled with surplus water and surface water. One tank has 300 catfish from 8 to 10 inches long, and the other has been enough to give the family all they could eat during the year and to give other farmers a steady supply of stock. Mr. Lee, who has considerable experience in setting up tanks, states that the average family can take care of more fish than the average family can consume.

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L. BELL LEASES MEAT MARKET FROM FARLEY

L. Bell has leased the Ed Farley market and will continue to operate it, selling meat and other goods. Mr. Bell, an experienced meat cutter, has been associated with this market for a number of years, doing the work, and will continue to do this part of the business. Mr. Farley will devote his time to buying fat stock and butchering it.

91 Children are Born in Runnels County in '33

There were 37 more boys than girls born in Runnels county during 1933. The records at the county clerk's office and quite a few hall reveals that school Monday children were as to resume county during the year-end months. Of this 91 boys and 177 girls of this community in Ballinger obtained with a boys by two. Our home Saturday here 41 girls. In the rest of the county there were 150 girls born.

There were 157 Graph Supplies in the county Printing Co.

Ballinger. Statistical records in the past were correct.

Do you hear surprising news? How interesting? Wonders were being done.

Rural

EAGLE BRANCH EVENTS

T. H. McCann and family have moved to their new home on the J. M. Tindall farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Victory, spent Monday with their daughter, Mrs. Eugene White.

The Eagle Branch school resumed its regular work Tuesday of this week after the holidays.

The Helpers' Club meets today (Wednesday) with Mrs. Travis Cummings, in the home of her mother, Mrs. J. H. Kurtz. New officers elected at the last regular meeting are as follows: Mrs. H. L. Tooker, president; Mrs. Albert Kurtz, vice-president; Mrs. Raymond Freeman, secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kurtz and family, Sylvia and Ralph Bradley spent Monday in the home of Mrs. Kurtz' sister, Mrs. A. C. Herring, of Talpa.

The next regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association will be held Friday night of this week, January 5.

T. H. McCann made a business trip to San Angelo the latter part of last week, returning home Sunday.

The H. B. Fowler oil well which proved a good producer Tuesday of this week, is another boost for the Blanton and Eagle Branch communities. The people of Eagle Branch wish to take this means of congratulating Mr. Fowler on this lucky find.

(Received Too Late for Publication Last Week)

Raymond Kurtz and family and Albert Kurtz and family had Christmas dinner with the Mmes. Kurtz' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deike, of Winters.

Monroe Kurtz and family, of Winters, and Marvin Kurtz and family were Christmas dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kurtz.

The Eagle Branch school had a beautiful Christmas tree Friday for the benefit of the pupils. A number of the patrons were present to see the little folks get their presents.

The Helpers Club met with Mrs. H. G. Bradley Wednesday of last week. Quilt piecing was the order of the day. Delicious home-made candy was served. Christmas presents were given to all of the members present.

H. A. Moore, who has been seriously ill for the past few days, is reported to be much better at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Watson, of South Ballinger, spent Sunday night and Christmas day with their daughter, Mrs. H. L. Tooker, and family.

Miss Gracie Moore, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at Santa Anna Wednesday of last week, is reported to be doing nicely.

Grandmother Tooker had the misfortune to fall Christmas eve and injure her back and head. She is reported to be improving at this writing.

H. L. Tooker is recovering from a severe attack of tonsillitis. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene White and family, of Independence, have moved back to our community. We are glad to have them with us again.

BETHEL NEWS

Everyone appreciated the nice rain that fell here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Greenhill, Sr., and children, Flora and Foster; Corene, Juanis and Barney Nunley enjoyed a lovely New Year's dinner in the J. S. Greenhill, Jr., home at Concho Sunday.

Albert Koenig and Miss Alice Koenig returned to Abilene Monday to resume their work in college.

Walter Crockett and Clyde Simmons spent the holidays with home folks. Both boys are students at Texas Technological College, Lubbock.

We are sorry to report Elio Wilde still in the sanitarium. He has been moved from San Angelo to Ballinger.

Miss Mary Nunley accompanied Mrs. L. M. Kuhn, of Rowena, to Lueders Sunday, returning Monday.

Marvin and Cecil Adams, of Petersburg, visited their uncle, J. M. Nunley, and family last weekend.

All the old pupils and quite a few new ones were in school Monday and were anxious to resume their studies after the year-end holidays.

The youngsters of this community were entertained with a party in the Nunley home Saturday night.

Mrs. J. M. Nunley is on the sick list this week.

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SOUTH BALLINGER CLUB

Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, county home demonstration agent, met with the South Ballinger home demonstration club Tuesday afternoon, January 2, at two o'clock, in the home of Mrs. J. C. Reese, and gave a demonstration of cake making. The following recipe was used:

Mahogany Cake

5 tablespoons boiling water
2 tablespoons cocoa
1/2 cup butter
1 1/2 cups sugar
4 eggs
1 1/4 cups cake flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 cup sweet milk
Cream butter and sugar well, add beaten egg yolks, then cocoa dissolved in boiling water and cooled. Then add milk and flour alternately. Fold in beaten egg whites last. Bake in layers in a moderate oven from 20 to 30 minutes.

Filling

4 tablespoons cocoa
5 tablespoons strong hot coffee
1/2 cup butter
3 cups powdered sugar
5 teaspoons cream
2 teaspoons vanilla
1 egg yolk
Melt cocoa in coffee, cream butter and sugar, add cocoa, then egg yolk. Next add cream and vanilla. Beat until creamy.

Everyone present walked next door to view Mrs. Walter Selpp's cutting bed and while there heard Mrs. Hollingsworth explain how to make cutting beds properly.

Ten club members, two visitors, Mrs. Hollingsworth, and little Betty Lou Batts, the club mascot, were served slices of delicious mahogany cake.

The next meeting will be held on the third Tuesday in January at the home of Mrs. G. R. Proffitt. Canned products will be judged at that meeting.

TALPA TOPICS

Weldon Magness, of Phoenix, Arizona, is visiting in the Ralph Davis home.

A. D. Ritchey, of Eldorado, was here last Thursday to attend the funeral services for R. W. Brown. Little Misses Louise and Wanda Lou Brewer, of Coleman, visited

Boy Shows Industry and Ability



L. A. Pierce, county agent of Jim Wells county, here shows Clarence Martens, member of the 4-H club of Lara, Texas, what it takes to make a good dairy heifer. Starting with cotton profits made in 1929, Clarence bought a good heifer in 1930 for \$135. By breeding and trading he now has two cows, two heifer calves and one bull calf. He is building a registered Jersey herd for a start in life.

in the W. W. Johnson home a few days last week.

Mrs. Ira Hale, of Texon, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ritchey.

Miss Elizabeth Evans, of Abilene, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Evans, last week.

Mrs. James is visiting in Coleman with her daughter, Mrs. Lester Freeman.

Among those who attended the funeral of Mrs. M. A. Percell, of Coleman, last Saturday, were Mr. and Mrs. Ira Deakins, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Bomar and Mrs. J. M. McConnell.

Mrs. G. F. Givens, of Coleman, is visiting friends here this week. Homer Melton, plan man for the Southwestern States Telephone Co., was in Talpa on business Tuesday.

BLANTON NEWS

Everyone was rejoiced to see the fine rain which fell last Friday.

School opened Monday morning with full attendance. Several new pupils are enrolled.

Mr. and Mrs. Frnka, of Austin, were holiday visitors in our community. Mrs. Frnka will be remembered as Miss Carrie Witter. N. E. Boothe and family, of Spur, spent Christmas with the J. P. Boothe family.

The Blanton home demonstration club members entertained their families Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Tounget. Forty-two and various other games were played after which refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Funderburk and children spent the Christmas holidays in East Texas.

Misses Mildred Elkins and Juanita Huddleston left Monday afternoon for Brownwood, where they are attending Howard Payne College.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Harvey and baby, of Rankin, visited the A. W. Malone family the past week.

Miss Frances Jonas, of the Miller community, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Charles James.

CREWS NEWS

Small grain, farming land and ranches have been benefitted by the slow showers which fell last week. Very little water ran in the tanks and creeks, however, and many are still hauling for their stock.

A large group of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blalock, of Talpa, attended the funeral of their son, Houston, 13, who was laid to rest in the Token cemetery Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Blalock were former residents of the Crews and Oxien communities and our sympathy is extended to them in their sorrow. Two of their other children, Miss Ora, and a small son, are very low with typhoid fever. This dread fever was the cause of Houston's death.

Mrs. Maud Fortson returned to her home last week from the Ballinger sanitarium, where she underwent a major operation. She is reported improving nicely.

Mrs. King returned Sunday from a two weeks' visit with her son, Lloyd McBeth, and family, of

Sweetwater. She reports her little grandson, Teddie, slowly improving from a seven weeks' critical illness.

Mrs. Odie Clark recently received a message from her daughter, Mrs. Jewel Clark, of the plains country, that they had the misfortune to lose their home by fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Madison, of Carrizo Springs, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mathis, of Bangs, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. King.

A B. Y. P. U. social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Phipps Saturday evening was very much enjoyed by a large crowd. A number of games were played, music and special songs rendered, and refreshments of a variety of home made candy and popcorn were served.

Carol Fortson is very ill with a severe case of tonsillitis.

Mrs. A. H. Madison returned recently from a visit to her children in Fort Worth.

Tuesday afternoon the Ladies' Aid Society with the Methodist ladies as their guests met at the home of Mrs. W. J. Young. After a devotional service all business was omitted, and the chairman, Mrs. Pink King, spoke briefly on the life and good deeds of their hostess. A number of others also told how much she had meant to them in her many years residence in the Crews community. During a song, Misses Mamie Jones and Alma Phipps rushed in with a large tub, showering the honoree with a number of lovely and useful gifts as a token of love and friendship. While the crowd was enjoying and admiring Mrs. Young's gifts Miss Phipps appeared at another door, and warned the crowd to look out. With a few beautiful words she flung into Mrs. King's arms a beautiful friendship quilt completely finished, with forty-two blocks, each block bearing the name of a friend embroidered in the center. Both ladies expected the other to be showered but never thought of themselves as being an honoree. They were too amazed to know how to express

the gratitude they felt. Two readings, the last by Miss Mamie Jones, were much applauded. Cake and whipped cream were the refreshments. The next meeting will be held in the Edgar Jayroe home Friday, January 12.

BENOIT NEWS

The new year was ushered in with a spring-like day. People of this community have better hopes of the present year since the much longed-for rain which fell on the last of the old year. A little over an inch was received here. But as the drops fell slowly the stock water situation will not be benefitted much. This is a serious problem for some who have been hauling water for quite a while.

Our school opened Monday after a week's vacation for the Christmas holidays. Only a few pupils were absent on account of sickness.

Several in the community are preparing to move this week. But as the weather is unfavorable moving will be disagreeable.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Morrison, have been on the sick list for some time, seem to be improving slowly.

Mrs. L. B. Elam, of Miles, returned home Tuesday after spending several days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clack and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Cole, of Blanton.

Aubrey Cox visited his uncle, H. A. Moore, of Eagle Branch, last week. Mr. Moore has been critically ill.

We are glad to report Mrs. J. S. Reese improving at this writing. Little Miss Margaret and Grafton Brookshier are on the sick list this week. We hope they are soon up and back in school.

Miss Sallie Green and Mr. Hillin, of Dallas, returned home last week after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clack and

family visited in the F. R. Whelan home Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Glass and Miss son, of Millersview; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Linderman, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Cox and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Linderman and little daughter, of Hatchel, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Clayton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hoffman and family visited in the home of C. L. Howell, of Ballinger, Sunday.

Miss Vivian Hill spent last week in the S. B. Dietz home near Crews.

Miss Marcile Jonas, of Ballinger, and Misses Merele and Lavin Clack spent Wednesday evening with Miss Addie Ruth.

Miss Zaza Chenoweth and sister, Miss Ollie Chenoweth, of Sweetwater, visited relatives in Oklahoma last week.

Miss Fay Hill visited friends and relatives at Crews, Dale and Drasco during the year-end holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reese, of Ballinger, visited in the J. S. Reese home Monday.

Mrs. F. M. Maddox and son, of Lubbock, returned home Monday after spending the holidays with Mrs. Maddox' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Padgett.

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	STEW MEAT Short Ribs lb. 6c
	PORK ROAST Meaty Cuts lb. 10c
	SALT PORK No. 1 Bacon lb. 9c

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Old timers say this has been the warmest winter in this section they can remember. The cold wave that hit Ballinger Tuesday night was the second freezing weather of any consequence this winter and many days have been pleasant without a fire.

This is the last month in which to pay taxes before they become delinquent. All tax collecting offices here will be open and ready to serve property owners until the last night in January, after which unpaid taxes will be transferred to the delinquent lists. License numbers must be secured and attached to automobiles before the first day of February if cars are used on public roads. Poll tax payments are coming in fast since interest has begun to center on the elections to be held this year. Collectors urge citizens to pay as soon as possible in order to reduce the last minute rush. Receipts are greater than for the same period last year but a large majority of the property owners have yet to visit the collectors' offices and pay their 1933 levies.

The Ballinger fire department achieved a wonderful record the past year as evidenced by the total loss being barely over \$3,000. This is the smallest loss since 1918 and is one of the best for any town in the state the size of Ballinger. During the entire year members of the department have been active in teaching fire prevention. They have carried on the publicity through the schools, by newspaper articles, and supplied speakers for every occasion possible. A good fire record means fire to a community and saves greatly in insurance rates. Ballinger firemen, who work without compensation, are faithful to all and should at all times receive every consideration from the public. In February they will entertain the Hill Country Firemen's Association and it will require a considerable sum to take care of expenses of the convention. The boys should be assisted in this undertaking.

Card of Thanks

To our dear friends and neighbors we wish to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to each and every one who did so much during the illness and at the death of our dear wife, daughter, and sister. We wish to especially thank her neighbors in Ballinger for every kind word spoken to her, for everything they did to make her suffering much easier to bear, and for the beautiful flowers they carried each day and placed by her bedside. May God's richest blessings rest on each and every one is our prayer.

- L. P. Thornton
- R. F. Anthony
- O. S. Anthony
- W. E. Anthony
- R. H. Anthony
- W. R. Anthony
- Mrs. Leonard Davis
- Mrs. Al D. Richards

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MANY PEOPLE HERE FOR FIRST MONDAY

The first Monday crowd here on New Year's day was the largest in the past twelve months. The trading grounds on Tenth and Ninth streets were crowded during the entire day. Trading stock and merchandise were brought in, offering a trade of any kind that could be wanted.

During the afternoon entertainers were giving permission to sell their wares on the grounds. The blackface comedians and the barkers attracted large audiences to their shows.

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West Texas News Notes

Announcement was made at Miles last week that C. L. West, formerly county clerk of Runnels county, would be a candidate for the place of commissioner, precinct No. 4. Mr. West is seeking the place now held by R. A. Perry, of Miles.

The Coke county commissioners' court last week voted approval of the project to build the Butterfield Trail which has been discussed for some time. The commissioners conferred with State Highway Commissioner W. R. Ely at Abilene the past week-end and engineers are expected to begin a survey of the highway within a short time.

The paving of a street in Eden on highway 4 began Monday. Part of the equipment was moved to the location last week. The pavement will be the full width of the street and will have a caliche base and asphalt top, the same as used on the highway.

The Eden theatre suffered a heavy loss by fire of unknown origin last week. The theatre will be reopened just as soon as the necessary repairs can be made to the building. None of the equipment was damaged.

Abilene engineers are surveying all T. & P. Railway crossings in the city limits and it is planned to pave them soon. Paving on both sides of the tracks will be connected with pavement where gravel crossings now serve.

A deal was closed at Brady December 26 whereby the Brady National Bank takes over the Farmers & Merchants State Bank. The transfer was made January 1 and the Brady National will handle all deposits and look after collections due the Farmers State.

Abilene, Coleman and Brady were scenes of the opening of district court New Year's day. Each court was faced with a full docket and jurors are summoned for six weeks' terms.

Coleman authorities will pre-

sent an application for a loan with which to construct a municipal auditorium within a few days. The project will cost approximately \$20,000, the city seeking a loan of \$14,000 and a grant of \$6,000 from the government. Similar propositions are being considered in a number of West Texas towns which have organized units of the Texas national guard. The buildings will be combination auditoriums and armories.

By public subscription the services of the Menard county agent will be retained during 1934. Following an election it was necessary that \$600 be raised to insure the services another year and leaders in the movement soon raised the money.

Cisco, Eastland and Ranger voted last week to legalize the sale of 3.2 beer. Legal sale of the beverage will be within the corporate limits of each city.

Sonora business houses closed for New Year's day. In San Angelo all but grocery and drug stores were closed and a number of other towns in this section suspended business for the holiday.

The Kimble county clerk reported seven marriage licenses issued during December. Figures show that in 1932 eight divorces were granted and in 1933 seven.

Mrs. Thomas Hill, of the Red Bank community near Miles, has been removed home from St. John's Hospital, San Angelo, where she recently underwent an operation for appendicitis. She was improving at the last report.

William A. Gallia, of Rowena, attended to business in Ballinger Monday.

Mrs. J. A. Schnable returned Sunday from Sweetwater where she visited the past ten days with her parents.

W. W. McKissack, of Talpa, attended to business in Ballinger Saturday.

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Library Poster Contest Begins; Announce Rules

The Runnels county demonstration library has launched a poster contest which will be open to all school children of the county. The contest will comprise three divisions—primary, intermediate, and high school.

Posters will be judged by teachers and the librarian and posted in the local library and in downtown show windows. The winners in the three divisions will also each receive a book as a prize. The book can be selected by the winner from a list of suitable volumes for any age.

Suggestions for making posters are given as: favorite book, favorite story, favorite book character, favorite poem, why the contestant likes to read, pictures of children carrying books, building representing library, how to care for books properly, or any subject that would suggest reading or the use of a library.

The contest will end January 15 and those entering are asked to be sure that their names appear with the name of the school and grade in the lower right hand corner of the poster. If the poster is entered as a club project, then that name should be used instead of the school and grade.

Those desiring to enter the competition should call the library, American Legion Hall, check out books, attend the story hour and inspect posters there to get ideas.

The following rules have been adopted for operating the local library:

"Due to the limited book stock, only one book may be taken on a card. It may be kept for seven days, and renewed for another seven. Renewal may be by post-card, telephone, or in person. A fine of three cents a day will be charged for overdue books.

"Application cards for use of the library must be signed by property owners in Runnels county. The library is a public institution, supported by public funds, and the repository of valuable books. These rules have been made to insure the proper care and return of the books, and the efficient administration of service.

"The Detroit charging system, which library experience has shown to be the quickest and most efficient, will be used. Each borrower will be given a card bearing his number, name, and address, which he must bring to the library each time he wishes to borrow a book. He will take the book card out of the book he wants, copy the number off his card after the last number on the book card, and present the book and cards at the loan desk, where the numbers will be verified by the assistant, and a slip telling when the book is to be returned inserted. This system eliminates errors, and gives the librarian

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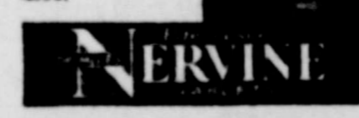
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Mrs. Fred Kiechle and daughter, Ann, have returned from Rochester, Minn., where Miss Ann had been for the past two months in Mayo Brothers hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. George Liddell, of Waco, returned home Monday after several days' visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Schuchard. Dr. Liddell is Mrs. Schuchard's brother. While here Dr. Liddell and Mr. Schuchard hunted quail with excellent success.

Mr. and Mrs. George Garrett and son returned Tuesday from Paris, where they had been visiting Mr. Garrett's mother and other relatives.

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SNEEZING NOT CRIME, POLISH COURTS DECIDE

WARSAW, Poland, Jan. 3.—Sneezing is not a crime, according to a decision of the Supreme Court. Fined \$12.50 by the Sanot district court for having sneezed at a meeting held to celebrate the birthday of Marshal Pilsudski, a retired major of the Polish army appealed to the supreme court.

After consulting all available authorities the court declared that it could find no precedent to prove that sneezing is a crime.

Miss Elizabeth Parker went to Coleman Tuesday to visit her sister.

Mrs. Joe Forman returned Sunday from Peley, where she had been visiting her parents the past ten days.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Subject to the Action of the Democratic Primaries)

For County Judge: GEORGE C. HILL
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For County Clerk: W. W. CHASTAIN
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Statement of Condition of The Farmers & Merchants State Bank

Close of Business December 30, 1933

Assets	
Loans	\$185,948.44
Overdrafts	626.31
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,950.00
Other Real Estate	22,885.90
Interest Accrued	2,713.78
Other Assets	3,800.00
Reserve:	
City of Ballinger Bonds and Warrants	\$ 41,661.36
Ballinger Independent School Bonds	5,000.00
Other Bonds, Stocks, Warrants	6,639.55
Commodity Credit Corp. Loans	44,400.35
Cash and Exchange	111,024.57
	210,725.83
	\$458,450.26

Liabilities	
Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Profits, Net	25,117.29
Reserve for Contingencies	4,800.00
Cashiers' Checks	3,622.60
Deposits	324,910.37
	\$458,450.26

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Birthday is Occasion for Celebration
 Little Miss Dorothy Ann Holliday was four years old last Saturday and the occasion was made a happy one for her when her mother, Mrs. Fred Holliday, gave her a party at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. L. L. Stroble, on Broadway.

The home had for its adornment the Christmas decorations and the glittering tree from which each child received a bag of candy.
 After the play hour the little guests were invited into the dining room where the beautiful pink three-tiered cake held the place of honor. The four tiny tapers were also pink in pink rose holders. It was cut and served with jello and whipped cream.

Mrs. Guy Swann assisted.
 The following children were included: Peggy Doris Holt, Elizabeth Wear, Betty Cook, Barbara Wayne Smith, Cynthia Lou Tuckey, Mary Catherine Sturges, Zyla Watson, Zaidie Watson, Marilyn Sommers, Bobbie Joe Huffman, Bobbie Moody, Eldon Moody, Carl Black, Jr., Mary Brian Woody, Donald Jack Parr, James Howard, Dava June Woodson, Charlotte Miller, Charles Miller, Dorothy Bruce, Patricia McGregor, John Weeks Earnshaw, James McClain, Marilyn Orier, June Wright, Buddy Wright, Helen Saunders, Martha Saunders, Bonnie Davis, Carolyn Cheatham, Betty Gene Parrish, Elaine Green, Mary Helen Henson, Nedra McCroby, Gene Thorp, Eleanor Wade, Gene Weston, Joan Cervenka of Rowena, Jamie Ruth Lemburg of Mason, Bobbie Lowe of San Saba, Virginia Mountz of Pharr.

Mrs. R. W. Bruce is Honor Guest
 A tribute was paid to a friendship of many years standing on Monday afternoon when Mrs. R. W. Bruce was named guest of honor by Mrs. John A. Weeks. As it was the first day of the New Year, and was also the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Bruce, these motifs were chosen by the hostess as outstanding features of the affair and were used with a color theme of red, white and silver.

Guests were welcomed at the door by Mrs. Robert Bruce, who presented Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. E. L. Rasbury and Mrs. Alfred Luckett of San Angelo. Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw seated guests at the tables arranged for games of forty-two in the living room suite of the Weeks home on Eighth Street. Poinsettias and red cyclamen in pots gave floral adornment.

Place cards were figures representing the year 1934 tied in red cellophane. The dominoes were also wrapped in red cellophane.

Following the games a refreshment plate containing deviled crab, moulded salad sandwiches, and sugared pecans was passed.

At this time, the doors to the dining room were opened and a beautifully appointed table was revealed. At one end of the table was the birthday cake iced in snow white, while at the other was the lovely antique silver coffee service. The centerpiece was a silver vase of white snapdragons, roses and carnations. Red and white mints in silver compotes and tall red tapers in silver holders gave added beauty to the table. Mrs. Robert Bruce cut the cake and Mrs. J. G. Douglass poured coffee.

A gift of silver went to Mrs. Bruce.

Dinner is Favor
 Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Halley were hosts on Tuesday evening to compliment Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Bailey in their pretty home on Fourth Street.

A New Year theme was combined with a green and white color scheme in all details of the dinner. A lovely silver candelabra with four lighted white tapers centered the table laid in snowy damask. At its base mistletoe had been gracefully arranged.

The menu was served in five courses to: Dr. and Mrs. Halley, Dr. and Mrs. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Woody, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rudd, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Stasney, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw, Mrs. A. R. Jones and Miss Margaret Guion.

In the bridge games which followed high score prize went to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bruce.

Striplin Home is Scene of Two Parties

On last Friday afternoon, Mrs. J. B. Striplin was hostess to her contract bridge club and in the evening Mr. Striplin joined her in entertaining.

Christmas decorations gave color and charm to rooms where black and silver were used in game accessories.

A salad course was served with fruit cake and coffee.

Afternoon guests bidden were: Mmes. Robert Bruce, R. W. Earnshaw, Claude Stone, Alex McGregor, K. V. Northington, Ross

Murchison, Nell McAlpine, Troy Simpson, E. C. Baskin, L. R. Tigner, Harry Lynn and Miss Eugenia Baskin.

Included in the evening were: Messrs. and Mmes. A. McGregor, McAlpine, Simpson, Stone, Leonard Stallings, Earnshaw, Tigner, Bruce, E. W. Stasney, Northington, Landon Dorn, Malcolm McGregor, Miss Griffie Atkins, and Mr. Ira Sims.

High score went to Mr. and Mrs. Alex McGregor.

Mrs. Creasy Hostess to Contract Club

Friday Contract Club members were guests of Mrs. Homer Carsey last week at a prettily planned morning party and luncheon in her attractive Eleventh Street home.

Tables were daintily laid in rooms gay with varied Christmas decorations while a small tree centered the dining room table.

A turkey luncheon was served in three courses.

Prizes for high and second high scores went to Miss Virginia Holman and Mrs. Jack Rudd.

The personnel included: Mmes. Chas. Bailey, W. B. Woody, Delbert Vanell, Floyd Carr, Rudd, Robert Bruce, Claude Stone, R. W. Earnshaw, C. W. Cheatham, M. H. Watson, Alex McGregor, Ross Murchison, Leonard Stallings, C. L. Baker, Loyd Herring, Landon Dorn, Malcolm McGregor, Arthur Giesecke, L. R. Tigner, Cecil Thorp, Misses Katharine Penn and Holman.

Mary Belle Richards is Birthday Party Honoree

The sixth birthday anniversary of Mary Belle Richards was the inspiration for a happy children's party given on Thursday afternoon by Mrs. J. C. Richards in her home on Seventh Street.

A cozy indoors setting was provided for the hours spent in storytelling by Mrs. Joe Forman and

Pay Society Editor



As the mountain goes to the man, it usually gets in the papers; and when the man takes over the woman's job, that is a good story, too. Rivers Reaves, pictured above, has invaded woman's realm in no small way. Only a sophomore, he is Society Editor of the Daily Lariat at Baylor U., Waco, Texas.

the singing of songs known and loved by every child.

Favors were crickets. Animal cookies were served with fruit punch. The pretty cake was iced in white and decorated in red and green with red candles in green holders.

Guests were: Mary Brian Woody, Elaine Green, June Wright, Mary Gladys Armstrong, Mary Simpson, Mary Evelyn and Billy O'Neill, Elizabeth Wear, Mary Catharine Sturges, Patricia and David Caudie, Marian Grace and Harry Vanderpool, Carol Padgett, Odena and J. H. Parrish, Betty Cook, Bobbie Jean and Lonnie Ray Forman, Mary Helen Henson, Carolyn Cheatham, Zaidie Watson, Eloise Carsey, Patsy and Donald McGregor, Walter Jones, Claude R. Stone, Rothall O'Kelly,

Jimmy Lott and Guy Middleton. Grown-ups present were: Mmes. J. G. Douglass, Elmo Cook, Alex Saunders, W. A. Green and Forman.

Hopewell Family Has Reunion at Merry Yuletide Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Schneider and two daughters, Marguerite and Jessie Ruth, returned Saturday from Ontario, California, where they spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Schneider's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hopewell. They also visited Mrs. Schneider's sister, Mrs. J. W. Schonert, and brother, Walter Hopewell.

A family reunion was held Christmas day, the following item appearing in the Ontario Daily Report relative to the affair:

"Marking a reunion for the Hopewell family was Christmas dinner with which Mrs. J. W. Schonert entertained Sunday at their home, 741 No. 10th St."

"Places at the festive home board were indicated for the hostess's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hopewell, her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hopewell; her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Schneider, and daughters the Misses Marguerite and Jessie Ruth, of Ballinger; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Emray and daughters, the Misses Barbara Jean and Marie; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Mengle, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Schonert."

Fine Record Made By Rural Couple During Past Year

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Paschal, of route 1 Ballinger, made a fine record with three cows and a few chickens last year. During the 12-month period they kept an accurate record of all products sold and found at the end of December that they had realized excellent returns from their dairy and poultry products.

They sold milk and butter in the sum of \$216.50, eggs brought in \$54.36, and chickens \$92.42, or a total for all of \$363.38.

The Paschals began the year with 60 hens and have saved back to start 1934, 49 hens and 50 pullets. They raised most of their own feed, buying only a small amount for their cows. The chickens were fed maize and grains which were grown on the farm.

This record is conclusive proof that a few milk cows and hens will help to whip the depression and bring back prosperity to the rural home. The experience which Mr. and Mrs. Paschal relate has been duplicated by many other Runnels county farm homes.

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R. E. White, county superintendent, transacted business at Abilene Monday.

David Joseph, of Lubbock, was here last week for a visit with relatives and friends.

TWO MARRIAGES PERFORMED BY W. D. WILEY LAST WEEK

W. D. Wiley reports he performed two weddings last week, the first at the home of R. J. Wood, where he spoke the ceremony which united R. W. Pettit and Miss Earline Lee. The second was performed Sunday evening

at 7 o'clock at his home on Sixth Street when E. L. Smith and Miss Mary Gavitt were made man and wife.

J. D. Sowell, of Winters route 3, was a business visitor in Ballinger Monday.

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Schools

By Miss Louise Tinsley

Rev. W. H. Vanderpool, pastor of the First Methodist Church, visited the high school for the first time Monday and was introduced to the student body by Rev. J. E. Kerr, pastor of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Vanderpool's talk dealt with the theme of choosing one's line of work in life definitely and then sticking to it. He mentioned the three most important factors in reaching success: confidence in God, confidence in oneself and his work, and last, confidence in others. With these thoughts in mind, the students found themselves better able to start the year off right at school and more willing to do their assigned work cheerfully.

The senior play has been postponed for various reasons. Supt. H. C. Lyon has set the date for the play at February 23, so ample time remains for practice drill.

The children of the primary building had their Christmas tree Wednesday afternoon before the holidays. The Primary P.-T. A. furnished the tree, while the West Texas Utilities Company provided electric lighting. Each child did his part toward decorating the tree, and afterwards the entire group gathered around it to sing carols and to receive their share of the goodies which the P.-T. A. placed with the presents.

Misses Elizabeth Donham and Mary Edith Wellhausen passed last week in Winters.

Miss Louise Wright visited her grandmother, Mrs. Tomlinson, in Oklahoma last week.

Miss Lucille Stokes spent the Christmas holidays in Fort Worth with her father.

Miss Mada Jane Tittle went to Hillsboro after school was dismissed to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Tittle.

Miss Dorothy Bartine visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orin Jostler last week.

Miss Ruth Bartine was the holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. U. Gregory, of Corpus Christi.

Miss Thelma Parrish was in Ballinger last week, visiting with her parents and her sister, Miss Thelma Parrish.

E. T. Gregory spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gregory, of Fort Worth.

Harold McDonald, Frank Jones, Robert Nicholson and "Pug" Beneau were in Winters during the holidays.

Misses Teddy Wardlaw, Nell Shepperd, Beva Watson, and Eleanor Williams were in San Angelo Saturday.

Denmon White attended the Dallas Tech-San Angelo football game in San Angelo during the holidays.

Following are the last of a series of formal entertainments given at the Ballinger high school this week by the home economics department:

Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock home economics girls entertained with an oyster supper in the appropriately decorated dining room of the high school. The table, laid with formal luncheon cloth, had a soft blue centerpiece with a low bowl of white roses. Favors were miniature men in dress suits made of blue and white candy. Dorothy Lynn, assisted by Marjorie Halstead acted as hostess, while Ruth Smith played the perfect maid. Guests were Misses Maryratt Smith and Mada Jane Tittle and A. F. Ligon and E. R. Sublett.

A four-course dinner was given by the cooking class Thursday evening at 7. Cleo Compton played hostess and Elva Sykes was the maid. A red and white color scheme was carried out in the dining room decorations. Guests served were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. White, Grover Jackson and J. W. Estle.

As the final one of the home economics department affairs, the girls will give a buffet luncheon in the high school Friday evening of this week at 7 o'clock. Aline Stinebaugh and Nellie Mae Midgley will be joint hostesses. The red and white colors will be repeated. Those invited include Misses Elizabeth Parker, Dorothy Lynn, Ruth Smith, Margie Halstead, Annie Davis, Bobbie Avey, Frances Smith, Laura Gibson, and Marie Ashton.

Mrs. O. F. Sensabaugh and children, of Lubbock, have returned home after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Padgett.

County Agent's Annual Report Outlines Work

County Agent Elmo V. Cook has completed his report to the extension service at College Station and mailed a summary of the work accomplished last year and the adopted program for 1934.

The 1933 report was difficult to compile as two different agents were in charge in this county. C. W. Lehmburg, agent here for several years, was transferred to Brownwood in September and Mr. Cook sent here from Bosque county.

Some features of the county agent's work last year were neglected to some extent because of the demands on the agent's time caused by the cotton control campaign during the summer and the payment of cotton contracts during the fall.

The county agent to date has distributed about \$750,000 to farmers of the county through the plow-up campaign and is now perfecting cotton options which will be paid within a few weeks. The wheat reduction campaign has been successfully conducted and will bring additional money into the county later.

During the year 150 farm boys were given training in crop, poultry and livestock raising and other valuable instruction in 4-H club activities.

The report estimates that 87 per cent of the farm families of the county has been influenced and assisted into a better living and better balanced live-at-home program as a result of the county agent's demonstrations and filling of the farm storehouse, crop growing, livestock raising and feeding, and marketing of farm products.

Nearly 14,000 more acres of Runnels county land was terraced during the year and will be added to the quarter of a million acres previously terraced. This work was done under the direction of the county agent.

Every assistance was given turkey raisers of the county in growing and marketing birds. A county association already organized has functioned during the two fall movements.

Assistance was given over 1,000 of the 2,500 farmers of the county by means of papers, letters, bulletins and demonstration meetings on feeding, breeding, housing, management, parasite control, disease control, insect and rodent eradication, soil conservation, curing, preserving and tanning.

Some of the aims of the county agent in 1934 are:

1. Work for 100 per cent cooperation of farms and government on agriculture adjustments.
2. Encourage proper use of retired and idle acreage for best balance in farm program.
3. Encourage orchards and gardens on every farm.
4. Emphasize need and value of permanent and temporary pastures.
5. Encourage use of better seed, better foundation stock and better methods.
6. Help the farmer get a better price for his products.
7. Stop farm waste, such as diseases, parasites, rodents, erosions, etc.
8. Enroll and train 200 boys in 4-H club work through use of demonstrations.
9. Help make the average Runnels county farm home a more desirable place in which to live and make a living than the average town home.

BALLINGER SINGERS MEET SUNDAY AT 2

The Ballinger singing class will meet Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Baptist church. All members of the organization and other singers of the city and county are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt Wardlaw and children, who had been visiting relatives here, left Thursday for their home at Del Rio.

Miss Lola Belle Holloway, of Shreveport, has returned home after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Holloway.

Build Up Health and Pains Go Away

WOMEN who suffer from weakness often have many aches and pains which a stronger state of health would prevent.

Women in this condition should take Cardul, a purely vegetable tonic that has been in use for over 50 years.

Take Cardul to improve the general tone of the system in cases of run-down health and "tired nerves." Women have found, in such cases, that Cardul helps them to overcome pains and make the monthly periods easier.

CARDUL is safe and wholesome for women of all ages. Try it! Sold at the drug store.

Primary P.-T. A. Will Meet January 10; Play Date Scheduled

The regular monthly meeting of the Ballinger Primary Parent-Teacher Association will be held at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday of next week in the primary building. Mothers of children in the primary grades are urged to attend and become members of the organization if they have not already joined. A good program will be presented.

On Friday evening, January 12, a three-act play will be presented at the high school auditorium by this organization. Miss Nona Ditta is the director and a delightful entertainment is promised. H. H. Carsey will furnish the orchestra for the occasion and the public is urged to attend.

Mrs. J. B. Striplin, president of this association, stated that admissions for the play had been reduced to 15 cents for adults and 10 cents for children. With these low prices the members hope to fill the auditorium.

Proceeds from the performance will be used to carry on important activities by the group.

Postal Receipts At Local Office Gain \$483 in 1933

Receipts at the Ballinger post-office in 1933 gained over 1932 receipts by \$483.65. The gain was better during the first part of the past year than for the last six months due to 3-cent postage for all letters during the first half. For the last half of the year local letters were mailed for two cents.

Postmaster J. A. Reese reports receipts by months for the two years as follows:

	1933	1932
January	\$1,812.51	\$1,662.20
February	1,192.71	1,122.71
March	1,251.11	1,296.53
April	1,536.59	1,417.23
May	1,255.72	1,169.91
June	1,375.87	913.41
July	1,452.71	1,447.74
August	1,132.94	1,225.63
September	1,439.79	1,367.44
October	1,773.87	2,025.46
November	1,468.03	1,546.97
December	2,013.54	2,027.19

Calling Cards printed on short notice. Phone 27, we do the rest.

Highway Work Begins at Eden; To Pave Street

Laborers began stripping a caliche and rock pit near Eden Wednesday for the construction of pavement through the city limits of Eden on highway 4. This contract was let several weeks ago by the state highway department and a work order has been issued.

The type of paving will be a crushed rock base with three treatments of asphalt topping, similar to that used on highway 4 south from Ballinger through Runnels and Concho counties.

Other highway work in this district is at a standstill but at least one new project will be started within a short time. A contract has been let for the grading, drainage and surfacing of highway 4 north from Winters to the Taylor county line and a work order is expected as soon as the paper work is completed at Austin.

The building of cement curbing in Winters, recently approved as a relief project, is being held up on account of a disagreement on material costs, but is expected to be settled soon.

G. M. Garrett, state resident engineer, will soon do some surveying in the northern portion of Runnels county on the Butterfield Trail. This new highway will cut through the extreme north-western corner of Runnels county and that of the project will be supervised by the Ballinger highway office.

Chester Cherry left Tuesday for Junction to attend to business for the West Texas Utilities Company.

L. O. Sykes has accepted a position in the sales department of the Sykes Motor Co.

George Hill, of Winters, transacted business in Ballinger Monday.

Miss Elma Ashton left Monday for Alpine, where she is attending Sul Ross State Teachers' College.

T. O. Williams, of Winters route 4, attended to business in Ballinger Thursday.

V. A. White, of the Winters section, attended to business in Ballinger Monday.

Good Rains Fall In This Section But Tanks are Dry

Rains which fell in this section last Friday averaged from one to one and a half inches according to reports received here, a few points reporting more. For two days a fine mist and light showers covered a wide area, heavy showers commencing late Friday evening and continuing intermittently through the night.

The way the moisture fell most of it went into the ground and some places badly in need of surface water received hardly any. Correspondents for The Ledger at Benoit and Crews reported this week that many were still hauling stock water. Ranches north and west of Ballinger received a good supply of water, however. The Ballinger Country Club lake caught several feet from the watershed north of it Friday evening.

Most small grain has begun growing and is looking fine. Some farmers stated this week that their small grain was dead, however, and could not be helped by the precipitation.

The heaviest frost of the season was formed here Thursday morning. The lowest thermometer reading Wednesday night was 27 degrees F. and the high mark for Wednesday was 46.

TWO QUEENS RULE PENZANCE AFTER ROW

PENZANCE, England, Jan. 4.—Panzance, made famous by the American producers, Gilbert and Sullivan, in their comic opera, "Pirates of Penzance," is trying to recover from its battle of beauty queens, which ended with the election of two queens to ride in two coaches, sit on two thrones, and wear two crowns and two gowns, all of equal value. From twenty-four competitors Miss George, a laundress, and Miss S. M. Bartlett led in the finals.

Voting was by purchase of tickets, and the race grew so warm that supporters of the two clashed and landed in the police station. Devoted subjects of Miss George became so demonstrative in singing her praises that she had to take refuge with the police. The clashes and praises threatened to get beyond control so the committee chose two queens to have the peace of Penzance.

287 Couples Get Licenses To Wed During Past Year

During the year 1933 287 marriage licenses were issued by W. W. Chastain, Runnels county clerk. Some months averaged one or more a day.

Thirty-one couples received permits to wed in December. The last one was issued Sunday, the last day of the year, and brought the average for the month to an even one a day.

Those receiving licenses during December were:

- M. T. Hill and Miss Medra Lipscomb
- Walter Taylor and Miss Adielee Hogs
- Clyde Flanagan and Miss Evelyn Stokes
- J. R. Willis, Jr., and Miss Earline Clayton
- Welby Fuller and Miss Lemma Brevard
- Clifton White and Miss Irene Robinson
- Lee G. Inglis and Miss Inez Ham
- Lucian Gray and Miss Maymie Arline Bynum
- Denver Sparks and Miss Larrough Scoggins
- Elmer Middlebrook and Miss Hazel Blair
- C. W. Wessells and Miss Lydia Kruse
- M. L. Dobbins and Miss Odessa Carwile
- W. M. Gaddy and Miss Modena Black
- A. S. Hatfield and Miss Pauline Hulsey
- Wilburn McDuffy Wright and Miss Mary Ann Dusek
- Lee Parker and Miss Annie King
- Douglass Webster Overman and Miss Melba Leona Little
- R. W. Pettit and Miss Earline Lee
- R. L. Conder, Jr., and Miss Felma Snellgrove
- Arlis Fuller and Miss Othella Sparks
- Clyde Jones and Miss Estelle Nunn
- Robertson F. Pope and Miss Claudia Lummus
- Clarence Colerman and Miss Nina Burns
- Sanford McGreen and Miss Pauline McAlester
- Willie Joe Liggins and Miss Cora Read
- Odis Holmes and Miss Helen Bairrington
- E. L. Smith and Miss Mary Gavitt
- William Alfred Raven and Miss Helen Hope Owen.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Doss Herring are the proud parents of a fine baby boy, born December 23. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mrs. C. C. Sessions has returned to her school at Altus, Oklahoma, after spending the holidays in Ballinger with her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Gregory and son, of Stamford, have returned home after visiting relatives here during the holidays.

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La France and Blue Bonnet Flour
Feed and Seed of all Kinds
Meat and Stock Salt
We Buy Grain
Telephone 35

You Would Make No Mistake

—by entrusting your grocery business to us during 1934. We have a complete line of the very best in leading brands of canned goods, handle only first grade guaranteed flour and maintain a complete stock of fresh fruits and vegetables.

By comparison you will find that the service we render is equal and in many cases more satisfactory than the ordinary. For these and other reasons we urge your support and patronage in the new year and thank all who have made 1933 a wonderful beginning for our big little business.

Try Us and Be Convinced

M. L. Forgey's Grocery

Phone 700

We Deliver

Announcement

L. O. Sykes, automobile salesman, has joined the sales force of the Sykes Motor Company and our aim is to sell more Dodges and Plymouths in the year 1934 than have been sold heretofore. Among other reasons for this expectation are the many features added to the two new cars that will shortly be on display in our sales room.

Here are Some of the Features of the 1934

Dodge

Bigger hydraulic brakes with the safety features. "Floating cushion" wheels with leveled riding. Dodge "Shockless steering" with floating power. Women are wild about it—tremendous crows greet it. Dodge engineers say "study pays"—hence the perfected NEW DODGE.

Sykes Motor Co.

DODGE AND PLYMOUTH CARS

Teamwork Tells The Story! PENNEY'S WHITE GOODS VALUES!

Sheets made to Penney's rigid specifications! Softer finish, softer "feel" — more wear! These prices bring record savings!

Nation Wide SHEETS

SIZE 81" x 99" 88c

Thousands of women prefer this size for all-round use!

42" x 36" CASES, only 23c

Closely woven! That's why they feel so smooth and wear so well!



Boys' Unions Medium weight, fine combed cotton 49c

Men's Work Socks Combed yarn—how they wear. Reinforced pair 19c

Ramona Cloth Serviceable, long wearing, 36 inches wide, yard 23c

Cotton Blankets Soft, fleecy, fine cotton values, the pair \$1.39

White Outing Flannel "Daisy" and "Nation-Wide"—two popular names, the yard 10c

Birdseye Diapers 27x27 size, dependable, absorbent quality, 6 for 49c

Women's Hankies White! Good grade! Get 3 good supply, 10c 5 for

Bath Towels 36" Width! "Belle Isle" MUSLIN 5 Yds. 49c

DOUBLE TERRY FIRST QUALITY, of course! And double-thread means extra absorbent! Stripe borders. The kind you'll very rarely see now-a-days for so little!

Cotton Crinkle and "Dobby" Weave Bedspreads 27x27 SIZE 80 x 105" 98c

THEY'LL go fast at this price! Neat scalloped edges, colored stripes on cream grounds. Durable—easily laundered!

36" Bleached! 39" Unbleached! Our full standard quality! And the low price challenges all comparison!



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Ballinger, Texas

Cook Working on Four Important Farm Programs

County Agent Elmo V. Cook has a number of important proposals on hand which will be placed before the citizens of Runnels county at an early date. The government plans for reduction of corn and hogs will be given to farmers of the county eligible to participate. The requirements specify farmers who over the past two-year period raised as much as ten acres of corn. This will permit them to reduce their acreage 30 per cent and receive 30 cents a bushel for the amount of production left out in acreage.

Farmers who have raised as many as three litters of pigs may participate in a 25 per cent reduction and will receive \$5 for each hog in this cut. Mr. Cook wants the name of every farmer eligible to participate in this plan and a county-wide meeting will be called for this purpose in the near future.

A problem which will come up in the 1934-35 cotton reduction plan will be deciding who are share tenants and who are managing tenants. Share tenants will receive none of the rental money in this plan while managing share tenants will receive half the rental, the other half going to the landlord. Instructions from Washington Thursday stated that this question would be decided by the landlord and tenant but defined a managing tenant as one who furnishes tools, stock, labor, and manages the farm on which he is located.

Cotton farmers of Runnels county next week will receive postal cards containing a number of questions and blank lines. Farmers are asked to fill these out and hold them until the community committee calls. The answers will be the same as those on the cotton contract forms and by having the cards filled out in advance will save much time. Those who fail to receive these cards by the middle of the week are asked to call for them at the county agent's office.

All county committeemen and alternates have attended either the meeting last Tuesday at Coler or at San Angelo Wednesday where they heard T. B. Wood, of the extension service, speak on the new cotton plan. They are ready to proceed with the sign-up as soon as word is given.

About 90 per cent of the cotton options held in this county have been handed out. Of this number already signed approximately 90 per cent pooled their options, borrowed ten cents a pound and signed the new contract. Five per cent took their options and will sell later, and 5 per cent sold outright.

The county agent has a few blanks for filling out the processing tax on hogs and those who need these can secure them at his office in the court house.

Message of Thanks

With our hearts full of unspeakable gratitude and love, we wish to thank each and every one, who, in any way, ministered unto our beloved wife and mother during her last illness. How wonderful it is, in times like this—to have such hosts of thoughtful friends and neighbors to stand with outstretched hands, ready to help in every way possible.

How we appreciate and love every one for their ministry, and for the gifts of lovely flowers.

May God bless each one, is the prayer in our heart for you.

Mr. D. A. Mitchell
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mitchell
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carter
Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Mitchell
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brewer
Mr. and Mrs. Brewer

EAT AND DRINK FREELY AGED DOCTOR'S ADVICE

LONDON, Jan. 4.—To live long eat and drink what you like. That is the advice of Sir James Crichton-Browne, well-known English physician, who is hale and hearty at 93.

After an eight-course dinner of the Institute of Certified Grocers, he gave his views on diet. "I always eat what I like, and when I like," he said. "I have four meals a day, a light breakfast, a normal luncheon, and in the afternoon a cup of tea, and a substantial dinner at night. I always advise my patients to eat what they fancy, but not to eat to excess. All through my life I have eaten what I fancied, and I feel as well now at 93 as I did when I was a young man."

"My advice to those who wish to live to an old age is to eat and drink what they like but do it in moderation."

Out of the Frying Pan
Teacher: "Really, Johnny, your handwriting is terrible. You must learn to write better."

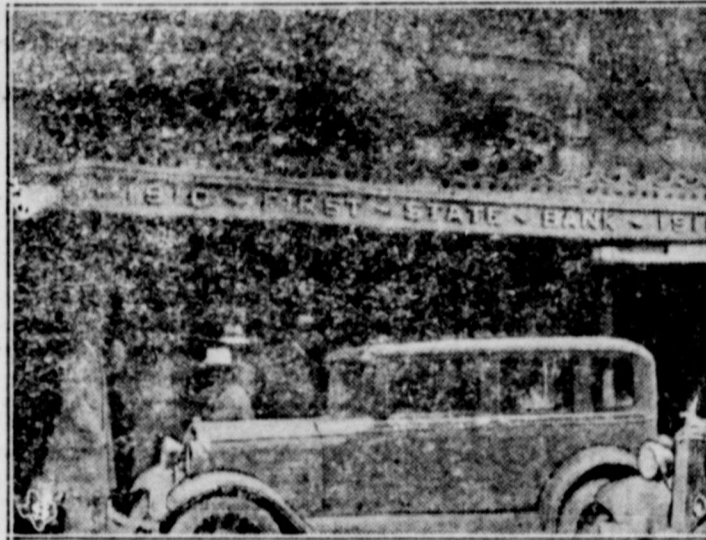
Johnny: "Well, if I did, you'd be finding fault with my spelling."

Bank Bandits Kidnap Three and Take \$41,000



Miss Andrew Peyton

M. V. Bradshaw



Bank bandits, who waited until the time lock opened the vault, swooped into the First State Bank of Marlin, Texas, looted the vaults of \$41,000 cash, and took three hostages, Vice-President M. V. Bradshaw, Miss Andrew Peyton, bookkeeper, and Lee Humphries, negro porter. The hostages, who were tied to trees near Rogers, in Bell county, finally released themselves. Pictured above are Bradshaw and Miss Peyton, while below is the scene in front of the bank immediately after the robbery was discovered.

Local Officials Urge Cooperation For Sanitary Move

Fentress Thompson, state sanitary engineer for Runnels county, has completed the health survey in Ballinger and is continuing the canvass in the remainder of the county. Local civic leaders are desirous that every cooperation be given this movement.

The following letter was received by The Ledger from Mayor W. C. McCarver Thursday:

"The citizens of Ballinger: A health survey has been completed in the city of Ballinger and is underway over the entire county at this time. This work is being done by the state authorities with federal approval and at no cost to the county or city.

"Everyone is and should be delighted with any movement that seeks for better health, more sanitary living conditions and a happier citizenship. As healthy as our climate is, with all the care and labor the city is putting forth to keep our community clean and with all the individual effort everyone has rendered in the past there is still plenty of room for improvement. We should never cease our efforts in making our homes more sanitary, our community in general a cleaner and more beautiful and delightful place in which to live. Every opportunity that comes our way in this respect should be taken advantage of.

"Right now we have the opportunity to do a noble service and a lasting good by taking advantage of the survey that is being made by the state. At a very nominal cost to the property owner needed sanitation repairs and equipment may now be installed—perhaps the time will never come again when it can be done so cheaply. Labor that is being paid for by the government can be used at no cost to the property owner and the materials will cost very little. For the sake of the health of our children and of our families we should all investigate this and immediately make the small improvement that is asked for. There is no way of calculating the good that will be done.

"A secondary consideration is that more work will be available for those who need it and for these two excellent reasons I

appeal to the citizenship of Ballinger to fully inform themselves of this movement and take advantage of it without delay."

Dr. J. W. Macune, county health officer, in referring to the movement Thursday, said, "Most of the construction in Ballinger is being done by the small home owners." He said practically all renters want to make the improvements and pointed out that landlords are in position to make the improvements at a cost that will repay them in less than a year's time with no added cost to the renter.

MOVIES

Edward G. Robinson Blossoms Forth as Tender Screen Lover

It was not long ago that mention of Edward G. Robinson as a tender lover would have provoked doubting Thomases. "Little Caesar" as a tender suitor? Ridiculous! The blonde-baiting gambler of "Smart Money" at home in a boudoir in a real love affair? Absurd! As a roughneck lover, yes! But as a lover of an opera singer such as Kay Francis, well, we're from Missouri.

But Eddie Robinson upset the dope again. In "Five Star Final," in "Tiger Shark," in "Silver Dollar," he gradually broke away from the gangster portrayals. Now his crowning achievement has been completed—a role as completely dissimilar from "Little Caesar" as anything could be!

In "I Loved a Woman," the sensational new picture in which Kay Francis joins forces with Robinson, his love for an opera singer is the dominating, motivating force that marks his characterization. No guns, no slang, no policemen in this picture. In place of these customary appurtenances, Robinson uses tender phrases known best to lovers.

First National executives made sure when they selected a leading lady for "I Loved a Woman," which comes to the Palace Theatre Sunday and Monday next, that they gave him one easy to love—Kay Francis. And according to advance Hollywood reports, Robinson certainly made a grand job of his latest role.

Powerful Influence of Two Women Felt, Not Seen, in "Captured" While women are almost com-

Record Shows Fire Loss Here Only \$3,895.64

pletely absent in the sense of physical propinquity from the main drama of "Captured!" a Warner Bros. picture to be shown at the Palace Theatre Friday and Saturday of next week, they are vividly, powerfully present as an influence and as a dominating motive. In fact, their effect upon the story is in inverse ratio with their physical distance from the East Prussian prison camp where the drama takes place.

Specifically, only two women are ever mentioned by the actors or seen by the audience. One is the beautiful English girl, Monica, hundreds of miles away in London, and the other is the little milk-maid, sweetheart of one of the German prison guards, whose tragic death at the hands of a half-crazed Russian precipitates the climax of the story.

The only two feminine characters, Monica and Elsa, are the motives for the most decisive events in the life of the camp.

Probably no heroine in modern motion pictures has ever dominated and decided the fate of 150 men so completely as does Monica, the war-bride of "Captured!" Margaret Lindsay, who scored so decisively in the production of "Cavalcade," has the role of Monica. Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and Leslie Howard have the roles of her sweetheart and husband. Others in the cast are Paul Lukas, Robert Barrat, William LeMaire, Frank Reicher, Philip Faversham, Arthur Hohl and Reginald Pasch.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Truly has returned to Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, after a visit here with her parents during the holidays.

Mrs. Virgill Reed, of Odessa, visited relatives in Ballinger during the holidays. Before her recent marriage Mrs. Reed was Miss Hazel Simmons, and resided in Ballinger.

Ballinger's fire loss in 1933 totalled only \$3,895.64, the smallest in many years and the second smallest in the history of the city. The local fire department proved itself very efficient the past year, answering calls to 30 fires with buildings and contents valued at \$44,500 and holding the damage to the small sum reported above.

During 1933 firemen laid 6,450 feet of hose, pumped water 4½ hours, used 208 gallons of chemicals, ran the trucks 233 miles, and went to eight fires on which no alarms were given.

The first complete record of the department was started in 1927. Fire losses here by years were:

1927	\$ 6,715.68
1928	6,053.69
1929	10,531.53
1930	21,383.19
1931	28,159.14
1932	52,706.46

The department had an average of 32 men on its roster last year, and held the following meetings: regular meetings 10, drills 26, fires 30, trips out of town 2, fires and no alarms 8. The general average attendance at all the above meetings was 20.

The value of equipment owned by the Ballinger department is estimated at \$30,000. The actual expenses of the department are paid by the city but the department has a fund of its own which is used for entertainment and other necessary purchases. During the past year local firemen received in donations only \$35. At the end of the year the balance in this fund was \$25.54.

J. M. Willis, of the Norton section, transacted business in Ballinger Thursday. Mr. Willis said the last rain was good but that he would like to see more.

Miss Katherine Grant has returned to Temple after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Grant, during the holidays.

Ballinger Oil Mill Begins Operation; 3 Shifts Employed

The Ballinger Cotton Oil Mill resumed operations Monday morning, employing 35 men on three 8-hour shifts. H. W. Lynn, local manager, announced Thursday that steady runs probably would be continued for the next two months before the supply of seed on hand is exhausted.

The local mill this week began supplying local demands for feed and will be able to take care of these calls during the time the plant is operated and perhaps longer.

During the past fall many trucks were operated from here, hauling feed to ranches west and south of Ballinger. When all feed was sold some cottonseed meal and cake were shipped here from other points in order to supply the trade in this territory.

Calling Cards printed on short notice. Phone 27, we do the rest.

Agnew-Fowler

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Drilling is progressing without interruption on the Golden, with pipe set to the bottom of the hole which is near pay sand.

H. G. Agnew stated Wednesday that a third storage tank was being erected and two others would arrive this week. The oil has been sold to the Western Oil Company and will be shipped to Canada. Mr. Agnew said the pipeline to Benoit would be used for the present and the oil loaded on tank cars there.

Agnew & Sons are preparing to spud another well on the E. B. Fowler farm 915 feet due south of their No. 1 producer. Part of the machinery is already on this location and the remainder will be moved there immediately. Other locations will be made on this lease during the month as was announced.

Mr. Agnew is well pleased with his company's first well and will continue efforts to bring in as many producers as possible on the lease.

SATURDAY SPECIALS

BELL'S MARKET

Round Steak	10c lb.
Loin Steak	10c lb.
Seven Steak	8c lb.
Seven Roast	8c lb.
Stew Meat	6c lb.
Sausage	10c lb.
Veal Loaf	8c lb.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I have leased the market and fixtures from Ed Farley and will continue to operate the retail business formerly known as the Farley Market. Will deeply appreciate all old customers coming to see me and any new ones who want meat satisfaction will be welcomed.

R. L. BELL

New Year Grocery Specials

COFFEE	
Del Monte, 2-lbs.	63c
Del Monte, 3-lbs.	91c
Bright and Early, 1-lb.	23c
Bright and Early, 3-lbs.	68c
SUGAR	
Pure Cane, 10-lbs.	45c
CATSUP	
11-oz. Bottle	10c
JELLO	
Any Flavor, 2 for	15c
TOILET PAPER	
650 Sheet Roll	5c
SOAP	
P. & G., Crystal White or O. K. Giant Size, 6 for	25c
OATS	
Large Crystal Wedding	20c
CORN	
No. 2 Cans, 2 for	25c
PORK AND BEANS	
Per Can	6c
BAKING POWDER	
K. C. 50c Size	40c

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables
Up-to-Date Market
R. P. TUNNELL
GROCERY and MARKET
Telephone 107

THE HUB'S January Clearance

Sale

—will be continued for the benefit of many shoppers who have been unable to visit our store. In this sale is offered our entire stock of

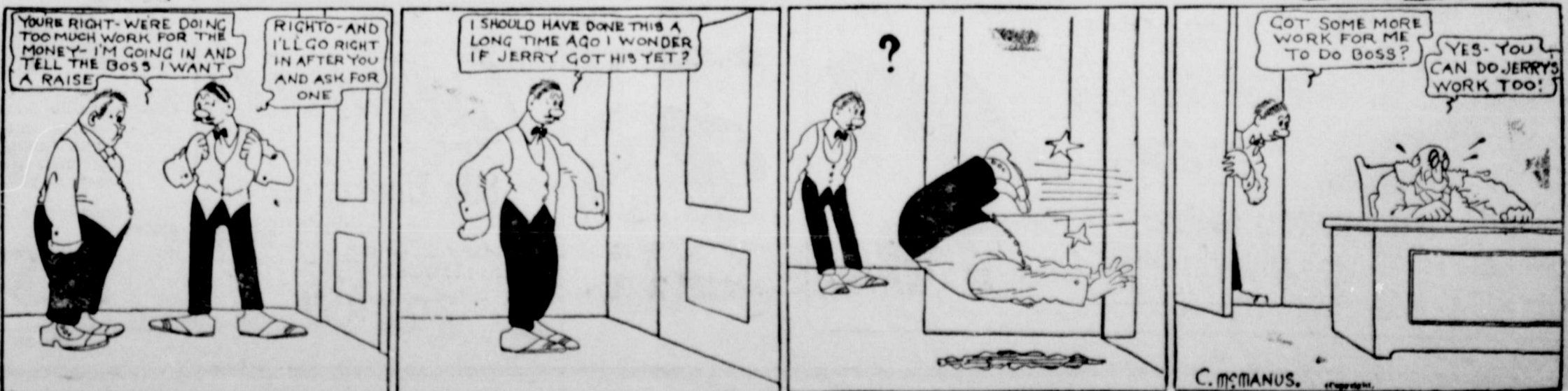
Dry Goods, Millinery, Ready-to-Wear and Shoes

at prices which are real savings.

Visit this Sale Event and start 1934 right by buying while merchandise is priced far below its value.

See the New Arrivals in Spring Co-Ed Dresses

DOROTHY DARNIT



By Charles McManus



to Bettis & Sturges' Great Clearance



If You Want a Bargain Now's the Time to Buy a

Printz Coat

Fur Trimmed and Tailored \$25.00
Reduced to
\$18.75

Other coats reduced greatly. Priced now from \$9.95 up

New Eckmoor coats and Printz coats just arrived. If you want a new spring coat we have them arriving daily.

There is still plenty of cold weather in store for us. You'll get lots of wear from these coats this year, and the styles are so perfect, you can feel safe about them next year. There are coats with scarf, jabots, tiny stand-up collars... all the fashions that you read about in your favorite magazine. And all in high quality furs on luxurious woolsens. Women's and misses' sizes.

New Spring Suits

Both swagger and the much wanted—and very new short jacket suit—They are swell—and new and smart. You must see them. All very reasonably priced.

Children's Coats

Good warm, new styles—all wool coats for children—wonderful values

\$1.95 to \$3.95

Children appreciate good warm clothes

New Corduroy Jackets

That fit and are so new in style and so warm—Clearance price only

\$2.95

JANUARY SALE CLEARANCE

Buy Now and Save

While Prices are Low

If you are seeking smart style and real quality you will wish to take advantage of this Clearance Sale.

A complete selection of daytime, dress and walking shoes with modified, low and continental heels.

The biggest shoe sale we have had in a year. Hundreds of pairs—you can wear right through the spring.

Throw away those old turn-down shoes and enjoy foot smartness and comfort in these—values to \$5.00

\$2.85

Kids, Patents, Suedes and Satins

Sale broken lots, suedes, patents, kids, black, brown, beige, white. Values to \$5.00

\$1.89

CHILDREN'S SHOES
One table of children's all leather shoes, formerly sold at \$2.98—a real value at **79c**

NEW BRIGHT Colored Dresses

JUST ARRIVED

They are stunning—new bright blues—greens—warm reds—smart new navies—we have them—at very reasonable prices.

NEW MARY DEAN

Wash Dresses

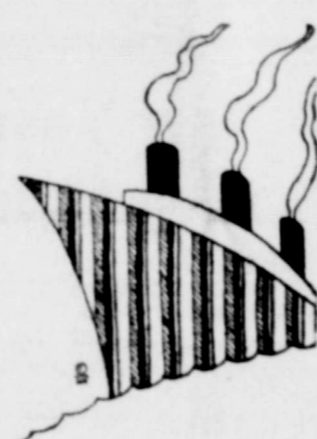
These are smart—different—when you see them you feel that you must have one.

FINAL CLEARANCE ON

ALL MILLINERY

All Felt Hats

50c



Buy Your Piece Goods NOW!

They are sure to be higher.

Complete pattern service in conjunction with the fabric department. We'll help you plan an entire wardrobe!

Travel Cloth—36 inches wide, guaranteed fast colors, regular 59c—Clearance sale price, the yard **39c**

Travel Cloth—Beautiful patterns, 36 inches wide, fast colors, regular 39c Clearance sale price the yard **25c**

All Wool Crepe and Flannel—54 inches wide all wool smooth and nice, regular \$1.49 to \$1.69, Clearance sale price **\$1.39** the yard

Wool for Coats and Suits—56-inch wool, beautiful coatings, regular \$1.98—Clearance price **\$1.59** the yard

All Wool Coating—56-inch all wool heavy coating, regular \$2.98—Clearance price **\$2.49** the yard

80 Square Prints—80 square solid prints—Clearance price **19c** the yard

Cameo and Peter Pan prints—Clearance price, the yard **22c**



CLEARANCE SALE OF

Hosiery



1,000 pairs from a famous maker—made to sell at \$1 and \$1.25—each pair marked with its original price—

79c

French Chiffons—Medium Sheer—and Heavy Sheers

Beautiful stockings, in new spring tones—Every weight for every occasion, most of them with picot and lace tops—French heels—The savings are great, and particularly worthwhile because hosiery prices are constantly rising. A complete range of sizes in every weight.

Smoke Brown Gray
Taupe Panpoa
Miltan Mirlton

Dust Beige

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We have the most beautiful line of silk slips, silk pajamas, silk gowns, in fact everything in silk underwear—you can select all of it here.

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Greenwade woolen Jersey dresses regular	\$3.95
Clearance price	\$3.59
Regular \$2.95 Clearance price	\$2.95
Regular \$3.45 Clearance price	\$2.95
Smart Greenwade print dresses reduced regular \$1.50 dresses reduced to	\$1.39
Regular \$2.95 dresses reduced to	\$1.69
Regular \$3.95 dresses reduced to	\$2.49

CLEARANCE OF TOWELS

23x46 heavy double thread towel

39¢ value

25c

each or 2 for 45¢



LADIES' GLOVES

Brown and Black **\$1.69**

Smart brown, black and navy blue **\$1.95**

Brown and black **\$2.95**

CLEARANCE OF BLANKETS

100% wool blankets, 66x80, reversible, regular \$6.95, Clearance this week only for **\$5.98**

72x80 heavy part wool, first quality blankets, real \$3.95 value, this week only **\$2.69**

White Wool Filled Comforts—72x90, satine covered, lovely floral patterns, regular \$5.95, this week only **\$4.29**



CLEARANCE ON ALL WINTER

Dresses

Better dresses are commanding better prices these days... and everyone of these could be marked at more—but we're celebrating the New Year... and so the lowest possible price! There's everything your fashionable soul could desire—and all the clever creations that have caught Paris favor.

Black — Toast Brown — Chinese Blue — Navy Blue

Black, Brown, Navy Blue, Dark Red and many others—One group, all colors and smart, good looking dresses, regular from \$7.95 to \$12.50 Clearance price

\$4.95

Group two silk Dresses and knitted suits, regular \$12.95 reduced to

\$6.95

Group three—really smart dresses in all colors and much higher

\$9.95