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BALLINGER SCHOOL PROJECT APPROVED

Tickets for Annual B. C. D. Banquet Sell at Fast Clip

This week a committee put on sale 300 tickets for the annual banquet of the Ballinger Board of Community Development to be held at the Olfen community center on February 9. A total of 350 tickets were printed for the affair but approximately 50 will be required to take care of the out-of-town guests, members on the program group, and members of the orchestra.

When the 300 tickets are sold there will be no more available. First sales were heavy, some individuals buying as many as ten to take care of guests from rural sections of the county.

All numbers of the program have not been definitely booked but all entertainment is expected to be furnished by college groups and will include music and other acts. J. A. Killough will have charge of the opening of the program and preside at the short business session. He will present Gus Barr, secretary-manager of the organization, for a brief report on the year's work. After this part of the program the toastmaster will take charge of the remainder of the program.

Loyd Herring is chairman of the ticket sales committee and in addition to a canvass of the city tickets will also be on sale at the local drug stores. Ballingerites are urged to secure tickets as soon as possible so that the Olfen women may be notified of the exact number of plates to prepare.

A public address system, courtesy of the Texas Theatre, will be installed in the banquet hall at Olfen so that speakers will have no trouble in making themselves heard in all parts of the large building.

Frank P. Holland, Jr., and Frank A. Briggs, of Dallas, will arrive here February 9 in time to meet the 4-H club and F. F. A. boys of the county at 2 o'clock and then attend the banquet at Olfen where Mr. Holland will be the principal speaker.

Guests have been invited from commercial organizations in all nearby cities and a large number will attend. Arrangements have been made for the decoration of the hall, plate favors and nothing will be left undone to make the banquet one of the most successful ever held by a local commercial body.

Mrs. Charles Sivelis, of Brownwood; Mrs. R. L. Mathis, of Dallas; and Mrs. Karl Moore, of Brownwood; were here Tuesday evening as guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Shepperd.

M. L. Bird, of Abilene, attended to business here for the Community Gas Company Tuesday.

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11 New Directors Named by B. C. D.; To Organize Soon

Eleven new directors for the Ballinger Board of Community Development were named this week in a post card ballot. The ballots, with 22 names printed on them, were mailed to every member of the organization, requesting that each vote for eleven and return the cards by January 22. All votes were tabulated Tuesday morning and the following men were declared elected: Wix Currie, Jr., George Clements, John Purifoy, Chester Afflerbach, E. H. Lengefeld, P. A. Cobden, Ray Tisdale, Sam Behringer, M. H. Morgan, Ben Denny, and A. McGregor.

The above eleven men will serve with the hold-overs, H. W. Lynn, R. E. Bruce, M. B. Healer, Loyd Herring, W. O. Wallace, R. T. Williams, R. G. Erwin, F. M. Pearce, Levy Lee, Tommy Hall and Paul Petty.

The twenty-two directors will meet on February 6, at which time officers for 1940 will be elected and the organization perfected for another year.

Working in close cooperation with the directors is the planning board of the organization which is composed of W. O. Wallace, Paul Petty, Tommy Hall, M. B. Healer and K. V. Northington. All projects are considered by this board and if considered worthy, recommended to the board for action and then passed to special committees. Mr. Northington and John A. Barton are ex-officio members of the regular board.

All officers of the organization will be presented to the membership at the annual banquet to be held at Olfen on February 9.

Health Association Reports Seal Sale To Net About \$400

The regular meeting of the Runnels County Public Health Association was held at the city hall in Ballinger Saturday afternoon with a large representation from every community in the county. Program features for the day included talks by Dr. O. H. Chandler and Dr. E. W. Stasney.

A report was made on the results of the tuberculosis seal sale in the county, showing a total of \$375.92 received to date. Several schools in the county that assisted in the sale of the stickers have made no reports and it is thought the total will exceed \$400 when all money is in. Last year the final figure was \$406.77.

From the money received in the seal sale, 35 per cent is sent to state headquarters, 5 per cent to national headquarters, and the remaining 60 per cent is retained in the local treasury. From the local part \$100 is set aside for expenses in the office of the county nurse and the remainder is used in giving skin tests and fighting tuberculosis in other ways, in this county.

The association expressed appreciation for the splendid cooperation of the citizens of the county in the campaign and especially to those who had charge of sales in the various communities.

Rev. R. C. Lloyd, of San Angelo, was the visiting leader for the Foursquare Gospel Church here Sunday. Rev. E. N. Murgatroyd, local pastor, is recovering from a tonsilectomy.

C. R. Stone spent the week in Dallas, attending the opening of the wholesale markets.

Massachusetts National Guard Drills—à la Finland



First of American troops to use camouflage measures so successful in Finland were companies of the 101st regiment of the Massachusetts National Guard, practicing winter maneuvers at Camp Curtis Guild, Wakefield. Left: Machine gunners in action clad in the strange white garb, testing its effectiveness. Right: Three wounded guardsmen are cared for by the field medical detachment.

Firemen to Elect Delegates Tonight For Eden Meeting

Members of the Ballinger fire department will assemble tonight for a regular business meeting. One of the main items to come up is the selection of delegates and alternates for the convention of the Hill Country Firemen's Association at Eden on Tuesday, February 13.

All members are urged to attend as plans for the Ballinger delegation at the convention will be made at tonight's meeting.

Invitations to the convention have been mailed to all departments, mayors, commissioners and county judges in the district. Other advertising matter will be sent out later including the program, which is being prepared at this time.

The Eden program will begin in the morning and continue all day with the races the last afternoon event. At night the regular banquet and dance will be the main entertainment of the convention. A large group from Ballinger is expected to be present for the banquet and dance.

D. G. Posey, secretary, stated that local firemen wished to express appreciation to the citizens of Ballinger for their care in preventing fires during the current cold weather. He revealed that the past week-end and through Tuesday of this week all fire hydrants in Ballinger had been frozen and it would have been difficult to obtain water. Hydrants were thawed and opened daily, but getting the water to flow was difficult for five straight days.

SINGING AT MILES SUNDAY AFTERNOON

A meeting of the Miles Singing Association will be held in the Miles Methodist church from 2 to 4 p. m. Sunday for a general song program and heavy attendance is expected. Special singing groups have been invited, including the Triple Star Quartet, the McClure Quartet, the Weaver Singers, of San Angelo; the Runnels County Quartet, of Winters and Wingate; and the Teague Twins, of Maverick. All these will be heard in special numbers during the afternoon.

H. W. Bigler, president of the Miles association, has given the meeting wide publicity and many people besides the singers are expected to attend. The public is cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wilkins and two children have moved to Cisco to make home. Mr. Wilkins has been an employee of the Humble Pipeline Company here for some time and made home at the station near Ballinger.

Temperature Hits Zero; Snow Covers Ground

Recruiting Puts Guard Unit Back To Full Strength

Company C, 142nd Infantry, Ballinger national guard unit, is at full strength with a number of applications on the waiting lists, according to Captain Ross Murchison, company commander. Several recruits were accepted at their meeting Monday night to bring the company to the maximum strength of 83 men. Applications for membership will be filed and as soon as members drop out they will be replaced by these recruits.

For several months the guard has been doing double work, drilling each Monday and Thursday night. This order will expire on January 31 and it is not known here whether a new order will continue the extra work or the regular one night a week will be resumed. During the double work the local payroll has more than doubled and many shipments of new equipment have been received to take care of the increased enlistment and to provide for the extra training.

A pictorial history is being made of the Texas national guard and will be released about the middle of March. Pictures have been made of the local officers and the company and the Ballinger group will have a section in the book. The book will contain about 300 pages and will be practically all pictures. In addition to the photographs of all men in the service, pictures of special training, encampment scenes and other "shots" of interest will be shown.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLD REGULAR MEETING

Regular meeting of St. Boniface Council of the Knights of Columbus, Olfen, was held Tuesday evening at the hall, with good attendance. Grand Knight J. J. Hoelscher called the session to order and turned the gavel over to Past Grand Knight Martin Maas, who conducted the meeting.

A general discussion of the play and dance was held and the attendance prize was awarded to Albert Halfmann. The following will have parts in the play, "Deacon Dobbs": J. J. Hoelscher, Arnold Fuchs, Norbert Halfmann, Andrew Block, Roman Multer, Agnes Halfmann, Mrs. Hurbert Eggemeyer, Gladys Block, Ruby Dell Halfmann and Bobbie Hafelnik.

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Opening of Lunch Room in Schools Here Postponed

Opening of the lunch room in the Ballinger schools was postponed this week because of the delay in issuance of commodities by the district WPA office. Mrs. Ruth Clappitt, supervisor, stated that preparations were being speeded as much as possible and it is hoped to secure materials with which to begin the project early next week.

Matrons for each of the schools were employed this week and will continue in this capacity the remainder of the term.

Supt. Nat. Williams stated Tuesday that the big items required in the lunch room have been secured. These include refrigeration, stoves and equipment for cooking and serving the meals. When the order is received from the district office it will require only a short time to begin operations.

It is expected that about fifty undernourished children will be fed their noon meal at the lunch room. This number may increase later in the year but will be limited to only those who are in need of food to do good school work.

The project is sponsored by the school district but aid must be forthcoming from local citizens to take care of the school's part of the expense.

HUMBLE BOOSTER STATION HERE RESUMES OPERATION

Two Humble Pipeline Company booster stations, one between Ballinger and Coleman, and one between Miles and San Angelo, have resumed operations. Employees of each live in Ballinger. The stations are electrically operated and employ from 6 to 8 men each, working in three shifts.

Mrs. Jo Wilmeth, of Fort Worth, is visiting friends here.

Highway to Bronte Will be Completed About February 1

The Ballinger-Bronte highway is expected to be completed by February 1. For several months a large crew has been employed in the grading and building drainage structures on the section from one mile west of Valley Creek to the Coke county line. Resident State Highway Engineer D. W. Hooper stated Tuesday that all work was about finished and should be by February 1 unless unfavorable weather conditions halted work.

All drainage structures and one large bridge have been built with the exception of some railings and practically all grading is completed.

Mr. Hooper expects a contract for surfacing of the first nine miles to be let at the February meeting of the state highway commission. An appropriation has been made for this project, all preliminary work having been completed, and the plans and specifications are filed in the department's office at Austin.

The short section of this highway from the Coke county line to Bronte has been finished and the completion of the road is expected in 1940.

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Supt. Nat. Williams received a telegram today from Senator Tom Connally announcing approval of the Ballinger school project. The president signed the order for the first unit of the proposed building and \$37,645 was appropriated for immediate use. The beginning of construction is left to state works progress administration authorities and local school officials believe the WPA is ready and anxious to start work in order to give jobs to men on eligible lists who are in need of immediate assistance.

Supt. Williams took steps at once to contact state WPA officials and every effort will be made to have the construction commenced as soon as possible.

The Ballinger independent school district has already voted \$50,000 in bonds which are ready to be sold and the money will provide the sponsor's part. The entire building program is to be in three separate contracts, one unit to be built at a time.

The first unit provides for the construction of 19 classrooms, walks, fences, steps, retaining walls, grading of campus, sodding, landscaping, razing old buildings, and salvaging usable material.

Location of the new building is to be on the corner of the campus facing Eighth Street, across the street from the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church. It will be of concrete and contain every modern convenience for efficient study.

The second unit, proposed in the original plans, will be the construction of a gymnasium and auditorium adjoining the new school building on the north and also facing Eighth Street. The gym, to serve many purposes, will have seating capacity of 1,800 when used as an auditorium. This construction will be covered by a later project.

The third and final unit of the proposed improvements will be a modern home economics cottage at another location on the campus.

John Becker, San Angelo architect, is supervising the work for the Ballinger school board and drew the plans for all the structures. These plans were first approved by the trustees, later by the state department of education, the state WPA office, and finally at Washington by the president.

GAS LINES AT VALERA GO OUT SUNDAY NIGHT

J. A. Schnable, manager of the Community Natural Gas Company for this district, was called to Valera Sunday night where a line had buckled and threatened a large number of users there and other small communities. A crew of maintenance men was on the scene within a short time after the line went out and repairs were made and the gas turned back on in short order.

A large amount of gas has been pushed through the mains here to San Angelo since lines to the west of that city went out.

R. W. Earnshaw returned home Thursday night after spending a week at Christoval for treatment.

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BALLINGER FIREMEN GET CHECK FOR \$25

The Ballinger fire department has received a check from the Santa Fe railroad for \$25. The check was issued as a token of appreciation for the fine work done by the firemen when the local passenger station suffered a fire damage on November 3. J. J. Beck, local agent, delivered the check to D. G. Posey, secretary of the department, Wednesday.

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Women's, Society and Club News

Methodist Women Meet in Circles

Circles of the Methodist Woman's Division of Christian Service met in homes Monday afternoon, with new officers in charge for the first time.

Mrs. A. C. Haynes, sponsor of the Sallie Odom Circle, was hostess in her home on Tenth Street with Mrs. Jack Hampton, chairman; Mrs. Ross Causey, vice-chairman; Mrs. Roy Miller, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Haynes, study superintendent.

Mrs. W. O. Middleton gave the lesson from "Songs of Zion" which was a study of religion in the Psalms, following a devotional by Mrs. Haynes.

Valentine appointments were used at the tea hour when a plate of sandwiches and cookies was served with tea. Others present were: Mmes. E. C. Tinsley, W. R. Clark, Jr., Henry Moody, Bill Clark, A. B. Fields, W. O. Middleton, Wilson Middleton, Ray Tisdale, H. G. Agnew, Miss Elouise Jones and Mary Lou Fields.

Mrs. John Barton will be assisted by Mrs. Nat Williams, Mrs. O. R. O'Neill and Mrs. J. M. Skinner in directing the year's activities for the Ertle Gressett Circle. The Monday meeting was held in the Wilke Terrace home of Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw, with Mrs. John Weeks co-hostess.

Mrs. Skinner was assisted by Mrs. C. P. Shepherd in presenting the study.

A dessert course in the Valentine theme with coffee was served. Others present were: Mmes. W. W. Fendley of Little Rock, Arkansas, Mrs. Myrta Harshaw of Long Beach, California, W. F. Mason, Viola Allison, Sam Behringer, W. C. Redwine, A. T. Campbell, J. W. Black of Big Spring, Ford Taylor, J. E. Smith and Troy Simpson.

Members of the Etta Burrows Circle, met with Mmes. L. M. Lovelace, W. A. Francis and Cal Adair in the Lovelace home on Eighth Street. Officers are Mrs. Lovelace, Miss Thelma Midgley and Mrs. E. C. Baskin.

Mrs. Baskin was assisted in giving the study by Mrs. J. B. Striplin and Mrs. R. A. Dickinson.

The hostesses served sandwiches and cookies with coffee. Others present were: Mmes. E. L. Rampy, W. E. Midgley, John Loveless, W. W. Chaastain, Tom Caudle, John Loveless and Miss Alice Morgan.

Mrs. Tom Guin Hostess to Club

Mrs. Tom Guin was hostess to her contract club last Thursday afternoon in her home on Broadway.

The Valentine motif was given attractive emphasis in matched game accessories with high score award going to Mrs. Buster Parrish among club members and to Mrs. Herbert Sledge among guests.

The hostess' mother, Mrs. Henry Jones, assisted in serving a dessert course with coffee. Others included: Mmes. Jack Seales, Sam Malone, Jr., P. A. Nixon, Gus Barr, John Hollingsworth, Marion Connelly, George Grandstaff, and Miss Dorothy Lynn.

Bridge Luncheon for Ace of Clubs

Ace of Clubs contract club members were guests at a delectable luncheon last Thursday at one o'clock at the new Cactus Coffee Shop. Valentine cards marked places at the one long table where the menu was served in three courses.

Mrs. H. G. Agnew was hostess at games in her home on Sixth Street decorated with potted cyclamen. Game appointments were also in the Valentine theme. Iced coca colas were served.

Mrs. Mike Wright won high score prize, Mrs. J. D. Forman the low, and Mrs. W. E. Moss the bingo trophy. Others included Mmes. Rothal O'Kelly, Edward Sommer, Royal Bishop, Roy Miller and E. C. Grindstaff.

Collinses Are Hosts to Supper Club

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Collins were hosts last Friday evening to their supper club in their home on Eighth Street.

Following the delicious two-course supper, served buffet style, Mrs. P. A. Cobden and J. G. Tuckey received the high score awards and Mrs. George Stowe and J. C. Sturges, Jr., the low.

Included were: Messrs. and Mmes. Stowe, Tuckey, Sturges, Cobden and Felton Wright.

Regular Meeting for B. and P. W.

The Business and Professional Woman's Club held its regular monthly business and social meeting on last Thursday evening in the banquet room at the Central Hotel.

Misses Vera Taylor and Kathryn Atwell were hostesses for the three-course dinner which preceded the business session, presided over by Miss Alida Macene, Miss Elouise Jones was elected vice-president to fill the vacancy caused by Miss Evelyn Crowell's

'They're Lively Here'



"America is the only country where the lively arts are alive," according to Marta Ley, European dancer, niece of the late Otto Kahn, who gleefully displays her first citizenship papers in New York.

resignation and Miss Alta Lee Parrish is the new recording secretary to succeed Miss Winnie Lee Jones, who has moved to San Angelo. Further definite plans were made for the President's birthday celebration to be held Tuesday evening, January 30, at the National Guard Armory.

Miss Wynis Greer was chairman of the program which dealt with laws discriminating against women. Miss Jones discussed legal rights, Miss Myra Tankersley, property rights; Mrs. Carmen Lawrence, marital rights; and Miss Greer, criminal rights.

Others present were: Misses Bettie Stewart, NanEll Jones, Sarah Harwell, Gladys Davis and Ann McFarland, members. Miss Martha Louise Swenson was a guest.

Miss Mildred Doherty is Honoree

Mrs. Ernest Moody, Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff, Mrs. Clarence Morton and Mrs. Malcolm Morgan were joint hostesses Saturday afternoon in the Moody home in West Ballinger to compliment Miss Mildred Doherty, who entered the second semester as a freshman at Howard Payne College, Brownwood.

Calendulas decorated the living room and sweet peas in a low crystal bowl on an oval reflector centered the lace-laid dining room table lighted by tall white tapers in low crystal holders.

Misses Janie Flynt, Marcille Jonas and Ruby Nance directed games and contests which were concluded by the entrance of Bobby Joe Moody, dressed as a college professor, carrying a suit case on which were the words "going to college." Miss Doherty was told she had to finish "the trip" and at the end, she found a shower of lovely and useful gifts.

A plate of salads and cake was served with hot spiced tea.

Others included: Mmes. Henry Doherty, L. L. Strobbe, C. J. Lynn, E. P. Talbot, B. C. Kirk, E. E. King, O. C. Sykes, Edgar Boelsche, O. T. Toney, T. J. McCaughan, Stanley Cameron, Frank Cameron, Misses Eula Talbot, Sybil Kenley, Evelyn McAden, Gladys Spann, Mildred Fowler, Tommie Mansell, Gladys Kemp and Arabella Toney.

Fish Fry for Methodist Young People

Members of the Methodist Young People's department, together with invited guests, were entertained with an informal fish fry last Friday evening in the Doss Bible Class room in the church basement on Tenth Street.

One long table was arranged for the supper which was followed by group games and contests.

Adults present were Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Fields, Mrs. Owen Massey and W. C. Redwine. About 25 young people were in attendance.

Ft. Worth Visitors Complimented

Mrs. Jo Wilmeth and Mrs. J. W. Bone of Fort Worth, were guests of honor at a prettily appointed informal afternoon tea given by Mrs. E. C. Baskin last Friday in her home on Sixth Street.

Mrs. Bone and Mrs. Wilmeth are both former Ballinger residents and their close friends were included for the affair.

Mrs. C. P. Shepherd presided over the silver coffee service placed at one end of the dining table laid in beautiful Normandy lace. Tall green candles burned in low crystal holders on each side of the centerpiece of pink and orchid sweet peas in a low crystal bowl on a reflector. Mrs. Tom Agnew, Mrs. J. B. Striplin and Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw served sandwiches, fruit cake, salted nuts and mints.

Others included were: Mmes. Myrta Harshaw of Long Beach, California, John A. Weeks, J. F. Currie, George Holman, L. R. Tigner, W. T. Padgett, W. B.

Halley, I. Vaneil, F. C. Miller, R. G. Erwin, James Wear, E. J. Hardgrave of San Angelo, J. E. Brewer, A. W. Sledge, F. M. Pearce, H. H. Halley, J. Y. Pearce, B. C. Kirk, W. B. Dunlap, J. G. Douglass, R. W. Bruce, Misses Marryatt Smith and Sammie Padgett.

Mrs. Shepherd Hostess to Forty-two Club

Mrs. C. P. Shepherd named Mrs. Jo Wilmeth and Mrs. J. W. Bone of Fort Worth and Mrs. Myrta Harshaw of Long Beach, California, honor guests last Saturday afternoon when she was hostess to her forty-two club in her home on Eighth Street.

Following games a salad plate was served with coffee. Gift remembrances went to the

honorees. Others included: Mmes. R. W. Bruce, Ed O'Kelly, James Wear, J. F. Currie, E. C. Baskin, Elmer Shepperd, E. L. Hagan, J. G. Douglass, H. W. Lynn, B. C. Kirk, John Weeks and Hamp Byler.

Other society items on next page

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids addressed to the Commissioners' Court of Runnels County, Ballinger, Texas, will be received up to ten o'clock a. m. of February 12, 1940, at the office of the County Judge, on Road Machinery. All bids will be publicly opened and read at such

time and said Court will consider the purchase of Road Maintainers of the Gasoline Motor Type with self starter, on which all bids should be submitted. A Certified or Cashier's Check, payable to Paul Trimmer, County Judge, without recourse, in not less than 5% of the amount bid shall accompany each bid as a guarantee that the successful bidder will furnish bond and perform all other requirements of law.

If such Machinery should be purchased it will be paid for in part by the issuance of not more than Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00) in Runnels County Warrants, to mature over a period of not more than three years from their date and to bear interest at the rate of three per

centum (3%) per annum, which interest may be payable semi-annually.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

PAUL TRIMMIE,
County Judge
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CHARACTER OF TYPIST SHOWN IN TYPING

PARIS, January 24.—To tell the character of a typist from the typescript, scientists have evolved a system which is said to be effective. When the type indicates that the keys have been struck with equal force it indicates, they say, that the writer is good in several special fields, but not necessarily specialized in any.

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Prunes 5 lbs. 25c

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Pork & Beans
Lima Beans Can
Blackeyed Peas
Red Kidney Beans

5c



Women's, Society and Club News

Shower for Recent Bride

Mrs. B. H. Kendrick, who before her marriage January 6 was Mrs. Ruth Kinsey, was complimented by Mrs. Frank Tatum and Mrs. Elzie Cox Tuesday evening, when they entertained a group of her friends in the Tatum home on Ninth Street.

Lovely potted plants and ferns decorated rooms where other appointments stressed the Valentine theme and colors. Master Billy Tatum, who was four years old Tuesday, presented a shower of gifts by drawing a small wagon prettily decorated in red and white.

Miss Bernice Kendrick assisted in passing a plate of sandwiches, cookies and valentine candies with coffee.

Included besides the honoree were: Mmes. J. W. Jones, T. C. McElrath, Guy Middleton, Frank Rubin, R. W. Balke, R. L. Sutphin, Jones Taylor, Clarence Morton, James A. Thomas, Claude Collins, J. G. Tuckey, B. M. Kendrick, Bayless Fletcher, Stanley Price, Beulah McMillan, Nelson Markham, Homer Bibb, R. M. Kendrick of San Antonio, Misses ZaRue and Bunnah Kendrick of Brownwood, Evelyn Routh, Lorene Moreland, Bernice Kendrick, Zell Reese and Arvena Kendrick.

Delphian Chapter Meets With Mrs. Ford Taylor

Members of the Alpha Mu Delphian Chapter met in the Eighth Street home of Mrs. Ford Taylor Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Oren Chandler leader of the program on the "Relation of Drama to

Political and Social Life," giving a preliminary survey of the assignment. Mrs. Chester Cherry discussed the general character of the late Stewart drama and the later Stewart comedy as regards types. Mrs. F. C. Miller reviewed William Congreve's "Love for Love," and Mrs. Elmer Sheppard "The Country Wife" by William Wickerley.

Mrs. McAlpine Hostess to Sewing Club

Mrs. Neil McAlpine was hostess to her sewing club Tuesday afternoon in her home on Ninth Street. The hostess shared honors with Mrs. J. G. Tuckey as surprise showers were presented.

A hot supper plate with caramel rolls and tea was served to Mmes. Tuckey, George Stowe, E. C. Grindstaff, J. D. Forman, H. J. Zappe, Levy Lee, Billie Cordill, J. A. Schnable and K. V. Northington.

Recent Bridal Couple Feted

The Rev. and Mrs. Fred Walter King were the recipients of a pleasant surprise visit and miscellaneous shower Tuesday evening in their home on Eighth Street.

The informal affair was planned by a group of close friends.

Four Are Hostesses to Class

Mmes. Jack Nixon, Jr., Ruel Boswell, Myles Nixon and Miss Wynis Greer were joint hostesses Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. T. J. Forgy on Seventh Street, to the Methodist Virginia Douglass Class.

Miss Griffie Atkins was in charge of the short program which followed the devotional by Miss Elouise Jones. Miss Fern Killam told the story of the origin of St. Valentine's Day.

During the business period pal capsule names were drawn and it was decided to have the annual Easter breakfast.

Mrs. Forgy assisted in serving a plate of creamed chicken in patties shells, pear salad, cookies, hot rolls and coffee to: Mmes. J. G. Douglass, H. G. Agnew, D. R. Causey, Bill Clark, U. W. Johnson, Price Middleton, W. E. Moss, Roy Miller, E. L. Rampey, W. O. Middleton, E. C. Tinsley, Ray Tisdale, Arthur Underwood, Misses Jones, Atkins and Killam.

Two Baptist W. M. U. Associations Meet in Paint Rock

Mrs. Elmer Sheppard, president of the Rannels W. M. U. Association; Mrs. Ernest Moody, associational young people's leader; Mrs. O. T. Toney, president of the local W. M. U.; Mmes. A. S. Love, T. J. McCaughan, Clarence A. Morton, Stanley Price, Malcolm Morgan, O. L. Parish, Misses Janie Flynn and Marcellie Jones attended a conference of W. M. U. and young people in Paint Rock all day Tuesday. It was a joint meeting of the Rannels and Coleman County associations.

Guest speakers were Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Dallas, state secretary of young people; Mrs. Charles Sivells of Brownwood, district W. M. U. president; and Mrs. Karl H. Moore of Brownwood, district young people's leader.

Sewing Club Entertained by Mrs. Bill Clark

Only members of the Know Your Neighbor sewing club were included by Mrs. Bill Clark when she entertained Wednesday afternoon in her home on Eleventh Street.

Potted narcissus plants gave fragrance to rooms where the hostess received a shower following the sewing period.

A dessert course was served with coffee. Included were: Mmes. John Barton, Jack Nixon, Sr., Malcolm Morgan, J. H. Endacott, Layne Moreland, Joe Flynn, Cal Adair, R. O'Kelly, Royal Bishop, Cecil Jones and Dee Saylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Nixon Hosts at Bridge Supper

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Nixon were hosts last Saturday evening in their home on Broadway with an informal bridge supper.

Primroses were given vantage placings about rooms where sweet peas formed centerpiece for the dining table and quartet tables. The delectable turkey menu was served buffet style.

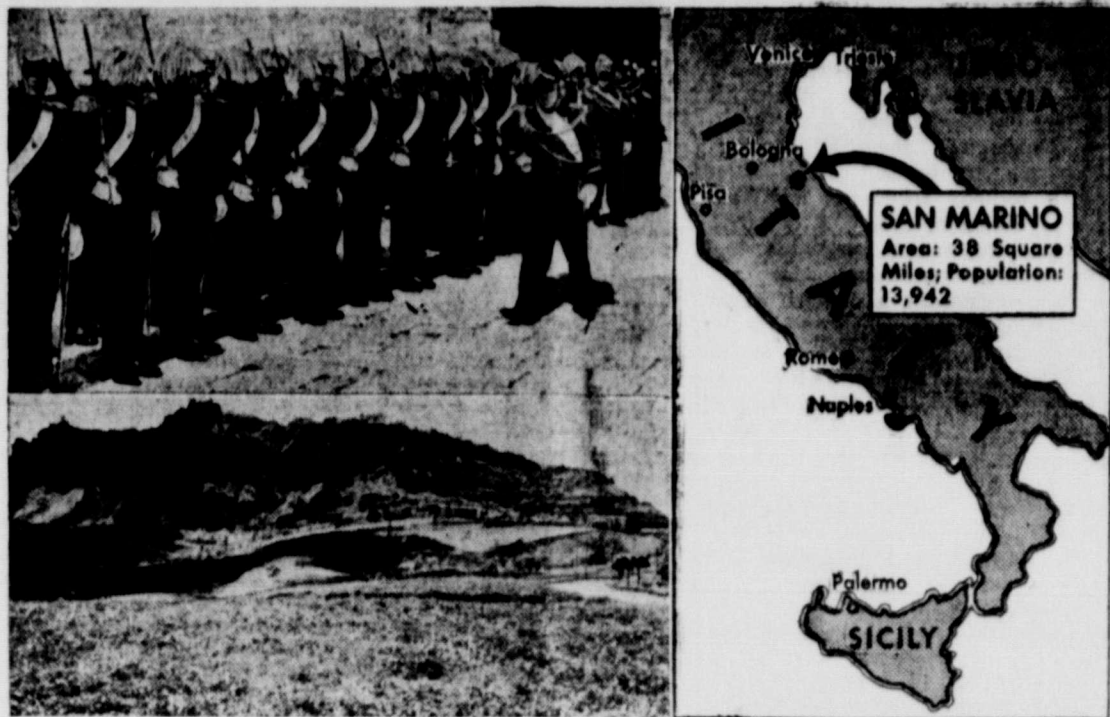
Included were: Messrs. and Mmes. O. T. Powell, Smoky Lusk, Otis Jacob, Marion Connelly, R. J. Hawk, Gene Galbraith, Gus Barr and Buster Parrish.

Recent Bride Honored With Gift Shower

Mrs. Wallace Sepp honored her niece, Mrs. Fred Walter King, with a gift shower recently in her home on Fourth Street. Games of bingo were played and cake with hot chocolate was served.

Mrs. King is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wood, of the Valley View community. She attended Howard Payne College, Brownwood, after graduating from the

Smallest Republic Observes 200th Anniversary



San Marino, oldest and smallest republic in Europe, celebrates the 200th anniversary of its independence in February. Perched on a rock in the heart of Italy, (see map and picture at lower left) San Marino is governed by a great council of 60 members, two of whom exercise executive powers for a term of six months. Free of debt, the country has postage stamps and coinage of its own. It maintains a military force of 39 officers and 900 men (upper left). Abraham Lincoln was an honorary citizen of San Marino.

Ballinger High School. She was employed by the telephone company here.

Rev. King received his degree from Howard Payne and later attended the University of Texas, Austin, and the Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth. He is pastor of the Content church.

The honoree received gifts from: Misses Alta Parrish, Peggy Jo Kevil, Willie Faye and Joyce Sepp; Mmes. A. S. Love, Daugherty, Wallace Sepp, A. M. King, Kenneth Kevil and Carroll Corder.

Shower for Mrs. King

Complimenting Mrs. Fred Walter King, who was Miss Lois Wood before her marriage, January 3, Mrs. Ralph Russell, assisted by Mrs. Marvin Patterson, entertained with a gift party Friday afternoon at the Russell home.

Present were: Mmes. Helen Tabbs, Lucius Nunn, Leon Russell, I. M. Turner, Clarence Jaeggli, D. O. Nunn, E. T. Patton, Otto Wood, Joe Bennett, Earl Patterson and J. A. Patterson.

Mrs. Cole Honored on Birthday Anniversary

Mrs. F. J. Cole was honored Sunday with a surprise dinner, celebrating her sixty-first birthday, given by her children in their home on Twelfth Street. The afternoon was spent kodaking.

Present were: Messrs. and Mmes. Cole, M. J. Cole and sons, J. E. Cole and daughter of San Angelo, A. C. Wood and daughters, Pat Wood and son, Grafton Brookshier, George Blackmon, Mrs. Roy Clark and LeRue, Mrs. H. C. Wood and Doris, and Buster Cole.

Selma Ganzer Honored on Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. John Ganzer, of Rowena, honored their daughter, Selma, Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon on her birthday.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Otto Goetz and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hy Goetz and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Pflueger and son, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rose and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Piel, Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Ganzer, Ruben Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Piel and family.

The honoree received many lovely gifts.

Mrs. Piel Celebrates Birthday Anniversary

Mrs. Walter Piel gave a dinner on her birthday Thursday, January 18. Present for this enjoyable affair were: Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Pflueger, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rose and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Piel and family, Lester and Emmett Pflueger and Elgin and Alexa Piel.

Games of rummy were enjoyed in the afternoon by the young people.

Many lovely gifts were presented the honoree.

Farewell Party for Omer Halfmann

The seventh, eighth and ninth grades of the Offen school entertained with a farewell party Thursday, January 18, in the community hall. The affair was given in honor of Omer Halfmann. Games and dancing were the principal features of the program.

A delicious luncheon was served to a merry crowd of girls and boys who had been Omer's chums for the past eight years. The party was concluded with wishes of good luck to a good sport, Omer.

J. C. Sturges has been ill and confined to his home this week. A severe attack of flu sent him home last Thursday and he will be there several days yet before he is able to be up.

Bear and Four Cubs Is Surprise to Naturalists

SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK, CALIF.—A mother bear with a quartet of cubs was seen at the bear feeding grounds here. Naturalists report this is the only case on record of a bear giving birth to four offspring.

Mother bears are very jealous of their own infants, and never permit any other cubs to play with them, so it is considered unlikely that this one adopted part of its family. The four are all brown and marked like their parent.

Plan Search for German Cruiser Sunk During War

RIGA, LATVIA.—A search is to be made for the German cruiser Prinz Adalbert which struck a mine and sank after bombarding the naval harbor of Liepaja during the World war.

The ship went down some 10 miles from the shore, but the exact point is not known.

Ultra-modern instruments for detecting ships on the bottom of the sea will be used by the salvage contractors who will attempt to raise the cruiser.

Hen's Age Believed 17; She's Household Pet

READING, ENGLAND.—A claim that she owns the oldest hen in England is made by Mrs. Elizabeth Rumble, wife of a gardener of Kidmore End, near Reading.

The hen is about 17 years old. She is treated like a pet. Instead of being penned up like other chickens, she is allowed to roam about the house and garden. She eats from the same bowl and at the same time as a spaniel and three kittens.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nixon, Sr. returned Tuesday night from Bay City, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Nixon.

Crippled Children's Affairs to Climax With Dinner-Dance

Everything is ready for the feature program climaxing the observance of the president's birthday and the campaign to raise funds for the aid of crippled children. Many dimes have come in this week from the sale of coat lapel tags, coins dropped into containers or put in the dime cards for mailing directly to the president.

The Ballinger Business and Professional Women's Club will present its program Tuesday evening. This will be known as the President's Birthday Ball but will begin with supper and a floor show.

Tickets are on sale this week for the supper at 50 cents a plate. A full Mexican dinner will be served at 6, 7 and 8 o'clock and this will be followed by a floor show presenting some of the best talent in this section. The women are arranging for a large number of tables and will be able to take care of approximately 125 people at each serving. The ballroom in the national guard armory will be the scene of the festivities.

Appearing on the floor show following the serving of each of the three groups will be such talent as the famous Tucker Twins, of Winters. These two girls play and sing and are always favorite entertainers on any local program. Miss Helen Thomson will be presented in a tap dance; Miss Lucia Rede, Mexican school teacher, in a Spanish dance; a negro quartet in harmony numbers; and the American Legion Orchestra in a special number.

When the last group has been served and the floor show presented, tables and chairs will be removed from the hall and dancing will begin. Those who wish to attend the dance will be charged 25 cents. This is in addition to the supper charge and it is not necessary to attend the dinner and floor show in order to dance. Music will be furnished by the American Legion Orchestra and late in the evening a nickleodeon will be used for special numbers.

Part of the proceeds from the dinner and dance will remain in the local treasury to be spent in caring for crippled children in this county.

Tom Caudie, county chairman, urges that every person who will help in raising money for this cause, get busy so that all donations will be in by January 30. He also makes the following statement:

"As the campaign for the arrest and control of infantile paralysis, through funds raised by the celebration of the president's birthday, approaches its termination I wish to urge that each one in Rannels county take a small part in this crusade to bring the dreadful disease under control.

"In the year just ended there were 7,298 cases of infantile paralysis in the United States. Did you know that the germ of infantile paralysis has never been discovered? That the cause of the

disease has never been found? Until this is done the best we can do is to use the most effective treatment known.

"Fifty per cent of the money raised will remain in Rannels county to be used in any emergency that comes. The other fifty will be used by the national foundation for research work. Enroll now and swell the flood of dimes.

"Churches throughout the U. S. will observe Sunday, January 28, as infantile paralysis Sunday. From their pulpits, clergymen of every denomination will appeal for support, and members of their congregation will be asked to do their part in the 'march of dimes'.

"May I express the appreciation of the entire county committee for what has been done and thank you for what will be done."

Card of Thanks

We desire to express our deep appreciation to those who were so kind to us in our recent bereavement, the loss of our husband and father. The sympathy extended us, the thoughtful deeds done for our comfort and the beautiful flowers sent as a token of love, were all appreciated. May God bless you in our prayer.

Mrs. Tom Shultz and children. 1t

Rayburn Candidate For County Clerk

To the People of Rannels County: I will be a candidate for the office of County Clerk.

I wish to say that I have enjoyed working for you as your District Clerk, and have tried at all times to please you in discharging the duties of that office. In asking for the office of County Clerk I wish to say that I want to go forward. If you see fit to elect me to this office, I will be ever mindful of the trust and confidence given me; and shall, at all times, strive to discharge the duties of County Clerk in a pleasing manner.

Thanking you for a consideration for this place, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Huschke visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Block Monday.

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Ballinger, Texas

'Ninotchka' Gives Garbo First Light Comedy Role

"Ninotchka," Greta Garbo's first picture in two years, and the Swedish star's first venture into gay, sophisticated romantic comedy, is the attraction at the Ritz Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday next, January 28, 29 and 30. Directed by Ernst Lubitsch and filled with characteristically whimsical "Lubitsch touches," the picture presents the world with an entirely new Garbo.

She plays Ninotchka, a girl reared in the stern code of soviet Russia, who is sent to Paris on a government mission. There, in

contact with the gayeties of the French capital, she changes her severe Russian garb for Paris fashions, falls in love with a debonair French count, played by Melvyn Douglas, and falls in negotiations to sell the confiscated jewels of a Russian grand duchess. The duchess, also in love with the count, trades the jewels on condition that Ninotchka return to Russia at once. But the wily count maneuvers until Ninotchka is sent on another mission to Constantinople where he induces her to marry him.

Garbo plays her first scenes in plain, almost unattractive garb, then blossoms out in gorgeous Adrian creations. Melvyn Douglas is her leading man for the second time, having appeared opposite her in "As You Desire Me." A hilarious new comedy team is introduced in Felix Bressart, Sig Rumann and Alexander Granach, playing three Russian commissars who completely "Go Paris" during their visit to the French capital. Ina Claire plays the grand duchess, and Bela Lugosi the stern

chief commissar. Gregory Gage, Rolfe Sedan, Edwin Maxwell and Richard Carle are others in the picture.

A luxurious Paris hotel, apartments of the nobility, Parisian night spots and shops, a swank hotel in Constantinople, are contrasted with the severe tenements in which the people of soviet Russia live today. The spectacular May Day celebration in Red Square, Moscow, is shown, as well as authentic locales filmed in Paris for the picture.

Based on a story by Melchior Lengyl, "Ninotchka," while filled with comedy situations and brilliant dialogue, also has moments of gripping drama for Garbo. But comedy predominates.

The star dances a modern dance to swing music, sings a French chansonette and introduces a new "Garbo hat," among other gay things she does in the new picture.

Secret Service Yarn Heads Palace Film Fare

Continuing the adventures of that intrepid United States government operative "Brass" Bancroft (Ronald Reagan), "Smashing the Money Ring" is the third picture in Warner Bros. popular secret service series relating the adventures of the treasury department men.

Crammed with action and exciting incidents, "Smashing the Money Ring," to be shown at the Palace Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, January 28, 29 and 30, is the story of the counterfeit ring that operated from within the walls of a state prison.

Ronald Reagan, as "Brass" Bancroft, is again the clever, tall, good looking secret service operative. Appearing opposite him is Margot Stevenson, the pretty and talented actress who makes her debut in this picture. Surprisingly though, Miss Stevenson is the love interest for Gabby Watters (Eddie Foy, Jr.), Reagan's assistant, who provides many hilarious moments in his attempt to win Miss Stevenson, in this otherwise tense action drama.

Described as faster moving than any of the others which preceded it, "Smashing the Money Ring" also includes in its cast Charles D. Brown, Joe Downing and Elliott Sullivan, all capable actors.

Jane: "Why don't you marry Jack?"

Christine: "I will only marry a man who knows life and has learned its sorrows."

Jane: "I see—a widower."

Would Test New Rifle on Russian Bear



In order to test the effectiveness of the U. S. army's sensational new Garand rifle, Rep. John D. Dingell of Michigan introduced a bill which provided for the sale of 10,000 of the rifles to Finland—at a cost of one dollar each. The Garands cost approximately \$1,000 apiece to manufacture. Representative Dingell is pictured in Washington—drawing a bead with a Garand rifle. The bill also provided for the sale of ammunition to Finland—at cost.

A 'Femme' is a 'Throddy May' on the N. C. Banks

MANTEO, North Carolina, Jan. 24.—Strange sights and sounds greet the eyes and ears of "inlanders" who visit North Carolina's primitive and romantic Outer Banks. Not the least of these is the native dialect spoken by the "bankers" on the narrow rope of sand stretching thread-like along the coast.

Many an outsider who stumbles into the midst of this isolated colony is momentarily stunned when he approaches a native for information about the fishing thereabouts, and is told that "a foine toime to go fishing is at high toide."

The strange mixture of native dialect and alleged Elizabethan English spoken on Roanoke Island, at Rodanthe, Buxton, Ocracoke and other small fishing villages along the "banks," is to be found nowhere else in America.

Down at Rodanthe they still sing the old English songs and ballads that were popular in the day of Ben Jonson and Shakespeare. The ghosts of Spencer and Chaucer, of Beowulf and Piers the Plowman are conjured up when one hears an able and affable man spoken of as being "witted" and "couthie."

A plump, good-looking girl is not, as in the modern vernacular, a "femme" or "moll," but a "throddy may." The old word "fleece" means to coax or flatter, and when a man fails to keep an engagement or do his part, he has "scooped" you. Borrowing from nautical terminology, they say a man has "gone to leeward" when he dies, and "the country" has its old meaning of the mainland, or across the bay.

If you go to the "banks" you will be told of the "ghosties."

where the old wrecks lie scattered along the shore, of hens that have "nesties," of men who are "fitten" for certain services because of their "mother wit" and because they are "mindable." A flash of whisky will contain not a pint but a "point," and the vine from which wine is made is the "wine" and not the vine.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

Public notice is hereby given by the City Commission of Ballinger, Texas, that a public hearing on the budget of said City for the ensuing year, as prepared by the Mayor thereof, will be held at the City Hall in said City on the 6th day of February, 1940, at 3:00 o'clock p. m., at which said public hearing any taxpayer of such City shall have the right to be present and participate.

Testimony whereof said City Commission has caused this notice to be issued on this 9th day of January, 1940, by and through its said Mayor and City Secretary.

C. P. SHEPHERD, Mayor.
K. V. NORTHINGTON, City Secretary.

MAN HOME 30,000 NIGHTS

ROCHESTER, England, Jan. 24.—Thomas Lash, of Upton, who celebrated his diamond wedding recently, has never in all his eighty-three years spent a night away from home. That means over 30,000 nights at home. For sixty years he has lived in one cottage, so that he has spent over 21,000 nights under one roof.

Be wise—advertise.

'Four Wives' Returns Cast Of Epic 'Four Daughters'

"Four Wives," sequel to last year's "Four Daughters," will have its Ballinger debut at the Texas Theatre Saturday midnight in preview and the run will continue through Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, January 28, 29 and 30. "Four Wives," in which Priscilla, Rosemary and Lola Lane, and Gale Page play the title roles, features the same cast as "Four Daughters," including John Garfield, who died in the original story. He returns in vision form in the new picture.

Others in the original family portrait who are prominent in "Four Wives" are Jeffrey Lynn, Claude Rains, May Robson, Frank McHugh, Dick Foran and Vera Lewis, gossip "gate-swing" of "Four Daughters."

There's a new and very delightful addition to the family, too. Eddie Albert, young comedy star of "Brother Rat," plays the young doctor for whom Rosemary Lane successfully sets her wedding bonnet in the film. Rosemary, you will remember, is the only one of the four daughters who didn't "get her man" in the earlier picture. Also added to the cast is Henry O'Neill, in the role of Albert's father.

Still other additions to the family tree are four girl babies. First of these to make her appearance in the film is the year-old child which is adopted by Lola Lane and Frank McHugh in the story. Then Priscilla gives birth to a girl baby, and Lola caps that by having twin girls.

"Four Wives" takes up the story of the Lemp family where "Four Daughters" left off. The two eldest daughters are already married, Priscilla, the youngest, widowed in the earlier film, is about to marry her first love, played by Jeffrey Lynn, when she learns that she's to have a baby by her dead husband. The fourth girl, Rosemary, puts on a matrimonial campaign, as mentioned above, with the help of all her sisters.

The picture was suggested by the Fannie Hurst novel, "Sister Act."

All-Star Cast of Top Comics in Hal Roach Picture

Hal Roach's hilarious screen comedy romance, "The Housekeeper's Daughter," filmed from the best-selling novel of the same name, a United Artists release, is to be shown at the Texas Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday. Joan Bennett, again appearing as

a dark-tressed glamour girl, and Adolphe Menjou, appearing as a screwy newspaper man, head the imposing cast.

The supporting roster, reading like a blue book of Hollywood topnotchers, includes such prominent players as John Hubbard, William Gargan, George E. Stone, Peggy Wood, Donald Meek, Marc Lawrence, Lillian Bond and Victor Mature. In lesser roles are John Hyams, Lella McIntyre, Rosina Gall, Luis Alberni, Tom Dugan and Gene Morgan.

The story concerns the mad and merry antics of a group of amateur and professional sleuths who try to solve the mysterious murder of Gladys Fontaine, a Broadway playgirl, in the swanky town house of the socially prominent Randall family. In this hilarious group, whose various members are working at cross purposes, are the beautiful and alluring housekeeper's daughter, the scion of the Randall family, two screwy news hawks, a mob of zany gangsters and a psychopathic homicide.

WEDDINGS

Boswell-Moore Announcement has been made here of the marriage of Miss Marjorie Moore, of San Antonio, and David Scott Boswell, of Paint Rock. The wedding took place at Robert Lee on January 1.

Mrs. Boswell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Moore, of San Antonio, and a granddaughter of Mrs. Emma Nash, of Ballinger. She is well known in Ballinger, having visited here on numerous occasions.

Mr. Boswell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Boswell, of Paint Rock, and a graduate of the high school there. At present he is attending the San Antonio Business College.

The couple spent the past weekend in Paint Rock, and returned to San Antonio where Mr. Boswell will resume his studies.

C. P. Shepherd attended to business at San Angelo Tuesday.

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Pure Maid BEANS Mexican Style 15-oz. Can		10c
C. H. B. SPINACH Reg. 15c Can	2 for	25c
Sunshine COCOANUT CRISP	Pkg.	10c



Pillsbury's Pancake Flour 10c

Pecan Valley Mince Meat Pkg. 10c

"Pop It" Popcorn Pkg. 10c

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Show Times: Sun. 1 to 5 - 8 to 9:15 p. m. Mon. 6 p. m. to 9:15

Lions Begin Plans For Minstrel Show; 8 Members Added

At their meeting last Friday Ballinger Lions Club members heard plans for their annual show to be presented early in March this year. An old time minstrel show is to be staged with four acts of vaudeville in the olio. Plans call for the appearance of a number of Lions with the addition of some outside talent in making up the entertainment for their second annual show.

The committee in charge announced Monday that the show would be presented at the Texas Theatre and the exact date would be designated soon after rehearsals are commenced. A cast of about 100 people will be used as well as a full orchestra to make the show the biggest home talent attraction offered here in several years.

Proceeds from the performance will be used by the club in carrying on its project of helping underprivileged children in this section. The club buys glasses for students with defective vision who cannot afford to be properly fitted. The Lions also assist in giving tonsillectomies to indigent children in need of these operations.

The club is engaged at present

in a membership contest with the Winters Lions and during the past two weeks, eight new members and reinstatements have been added to the local group. This brings the total membership to above forty at present and a new program for the next six months has just been arranged and presented to each member.

MANY TEXAS TOWNS BEAR SPANISH NAMES

LUBBOCK, Jan. 24.—Texas place names hark back to the days when Texas was a Mexican territory, says Miss Elizabeth H. West, Texas Tech librarian, who finds 502 cities, towns and villages in Texas bear names of Spanish or Mexican origin. She listed 38 as "questionably Latin American" in origin.

Forty-three counties, 14 canyons, 57 mountains, 20 rivers and rivulets, and six springs in the state also bear Spanish or Mexican names. Sacred names are in evidence in many of these Spanish discoverers naming a certain river, canyon or range for a saint "because it was his day," she said.

"Spanish influence on our language may be seen in all parts of the United States," she continued, "because Mexicans have filtered into all the states through the centuries, not only from Mexico, but from the West Indies, South America, and Spain. Some of these words become permanent and some die out.

"It is not surprising that we find such a large number of Spanish names in Texas," she said, "because there are probably as many Mexicans along the Rio Grande on our side as on the Mexican side. Also, much of Texas was once Mexican territory."

Miss West classified Spanish terms adopted into our language from a glossary of 261 words made by a University of Texas professor half a century ago, in which 150 were ranch, farm, trade and travel expressions; 65 were plant names; 43, cookery and household; 29 animals; 18, topography; 7, clothing; 7, social and religious functions, games, etc.; 8, social classes, professions; 5 liquors, saloons; and 84, miscellaneous.

AUTOMOBILE SALES IN TEXAS FOR DECEMBER TAKE TUMBLE

AUSTIN, Jan. 24.—Texas' sixteen most populous counties last year boosted automotive sales a third above 1938, to total 66,277 passenger cars and 12,376 commercial cars, the University of Texas bureau of business research has reported.

December sales fell much below the year's average, commercial car sales gaining only 21.2 per cent over those for December, 1938, and passenger car sales only 16 per cent.

Low priced vehicles accounted for approximately four-fifths of the total sales of passenger cars. Bracket 1 makes gained 25.6 per cent, to total 37,288; bracket 2, 60.4 per cent to total 19,520; bracket 3, 19.5 per cent to total 8,122; and bracket 4, 12.0 per cent to total 1,247.

There are over 6,871,000 people in the United States over 65 years of age who are eligible for old age pensions.

Former Champ Shows 'Em How He Did It



Jim Braddock, former world's heavyweight champion, dropped in on friends in the house of representatives in Washington recently, and while the legislators were discussing a bill for amateur boxing in the District of Columbia, Jim gave them some pointers on the manly art. Left to right: Rep. Pat Boland of Pennsylvania, Braddock, Rep. Fred Hartley of New Jersey and Rep. Joe Martin of Massachusetts.

Bearcat Schedule Arranged; Williams Elected Chairman

School officials and football coaches in district 8-A met in Coleman Saturday for their annual meeting at which time special business was attended to and officials elected for another year. Supt. Nat Williams, of Ballinger, was named chairman to serve with E. Whitten, of Brady, E. D. Stringer, of Winters, and J. C. Runkles, of Coleman, the last named the secretary.

Two schools were dropped from the district when the applications of schools with smaller enrollment than required for class A were considered. Rising Star, Cross Plains and Bangs had made application for membership in the district. Cross Plains was elected but Rising Star and Bangs were dropped from membership. This will leave only seven schools in the group and will require a six-game round robin schedule. All conference games were arranged and open dates will be filled in with teams outside the district.

The two games played last year by Ballinger and Winters were dropped and only the closing game of the season will be played this year. Winters coaches stated they did not wish to play but the required game this fall.

Ballinger will play four of the six conference games at home this year. The first game is booked for October 4 but Coach Felton T. Wright will make an effort at once to secure at least two hard games before that date. It is possible that one class A team will be booked for an early season contest.

Conference games booked for Ballinger are as follows: October 4, Santa Anna, there; October 11, Mozelle, here; October 25, Brady, here; November 1, Cross Plains, here; November 8, Coleman, here; November 15, open; November 22, Winters, there. Schedules for other teams in the district are:

Brady
September 20, Cross Plains, here; October 25, Ballinger, November 1, Mozelle; November 8, Winters; November 15, Santa Anna; November 22, Coleman.

Coleman
October 11, Cross Plains; October 18, Winters; October 25, Mozelle; November 1, Santa Anna; November 8, Ballinger; November 15, open; November 22, Brady.

Cross Plains
September 20, Brady; October 11, Coleman; October 18, Mozelle; October 25, Winters; November 1, Ballinger; November 8, Santa Anna.

Mozelle
September 27, Santa Anna; October 4, Winters; October 11, Ballinger; October 18, Cross Plains; October 25, Coleman; November 1, Brady.

Santa Anna
September 27, Mozelle; October 4, Ballinger; October 11, Winters; November 1, Coleman; November 8, Cross Plains; November 15, Brady.

Winters
October 11, Santa Anna; October 18, Coleman; November 8, Brady; November 15, Cross Plains; November 22, Ballinger.

Daughter: "When you refused him your consent, Dad, did he go down on his knees?"
Dad: "I didn't notice where he lit."

Jim: "I can tell you how much water to the quart goes over Niagara Falls."
Joe: "Betcha can't. How much?"
Jim: "Two pints."

"After dinner" speeches are made before meals in Japan.

Teachers' Meeting Will be Occasion For School Holiday

All schools in Rannels county will have a holiday on Friday, February 2, in order that the teachers may attend the meeting of the Mid-Texas Educational Association at San Angelo on February 2 and 3.

City Superintendent Nat. Williams stated that he expected all Ballinger teachers to be present at the programs both days. County Superintendent E. C. Grindstaff stated that indications were that all common district schools in this county would be well represented at the sessions. Other schools of the county are expected to have all teachers present.

Miss Maryvatt Smith will participate in the mathematics sectional session.

The general programs arranged for the two-day meeting include a large number of prominent educators who will attract practically all the teachers in the district. San Angelo citizens are expected to entertain about 1,500 teachers during the two days.

Another school holiday will be given on February 23 when the county interscholastic league meet is held in Ballinger.

INDIAN ROOT SPECIMENS ARE PLACED IN MUSEUM

LUBBOCK, Jan. 24.—Several specimens of Indian root, now in the study shelves of West Texas museum on Texas Tech campus, were found by a staff member in northern Panhandle ruins. Finding of this shrub, heretofore seen only in northern Mexico and the extreme southern portions of Arizona and New Mexico, points to the fact that prehistoric people of the Texas Panhandle contacted the Southwestern tribes, said Dr. W. C. Holden, dean of archaeological research and curator of the museum.

Also known as Canaigre or Tanner's Dock, the plant has long been used by Indians for tanning of skins. Navajos still use it in dyeing their blankets yellow. In addition, it contains various organic acids, pectin materials and mineral salts that are useful in treatment of diarrhea, tuberculosis, and chronic alcoholism, according to Dr. R. A. Studhalter, head professor of biology and botany at Texas Tech.

"Why in the world did you ever write a policy on a man ninety-eight years old?" asked the indignant insurance inspector.

"Well," explained the new agent, "I looked in the census report and found there were only a few people of that age who die each year."

Be wise—advertise.

Ballinger Group To Attend Banquet For Scout Leaders

Tickets for the annual Boy Scout banquet to be held at San Angelo on February 2 are available in Ballinger for those who desire to attend the affair. The banquet will be held in connection with the annual meeting of the Concho Valley Council and a number of local area leaders and scoutmasters will attend.

K. V. Northington, J. A. Schnable and R. E. Bruce are in charge of the local arrangements and will try to have a good delegation from Ballinger at both the business session and banquet.

The meeting will open at 4:30 p. m., at which time reports will

be heard on work accomplished during the past year and 1940 objectives will be presented for adoption. Officers for another year will be elected before the close of the session.

Dr. Homer P. Rainey, president of the University of Texas will be the principal speaker at the banquet and a number of Scout leaders in the state will be present. Tickets for the banquet can be secured for 75 cents each.

The Declaration of Independence of the Republic of Texas injected a new element into history when it listed a "neglect of public education" as one of the legitimate causes for revolution. Out of that grew the University of Texas, conceived in legislation and opened in 1883.

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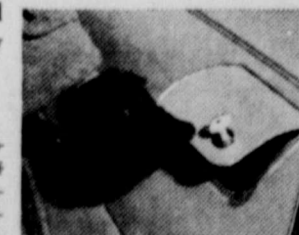
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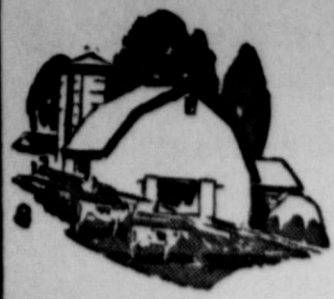
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RURAL NEWS

EAGLE BRANCH

Quite a lot of snow fell in this community early Monday morning which the farmers were glad to see for the moisture to help this year's crops.

Not very many women gathered at Mrs. Tee Berry's home Tuesday for the first club meeting because of cold weather.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kurtz Saturday night were: Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kurtz and children, Hildegard and R. C., Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hunt and daughter, Rita; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Berry and children, Hoyt, Gwen, Paul, and Carol Sue; and Miss Pauline Deike, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Tee Berry spent Saturday night with Mrs. Berry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morrison, of Crews.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hunt Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kurtz and children, Virginia Lee, Valra June and Spanky, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Campbell and family, and Mrs. Hunt's mother, Mrs. Campbell.

Miss Pauline Deike, of Abilene, spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. R. C. Kurtz.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kurtz and family attended church at Winters Sunday, then visited with Mrs. Kurtz' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deike, of Cochran.

In the higher grades at school a new club has been organized. It is called "The Good English Club." Hoyt Berry was elected president; Loretta Freeman, vice-president; Gwen Berry, secretary. Margie Wood was selected as using the best oral English of the week.

Mrs. Jim Berry and her mother, Mrs. Odem, visited Mrs. T. S. Berry Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Miles moved to this community last week.

The honor roll for this month listed the highest in each grade, as follows:

Third grade—Paul Berry, Virginia Lee Kurtz
Fourth grade—Eldon Berry
Fifth grade—Gwen Berry
Sixth grade—Hildegard Kurtz

Seventh grade—Loretta Freeman, Hoyt Berry.

HARMONY

Visitors in the E. J. White home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bailey and family, of Independence; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith and daughters, Gladys and Pearl, of Winters.

Mrs. W. A. Eoff and daughters, Delphine and Dorothy Jean, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. Briley, of Franklin, the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis and family, of Franklin, and Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Bishop and family visited in the R. A. Bishop home Sunday.

Visitors in the Charles Kruse home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wessels and family, of Crews; and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Turk and children, of Victory.

Mrs. Truitt Billups is spending this week in Coleman with her daughters, Jean and Jackie, who are attending school there.

W. A. Eoff visited friends and relatives near Goldthwaite last week. He was accompanied there by Mrs. Melvin Eoff and little daughter, Winona Sue.

Mr. and Mrs. Oren Mathis and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Reese Jones, of the Dale community, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Worthington and Corley Jo visited in the Lee Seals home at Miles Sunday. Mr. Seals had had an ear infection.

Those from this community who

King Leopold Inspects Belgian Defense Measures



Leopold, soldier king of Belgium, walks past a tank as he inspects Belgian defenses along the border fronting Germany. Similar scenes are being enacted in the Netherlands, another lowland country, where troops also have been massed to fight the threat of Nazi invasion. In case of invasion both Belgium and the Netherlands can be partially flooded by means of dikes.

attended the funeral services for Mrs. W. H. Foster, of Victory, were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Worthington, Mrs. Oren Mathis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kruse, and Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Smith. Mrs. Foster is the mother of Mrs. R. M. Burton.

We did not have school Thursday and Friday due to the severe weather.

SPRING HILL

School attendance here has been unusually good during the zero weather of the past two weeks. The attendance seldom fell below fifty per cent of the enrollment.

Opal Aycock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Aycock, returned Friday from Austin, where he had been attending school. He entered school here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. McKenzie and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Durwood McKnight Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Redman and children visited Mr. Redman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Redman, of Rowena, Sunday.

The more venturesome of this community enjoyed ice skating on the river Sunday. Those risking a fall through the ice included Hub Dean, Boone and Bill Dean and L. P. Dewees.

Mrs. Joe Schwertner and Helen and George Schwertner, of Red Bank; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jost, of Oifen; and Miss Christine Lenz, of Ballinger, visited in the Frank Zak home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kopecky and family, of Rowena, visited in the Provasek home Sunday.

HERRING

We have really been having winter. If there is anything in having a cold winter this should be a good crop year. The severe cold has been hard on the small grain, but maybe if we can have plenty of moisture it will come out all right.

There weren't very many at Sunday school last Sunday on account of the cold weather. We hope it will be warmer and people will get over their colds so we can have more next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Belcher and Estalene, of Earle Branch; Miss Bettie Belcher, of Talpa; and Leslie Alcorn, of Oxien, spent Sunday in the A. E. Fuller home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Rosford, Kenneth and Dorothy spent Sunday in the Lonnie Alcorn home.

Miss Billie Jean White spent Saturday night with Miss Dorothy Rosford.

Arnold Watkins and family have recently moved into the house with Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Avant.

Mrs. Arthur Alcorn visited Mrs. W. L. Alcorn Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Peek, Theresa, Robert and Herbert Corum, of Valera rural, visited Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Peek Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hale made a business trip to Ballinger Tuesday.

As the weather has been very cold your correspondent didn't learn much news, and would appreciate it if anyone would phone her items of interest by Wednesday of each week.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION SCHOOL WELL ATTENDED

The mission school in progress this week at the First Presbyterian Church has been well attended each evening. Classes for all age groups are being held. The school will be concluded tomorrow (Friday) evening.

Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Spencer returned Thursday from Texarkana, where they had been to attend a convention of the Church of the Nazarene.

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CHERRY WARNS CITIZENS TO GUARD AGAINST FIRES IN SUB-FREEZING WEATHER

Fire Chief Chester Cherry today issued a warning to all Ballinger citizens, asking them to take every precaution against fire during the extremely cold weather. He said that deaths resulting from fire in the United States during January were the greatest in history. He also pointed out that practically every town in this section has had one or more fires during the past week. In some cases pipes were frozen and no water was available with which to extinguish them.

Local firemen are ready for any emergency and every effort has been made to keep fire hydrants open for instant use. This has been difficult, however, and in some sections of the city lines have been frozen until fire fighting would have been almost impossible.

Chief Cherry believes that the best way to avoid heavy loss of property and possible loss of life here is to be careful.

COLD WEATHER SLOWS DRILLING IN COUNTY; CASING BEING SET

Cold weather for the past week slowed down work on three oil tests in this county. Work has not been stopped entirely but crews have been delayed in their progress.

Underreaming was still underway today in the Price-Williams to set casing to the bottom of the 2,200-foot hole.

The crew on the Davis-Huddleston was underreaming today to set eight-inch casing but making slow progress due to the cold weather. Drilling will be resumed as soon as this work is completed.

Drilling was going ahead with regular tours on the Tucker-

Castor-Fowler today at a depth of 2,650 feet.

"GONE WITH THE WIND" TO BE AT SAN ANGELO FEBRUARY 16

The West Texas premiere of "Gone With the Wind" has been announced for the Texas Theatre in San Angelo, starting February 16. Manager John D. Jones has begun publicity campaigns in a number of West Texas towns and announced that a reserved seat sale would be conducted with night and Sunday prices of \$1.20. Tickets for afternoon shows will be 75 cents.

Included in the cast are Clark Gable, Leslie Howard, Olivia DeHavilland, and Vivien Leigh, little English actress who became the star of 1939 because of her performance in the choice role of "Scarlett."

NAZARENE YOUNG PEOPLE TO HOLD ZONE RALLY HERE

A zone rally for the Nazarene young people will be held in Ballinger Sunday afternoon, commencing at 2 o'clock.

Representatives will be here from Coleman, Brownwood, Placid, Brooksmith, Whop, San Angelo and Mason.

Rev. Ray Aldridge, pastor of the Coleman church, will be in charge of the zone meeting.

Cotton no longer is king in Texas. The 1938 cotton production was valued at \$129,688,000, while the state's oil production was worth \$532,000,000.

According to the estimated value of school property and endowments in the United States, there is an investment of \$400 for each pupil in the nation's schools.

The average price of autos in 1907 was \$2,131.

New War Minister



Conservative Stanley Oliver, above, was given a recent interim appointment as British war secretary supplanting youthful and daring Leslie Hore-Belisha in the first major governmental shakeup of the present conflict. Oliver's appointment aroused a storm of controversy. The appointment of Sir John Reith to replace Lord Harold MacMillan as minister of information was also announced.

Oil Land Judge



The problem of legal compensation to United States and other foreign oil companies for lands seized by the Mexican government now rests with Judge Ponciano Hernandez, who will appoint an appraiser to evaluate oil properties.

Would Deny Vote



Aged persons, "in their second childhood," should be denied the right to vote, according to Dr. Raymond Pearl of Johns Hopkins university. His reason: Too many votes for old age pension plans.

Sam Behringer's

Fri. Jan. 26 SPECIALS Sat. Jan. 27

Grapefruit and Oranges will be higher on account of the freeze in the Valley, better stock up at present prices.

- BANANAS lb. 4c
- LEMONS Texas Large doz. 20c
- GREEN BEANS 2 lbs. 25c
- NEW POTATOES 5 lbs. 19c
- YELLOW SQUASH lb. 10c
- TURNIPS Tutabagsa lb. 4c
- CABBAGE lb. 3c
- POTATOES No. 1 Colo. 10 lbs. 21c
- BEANS No. 2; Can 2 Cans 25c
- KRAUT No. 2 Can 5c
- KRAUT No. 2 Can Madina 3 Cans 15c
- HOMINY Small 5c

- PORK & BEANS Can 5c
- Pure Granulated Beet 10 lbs. 48c
- SUGAR 25 lbs. \$1.20
- PRUNES No. 10 25c
- JEL-SERT Pkg. 4c
- FIG BARS 2 lbs. 25c
- CAKES Town Square 2 lbs. 25c
- POPCORN Black Beauty 2 lbs. 25c
- MATCHES Rew Bird Carton 15c
- MACARONI Gooch's Best 2 lbs. 25c
- PURE HOG LARD 8 lb. Ctn. 71c
- TAMALES Austex Brand 10c
- CHILI No. 1 Can 15c
- CHILI No. 2 Can 25c

1 lb. Vacuum 22c Bright & Early Coffee 1 lb. Pkg. 22c

Scot Tissue or Delsey 3 rolls 25c

POST TOASTIES Pkg. 10c CATSUP Frazier's 14-oz Bottle 10c

PEACHES Mission No. 1 Can 10c MUSTARD Qt. 9c

2 No. 2 Cans 15c Grapefruit Juice 46 oz Can 15c

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YOU'LL rate your own personal Halo when you serve Mocha Halo Cakes—their heavenly flavor comes from strong, fresh coffee used in the making, and when served with hot coffee—the natural accompaniment—it's perfect fare for holiday or just general entertaining. Easier to make than they look—here's how:

Mocha Halo Cakes
 ½ cup shortening 1½ cups sifted cake flour
 1 cup sugar ¼ cup cocoa
 1 egg ½ cup soda
 2 egg yolks ½ teaspoon salt
 ½ cup double strength freshly made coffee 2 teaspoons phosphate baking powder
 ½ cup buttermilk ¼ teaspoon salt
 Cream shortening thoroughly, add sugar gradually creaming until light and fluffy. Combine whole egg and egg yolks; beat well; add to the creamed mixture. Reserve the two egg whites for the frosting. Cool coffee and combine with buttermilk. Sift remaining dry ingredients and add alternately with liquid to creamed mixture, mixing well after

each addition. Bake in oiled muffin pans in a moderate oven (350° F.) for 20 minutes. Makes 18 medium or 12 large cup cakes.

Frost with Fluffy White Frosting; when the frosting has "set" put a band of chocolate around the edge of the cake. Melt 1 square bitter chocolate with 1 teaspoon butter. Put on with teaspoon or pastry brush.

Fluffy White Frosting
 2 egg whites 1 tablespoon light corn syrup
 1½ cups sugar ½ cup cold water
 1 teaspoon vanilla flavoring
 Place all of the ingredients except the vanilla in the top part of a double boiler. Beat with a rotary egg-beater until thoroughly mixed. Place over boiling water; beat steadily with the rotary beater until the frosting will form peaks when the beater is lifted. 7 to 10 minutes. Remove from heat; add the vanilla. Frost top and sides of cup cakes. Makes enough frosting for top and sides of 18 medium cup cakes.

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Lamb, Hog and Calf Show May be Held in Ballinger

County Agent John A. Barton and Vocational Agriculture Teacher J. M. Williams are ready to present a project show here about February 22 if they can secure a small amount of cooperation from local citizens.

Mr. Barton stated that 4-H club boys were feeding about 125 lambs, a number of hogs and several calves. Boys in Mr. Williams' class have 50 lambs on feed, several hogs and a few calves. About 25 head of the lambs from the Ballinger F. F. A. chapter will be taken to the Abilene show on February 14 and 15, and could be shown here on February 22.

According to the plans of the two leaders in this work they would like to hold a one-day show in Ballinger, have the animals judged and small cash prizes awarded to winners. Immediately after the judging some of the best animals would be offered for sale here to local markets and the remainder loaded and shipped to Fort Worth for sales the next day. It is also proposed to take about boys to Fort Worth to witness the sale, see the animals slaugh-

tered, visit the packing plants, and return the next night.

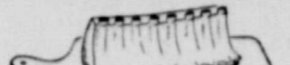
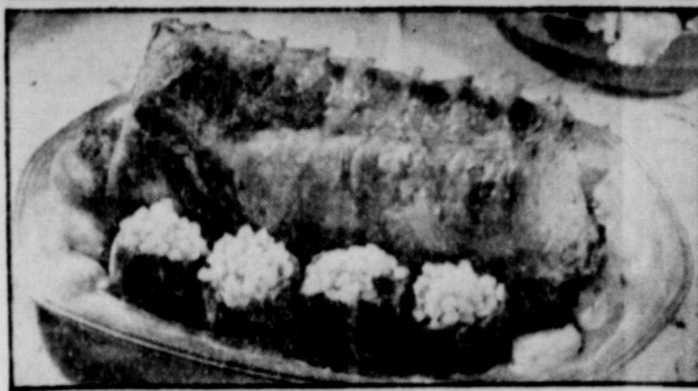
To successfully hold this show funds would have to be raised to pay cash prizes for winners. Lambs would be shown in two classes, F. F. A. animals in one group, and 4-H club animals in another, with prizes for singles and pens of three.

For the hog and calves, only one class would be necessary.

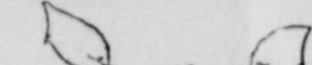
There has been some talk of having a special Lamb Day in Ballinger the day after the show during which everybody would be urged to purchase lamb meat from local markets that purchase and butcher prize animals. This would create a desire on the part of local market men to enter the local sale and purchase the prize winning animals and pay a premium for the best.

A committee will assist Barton and Williams and call upon local business men to see if prize money can be raised for holding the show here. Plans are to have the pens near the business district where it will be convenient for everyone to inspect the animals fed by the boys.

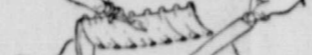
THE ART OF CARVING PORK LOIN



1. Note how the backbone has become loosened during cooking. The roast has been placed on a carving board, so that the backbone may be removed before the roast is placed on the platter.



2. Just one sweep of the knife will sever the backbone from roast.



3. Here is the roast on the platter in the correct position for the carver. The ribs, you see, are toward him where they will serve as guide to the direction the knife should take.

The carver should hold the roast steady by inserting the fork in the top as shown in the illustration. Roast pork is more tempting if the slices are cut thin. The carver cuts close against both

sides of each rib. Every other slice will be boneless. If the loin is small, the slice will be thin enough if the cut is made between each pair of ribs—then every slice will contain a rib. With a large loin, two boneless slices may be cut between ribs.

worship God.

Sunday, January 28:
9:45 a. m., church school, Sam Behringer, superintendent. Bring the family or a friend to Sunday school.

11:00 a. m., you will enjoy the music. Don't miss the sermon, "Testing Christianity."

6:15 p. m., Fellowship Group meetings, for the juniors, intermediates and young people.

7:00 p. m., evening worship. Close Sunday by hearing this sermon, "The Attractiveness of Jesus Christ."

Monday:
The Woman's Missionary Society will not meet as this is visiting day.

7:00 p. m., meeting of the board of stewards.

Wednesday:
7:00 p. m., "Church Night." Bring a covered dish of food and the family. You will enjoy this service of fellowship, devotion and recreation.

"As our lives begin to be guided by God in all our relationships, at home, in the office, in the schools, we will begin to be a part of the cure this world needs."

AUBREY C. HAYNES, Pastor.

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church
Sunday, January 28, 1940:

9:45 a. m., Sunday school.

11 a. m., preaching by pastor.

7:00 p. m., senior young people.

Wednesday:
7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.

FRED CLARK, Pastor.

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Bible school begins at 9:45, C. P. Dorsey, superintendent.

Preaching at usual hours by the regular minister. Morning subject, "Greatness Thru Service"; at night, "The Blessings of Obedience."

A warm welcome and a comfortable house to all who come. "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go unto the house of the Lord."

JAS. T. MCKISSICK, Minister.

Church of Christ
(Eighth Street, Bonsall Avenue)

Sunday:
Bible school, 9:45 a. m.

Preaching and communion ser-

Finland's Reindeer Play Grim Role in War



Usually cast in the role of aide to Santa Claus, the reindeer has proved his worth in the Finnish-Soviet war. Here a family of Finnish refugees uses a sled and the family reindeer to transport its belongings to a place of safety during one of the air raids staged by the invaders on Finnish towns and villages.

vices, 11 a. m.

Monday:
Preaching, 7 p. m.

Ladies' Bible class, 3 p. m.

Prayer meeting services, 7 p. m.

A friendly welcome awaits you.

Grace Baptist Church
(Eighth Street)

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.

Morning service, 11 o'clock.

Evening service, 7:45 o'clock.

Wednesday evening prayer service, 7:45 o'clock.

JOE HULL, Pastor.

Foursquare Gospel Church
(104 North Twelfth Street)

Winter Schedule
Sunday school, 10 a. m.

Sunday morning service, 11 o'clock.

Sunday afternoon service, 4 o'clock.

Wednesday evening service, 7:15 o'clock.

E. N. MURGATROYD, Pastor.

Church of God
(Corner of Sixth and Strong)

Sunday school, 10 a. m.

Preaching, 11 a. m., Rev. G. B. Walters, of Sweetwater, preaching.

Junior meeting at 5 p. m.

Young people's meeting at 7 p. m.

Preaching, 7:30 p. m., by Rev. Walters.

Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7 p. m.

Bible study, Friday, 7 p. m.

LYDIA COUVISIER, Supt.

FOUNDERS' DAY TO BE CELEBRATED BY LOCAL BOY SCOUT TROOPS

Ballinger Boy Scout troops will celebrate Founders' Day from February 8 to 14. Leaders are planning special programs for the 30th anniversary of Scouting, to include entertainment of the members' parents one evening.

Troop No. 30, of which Ernest Moody is scoutmaster, is making preparations for parents' night on February 13. All parents will be invited to the Scout cottage, where demonstrations in special training will be presented. A social hour will follow with refreshments served by the boys.

Mr. Moody will attend the annual meeting of executives of the Concho valley council in San Angelo on February 2.

Typewriter ribbons at Ledger office.

CHURCHES

First Presbyterian Church
(301 Broadway)

Sunday, January 28, 1940:

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.

Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.

Sermon, "Neither Hot Nor Cold."

Evening worship, 7:00 p. m.

Sermon, "The Practice of Prayer."

Monday:
Woman's Auxiliary meets at 4:00 p. m.

Wednesday:
Mid-week service at 7:00 p. m.

DWIGHT A. SHARPE, Pastor

Church of the Nazarene
(Ninth at Harris)

Sunday, January 28, 1940:

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.

Morning worship, 11 o'clock.

Sermon by the pastor

Young People's Zone Rally, 2 p. m.

Young People's Society, 6:30 p. m.

Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock.

Sermon by the pastor.

Monday:
Woman's Missionary Society, 2:30 p. m.

Wednesday:
Mid-week prayer service, 7:30 p. m.

H. H. SPENCER, Pastor.

Ballinger Baptist Church
(400 Eighth Street)

Sunday, January 28:

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. E. C. Grindstaff, general superintendent.

Sermon, 11 a. m. by the pastor.

Training Union, 6 p. m.

Evening worship, 7 o'clock.

Sermon by the pastor.

Music under the direction of the Choir Master R. E. White and Organist Mrs. L. Schermerhorn.

Activities for the week

Monday:
Visitation by the W. M. S.

2:30 p. m., Sunbeam Band.

4 p. m., Royal Ambassadors.

7 p. m., Young People's Choir.

Tuesday:
Noon, Business Women's Luncheon.

4 p. m., Junior Girls' Auxiliary.

Wednesday:
"All Church Night."

7 p. m., Sunday School Council.

7:30 p. m., prayer services.

8 p. m., choir rehearsal.

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Three heavy snows in one winter is unusual for Runnels county and much benefit is expected to accrue to farm and ranch land. In addition to the moisture the snows have provided, experts say many of the insects that ordinarily do heavy damage to crops are killed. Additional rains will be needed, however, to furnish an underground "season."

There are only five days left in which to secure poll tax receipts which will give the holders the right to participate in all elections in 1940. During the past few days the collector's office has been rushed but there are still many receipts to be issued if the number of qualified voters is up to the mark of other election years. January 31 is also the final date for payment of property taxes before they become delinquent. Discounts offered for early payment brought heavy collections in October and November, but January receipts have lagged until the past few days.

Local school officials are hoping to receive word within the next few weeks that the Ballinger school application has been approved in Washington. Several weeks ago the plans were approved at the state WPA office and forwarded to Washington. With bonds voted and ready for sale to provide the funds for the district's part, it was expected that little time would be lost in obtaining the approval at Washington which would release the project. Officials representing this district at Washington are assisting in getting the project before the right authorities for quick action.

A hot political campaign looms in Runnels county this year with rumors out that provide candidates for practically every office. A number of office seekers have already thrown their hats in the ring and are soliciting votes and support in the July primary. Coincident with the announcements begins the staging of special entertainments in the county to which candidates have a special invitation. Plays, pie and cake sales, community meetings and auction sales have already been announced and will soon be followed by rabbit drives and picnics.

Card of Thanks
We want to take this means to express our appreciation to the Ballinger Fire Department and friends for their untiring efforts in saving our home during the recent fire there.
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Schott
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"Be very accurate in taking down dictations," the teacher had urged.
On examining Tommy Smith's paper she found this: "And the boat was seen to 6 5-8."
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"Cap size," said Tommy.
"What's the matter little boy?" said the kind-hearted man. "Are you lost?"
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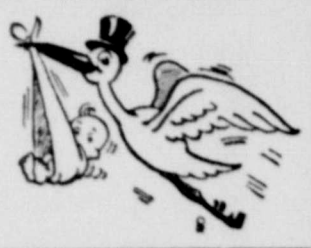
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A specialist in facial massages is Al Nettlow of Detroit, Mich. He combines within himself the two great arts of boxing and beautifying. At the left he is shown giving a quick massage to a sparring partner as he tunes up for a forthcoming bout in Philadelphia against Bob Montgomery. At the right he is pictured at work in his Detroit beauty parlor, which he owns and operates. His ring activities are carried on in any locality where there is a demand for this type of beauty culture.

WEST TEXAS
NOTES



The biggest oil well in the Albany field in the past eight years was brought in last week and gauged a potential of 501 barrels. As soon as the bit was sunk into the sand the well began flowing and filled all the storage tanks. The well was pinched in but shortly afterward built up enough gas pressure to blow the head off and for several hours was wild until shut in again.

The spring term of 119th district court for Concho county will open at Paint Rock Monday, February 5. A grand jury venire has been summoned for the opening day and a petit jury venire will report on February 19. Judge O. L. Parish will be on the bench.

A big WPA appropriation has been made for McCulloch county and within a short time work will commence on the new highway from Brady to Voca. This project includes grading and drainage and a large bridge across Deep Creek near Rochelle.

Cash prizes totalling \$100 have been provided for the F. F. A. livestock show to be held at Rochelle on February 17, and a large number of entries have already been listed. Seven divisions are scheduled with prizes for winners

in each.
Comanche county farmers are being urged to plant more of their sandy land in berries this year. The movement, initiated by the county agent, is also receiving support from the Comanche Chamber of Commerce. With one of the largest canning plants in this section, Comanche offers a year-round market for berries and vegetables.

The 1940 Fort Stockton water carnival is to be held on June 11, 15 and 16. The committee in charge of the attraction has prepared financing plans and arranged the entertainment program. This carnival has become one of the biggest outdoor events in West Texas.

More than 2,000 Coleman county farmers will be eligible to share in the government cotton program next season. All papers have been signed for the 1940 crop year, contracts revealing this many intending to raise cotton and receive special recompense from the government. Individual cotton allotment are being mailed to farmers at this time.

Stephenville has been selected as the location for a U. S. security

station. A staff will assist citizens of this section in offering proof of claims and in the distribution of old age relief.

Miles high school authorities have issued sweaters to 15 members of the 1939 football team. The jackets are gray with scarlet cuffs, collars and pocket flaps, and letters bear stripes showing the number of years each boy has lettered. Nine of the fifteen will be eligible for grid games next fall.

The Centennial school in Coleman county was destroyed by fire last week. The wooden five-room structure, four miles north of Valera, was burned to the ground and the loss is estimated at \$3,400. An insurance coverage of \$2,500 was carried on the property.

Several Menard golfers met last week and formed an association. Thirty have signed for membership and a tract of land has been secured near the old Mission San Saba which is ideal for a nine-hole course. Committees have been appointed to secure estimates on various types of greens and work out other details. If grass greens are decided on it will be an easy matter to pipe water from the San Saba River.

A group of College Station engineers visited Rising Star January 16 to inspect a site for the establishment of a sandy land experiment farm. Several months ago a number of sites were viewed by members of the locating committee, and the list now has been cut to only a few.

Street paving and drainage work are underway at Santa Anna, 110 men being employed. The city is sponsoring the WPA projects and property owners are paying their pro rata of the cost of the paving.

The F. F. A. class of the Eden high school has announced a project show for January 27 and intends to exhibit a number of cattle, sheep and other livestock. The boys have 65 fat lambs, 25 breeding lambs, 30 hogs and 6 dairy heifers to enter. Following the project show the boys will enter their winners in the area show at Eden on February 17.

A \$36,000 drainage project has been started in Brownwood's South Side. The system will remove water which sometimes backs up and overflows the basement of the high school. The drainage lines will be connected with the large conduit along the Santa Fe right-of-way.

Representatives of the Kimble County Chamber of Commerce went before the state highway commission last week, seeking the closing of gaps on the Old Spanish Trail. They were joined by delegations from other counties along the route.

ICE BROKEN TREES SHOULD
GET AN EARLY PRUNING

LUBBOCK, Jan 24.—"Tree limbs broken by ice urge the need for early pruning," says O. B. Howell, horticulture professor at Texas Technological College.

Branches, when broken by this type of weight, tend to splinter internally in such a manner that they seldom heal, he explained. The cracks, therefore, offer excellent breeding and hibernating places for insects and disease.

"All broken branches and stubs should be trimmed back close to the trunk, and cuts one-half inch in diameter or larger should be painted. Cuts should be made as close to the limb or trunk as possible so they will heal quickly. Pruning should be done before sap begins to rise in late February or early March."

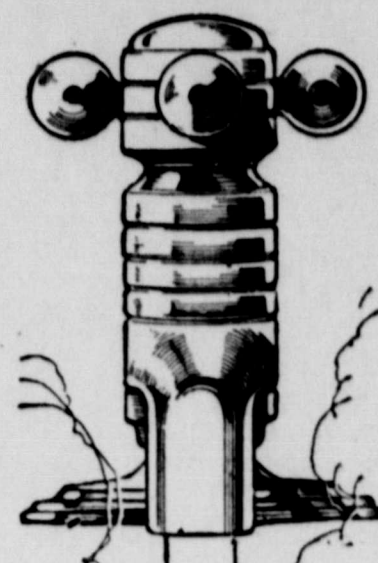
Howell recommended asphaltum for painting, which will prevent sap running and promote quick caulusing so the tree will not be weakened. Asphaltum may be purchased at any drug or paint supply store.

"Don't mind taking out several limbs," he advised, "as the trees will shape up again in one or two years. And while you're at it, prune out all dead wood, weak crotches and limbs that rub together. This is also an excellent time to cut off the lower branches on street trees over sidewalks. Trees that are bent due to the south wind should be staked on the south side to straighten the trunk."

Professor: "Oxygen is essential to all animal existence. There could be no life without it. Yet strange to say, it was discovered only a little more than a century ago."
Student: "What did they do before it was discovered?"

At Bloomington, Iowa, a pullet belonging to Charles Bullock recently laid an egg having three separate yolks.

King George VI inherited, along with his crown, a gold dinner service estimated to be worth \$10,000,000.



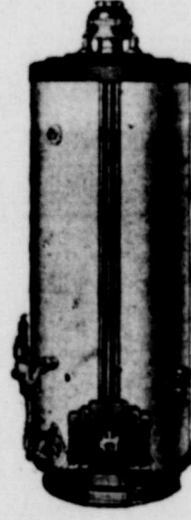
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'The First Year' To be Presented By School Cast

The major dramatic production of the year will be presented tomorrow (Friday) evening at the high school auditorium by the Cue and Curtain Club of the Ballinger high school. A large advance sale of tickets assures a large audience, but there will be plenty of tickets left and on sale at the door.

E. R. Sublett, director, is well pleased with the rehearsals this week. He stated that the cast had

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worked hard and is ready for the public appearance. The players are unusually well cast this year and much attention has been given their make-up and costumes. Special scenery has been built by the carpenters and artists of the club and property men have selected their articles carefully, keeping in mind the general color scheme of the sets and furniture used in each act.

This year the club was allowed to present a royalty play and a much better story was secured because of this fact. "The First Year" was the comedy selected after the reading of a large number of plays. The play was a success in New York city several years ago and is still being offered in stock.

It presents a fine story of a young couple during their first year of married life, with a supporting cast providing plenty of comedy to make the presentation very enjoyable. In the cast are Guy Lively, Ted Truly, Bill Sykes, Joe Coleman, Pinky Byers, Mary Simpson, Margaret Collins, Ella Witter and Maurine Duncan.

Tickets for the show are 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for students under 12 years of age. The show will take the place of the regular senior play, heretofore a part of the commencement program.

The show is staged at this time so that members of the club will have time to get the one-act play ready for the contest during the county meet. Mr. Sublett has

Frigid Vigil



A Swiss army sentinel is shown at his barbed wire surrounded post near the German border. Since the outbreak of European war the army of Switzerland has been fully mobilized and at its defense post.

selected "The Villiant" for this year's contest, has cast his players already and will start rehearsals immediately after presentation of "The First Year."

Jackie was told to stop running fast around the house or he would fall and hurt himself. He replied: "But, mother, if I don't run I'll get hurt anyway. Daddy is chasing me."

Asphalt is not a modern building material. It was used in ancient Babylon.

Programs Explain Details of County School Meet Here

Printed programs for the county interscholastic league meet, to be held in Ballinger on March 22 and 23, are being mailed to school officials of the county this week. Nat Williams, director general of the meet, is looking after arrangements and distribution of programs to all directors of events and other teachers.

This year all divisions will take part in the meet on the same days. Arrangements have been made for the rural school section to have track and field, volley ball and other outdoor contests on Friday, while classes A and B high school students will take up literary events indoors the same day. On March 23 the high school section will begin outdoor contests while the rural school pupils hold their indoor contests. In this way there will be ample room to handle the crowds and only one week-end will be required for the most important items of the meet.

The one-act play contest has been set for the evening of April 29 and will be held at the senior high school auditorium, beginning at 7:30. The winner of the contest will represent the county in the district meet at San Angelo in April.

No tennis or playground ball will be held in connection with the county meet. Rural school contestants will assemble here April 20 for playground ball and tennis matches and an effort will be made to complete the games in one day. Classes A and B high school entrants will meet the following week-end, April 29, for the same contests.

The first section of the county meet will be the basketball tournament and this will be held at Norton on February 16 and 17.

Each school district in the county is to contribute 3 cents per scholastic towards the expenses of the meet. The payments of the common school districts will be made through the office of the county superintendent and independent districts will send checks payable to the league.

Entries must be mailed to the director general not later than March 12. This will give ten days in which to arrange all events and check any eligibility necessary.

Playground ball has been standardized this year with the adoption of the 12-inch outseam ball for all contest games.

Instructions were also mailed this week for rhythm bands and choral singing.

BALLINGER SCHOOL NEWS

By Mary Simpson

Superintendent Williams Speaks in Assembly

Superintendent Nat Williams spoke in Friday assembly on "Conservation." He said: "High school students should conserve the knowledge that is offered them so that surplus which is not needed at the time may be saved for future use. The lack of conservation may result in a loss of prestige."

"By conservation of the mind is meant the proper development of it. Reading should have a twofold purpose—entertainment and information. The mind should be given a chance to grow a little each day, not expected to grow a lot at one time.

"The physical being should be conserved and developed. Those of high school age today have the undeveloped strength of all the ages that have preceded them, but they may either add strength for the future race, or make it weaker by destroying heredity. Good habits must be cultivated and bad habits destroyed. The youth of today must often do the unpopular thing. The use of tobacco, alcohol and drugs is detrimental to the mind, the body and the character.

"Character may be called the application of the mental being to the physical being. Personality and reputation make up character as other people see it. Religion is the most important factor in the development of character; making the faith and respect of God the foundation for life. The standards of Christianity are the best standards for character."

'The First Year' is Ready for Presentation

Director Ernest Sublett, his cast, and his production staff have polished off the last minute details, and "The First Year" is ready to go on the stage tomorrow night at 8:00 o'clock at the High School Auditorium. Though the weather be cold, the building will be warm, and good entertainment will be provided.

"The First Year," written by Frank Craven, is the first major production of the Cue and Curtain Club, and is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, New York. It is the story

of the struggles of the newlyweds during their first year of married life, and how they were brought back together by her uncle, a bachelor. Comedy is furnished by the bride, villainy is provided by the dashing Dick Loring, contrast is presented by the young wife's mother, the right-of-way agent, and his ex-actress wife.

The cast is:
Grace Tucker Mary Simpson
Tommy Tucker Bill Sykes
Dr. Anderson Guy Lively
Mr. Livingston
L. J. (Pinky) Byers
Mrs. Livingston Ella Witter
Dick Loring Joe Coleman
Hattie Maurine Duncan
Mr. Barstow Ted Truly
Mrs. Barstow Margaret Collins

'Los Ositos' Meet

The first year Spanish club met January 19, with Robert Lowry in charge of the program. Reports were given by Winnie Merle Adair, Quentin White, Eugene Sutphen, Rosemary Hooper, and Odena Parish. Plans for a program to be presented in assembly were discussed.

Senior Personalities

Ray Hutcheson has gone to

school here for ten long years. This year he is best known as a hard-fighting Bearcat tackle. He speaks a little Spanish in "Los Andaluces," too. He likes hunting (?) and listening to good music. We don't know whether that means classical, swing or jazz, but he is individual in not wanting to provide the music. In later years he wants to be an aviator, a rancher, or both. He likes plenty of good eats, not food, eats, and he bears special malice toward "wise guys."

Winnie Russell has spent most of her life in Ballinger schools. She belongs to the "Billies," a club of friends, the band, is a cartoonist on the newspaper staff, and has belonged to baseball and choral clubs for several years. As her hobbies she likes skating and dancing best of all, but swimming, drawing and going to carnivals come in the same list. If she goes to a college, it will be San Angelo Business College. Of all the things she wants most to do is going north and learning to ice skate.

Herbert Waldrop has gone to school in Ballinger three years. He was a real Bearcat guard on the '38 team. After he graduates he will go to John Tarleton or

A. & M. if he goes anywhere. After that he would like to be a civil engineer or coach football. He says he likes everything except pumpkin and buttermilk pie.

Adalyn (as in "Sweet Adaline") Horn has gone to school here eleven years. She belonged to the Spanish clubs two years and the choral club two years. As hobbies, she names collecting book matches and dancing. Her ambition is to be a good stenographer. She likes anything made with chocolate, and dislikes people who gossip or try to be what they are not. If she goes to school after finishing high school, it will be the Business College in El Paso.

The Bearcat basketball team was unsuccessful in a tournament at Paint Rock, January 19 and 20. The first game was a victory for Millersview; the consolation game a defeat for the Bearcats to Norton.

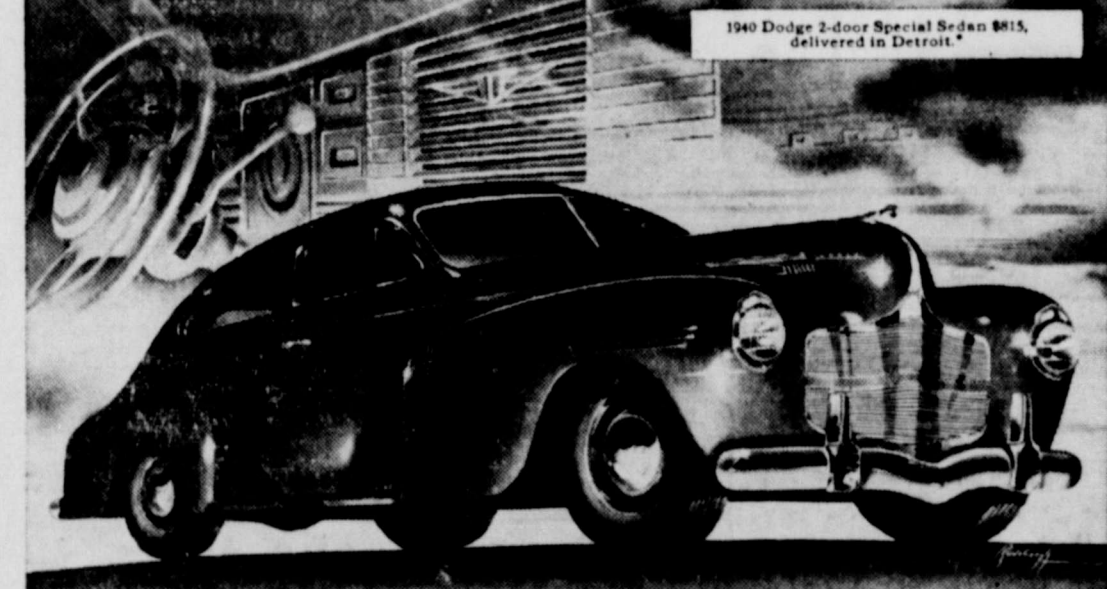
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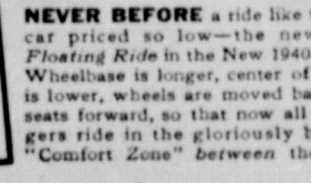
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FOR RENT—Two room furnished apartment. 600 Eighth Street. Phone 433. 23-1f

Mrs. W. B. Woody is in Temple this week at the bedside of her father, Joe Miller, who is critically ill. Mr. Woody and Mary Brian returned home Monday after spending the week-end there.

Mark your butter with a rubber stamp. Inquire at Ledger office.

County Officials' Salaries Remain Same as in Past

There will be no change in the salaries of Runnels county officials for the year 1940. Members of the commissioners' court set all salaries at the same figures as for the past several years in a meeting last week.

Precinct officials, below the rank of county commissioner, were kept on the fee system.

The salary schedule is as follows: county judge, \$3,000; county clerk, \$3,000; county assessor-collector, \$3,000; sheriff, \$3,000; county attorney, \$2,400; county treasurer, \$1,800; district clerk, \$1,800.

The county clerk was allowed \$3,300 for deputies and other office expenses; the assessor-collector, \$5,100, for deputies and clerks; the sheriff, \$4,000, for office expenses, including \$1,200 for deputies.

All present office holders will serve the remainder of this year before their present terms end.

BALLINGER METHODISTS TO MISSIONARY MEETING

A group of Ballinger Methodists spent Wednesday at Coleman, attending a missionary meeting for members of churches in the Brownwood district. Rev. A. C. Haynes, Ballinger minister, opened the program by holding the devotional. Attending from here besides the pastor were Ben Denny, Sam Behringer, Mrs. J. G. Douglass, Mrs. J. B. Striplin and Miss Lolita Morrison.

SOUTH BALLINGER HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The South Ballinger Home Demonstration Club met in regular session in the home of Mrs. J. N. Key last Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Estelle Straley as co-hostess.

Mrs. George McMillan led the discussion of frame gardens, the making and variety of vegetables to be planted. A number of members reported gardens already planted.

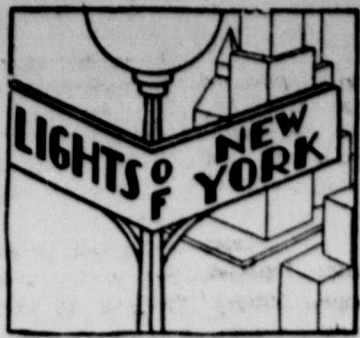
The hostesses assisted by Mrs. Fred Moncrief served a salad plate with coffee and cocoa to the following: Mmes. B. M. Batts, Joe Thomas, G. W. Brunson, Midgley, Henry Leach, C. D. Harris, McMillan, Moncrief, J. W. Jones, Austin Williams, W. L. McAdams, Roy Holstead, S. A. Hutcheson, P. P. Holston, J. C. Reese, Jones Sanders, V. E. McShan, Douglass Barnett and Watson.

The next meeting will be held February 6 in the home of Mrs. Austin Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Leyton Hill went to Wellington Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hill's grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Johnson.

Mrs. Cecil Davis has been ill with influenza for several days, but was reported a little better today.

Carbon paper for tracing embroidery patterns at Ledger



By L. L. STEVENSON

It was rather early in the evening. A young woman was driving alone west on Fifty-seventh street. As she neared Ninth avenue she slowed because the light was against her. Stopped by the light at Eighth avenue, she reached for her bag, which had been on the seat beside her. It was gone. So were various identifications, a highly important bunch of keys, \$10 in cash, a new compact and all the rest of the equipment a woman carries in a handbag. The bag was new and quite expensive, a birthday present, in fact. Thinking it might have bounced out of the car, she drove back as far as Tenth avenue. She had no luck. Then she recalled that when she had slowed down she thought she heard the door click. So she made a report to the police. So far nothing has happened, not even her identifications and World's fair ticket having been recovered.

They work fast, do those sneak thieves who specialize in stealing from motor cars on the west side in midtown. Usually they are small and eel-like and much the color of shadows. Sometimes they operate in pairs. One, either on pretext of wiping the windshield or by other means, distracts the attention of the driver. That is all that is necessary because if there are two persons in the car, the thieves remain in hiding. While the one is waiting one lad, another either softly opens the door or reaches through a window, gathers up whatever is loose, quietly drops off and disappears. Lone workers creep onto running boards and wait for an opportune time to get in their work. Lone women are favorite victims because women leave purses and handbags on the seat.

Small chance there is for the recovery of any property taken, no matter whether or not it is valuable to the thief. That which is held worthless is merely dropped down a manhole. There is just as little chance of the thieves being captured. At the sight of any one who looks suspicious, whether or not in uniform, they disappear in the darkness or in the old rookeries which are their homes. The only safe way for a woman to drive in certain sections of New York is with both doors locked and windows run up too high for a thief to reach inside.

New York scene reported by May: On Forty-ninth street, two pigeons calmly strolling up to the front door of a swanky restaurant and all but going inside. After they have waited a little while a headwaiter comes out and scatters food at the curb. The pigeons hurry after it, and at once begin to enjoy a meal. Not alone, however. A number of their friends, that have been quietly waiting in the background, come forward and join them in the free food.

Getting back to thievery. The other day, a batch of pancakes, apparently cooking on a gas range, was stolen from one of the exhibits of the World's fair. They looked like the kind that are usually eaten with syrup but they weren't. They were made of wax. So if the thief was really hungry, he or she was out of luck. Other thieves had had similar bad fortune. Among the (wax) food products stolen have been sausages, a baked potato, biscuits and cherry pie.

Was just worrying about a last paragraph when J. P. called me up with his voice full of indignation. He is one of the few close friends who was actually born in New York and who has never been away from the city for more than a week except for the year and a half he served in France during the World war. Well, he was standing at Broadway and Forty-third street when a sight-seeing bus harker came up and addressing him as "Stranger," tried to sell him a ticket to see the town. And because of that I won't feel so badly hereafter when they tackle me—which they are always doing. (Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.)

Britain Will Scrutinize Exercise for Its Women

LONDON—Does violent exercise have a good or bad effect on women and girls?

Britain's national fitness council hopes to be able to answer this question, over which there is so much controversy, when it has completed an investigation now in progress.

Famous doctors will sift evidence collected from medical officers, educationists and gymnastic instructors in all parts of the country. The health records of modern athletic young women will be compared with those of their not so active sisters at the start of the century.

Many doctors, while favoring such sports as swimming, dancing, rhythmic gymnastics and rowing, believe that competitive athletics for women should be banned.

When arrested on a minor charge in Buffalo, Jane O'Brien was found to be wearing three pairs of men's trousers.

The average quantity of motor fuel consumed by individual motor vehicles in 1938 was 661 gallons, costing the motorist \$128.994. About 30 per cent of this amount was tax.

Schwertner Candidate For Commissioner No. 4

To the Voters of Precinct No. 4:

I hereby announce as a candidate for County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4, Runnels County, I kindly ask your assistance in aiding me in being elected to this responsible office and feel that I can solicit your consideration knowing that, if elected, I can serve the Precinct and County well and efficiently because of past experience in another county in this same line of work.

I will endeavor to meet each and every voter of the precinct before the first primary to talk with you about the race, but in the event circumstances over which I have no control, prevent me from contacting you, please consider this a personal appeal and give me every consideration, and if possible, your support and influence.

Respectfully,
WALTER W. SCHWERTNER
(Political Advertisement) 25-11-7

F. F. A. BOYS WILL SHOW IN ABILENE FEBRUARY 14

Members of the Ballinger F. F. A. chapter of the Ballinger high school will go to Abilene February 14 to exhibit livestock in the West Central Texas Livestock Show which is to open on that date.

The local chapter will take approximately 30 head of fat lambs, according to J. M. Williams, F. F. A. advisor. Those to show lambs include: B. M. Batts, Robert Williams, Charles Crimm, Norbert Halfmann, Eason Jackson, Bruce Kennedy, Jack McAden, Donald Williams, Jack Wheelers. Those to exhibit fat barrows are: Wallace Wilson, Ervin Schraer, Andrew Block, Billy Jack Williams, Herman Virden, Donald Mullins, and W. A. Thomason. The latter group will show ten pigs.

Following the Abilene show the animals will be brought home and prepared for the livestock project show slated in Ballinger February 22.

Asa Cordill has been confined at home for about two weeks with a severe case of influenza.

Judge Paul Trimmer returned Tuesday from Houston, where he transacted business.

Mrs. W. B. Halley left Tuesday for Dallas to join Mrs. Charles Bailey, who had been visiting in Bartlett, Blum and Dallas. Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Halley were accompanied by Mrs. M. H. Smith, of Dallas, to Ruston, Louisiana, where they will spend several days in the home of Miss Eugenia Smith.

Mrs. V. L. Reed and daughter, Carolyn, of Andrews, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Doss and Miss Bernice Simmons.

O. K. Jacob visited and attended to business at Big Spring and Odessa the past week-end.

Roy Jacob, of Big Spring, is here for a visit with his parents and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Jacob, of Odessa, were here last week for a visit. They are on their annual vacation and have spent part of the time in New Mexico.

Mrs. W. T. Little, of Temple, is here for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. O. K. Jacob.

Joe Forman was able to be back at work this week after a week's illness.

In an enrollment predicted to top the 11,000 mark this year, the University of Texas will count a population ratio of about six men to four women, officials believe.

Credit for breaking a former German monopoly on potash goes to Dr. J. A. Udden, late director of the bureau of economics geology at the University of Texas. Dr. Udden discovered potash bearing minerals in Texas in 1812, later led research to develop an economic means of extracting it from its ore.

A calf swallowed a purse containing \$60 in bills belonging to W. F. Waddell, a farmer near Hayti, Missouri. The calf was killed and the money recovered.

After winning \$20,000 at Monte Carlo, Karl Rettinch was robbed of the entire amount by bandits the same night.

There are one and a half million guitars in use in America.

More than 900 American cities have airports but no regular air service.

Over five hundred thousand dollars in cash was borrowed by the United States the last two years of the Revolutionary War.

Crews 4-H Club Elects Officers; Selects Projects

At a meeting of the Crews 4-H club on January 12 officers for 1940 were elected and projects adopted for the new year's work. The new officers are Cecil McDaniel, president; Nealton Stovall, vice-president; Alfred Collum, secretary; LeRoy Thompson, reporter; and W. T. Gassiot, local leader.

County Agent John A. Barton discussed projects with the members and cotton and maize were selected in crops; sheep, swine and beef calves in livestock; as well as poultry and capon production. Those finishing record books and who will be entitled for gold pins for three or more years' work are: Bradley Pape, Rube Whitley, Jr., Carl Faubion, Jesse Ray Klutts, Vernon Lollar. For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4: WALTER W. SCHWERTNER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries

For Representative, 92nd District: H. C. HAMRICK

For County Clerk: W. W. (Bill) CHASTAIN

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1: E. J. JACK CARROLL

DEE OLIVER

For County Judge: E. C. GRINDSTAFF

For County Tax Assessor-Collector: W. A. FORGEY

For County Treasurer: MRS. AURELIA WEBB

For Sheriff: J. L. (LEE) MORELAND

For District Clerk: M. S. ("BUSTER") CAUDLE

PRICE MIDDLETON

Arnold Alcorn and C. J. Poindexter, Ted Boatwright has completed two years' work and will be Two members, Arnold Alcorn and Bradley Pape, are feeding 38 head of sheep and will enter them in the project show at Ballinger on February 22. W. T. Gassiot, local leader, plans to assist the boys in getting to the meeting here on February 9 to hear Frank P. Holland, Jr., and Frank A. Briggs, of Dallas. A number of the fathers will accompany the boys and help provide transportation.

Twelve boys entered the insect collection and naming contest for 1940. The Crews club is striving to have a good report in 1940 and will get an early start on the program of activities.

entitled to wear a silver 4-H pin.

OLDFEN P. T. A. MEETING

The Oldfen Parent-Teacher Association meeting was held on January 21 with 24 members present. A talk was given by Sister Georgia on the value of good books. A collection was taken for the "march of dimes." The president, Mrs. W. J. Halfmann, gave a report on the meeting of the County Health Association at the city hall in Ballinger last Saturday.

Mrs. John New, of Hearne, is here for a visit in the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Boelsche. Mrs. Boelsche is a daughter of Mrs. New.

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Kitchen Craft Flour 24 lb. bag 85c	Van Camp's Pork and Beans 16-oz. can 5c
Cherub Milk 3 lg. cans 19c	Su-Purb Granulated SOAP , 24-oz. pkg. 17c
48 lb. bag \$1.59	Country Home CORN , No. 2 can 10c
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Bananas	Lifebuoy SOAP , reg. bar 5c
Golden Ripe 3 lbs. 10c	3-Minute OATS , 48-oz. pkg. 18c
Fancy Quality Yams 4 lbs. 19c	Worchestershire SAUCE , 5-oz. bottle 13c
Large Crisp Celery stalk 10c	Red Sour Pitted CHERRIES , No. 2 can 10c
Fancy Yellow Onions 5 lbs. 10c	Stokely's HOMINY , No. 2 1/2 can 10c
138X Fancy Winesap Apples Doz. 19c	Sunmaid Nectar RAISINS , 15-oz. pkg. 10c
176 Texas Valencia Oranges Doz. 23c	Fluffiest MARSHMALLOWS lb. 10c
96 Size Marsh Seedless Grapefruit Doz. 19c	Harper House PEARS , No. 2 1/2 can 20c
Idaho Rural Potatoes 10 lbs. 19c	N. B. C. Cracker RITZ , lge. pkg. 21c
Palmolive Soap Reg. Bar 5c	Ivory FLAKES , lge. pkg. 23c
No Scrub—No Boil Oxydol Med. Pkg. 18c	Mammy Lou 20 lbs. 45c
Libby's Tomato Juice 14-oz. Can 6c	90-100 Size PRUNES , 3 lb. cello 19c
	American Wonder PEAS , No. 2 can 10c
	Zee Tinted Toilet TISSUE , 3 rolls 14c
	Raleigh CIGARETTES , pkg. 15c
	Assorted Flavors JELL-WELL , 3 pkgs. 10c
	Bulk Pure Hog Lard Bring Your Pail lb. 7c
	Pork Chops lb. 15c
	Dry Salt Jowls lb. 7c
	Pork Shoulder Roast lb. 14c
	Pork Sausage lb. 10c
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