

# THE BALLINGER LEDGER

VOLUME 54.

BALLINGER, TEXAS, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1940.

NUMBER 17

## President's Birthday Ball Attended by Big Crowds

The observance of the president's birthday in Ballinger was successful in every respect. Good response was had in the "March of Dimes," approximately 150 cards filled with ten-cent pieces being mailed to the president, many coat emblems were sold for ten cents each, and a considerable amount was stuffed in the cardboard containers placed in a number of stores.

The observance was climaxed Tuesday evening with the dance sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club at the national guard armory. All tables were filled for the three serving periods at 6, 7 and 8 p. m., and at the dance which followed the floor was crowded to capacity the entire evening.

A delicious Mexican supper was served patrons and immediately afterward a floor show was staged. Gus Barr was master of ceremonies and introduced the numbers. Little Miss Nancy Connor became a prime favorite with the crowds. The little tap dancer displayed real ability and her pleasing personality drew applause for hours. Four negro school girls were given a generous hand for their rendition of spiritual numbers in four-part harmony. Miss Maurine Duncan and Girardo Saenz presented a Mexican dance in costume that was well rehearsed and one of the most colorful numbers of the program. Miss Lucia Rede followed with a solo Mexican dance which also delighted the patrons. The American Legion Orchestra, under the direction of K. V. Northington, Jr., played special selections as a part of the floor show program. The Tucker Twins, "sweethearts" of the Texas Lions clubs, scored their usual hit with songs and playing their own accompaniments. The young women gave their own version of "Oh Johnny!" and were recalled numerous times for other songs.

Music for the dance was provided by an automatic phonograph with a hook-up of amplifiers and by the Legion orchestra. More than a hundred couples were on hand for the dance and continued to enjoy this entertainment until a late hour. A brief pause was called at 10:15 and a radio was tuned in to bring President Roosevelt's message.

A check-up of receipts will be made in a few days and part of the money is to be sent to the national headquarters.

R. T. Williams was at home part of the week on account of an attack of flu.

## WPA Sewing Room Manufactures 2,225 Finished Garments

The Ballinger WPA sewing room has 24 machines in operation at this time and 2,225 garments have been transferred since November 6. This covered one pay period of four weeks. Two transfers are made for each period.

Included in the garments were clothing for infants and up to four years of age, outer and inner garments for boys and girls, and clothing for men and women up to size 48.

The sponsors recently bought a buttonhole attachment for the sewing machines. This appliance is faster, makes a buttonhole that is more durable, looks more tailored, and permits finishing garments much quicker.

A recent improvement in all sewing rooms is the standardizing of patterns. Now each pattern is numbered with the required amount of material for each garment and this saves time and eliminates mistakes heretofore made.

A full force is employed every day. One local merchant recently donated a large number of buttons to the sewing room which have been used to good advantage. There is always a need for trimmings and donations are always welcome.

Miss Velma Taylor arrived the past week-end from Lubbock, where she had been a student in Texas Technological College. She has been elected teacher in the Spring Hill school to fill the position left vacant by the resignation of Miss Kathryn Atwell.

## Few Farm Contracts Being Signed Now; Checks Still Arriving

Thomas B. Hill, manager of the Runnels county AAA office, said Tuesday that the office is now receiving new forms on government contracts and those coming under the classification who wish to sign contracts must do so soon after February 1. This applies to farmers who have never cooperated with the program in previous years. Work sheets can be arranged, signed and quotas will be assigned to each individual. On a few such places contracts have already been signed and the final date will be soon after the first of the month.

Notices are also being sent out where farms have been split or combined, requesting that the proper ownership be reported and new contracts signed on these places. Sales of parts of farms covered in one contract last year, have occurred and others have purchased acreage and combined it with the property they had covered last year.

Checks continue to arrive for farmers who have not yet received their contract payments for the year. To date 3,526 checks have been received on 2,070 contracts for \$446,782.78. Range checks already delivered are 95 for \$13,945.18. There are still 39 range contracts and 152 farm contracts to be settled. When these are paid the grand total will be about \$509,000 for Runnels county farmers and ranchmen.

Mr. Hill announced that feed allotments had been prepared in the local office and that all papers would be sent to College Station for approval this week. As soon as these papers are returned the farmers will be notified of their individual allotments. In case of any person who is in a rush, the information can be given him at the office now but the figure will not be official until after the state headquarters approves.

## Paving and Water Mains Damaged By Zero Weather

Damage from the recent zero weather is showing up this week in places that were not expected. A small damage to city paving was reported the first part of the week and damage to highways in this section will be heavy. This was caused by moisture under the asphalt base which buckled when frozen.

City Secretary K. V. Northington stated that several damaged spots had been reported in town and would be repaired as soon as possible. Heavy damage occurred between Ballinger and Paint Rock and several asphalt roads in Tom Green county were said to be in bad condition as a result of the cold weather.

City employees restored water to all parts of the city late Monday afternoon. In all about fifteen burst mains and about 50 service lines were repaired since the thaw. In addition to these repairs to mains and pipes, property owners have kept the plumbers busy repairing damages caused by frozen pipes.

All city projects were halted during the extremely cold weather but paving will be resumed soon. Other damage here is said to be slight.

## POLL TAX PAYMENTS CAUSE LAST DAY RUSH

Yesterday (Wednesday) was a rush day at the tax collector's office as the final date for the payment of poll taxes was reached. It was impossible to get a check up this morning on the number of receipts issued for this year as it will require several days to open all mail and write receipts.

W. A. Forgey, county assessor-collector, said he believed the total would be about the same as in 1938 when 4,351 people were qualified to vote by the poll tax route. This combined with the "overs" and "unders" will give the county about the normal voting strength of previous election years.

Read the ads—save money.

## Snow, Cold Weather Handicap Windy City Firemen



Subzero weather in Chicago proved a dangerous handicap to Windy City fire fighters recently. Heavy snow and freezing temperatures called for drastic measures. Firemen John Donovan, left, equipped with skis and carrying a ladder, hastens to a fire just outside the city's Loop. Right: A parked automobile sealed with a heavy coating of ice from water sprayed by firehose. After each blaze firemen were forced to chop their hoses free from ice-covered streets.

## Program Arranged For Hill Firemen's Convention at Eden

Chief Chester Cherry stated Wednesday in Eden and spent upon return here that everything was arranged for the entertainment of the Hill Country Firemen's Association convention on February 13. Members of the Eden department have been working with officers of the association in preparing the program and acceptances have been received for all invitations.

Among the important program numbers will be the speakers: Olin Cuberson, H. B. Satterfield, and Miss Olga Juniger of Austin. J. D. Motley, of Junction, will appear on the program, and Miss Faye Clark, of Ballinger, will discuss fire prevention in the schools. Homer Mosley will lead the first aid discussions for the general session.

A number of towns will be represented by hose teams in the contests. Arrangements have been made for a large number at the six o'clock banquet and a skating rink will be used for the dance following the banquet.

Ballinger delegates to the convention are Chief Cherry, Malcolm Morgan and T. A. Milam. About 15 or 20 others expect to attend the meeting. Eden firemen are preparing for several hundred, including officials of a number of cities, at the evening program.

## Directors Will Meet Tuesday and Elect New B. C. D. Officers

Gus Barr, secretary, has called a meeting of the new directory board of the Ballinger Board of Community Development for next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at the offices of the organization in the city hall.

This call is for the eleven board or directors on last year's hold-over and the eleven elected recently in a post card ballot. Every member is urged to attend the meeting as some very important business will come up which must be attended to before the annual banquet on February 9.

One of the most important items is the election of officers for 1940 and the appointment of standing committees. A number of new proposals will be submitted for consideration.

The planning board will hold a meeting tomorrow (Friday) night and will have a report ready to present at the regular board meeting Tuesday. In this report will be a number of proposed projects to be okehd by the directors. These will be discussed at length and a portion of the report will be adopted and incorporated in the secretary's report at the banquet.

J. A. Killough, retiring president of the organization, will preside at the opening of the meeting Tuesday. All business of the past year will be disposed of and the records turned over to the new board.

Mrs. Sam Malone and Sam Malone, Jr., spent the past week-end at Hillsboro and Waco, visiting relatives.

## Murchison Gets Appointment To Georgia Infantry School



Capt. Ross Murchison

## Souvenir Program For B. C. D. Banquet Submits Proposals

Souvenir programs and annual reports for the Ballinger Board of Community Development are being printed and will be placed at each plate on February 9 when the annual meeting and banquet is held at Eden.

The eight-page booklet is very interesting and everyone who attends is urged to keep his copy and take time to study it carefully. Included will be a list of officers, directors and committee chairmen for 1940, a report of outstanding accomplishments in 1939, and a proposed program for 1940.

The planning board of the organization has given careful consideration to a number of projects for the good of Ballinger and vicinity and these have been incorporated in a working program for the current twelve months. Each plan has been outlined and members are invited to give thought to each and support it if possible in every way possible.

The directors realize that a number of important improvements are needed and have set as a goal the accomplishment of some of these. The program is submitted at this time to give the general public an idea of the proposed projects and if possible receive the support of every citizen.

While Captain Murchison is at Fort Benning First Lieutenant James Parrish will have command of the local company.

8:30 p. m. Inbeam Band, 2:30 p. m. January 4-10—Focus Week. 4 p. m. Man's Missionary Society, 4 p. m. People's Choir, 7 p. m. 7:30 p. m. Junior Girls' Auxiliary. 8 p. m. Young Women's Society. 8:30 p. m. Deacon's meeting. Tuesday: 7:30 p. m. Church Night. 8:15 p. m. Sunday school conference. 9:45 p. m. prayer services. 10:15 p. m. choir rehearsal follows. 10:30 p. m. Banquet at Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Richards and children, who had been residing at Santa Monica, California, for the past two years, have returned to Ballinger to make home.

## Banquet Program Ready; Tickets are Selling Fast

### Mid-Texas Teachers' Meeting to Attract Many in This County

Runnels county teachers will go to San Angelo tomorrow (Friday) to attend the annual meeting of the Mid-Texas division of the Texas State Teachers' Association. The sessions will continue Saturday and more than 1,500 are expected to be present.

The first general sessions is to be held at the municipal auditorium tomorrow morning, commencing at 9 o'clock. Two other general sessions are scheduled, one Friday evening and another Saturday morning. There will be a number of luncheons for special groups both Friday and Saturday. Sectional sessions will be held for vocational agriculture, home-making, Latin-American, intermediate, English, social studies, foreign language, mathematics, primary, health and physical education, high school principals, commercial art, and music.

All schools in Runnels county were dismissed for the week this (Thursday) afternoon and tomorrow will be a holiday for pupils. Superintendent Nat Williams said all the Ballinger teachers intended to be present both days. Miss Maryatt Smith, local high school instructor, will be one of the speakers during the mathematics sectional period, her subject being "Improving Instruction in Mathematics." County Superintendent E. C. Grindstaff is a member of the committee on constitution and by-laws.

The general theme of the programs is "Education in a Democracy" and some of the most noted educators in the United States will be present. To appear on the program a number of times is Dr. Carleton Washburne, superintendent of schools at Winnetka, Illinois. Other important speakers include State Superintendent L. A. Woods and Dr. Homer Price Rainey, president of the University of Texas.

## Local Trombone Player Selected For State Clinic

Jack Bandy McGregor, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. McGregor, has been selected to play in the Blue Band at the state band clinic in Mineral Wells on February 1, 2 and 3. He received the appointment this week and has accepted. The letter stated that he would be placed on solo chair.

A number of national and state instructors, will attend the clinic and two large bands have been chosen from school bands all over the state. The groups will be known as the Blue Band, which is the highest ranking; and the Red Band, made up of other musicians. Only those having won state or national honors were selected for either group. Jack Bandy won first in the state last year and second in the national contest on his trombone solo.

Gurthall Gilligan, Ballinger director, will also go to Mineral Wells for the clinic and will serve as a judge in the trombone division.

Jack Bandy is a senior in the Ballinger high school and will complete his band course here this year. He began study years ago under H. H. Carsey and has remained true to the trombone during all his years in band training.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moore spent Sunday in Abilene, visiting Mr. Moore's sister, Mrs. W. R. Sparks.

Mrs. Mike Wright spent the week-end in Brownwood, where she visited relatives and friends.

The program for the annual banquet of the Ballinger Board of Community Development is all prepared and should be one of the most attractive ever staged at a similar occasion for the local commercial organization. The committee thinks it has secured one of the best speakers ever to address a banquet here in Frank P. Holland, Jr., of Dallas. Publisher of Holland's Magazine and Farm and Ranch for many years, Mr. Holland is sought in every section of the country for banquets and general meetings.

Entertainment numbers for the program are to be provided by Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, and will present three of the school's most talented artists. A letter from Gib Sanderfer this week stated that he would send Joedene Probest, outstanding tenor soloist, who makes appearances with all entertainment groups of the school; Marijohn Melson, accordionist and Johnny Reagon, English cowboy who has traveled for many years with the famous Cowboy Band and other groups of the school appearing in the largest cities of the United States and Europe.

The Olfen women are getting



Frank P. Holland, Jr.

ready to handle the crowd and will prepare one of their justly famous meals for this occasion. The banquet tables will be set in the big community hall and the speaker and program performers will be seated at a table on the stage where every person can see. Public address equipment will be installed in the auditorium and there will be no trouble in hearing perfectly.

President J. A. Killough will have charge at the opening of the meeting. The American Legion Orchestra will play while the crowd gathers and until the diners have their places at the tables. A song will be led for the entire audience, the invocation will be pronounced by Rev. Clarence A. Morton, and then will come the menu. Mr. Killough will welcome the women and other guests of the organization and introduce Gus Barr, secretary-manager, for a short report on the activities of the body for the past year. At the conclusion of this talk, Mr. Barr will present new officials of the organization for 1940.

Troy Simpson will be toastmaster for the banquet and preside over the program. The speaker will be introduced by H.

(Continued on page 4)

### McCarver & Lynn

Loans-Abstracts-Insurance  
Ballinger, Texas

### \$250.00 Reward

Paid for Conviction of Livestock Thieves.  
Runnels County Livestock Association

### NOTICE

People are urged to see the picture showing at the Ritz Theatre:

### "Drunk Driving"

It shows how thousands meet death annually because of HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS in which drunken drivers are to blame.  
C. F. SHEPHERD, Mayor  
J. L. MORELAND, Chief of Police

## Agnew-Wright Funeral Home



Reliable and Courteous Service

Ambulance Service

Lady Attendant

Telephone 440

# SOCIETY and CLUBS

## Mrs. O'Kelly Hostess to Forty-Two Club

Mrs. Ed O'Kelly named Mrs. Jo Wilmet of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Myrta Harshaw of Long Beach, California, guests of honor last Friday afternoon when members of her forty-two club were guests in her home on Tenth Street.

Primroses and ferns gave floral beauty to reception rooms where matched game accessories stressed the Valentine theme as did the refreshment plate of chicken salad, olives, wafers, heart-shaped cranberry molds and cakes decorated in red hearts served with coffee by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Rothal O'Kelly and Mrs. J. F. Currie.

Others included: Mmes. John A. Weeks, E. C. Baskin, E. L. Hagan, Elmer Sheppard, J. G. Douglass, B. C. Kirk, R. W. Bruce, James A. Wear, C. P. Shepherd, Hamp Byler and Warren Lynn.

## Luncheon for Out-of-Town Visitors

Mrs. Jo Wilmet and Mrs. Myrta Harshaw again shined honors on Thursday when Mrs. R. W. Bruce and Mrs. J. G. Douglass entertained with a beautifully appointed one o'clock luncheon in the Douglass home on Broadway.

Colorful Mexican linens covered quartet tables centered with potted cacti. Valentine cards were used to mark places and the heart motif was combined with the Mexican theme in the delicious luncheon menu served in three courses.

Forty-two games were played during the early afternoon hours.

Others included: Mmes. J. Y. Pearce, John Weeks, J. F. Currie, C. P. Shepherd, E. C. Baskin, Ed O'Kelly, Warren Lynn, W. B. Halley, E. L. Hagan, J. M. Skinner, C. R. Stephens, and Jack McGregor.

## Mrs. R. E. White Entertains Sewing Club

Sewing club members and a few added friends were guests of Mrs. R. E. White on Thursday afternoon of last week in her home on Tenth Street.

Bengonias and narcissuses decked rooms where various types of handwork were done for the hostess. Mrs. Ruth Bankston received a birthday gift shower.

Sandwiches and cookies were served with coffee. Others were: Mmes. T. H. Crockett, Lee Sykes, Ernest Moody, C. W. Jennings, Hugh Parrish, A. O. Bartlett, S. M. Jonas, Hubert Parrish, J. E. Dankworth, O. C. Sykes, Paul Best, E. S. Cox and J. D. McNutt.

## Movies and Radio Drama Studied by Shakespeare Club

Mrs. Oral Tuney led the program for the Shakespeare Club meeting last Thursday afternoon in the First Presbyterian Church basement on Broadway.

Mrs. Edgar Boelsche presided over the business session in the absence of the president, Mrs. R. T. Williams. Mrs. J. A. Thomas became an associate member to fill the vacancy caused by Mrs. J. C. Sturges, Jr.'s return to active membership.

Mrs. Tuney's topic was "How to Talk Movies"; Mrs. Tom Agnew discussed "Distinguished Directors"; and Mrs. Ford Taylor "Radio Drama."

The concluding program feature was a review of Sutton Vane's "Outward Bound" by Mrs. Leonard Stallings. This was given in an unusually interesting manner.

## Baptist Althean Class in Talbot Home

Mrs. E. P. Talbot, Mrs. L. R. Tigner and Mrs. J. H. Parrish were hostesses to the Baptist Althean Class last Thursday afternoon in the Talbot home on Sixth Street.

Potted narcissuses gave added beauty to spacious rooms where an informal social hour followed the short business period.

A salad plate with coffee was served by the hostesses to: Mmes. B. C. Kirk, Clarence Morton, Delbert Vancil, C. W. Jennings, R. E. Truly, T. H. Crockett, J. B. Arterburn, R. E. White, L. B. Rudder and Henry Doss.

## Ballinger Folk Hear Kreisler Concert

The famed violinist, Fritz Kreisler, was presented by San Angelo College at the Municipal Auditorium in San Angelo Monday evening. His reputation was sufficient to draw large delegations from many towns in this area including the following from Bal-

## Heroine Weds



Jessie Simpson, beauty contest winner and photographers' model who lost her legs in a train accident in 1937, has a "hair-do" for the most important event of her life—her marriage to James Steward of Hackensack, N. J. Miss Simpson is proprietor of the Hackensack beauty shop.

linger: Messrs. and Mmes. Alex McGregor, Claude Collins, Jr., F. A. Lawrence, W. O. Wallace, Riley Jackson, Elmer Sullivan; Mmes. Myra Smith, A. L. Fuller, Frank Pearce, W. B. Halley, Jack McGregor, J. Y. Pearce, Misses Pat Lawrence, Maggie Underwood, Carmen Demmer and Eugenia Baskin; Martha Ann and Betty Sharpe, and H. F. Demmer.

## Mexican Supper for Bruce Bible Class

Mrs. R. W. Bruce was honored Monday evening on his seventy-fourth birthday anniversary, when Mrs. Bruce included members of the Methodist Bruce Bible Class for a Mexican supper in their home on Broadway.

The beautiful white birthday cake iced in white and decorated in yellow and green, had the figures 74 outlined on top with small white candles. This formed the centerpiece for the dining table laid in damask with Mexican pottery and red crystal appointments. Quartet tables were arranged in the spacious living room.

Mrs. J. G. Douglass, Mrs. Robert Bruce, Mrs. C. P. Shepherd, Mrs. John Weeks and Mrs. J. F. Currie assisted in serving the menu in three courses.

Forty-two games were the after-supper diversion.

Included besides the guest of honor were his son, Robert Bruce, the Rev. A. C. Haynes, Sam Behringer, church school superintendent, B. W. Denny, Board of Stewards chairman, and the class members: John Weeks, C. P. Shepherd, Hamp Byler, W. R. Clark, W. E. Middleton, J. F. Clark, N. E. Myers, J. M. Tindall, J. D. Coulter, J. W. Bigby, J. L. Davis, C. L. Howell, T. J. Forgy, Lee Evans, O. O. Woodroof, Ed Pape, H. G. Agnew, J. W. McE. Lre, W. W. Moor, W. F. Mason, W. D. Scales, W. W. Embry, L. Afflerbach, J. P. Drummond, John Lovless, W. W. Chastain, Hugh Campbell, T. A. Crockett, U. E. Hartman and Dr. J. G. Douglass.

## Other society items on page four

The "Man in the Moon," a faint resemblance to a human figure, is best visible when the moon is eight days old.

## To Aid France



Miss Anne Morgan, sister of financier J. P. Morgan, pictured as she arrived in New York from France. Miss Morgan plans a lecture tour for benefit of the "American Friends of France," an organization to aid French non-combatants who have been evacuated from combat zones.

## 15 Members Added By Ballinger Lions In Current Contest

The Ballinger Lions Club is making its final effort in the membership campaign this week. The contest with the Winters Lions will end this week and the winners will have the other club's members as guests, but the losers must eat chili while the winners feast at a turkey banquet.

Both contestants have been running neck and neck so far, a number of new members having been added and several reinstatements made.

At the meeting of the local club last Friday a total of nine new members were initiated and six former members were reinstated. Total attendance at this meeting was fifty-seven, the largest number ever to answer roll call of the club.

Those taken into membership Friday included: Ford Taylor, M. S. Marchbanks, Chester Afflerbach, C. E. Maedgen, Price Middleton, Wilson Middleton, Arthur Underwood, Elmo Phillips and Dick Ayres. Reinstatements were: C. R. Stone, O. R. O'Neill, H. G. Agnew, Tom Hill, J. D. Forman and Roy Hill. Another group is to be initiated at the luncheon tomorrow noon and club officers hope to have one of the largest service clubs in this section of West Texas.

The club will begin rehearsals and preparations for its annual show the latter part of this month. A minstrel is to be presented at the Texas Theatre. It is planned to use a cast of 150 people, the proceeds to go to the fund for helping students who need glasses and operations to do good school work.

## Boys' Work Theme Of County Agent's Talk to Rotarians

The Ballinger Rotary Club had a 100 per cent attendance as well as a number of visitors from San Angelo at regular luncheon Tuesday President F. M. Pearce, who has been away for the past week, reported on meetings he attended at Fort Worth and Alton Illinois, the week before.

John A. Barton was the speaker Tuesday, discussing vocational agriculture and 4-H club work for boys. The county agent told what was being offered in the F. F. A. and 4-H club programs to teach boys the art and science of better farming and of the accomplishments in this county.

At the present time there are four schools of the county, Miles, Wingate, Winters and Ballinger, offering courses in vocational agriculture and approximately 175 boys are enrolled in first- and second-year classes. There are also about 160 boys who are members of organized 4-H clubs in the county. Club work was initiated in 1914 and F. F. A. chapters began functioning in 1918. All problems pertaining to the farm and ranch are being taught these boys, particularly marketing and the overcoming of superstitions. Mr. Barton stated that the average layman would not give much thought to the problem of overcoming superstitions but that there were still plenty of farmers who wanted to plant in the dark or light of the moon and follow other fancies which do no coincide with good farming methods.

He closed with a general discussion of the proposed livestock show to be held here on February 22.

## METHODIST REVIVAL SET FOR MARCH 10-24

The board of stewards of the First Methodist Church has announced revival dates for March 10 to 24. Rev. A. C. Haynes, pastor, will do the preaching during the two weeks' campaign but will have a special worker to direct home visitation and other special work in organizing and finding those who need the church.

Other details will be worked out within the near future and announcements made. The dates are announced at this time so that members will refrain from making other engagements that would conflict with the services.

## SKELETONS FACE EAST

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Jan. 31.—All skeletons uncovered in the burial ground at the Fountain of Youth Park here face the east. They were of the Timucuan tribe, sunworshippers of many centuries ago.

Be wise—advertise.

# PIGGLY WIGGLY

Ballinger, Texas

February 2 and 3

Sugar Powdered or Brown 2 1 lb. Boxes 15c

Shortening 100 Per Cent Vegetable 4 lbs. 33c 8 lbs. 65c

Del Monte Peaches 2 No. 2 1/2 Cans 25c

## Del Maiz Products

Corn Niblets 2 12-oz. Cans 25c

Corn Cream Style Tall Can 10c

Mexicorn 12-oz. Can 2 for 29c

Green Giant Peas Tall Can 15c

Seminole Towels 3 for 25c

Gold Dust 3 for 10c

Bisquick 29c | Shinola 9c

Vanilla Wafers Lb. cello pkg. 10c

FLOUR Gold Medal 6 lbs. 29c 12 lbs. 49c 48 lbs. \$1.79

Smoke Salt Morton 10 lbs. 75c

Rice Blue Rose 5 lbs. 23c

Pickles Sour or Dill Qt. 9c

Pecans Shelled Pieces lb. 39c

Plymouth Peanut Butter Qt. 25c

Palmolive Soap 5c

Dried Apricots lb. 15c

Plymouth Salad Dressing Qt. 23c

## Choice Meats

Roast Cut from Armour's Star Baby Beef lb. 18c

Round New York Cut lb. 10c

and Lean lb. 15c

lb. 18c

lb. 10c

lb. 7 1/2c

Meats Dressed and Drawn Each 48c

## Hot Spot

None Sold to Merchants. Limited Friday and Saturday 8 a. m. to 10 a. m. Only!

Tomatoes No. 2 Can 5c

Sausage Pork 3 lbs. 25c

Colorado Spuds 10 lbs. 15c

## Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Bananas Golden Ripe Doz. 10c

Apples Washington Winesap Doz. 10c

Oranges Texas Sweet, 288 Size Full of Juice Doz. 10c

Beets Carrots Green Onions 3 Bunches 5c

Grapefruit Marsh Seedless Doz. 12c

Potatoes Colorado U. S. No. 1 10 lbs. 19c

Cabbage 5 lbs. 10c

Sugar 10 lbs. 47c

## WALKER-AUSTEX PRODUCTS

Chili with Beans can 15c  
Maxine Chili Powder Seasoning Small can 13c Large can 22c  
Chili Plain Without Beans Full No. 2 can 23c

Catsup Exquisite Fancy California 14-oz. Bottle 10c

Salt 5c Size 2 Boxes 5c

Jergen's Lotion 25c Size 19c

Vick's Nose and Throat Drops 25c Size 19c

Soap Crystal White 6 Bars 19c

Oats 3-Minute Large Package 19c

Peas American Wonder 2 Tall Cans 15c

Corn Great Northern 2 Tall Cans 15c

## Coffee Deal

2 lbs. Plymouth 27c

1 Mirror Dripper \$1.00

All for 75c

Syrup Pure Ribbon Cane Gallon 49c

Pepper Red or Black lb. 19c

Spry 3 lb. Pail 48c | Oleo lb. 10c

Milk Pet 3 Tall or 6 Small 19c

We Don't Sell to Merchants. We Reserve the Right to Limit Specials

YOU CAN MAKE REAL CHILI MORE DELICIOUS FINER FLAVORED When you use this famous seasoning. Gebhardt's CHILI POWDER



# Women's Society and Club News

## Junior Woman's Club to Have Benefit Affair

The Junior Woman's Club will stage a Valentine bridge and forty-two tournament Wednesday afternoon, February 14, at the City Hall auditorium.

All who enjoy games are urged to attend and assist the club in its very worthy undertaking, the sponsorship of the Housekeeping Aid Project.

## No-Host Supper for Group

A group of couples assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Galbraith on Sixth Street Tuesday evening and went to the President's Birthday celebration at the Armory sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's Club.

The one long table was laid in patriotic paper covers and places marked for Messrs. and Mmes.

Roy Currie of Paint Rock, T. A. Milam, Galbraith, Jack Scales, Sam Malone, Jr., Tom Guin, Gus Barr, P. A. Mixon, R. J. Hawk and Buster Parrish.

## Mrs. Mapes Honored on Birthday

Miss Anna B. Mapes complimented her mother, Mrs. Dora Mapes, on her 77th birthday anniversary Monday, when she entertained with an informal all-day affair in their home in South Ballinger. Included were the children and grandchildren living in Ballinger.

At the noon hour the dining table was centered with the lovely birthday cake decorated in white and silver. All other appointments were in these same colors.

Mrs. Mapes is a real pioneer of Runnels County, moving here as a bride in 1886 with her husband, the late Lon Mapes. They later moved to Concho County and then returned to Runnels to live in Ballinger.

Present Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Pryor Mapes and children, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mapes and children, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Mapes and children, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mapes and children, and the hostess. Unable to attend were George Mapes of Dallas, Mrs. Lena Fritz and Mrs. Clay Rayburn of Phoenix, Arizona, and Mrs. Newt Wardlaw of Del Rio. Other guests were the Rev. A. J. Tallon and Mrs. M. Reay.

## Baptist Business Women's Circle Meets

The Elizabeth Truly Circle of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society entertained the Business Women's Circle at the regular monthly luncheon Tuesday at the church on Eighth Street. The affair was planned by Mrs. Malcolm Morgan, circle chairman; Mrs. Clyde Gabbert, circle social chairman; and Mrs. J. H. Endacott, W. M. U. social chairman.

As guests were seated at the one long table centered with an arrangement of colorful pine cone flowers on a reflector, Miss Hattie Mae Dunlap played incidental piano music. Favors were valentines announcing the next meeting date, February 27.

After the invocation by Mrs. Beulah Rape, Mrs. Clarence A. Morton, general W. M. U. missions chairman, brought an inspiring lesson on personal service.

Others present were: Mmes. Myra Smith, Theo Isbell, R. E. Truly, L. Schermerhorn, Harris Russell, Emma Nash, Homer Bibb, O. T. Toney, Misses Vhelma Parrish, Nell Shepperd, Gladys and Orella Davis, Marie Norwood, Ruby Nance, Marcellie Jonas, Annie Shelbourne and Ena Talbott.

## Foreign Missions Program for First Presbyterian Auxiliary

Mrs. W. B. Woody, cause secretary of foreign missions, was director for the program given for the First Presbyterian Woman's Auxiliary, Monday afternoon at the church on Broadway. Mrs. Stallings led the worship service on "Thou Art the Son of God." Following a vocal solo "In Christ There is No East or West" by Mrs. Alex McGregor, talks on the general theme, "We Know Ourselves Brethren," were made by Mrs. Estes Lynn, Mrs. Alex Saun-

## 'Abe Lincoln' and Wife Visit White House



A railroad accident didn't prevent Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Massey from reaching a dinner party given by President and Mrs. Roosevelt. Their train stalled en route to Washington from Chicago, the pair completed the trip by plane. Massey, an actor, has won fame through his portrayal of Abe Lincoln.

ders and Mrs. C. R. Stephens. Mrs. E. W. Stasney dedicated the offering after a prayer by Mrs. Dwight Sharpe.

Mrs. G. G. Harwell and Mrs. Saunders were hostesses during the social hour and served a salad plate with tea. Others present were: Mmes. A. L. Fuller, M. E. Bogges, Victor Miller, George Holman, P. A. Cobden, J. Y. Pearce, Paul Trimmer, E. A. Trail, Warren Lynn, E. R. Walker and Frank Pearce.

## Missions School Well Attended

The School of Foreign Missions, held each evening last week at the First Presbyterian Church, had an average attendance of fifty.

The adult study "Through Tragedy to Triumph" was taught by the Rev. Dwight Sharpe. Mrs. Leonard Stallings, Neil McAlpine and Mrs. Frank Pearce. Mrs. C. R. Stephens and Mrs. Warren Lynn led the young people and intermediates in the study of "Comrades Round the World." Juniors were led by Mrs. Estes Lynn and Mrs. George Holman. Their book was "Far Around the World." Beginners and primaries under the direction of Mrs. Harry Lynn and Mrs. Victor Miller studied "Welcome House."

This series was concluded with a "pot luck" fellowship supper Friday evening, planned by Mrs. Bruce Creaey.

## Miss Gee Hostess to Humble Club

Humble Sewing Club members were guests of Miss Virginia Gee Tuesday afternoon at her home at the station near Ballinger.

At the conclusion of the sewing hour, the hostess received a shower. Her mother, Mrs. W. A. Gee, assisted in serving a plate of salad and sandwiches with coffee to: Mmes. Wix Currie, Jr., Ed Jones, Marvin Bird, France Jones, J. E. Allbright, G. R. Touchstone, A. J. Hendricks, J. C. Wilson and J. L. Byers.

## Mrs. Swann Entertains Club

Mrs. G. A. Swann was hostess to her contract club last week in her Wilke Terrace home. The valentine heart theme and colors were given attractive emphasis in all details. Mrs. Ralph Payette and Mrs. Gene Galbraith

were welcomed as new members and were winners of the high score and bingo awards.

A sandwich plate was served with coffee. Others included: Mmes. W. B. May, R. J. Hawk, O. L. Huddleston, Joe Eubank, James Parrish, P. A. Mixon and M. S. Patrick.

## Sew Gay Pals in Lawless Home

Mrs. E. F. Lawless was hostess to Sew Gay Pals Tuesday afternoon in her home on Broadway.

New ideas were discussed for color combinations in house linens and a shower was presented the hostess. She served sandwiches and cookies with coffee.

Included were: Mmes. S. M. Scarborough, Jack Bridwell, Stanley Price, Frank Cameron, Clyde Gabbert, Halley Gibson, Albert Morgan, G. R. Howell, Malcolm Morgan; and Miss Mildred Fowler.

## Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Burk Honored

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Burk were honor guests at an informal dinner Sunday given by their daughter, Mrs. Malcolm Morgan, and Mr. Morgan in their home on Murrell Avenue. The occasion was their 40th wedding anniversary. Other dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Crawford, life-long friends, and Gwen Morgan.

In the afternoon other close friends were guests for cake and coffee.

## CHURCHES

### First Presbyterian Church

(301 Broadway)  
Sunday, February 4, 1940:  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.  
Evening worship, 7:00 p. m.

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, February 4, 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, February 4:  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.

Sermon, 11 a. m., by the pastor.

Training Union, 6:15 p. m.

Sermon, 7:15 p. m., by the pastor.

Monday:  
Sunbeam Band, 2:30 p. m.

February 4-10—Focus Week.

Royal Ambassadors, 4 p. m.

Woman's Missionary Society, 4 p. m.

Young People's Choir, 7 p. m.

Tuesday:  
4 p. m., Junior Girls' Auxiliary.

6:30 p. m., Young Women's Auxiliary.

7 p. m., Deacon's meeting.

Wednesday:  
"All-Church" Night.

7:15 p. m., Sunday school council.

7:45 p. m., prayer services.

Adult choir rehearsal follows.

Monday and Tuesday:  
District 15 Retreat at Coleman.

Tuesday:  
Workers' meeting at Winters.

The public is invited to worship with us at all times.

CLARENCE A. MORTON, Pastor

## First Methodist Church

(Tenth Street)

Is your soul underfed? Come eat of spiritual food. In all of the services of this church you will receive a sincere, cordial welcome.

Sunday, February 4:  
9:45 a. m., church school, Sam Behringer, superintendent. Come study the Bible. There is a class for each member of the family.

11 a. m., morning worship. You will enjoy the beautiful organ music played by Mrs. Joe Paxton and you will be helped by the splendid singing of the choir. "You should hear the sermon, "Living Big."

6:15 p. m., Fellowship meeting. Attend one of these groups.

7 p. m., evening worship. You will enjoy this service and receive strength for really living during the week. Don't miss the sermon, "Making Bad Bargains."

Monday:  
4 p. m., the Woman's Division of Christian Service will meet at the church. This will be a spiritual life and business program. All members are urged to attend.

Wednesday:  
7 p. m., Church Night. Bring a dish of food and the family. You will learn about your church and have a good time.

8 p. m., choir rehearsal. Join the choir and help with the music.

Revival March 10-24. Make your plans to attend every service of this revival.

No person can appreciate the fatherhood of God unless they love the people around them.

AUBREY C. HAYNES, Pastor

## Eighth Street Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 4, 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.

## First Christian Church

(Broadway and Murrell)

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

Preaching at the usual hours by the regular minister.

Special for the morning, "Some Glad Day He Will Come," directed by Mrs. W. O. Wallace.

Don't wait for the hearse to bring you to church.

A cordial welcome to all.

JAS. T. McKISSICK, Minister.

## Church of Christ

(Eighth Street, Bonsall Avenue)

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

Preaching and communion services, 11 a. m.

Preaching, 7 p. m.

Monday:  
Ladies' Bible class, 3 p. m.

Wednesday:  
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.

JOB 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.

## SCHINABLE WILL ATTEND MEETING AT LITTLE ROCK

J. A. Schnable, local manager for the Community Gas Company, will spend this week-end at Abilene, attending a meeting of all gas company managers in this division. The sessions will open tomorrow and close late Saturday afternoon.

On February 10 Mr. Schnable is to leave with other company officials of this section of Texas for Little Rock, Arkansas, to attend the Southern Gas Association convention.

## REAVES TO AGAIN SEEK STATE LEGISLATIVE POST

R. H. Reaves, representative for this district, was in Ballinger Wednesday and stated that he would be a candidate for reelection this year. Mr. Reaves said he would make a formal announcement through all the newspapers in the district at an early date but in the meantime he wished everybody to know that he would seek the office for a second term.

This representative district is composed of Runnels, Coke and Concho counties.

J. C. Sturges is still confined to his home with a severe case of influenza. He has been out of the store for the past two weeks but his condition this week is improved and he will soon be able to return to his work.

Dr. Browne G. Linder, of New York, arrived here last Saturday to visit in the home of his brother, J. B. Striplin. Mr. and Mrs. Striplin accompanied Dr. Linder to San Antonio today to spend the week-end.

Our advertisers want your trade.

On February 10 Mr. Schnable is to leave with other company officials of this section of Texas for Little Rock, Arkansas, to attend the Southern Gas Association convention.

## REAVES TO AGAIN SEEK STATE LEGISLATIVE POST

R. H. Reaves, representative for this district, was in Ballinger Wednesday and stated that he would be a candidate for reelection this year. Mr. Reaves said he would make a formal announcement through all the newspapers in the district at an early date but in the meantime he wished everybody to know that he would seek the office for a second term.

This representative district is composed of Runnels, Coke and Concho counties.

J. C. Sturges is still confined to his home with a severe case of influenza. He has been out of the store for the past two weeks but his condition this week is improved and he will soon be able to return to his work.

Dr. Browne G. Linder, of New York, arrived here last Saturday to visit in the home of his brother, J. B. Striplin. Mr. and Mrs. Striplin accompanied Dr. Linder to San Antonio today to spend the week-end.

Our advertisers want your trade.

On February 10 Mr. Schnable is to leave with other company officials of this section of Texas for Little Rock, Arkansas, to attend the Southern Gas Association convention.

## REAVES TO AGAIN SEEK STATE LEGISLATIVE POST

R. H. Reaves, representative for this district, was in Ballinger Wednesday and stated that he would be a candidate for reelection this year. Mr. Reaves said he would make a formal announcement through all the newspapers in the district at an early date but in the meantime he wished everybody to know that he would seek the office for a second term.

This representative district is composed of Runnels, Coke and Concho counties.

J. C. Sturges is still confined to his home with a severe case of influenza. He has been out of the store for the past two weeks but his condition this week is improved and he will soon be able to return to his work.

Dr. Browne G. Linder, of New York, arrived here last Saturday to visit in the home of his brother, J. B. Striplin. Mr. and Mrs. Striplin accompanied Dr. Linder to San Antonio today to spend the week-end.

Our advertisers want your trade.

On February 10 Mr. Schnable is to leave with other company officials of this section of Texas for Little Rock, Arkansas, to attend the Southern Gas Association convention.

## REAVES TO AGAIN SEEK STATE LEGISLATIVE POST

R. H. Reaves, representative for this district, was in Ballinger Wednesday and stated that he would be a candidate for reelection this year. Mr. Reaves said he would make a formal announcement through all the newspapers in the district at an early date but in the meantime he wished everybody to know that he would seek the office for a second term.

This representative district is composed of Runnels, Coke and Concho counties.

J. C. Sturges is still confined to his home with a severe case of influenza. He has been out of the store for the past two weeks but his condition this week is improved and he will soon be able to return to his work.

Dr. Browne G. Linder, of New York, arrived here last Saturday to visit in the home of his brother, J. B. Striplin. Mr. and Mrs. Striplin accompanied Dr. Linder to San Antonio today to spend the week-end.

Our advertisers want your trade.

On February 10 Mr. Schnable is to leave with other company officials of this section of Texas for Little Rock, Arkansas, to attend the Southern Gas Association convention.

## REAVES TO AGAIN SEEK STATE LEGISLATIVE POST

R. H. Reaves, representative for this district, was in Ballinger Wednesday and stated that he would be a candidate for reelection this year. Mr. Reaves said he would make a formal announcement through all the newspapers in the district at an early date but in the meantime he wished everybody to know that he would seek the office for a second term.

This representative district is composed of Runnels, Coke and Concho counties.

J. C. Sturges is still confined to his home with a severe case of influenza. He has been out of the store for the past two weeks but his condition this week is improved and he will soon be able to return to his work.

Dr. Browne G. Linder, of New York, arrived here last Saturday to visit in the home of his brother, J. B. Striplin. Mr. and Mrs. Striplin accompanied Dr. Linder to San Antonio today to spend the week-end.

Our advertisers want your trade.

On February 10 Mr. Schnable is to leave with other company officials of this section of Texas for Little Rock, Arkansas, to attend the Southern Gas Association convention.

## REAVES TO AGAIN SEEK STATE LEGISLATIVE POST

R. H. Reaves, representative for this district, was in Ballinger Wednesday and stated that he would be a candidate for reelection this year. Mr. Reaves said he would make a formal announcement through all the newspapers in the district at an early date but in the meantime he wished everybody to know that he would seek the office for a second term.

This representative district is composed of Runnels, Coke and Concho counties.

J. C. Sturges is still confined to his home with a severe case of influenza. He has been out of the store for the past two weeks but his condition this week is improved and he will soon be able to return to his work.

Dr. Browne G. Linder, of New York, arrived here last Saturday to visit in the home of his brother, J. B. Striplin. Mr. and Mrs. Striplin accompanied Dr. Linder to San Antonio today to spend the week-end.

Our advertisers want your trade.

On February 10 Mr. Schnable is to leave with other company officials of this section of Texas for Little Rock, Arkansas, to attend the Southern Gas Association convention.

## REAVES TO AGAIN SEEK STATE LEGISLATIVE POST

R. H. Reaves, representative for this district, was in Ballinger Wednesday and stated that he would be a candidate for reelection this year. Mr. Reaves said he would make a formal announcement through all the newspapers in the district at an early date but in the meantime he wished everybody to know that he would seek the office for a second term.

This representative district is composed of Runnels, Coke and Concho counties.

J. C. Sturges is still confined to his home with a severe case of influenza. He has been out of the store for the past two weeks but his condition this week is improved and he will soon be able to return to his work.

Dr. Browne G. Linder, of New York, arrived here last Saturday to visit in the home of his brother, J. B. Striplin. Mr. and Mrs. Striplin accompanied Dr. Linder to San Antonio today to spend the week-end.

Our advertisers want your trade.

On February 10 Mr. Schnable is to leave with other company officials of this section of Texas for Little Rock, Arkansas, to attend the Southern Gas Association convention.

## REAVES TO AGAIN SEEK STATE LEGISLATIVE POST

R. H. Reaves, representative for this district, was in Ballinger Wednesday and stated that he would be a candidate for reelection this year. Mr. Reaves said he would make a formal announcement through all the newspapers in the district at an early date but in the meantime he wished everybody to know that he would seek the office for a second term.

This representative district is composed of Runnels, Coke and Concho counties.

J. C. Sturges is still confined to his home with a severe case of influenza. He has been out of the store for the past two weeks but his condition this week is improved and he will soon be able to return to his work.

Dr. Browne G. Linder, of New York, arrived here last Saturday to visit in the home of his brother, J. B. Striplin. Mr. and Mrs. Striplin accompanied Dr. Linder to San Antonio

**Wildlife Briefs**

Despite the fact that the Texas game, fish and oyster commission is carrying on an extensive educational campaign in an effort to familiarize hunters and fishermen with the numerous laws governing field and stream activities, and with the necessity for saving the Lone Star state's game and fish, wardens were forced to make 201 arrests during December, it is announced by the executive secretary of the game department.

Convictions were obtained in 179 cases, nineteen being dismissed and one being appealed. One is still pending.

Hunters and fishermen were apprehended while violating 36 different laws, a perusal of the arrest report discloses. Their violations ran from shooting javelinas in a closed county, to head-lighting for deer. Most of the persons arrested were charged with violating sections of the hunting code, but a good many fishermen were also on the list. Three men each paid fines of \$100.

A pure albino o'possum, one of the rarities of nature, was caught recently near Bridgeport, by Oscar Price, who lives northwest of there. The pelt of the o'possum was taken to the office of the Bridgeport Index by I. F. Boggy, who said the animal had pink eyes. Several nearly completely white o'possums have been found in Texas, but this is the first report of a pure albino to reach the office of the Texas game, fish and oyster commission.

The game department's dredge, AE, probably will begin dredging a channel from Laguna Lake to the Gulf of Mexico near Murdoch's Landing early in June. The dredge which recently opened a pass at Cedar Bayou, will re-clean Corpus Christi pass and then proceed down the coast to Murdoch's Landing. It is necessary to open passes into the Laguna Madre in order to help prevent extreme salinity of the water in the lagoon, which is one of the greatest salt water fish breeding spots along the Gulf coast.

"Old Three Toes," a coyote so sly he had evaded the efforts of trappers and ranchmen alike to capture him over a period of years, finally met his Waterloo. "Old

Three Toes" left a distinctive 3-toe print wherever he raided the goat and sheep flocks of Mason county and a trio of trappers failed to lure the canny old coyote into a trap. However, C. L. Parker, a federal trapper, finally outwitted "Old Three Toes" and added his pelt to a large collection. "Old Three Toes" had evidently been caught in a trap years ago and had, in loosening himself, cut off two toes from his right front foot.

While quail generally remain in the vicinity of the place where they are born or are planted, a report of a quail having traveled fifteen miles from where it was liberated last March was received recently by the state game department.

The female Bobwhite was banded and released on the Parks ranch in Goliad county. During the closing days of the quail season the bird was shot two miles southeast of Schroeder, almost exactly fifteen miles from the spot where it was released. Lack of sufficient food or cover was given by game department biologists as the reason for the lengthy trip made by the quail.

Irvin S. Cobb, noted author and humorist who has not failed to come to Texas for hunting for a good many years, was high in his praise for deer and duck hunting following his tour of the Lone Star state recently.

Mr. Cobb, who got his two bucks while hunting in Southwest Texas, also took advantage of the open season on ducks to get in several days' shooting at Eagle Lake in Colorado county. "Eagle Lake has just about the finest duck hunting I ever saw," Mr. Cobb said. Returning the compliment, observers noted that the author "can really shoot," according to the Galveston News.

Be wise—advertise.

**Headache, Bad Breath Tell of More to Come**

Just as Paul Revere's famous ride warned of the Redcoats' coming, so Nature's messengers—headaches, biliousness, bad breath—often warn of faulty elimination.

Neglecting these signs may cause a host of constipation's discomforts: sour stomach, belching; no appetite or energy; mental dullness.

It's so easy to wake up your lazy insides. Just take spicy, all vegetable BLACK-DRAUGHT. Its unusual help comes from its principal ingredient—an intestinal tonic-laxative which imparts tone to lazy bowel muscles.

Millions of packages used testify to BLACK-DRAUGHT'S merit. Try it.

**Conservation Keynotes Work**



Typical of the many livestock improvement demonstrations being carried on in Texas is this foundation flock on the J. W. Winkler ranch in Llano county. The demonstration is in cooperation with County Agent C. V. Robinson and the Texas A. & M. College extension service.

COLLEGE STATION, Jan. 31.—Conservation keynoted the work of county agricultural agents in the 19 counties of extension district 7—from Jones and Palo Pinto counties on the north to Gillespie and Blanco on the south—during 1939.

The agents' annual reports also show that outstanding results were achieved through 4-H boys' clubs, according to W. I. Glass, district agent of the Texas A. & M. College extension service, who supervises the work in the area.

Terrace lines were run on 70,012 acres on 1,600 farms, and contour lines on some half million acres on 6,000 farms and ranches. "In this section of the state, where the average annual rainfall is less than 30 inches, soil and water conservation is coming to be regarded as a necessity," Glass observed.

The number of trench silos in the 19 counties increased from 1,361 in 1938 to 1,888 in 1939.

The enrollment of 4-H club boys rose to 2,522, a gain of 25 per cent over the previous year's total. Most of the boys are livestock minded, and 729 boys selected 800 hogs, some feeders and some breeders; 409 fed out 502 beef calves, 210 fed 839 lambs; and an even hundred boys went into the dairy business with a dairy heifer apiece. In addition, 113 boys

planted 712 acres of cotton, while peanuts, poultry, and other lines of work also came in for attention.

Mason county again took off top honors with eight grand champion calves at Fort Worth, Chicago, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston, Amarillo and San Francisco. Boys in other counties went in for commercial feeding for profit and experience.

Other work of the agents hinged on improvements in grain crops and in the quality of cotton, establishment of orchards, and so on. A good beginning was made in land use planning.

The counties in the district, together with their county agriculture agents, are: Blanco, R. B. Jenkins; Brown, C. W. Lehmburg and C. J. Anderson, assistant; Callahan, R. H. Brison; Coleman, D. D. Steele; Comanche, N. E. Scudder; Eastland, Elmo Cook and A. C. Pratt, assistant; Erath, G. D. Everett; Gillespie, H. F. Grote; Jones, Floyd Lynch; Llano, C. V. Robinson; McCulloch, R. F. McSwain; Mason, F. N. Newsom; Mills, S. E. Rosenberg and W. P. Weaver, emeritus; Palo Pinto, J. H. Jameson; Runnels, J. A. Barton; San Saba, C. E. Tisdale; Shackelford, W. T. Magee; Stephens, W. R. Lacey; Taylor, J. K. Parr and W. A. Rhuman, assistant.

**OLDFEN BOYS' 4-H CLUB**

The regular monthly meeting of the Oldfen boys' 4-H club was held on January 26, with County Agent John A. Barton present. Members were asked to hand in their enrollment cards as soon as possible in order to keep the records up to date. The Oldfen club had the honor of turning in more record books than any other club in the county last year.

Mr. Barton reminded the boys of the many contests to be entered in 1940. These include the insect-mounting contest, the reporters' contest, and a number dealing with animal projects.

An invitation was extended for all members to attend the meeting in Ballinger on the afternoon of February 9, at which time Dallas leaders will speak. Arrangements were made for the dads to meet at the Oldfen school soon after dinner and transportation to the meeting will be available for all 4-H club boys. These arrangements are being made by the local leader, W. J. Halfmann.

The knot-tying contest and riddles provided entertainment. Mr. Barton distributed books which will aid the members in their work.

Notice to the Creditors of the Estate of E. M. Setser and Jennie Setser, both deceased. Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration with the will annexed upon the Estate of E. M. Setser and Jennie Setser, both deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 21st day of December, 1939, by the County Court of Runnels County, Texas. All persons having claims

against said Estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time described by law. My residence and post office address are Norton, Runnels County, Texas.

MRS. ALPHA MILLER, Administratrix with the will annexed of the Estate of E. M. Setser and Jennie Setser, both deceased. 1-4t

**Banquet—**

(Continued from Page 1)

W. Lynn. Greetings by visitors from neighboring cities will be heard but each will be limited to two minutes and a bell will be rung on any who go over that time.

Tickets are selling fast for the banquet but there are plenty left. Only 300 will be sold locally and when these are gone it will be impossible to obtain any more. Fifty tickets have been reserved for program entertainers and out-of-town guests. Those who need tickets and have not been seen by members of the committee can secure them at the Weeks or Pearce drug stores. Anyone desiring, whether a member of the organization or not, is invited to attend. The only requirement is that he hold a ticket for each plate.

Miss Ruth Albreth, director of nursing education for the state health department, spent Tuesday here, visiting Miss Sarah Harwell, county health nurse, and checking up on the service in Runnels county.

Eight of every 10 homes in America have a least one pet.

**New Solicitor General of U. S. Sworn In**



Francis X. Biddle, center, of Philadelphia, Pa., sworn in as solicitor general of the United States by Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, right. Attorney General Robert Jackson witnessed the ceremonies. Biddle succeeds Jackson, who was named to his present post following the appointment of former Attorney General Frank Murphy to the Supreme court.

**Middleton Candidate For District Clerk**



Price Middleton

To the People of Runnels County: I wish to state that I will be a candidate for the office of District Clerk of this county, in the 1940 Democratic primary.

I was born and reared in Runnels county and am a graduate of the Ballinger High School. For the past seven years I have been employed in the Tunnell Grocery and Market.

I feel that the business association and the education I have, qualifies me for this office.

Your vote and your help will be deeply appreciated.

Respectfully,  
PRICE MIDDLETON  
(Political Advertisement)

1-1t\*

**"GONE WITH THE WIND" AT RITZ THEATRE SOON**

H. Ford Taylor, manager of the Ritz Theatre, announced Wednesday that he had booked "Gone with the Wind" and would present it in Ballinger at an early date. The picture is being premiered in a number of Texas cities soon and Ballinger will not be far behind in the presentation. The performance is about four hours in length and Mr. Taylor stated that he would have the picture here several days in order that all might see it.

Three American presidents have died at the hands of assassins.

**BARGAINS Too Good to Pass Up!**

**In Good Used TRUCKS and PICK-UPS**

- 1935 Dodge Pick-up, new tires, motor and body in A-1 condition **\$395**
- 1936 Ford Pick-up, new paint, new tires A real buy **\$295**
- 1938 Ford Pick-up, new tires, ready to go. Price **\$435**
- 1938 Chevrolet Truck, 7.50-20 good tires. A real heavy duty truck. Price **\$495**
- 1935 Ford Truck, long wheel base Price **\$195**
- 1932 Ford Pick-up, model B motor Price **\$135**

20 used passenger cars, all makes, all models, all prices.

See Us in Our New Location!

**Healer Chevrolet Co.**

**NEWS FLASH For VALUE-WISE Shoppers**

Begin February by trading here where quality foods are priced right

**Pillsbury Pancake Flour** Plain 10c Buckwheat 15c

**Dromedary Pitted DATES** 7 1/2-oz. Pkg. 15c

**La Choy Bean Sprouts** 1 lb. 3-oz. Can 2 for 25c

**Nutex SPINACH** 9-oz. Can 5c

**Gulf Crown BEANS** Stringless 10-oz. Can 5c

**Peaches Del Monte** No. 2 1/2 Can 20c

**Pure Pork SAUSAGE** lb. 15c

**Oriole SLICED BACON** lb. 23c

**Pillsbury Whole Wheat Flour** 3 lb. Bag 25c

**TUNNELL'S GROCERY AND MARKET**

Mrs. R. P. Tunnell Phones 107 and 407

**THRIFT WEEK VALUES that Prove FRANKLIN'S Advice**

See how these pennies of saving add up to a substantial sum and you'll have proof of the wisdom of Franklin's advice and the importance of our low prices. They represent the day in and day out values featured at PEARCE'S. The savings are not restricted to these few items but are yours on the things YOU want when you want them.

**WHILE THEY LAST**  
Dorothy Perkins Cologne ..... \$1.00  
Dorothy Perkins Body Powder ..... \$1.00  
Value ..... \$2.00  
Special Price ..... \$1.00

**Chamberlain Lotion**  
50c Size 39c  
\$1.00 Size 79c

50c LISTERINE 44c  
65c MISTOL 54c  
60c ALKA-SELTZER 49c  
\$1.20 SYRUP PEPSIN 98c  
\$1.00 NERVINE 89c  
\$1.00 CRAZY CRYSTALS 89c  
\$1.25 ABSORBINE, Jr. 98c  
\$1.50 AGAROL \$1.39  
35c VICK'S SALVE 29c

**1c SALE COLGATE TOOTH POWDER**  
LARGE SIZE . . . 1c  
WHEN YOU BUY GIANT SIZE . . . 35c  
BOTH FOR . . . 36c  
YOU SAVE 19c

26c Colgate Shaving Cream  
2 for 26c

**J.Y. PEARCE DRUG CO.**

The Rexall Store Phone 38 and 26

**BALLINGER SCHOOL NEWS**  
By Mary Simpson

**Assembly**  
In assembly Friday the characters of "The First Year" were introduced and an exhibition of how the stagehands and property-men work between acts was given. The stage was changed from the bare stage with scenery stacked on both sides to the comfortable living room of the Livingston home.

**"Los Andaluces" Meet**  
The second year Spanish club met Friday, January 26. The program was the discussion of the various phases of work to be done on the dramatization of "Don Quijote." The sketches are to be done in Spanish, the dialogue written and the roles enacted by students. Reports were given by the chairmen of the various committees: English prologue, Louise Fowler; costumes, Alice Psenick; make-up, Mary Simpson; properties, Meryle Nixon; dances, Maurine Duncan; sound effects, Sam Kopecky; programs, Evelyn Smith.

**One-Act Play Cast**  
Ernest Sublett announced last week the choice of play and the cast for the interscholastic league one-act play. The play is to be "The Valiant" by Hall and Middle-

mass. The play is the first tragedy that has been used in several years due to the fact that tragedies have been banned from the interscholastic contest for a number of years.

"The Valiant" is the story of a convict who is about to be electrocuted. Though he has confessed and his guilt, the warden and the priest feel unusually regretful in sending him to his death. His sister, not knowing for sure that he is her brother, comes to talk to him.

The cast includes:  
Warden..... Joe Coleman  
Father Daly..... L. J. Byers  
Dyke..... Guy Lively  
Josephine Paris Mary Simpson  
Jailor..... Eugene Sutphen

**Senior Class Meetings**  
The senior class has met twice consecutively on January 29 and 30. A committee including Bill Sykes, Sam Kopecky, Jack Bandy, McGregor, Felton Wright, George Stowe, and Miss Frances Taylor, the officers and sponsors of the class, was named to select the invitations for this year's seniors. The class decided to sponsor the appearance of the magician, Birch, here on April 5. Maurine Duncan, Louise Fowler, and Jack Bandy McGregor were elected as a committee in charge of the ticket sale. Ways and means of having a senior trip were discussed and the more important items were to be solved by the ways and means committee. The class unanimously voted to go to San Antonio.

**Cue and Curtain Club**  
Since "The First Year" is now only a part of the Cue and Curtain Club's scrap book, intensive work is to be begun on "The Merchant of Venice." A group of ten scenes from this Shakespearean play will be presented during May in assembly as the continuation of a Cue and Curtain tradition. The casting has begun with the three leads which are: Guy Lively as Bassanio, Mary Simpson as Portia, and Joe Coleman as Antonio.

**Senior Personalities**  
Joe Coleman is probably known as the most consistently hard fighting end of a group of fans ever watched through two football seasons. And, since he isn't so old, he will be back on the Bearcat line-up next year. He has gone to school here four years and is vice-president of the Cue and Curtain Club, where he plays various roles, leads, villains, or characters. His hobbies are athletics and music. After he finishes high school, he plans to study mechanical engineering in Texas A. & M.

Maidie Rubin (her middle name is Rose) has been in school here six years. She belongs to the Cue and Curtain Club, pep squad and is vice-president of Choral Club I. Her hobbies are hunting, needlework, dancing and singing. She says she truly likes school and helping backstage with plays. She plans to take a pre-med course at the University of Texas and then become a doctor, medical and surgical.

Pete Holubec has been coming in to Ballinger for his education for four years. His hobbies are

**Texas Quadruplets Celebrate First Anniversary**



Each sitting behind a cake adorned with one candle, the Badgett quadruplets of Galveston, Texas, celebrate their first birthday. When born, the quads, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Badgett, weighed a total of 17 pounds. Their combined weight is now 78 pounds. They are already becoming talkative, though the traditional "Dada" is as yet the keystone of their vocabulary. Left to right: Jeraldine, Jeanette, Joyce and Joan.

playing ball (baseball? football? waterball?) and hunting. He isn't sure about his college career, but he does know that he is going to be a farmer. Evidently he will make a good farmer because he likes to take care of stock and poultry.

Allene Rudder is a tiny, very blond girl who has gone to school here all her life—practically. She belongs to the Future Homemakers and the pep squad. Her hobbies are knitting, needlework, and outdoor sports, especially swimming. She would like to be a florist, but her mind isn't made up. She likes to sleep and eat, and she dislikes smarty people.

The Bearcat basketball team was defeated by Mozelle in a tournament at Doole last weekend.

A good number of high school boys are playing "pass and touch" at the football field after school, in order to keep fit for track and spring football training.

**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 TRIMMER,  
County Judge  
25-21

**COLLEGE STUDENTS FAVOR LOANS TO FINLAND NOW**

AUSTIN, Jan. 31.—Almost two to one, American college students would favor United States loans to Finland, the current report of Student Opinion Surver, inter-collegiate poll conducted at the University of Texas, has disclosed here.

Sixty-two per cent of the collegians answered "yes" to the question: "Should congress allow Finland to draw on her latest World War payment to the United States?" A carefully derived sample of students on more than 100 campuses accounted for opinions equivalent to those of a million and a half collegians, the survey stated.

It was pointed out, however, that this survey contrasted sharply with findings by the surveys last October when a substantial majority of collegians opposed changing the neutrality law in favor of cash and carry policies.

Dr. A. S. McKittrick, of Elyria, Ohio, recently received \$50 and an apology for the delay from a man whose son he treated 22 years ago.

Gravity is so great on the sun that an ordinary man would weigh two tons there.

The porpoise is the only articulate fish.

**Many Youths Come Out for Track and Field Meet Events**

Coaches Felton T. Wright and Paul Gibbs are meeting a large number of youths each afternoon at Bearcat Field. They are getting the athletes in condition for track training which begins soon and will have contestants for all events in the county interscholastic league meet in Ballinger on March 22 and 23. The youths are engaging in the game of "pass and touch" on the football field. The track will be ready for use in a few days and sprinters started to work.

As soon as basketball and track are concluded on March 23, spring football training will be called and about 40 boys are expected to come out for places on the team. With a good carry-over from last year, coaches look forward to one of the best years in football here. There are several lettermen in the doubtful class—they may finish their school courses this year or may stay over for another year and retain their eligibility. Practically all of last year's team were 16-year-old boys and the age rule will apply to only about three players who will remain in school.

Shoold the eligibles remain in school next year the only problem would be to fill up the holes

at guard and the starting line-up of 1939 could take the field.

**FEW WEEVILS IN TEXAS WHEAT THIS WINTER**

COLLEGE STATION, Jan. 31.—Wheat placed under the loan and stored on farms in Texas is in good condition. C. L. Thomas, state agricultural conservation association committeeman from Pampa, reported to the state committee in College Station this week.

Inspections made during December and January of the 500,000 bushels of loan wheat stored in 390 bins in the state showed only 20 bins with even a trace of weevil or bran bug and only one bin with a heavy infestation. Mr. Thomas declared. These bins were all treated and will be re-inspected within five days he said. All bins were inspected as to the condition of the wheat to learn whether it was heating or musty or if weevils or bran bugs were present, the farmer committeeman reported.

The state committee recommended that reinspection of the wheat be made at intervals of from 30 to 45 days to insure the success of the farm-storage program.

Julius Caesar is a special officer in a residential district of Houston.

Central Texas has many Czech and German settlements.

**Cue and Curtain's Play is Presented To Large Audience**

The high school auditorium was filled last Friday evening for the performance of the Cue and Curtain Club. The play was the major production of the club this term and drew one of the largest audiences in several years.

A royalty play of the Samuel C. French Company, "The First Year," was presented. The cast, under the direction of Ernest Sublett, showed talent and training in portrayal of the parts. The young performers handled their lines in an excellent manner, making the best of every situation, whether serious or comic, and the response of the audience was testimony of their fine work.

Artisans behind the scenes were responsible for a large share of the success. Scenery, lights and properties were better than usually seen in an amateur offering; were handled speedily and in a professional manner. The specially-built sets were masterpieces for that department of the club.

The cast was well balanced, and no special mention is due any individual. Each had an important role to play and each delivered to the complete satisfaction of the director and audience.

The club members and others taking dramatic art this year still have a large amount of work to do. Scenes from Shakespeare are to be staged in May and a cast from the club will enter the one-act play contest to be held in connection with the county interscholastic league meet.

**CORRECT MEASUREMENTS FOR WOMEN ARE SOUGHT**

COLLEGE STATION, Jan. 31.—Are you a perfect "18" or "20"? Probably not. Because women's ready-made clothing frequently has to be altered in one place or another, workers in the federal bureau of home economics are making measuring studies to determine what shape Mrs. Average Woman has these days. At present most women's ready-made clothing and dress patterns are designated by bust measure alone.

Fifty-nine body measurements are taken on each woman who cooperates in the study. These come from all walks of life in different parts of the country, and many are being measured through women's clubs, parent-teacher and other organizations, and at retail stores.

Mrs. Dora R. Barnes, clothing

specialist for the A. & M. College extension service, explains that when a woman buys a dress by bust measure she may find it tight at the hips or loose at the waistline. Some women complain that dresses "pop" at the skirt seams when they sit down. Other points where garments are subject to strain, if a woman is quite active, are in the back between the shoulders and around the armholes.

Manufacturers and retailers in the country requested the survey after the bureau completed a study of 147,000 children ranging in age from 4 to 17 years. Some of the measurements have been requested by manufacturers of special garments such as slips, corsets and foundation garments, and stockings.

About 45 minutes is required to record the 59 measurements. The study is being financed by the works progress administration.

**CITY DRUG STORE MAKES IMPROVEMENTS**

A new awning has been built for the City Drug Store and is to be wired for lights underneath. The installation is well underway and will be completed soon.

**W. H. GREER HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE**

The W. H. Greer home on Ninth Street was practically destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. The blaze was discovered in one of the middle rooms about 3:55 a. m. and had good headway when city firemen arrived at the scene. Some clothing and part of the furniture were carried from the burning house to a garage with but little damage.

The concrete walls were left standing but the interior of the house was destroyed as was the roof.

Be wise—advertise.

**BRONCHIAL COUGHS**

Just a few sips and—like a Flash—its powerful pungent action spreads through throat, head and bronchial tubes.

Spends 45 cents today at any drug store for a bottle of Buckley's CANADIAN Mixture (triple action)—by far the largest selling cough medicine for coughs due to colds or bronchial irritations, in all wintry Canada.

Take a couple of doses, feel its quick powerful, pungent action spread through throat, head and bronchial tubes. It acts quickly—starts right in to loosen up thick choking phlegm, soothe raw membranes and make breathing easier. Contains no sugar, so can be used by diabetics. Get Buckley's CANADIAN Mixture today. Over 10 million bottles sold.

J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.



**CAN TELL YOU!**

Through their milk production records, your own cows can tell you that it PAYS to feed balanced rations RICH IN PROTEIN.

**PROTEIN PAYS IN THE MILK PAIL!**

**Cottonseed Meal**  
Is an efficient and economical source of the protein necessary for milk production.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR  
It will pay you to make COTTONSEED MEAL a standard part of your dairy ration.

**West Texas Cottonoil Co.**



"If I could only remember what I spent..."

Do you find it difficult to keep track of payments and expenditures you make? If so, you need a checking account. With your check stubs and cancelled checks as a permanent record of each item, there will never again be any question of when, where and what you paid. This feature of checking accounts is an invaluable budget aid. Try it and see for yourself.



**The First National Bank of Ballinger**

Since 1886

**Three "Master" Electric Servants Help Modernize Your Home**  
Buy Now During **SPECIAL SALE**

**SHE'D LOVE THE Sunbeam COFFEEMASTER**

**Sunbeam MIXMASTER**  
A Bargain at \$23.75  
Only \$2.50 Down  
\$1.88 Per Month

**Sunbeam IRONMASTER**  
\$8.95  
miss SPECIAL trade-in allowance of \$1 on your old iron. Pay only 95c down, balance \$1 month

**West Texas Utilities Company**

**COFFEEMASTER** has everything! Makes the most delicious coffee—all automatically. You simply set it... forget it! Shuts off by itself when the coffee is done, then re-sets itself to keep the coffee hot. All lustrous chromium—freedom from bowl-breakage. Remove the brew-top and you have the loveliest of servers from which to pour.

Alone only \$16.00  
With matched service set, including tray, sugar and creamer . . . . . \$23.50

Pay \$1.50 Down—\$1.28 Per Month



# RURAL NEWS

## CREWS

The warmer weather beginning Saturday was highly appreciated by the entire community. It is feared the continued cold for ten days has killed oats and barley. Wheat was damaged but there is hope of it still having life in it.

Church attendance was good Sunday.

Miss Opal Grissom is reported slightly improved at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Traylor and family, of Merkel, visited Mr. and Mrs. Thea Lucas Sunday. Mrs. Traylor's mother, Mrs. R. T. Lucas, accompanied them home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Traylor and Bobbie, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rogers, of Wingate, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Faubion attended the funeral service for her uncle, Ben Clark, of Houston, one day of the previous week. Mr. Clark is well known here by old timers, who regret to hear of his passing.

Mrs. Naomi Keithley and daughter, Lillian Ruth, Leona Gibbs and Sybil McBeth spent Sunday at Ballinger with Mrs. Keithley's mother, Mrs. Knowles.

Miss Doris Bodine, local teacher, resumed her school duties Monday after illness and convalescence of two weeks.

Mr. Brooker received a message Saturday that a brother at Waco was critically ill.

Mrs. Edgar Jayroe is reported somewhat improved from a recent illness.

Dewey Brackeen, age 41, former resident of the Crews community, but for a number of years living at Wichita Falls, was instantly killed January 18 by a heavy plank blowing from an oil derrick where he was working, striking him on the head. He is survived

by his wife, formerly Miss Gladys Johnson, of Crews; and two children, a son, 19, a daughter, 16. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones. Those attending the funeral from here were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Danrom, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Rainwater, Mrs. Wayne Jones and Marion Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Brooker and family visited his parents here Sunday.

Mrs. L. A. Faubion and Mrs. Pearl Clark, of this community, are at the bedside of their mother and sister-in-law, Mrs. Sam Miller, who is critically ill with pneumonia in the Winters hospital. Other relatives from adjoining communities are also in attendance.

## HARMONY

Mrs. Bob Bailey and daughter, Ruby, and Mrs. Ruth Parker, of Hatchel, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Derden Sunday.

Mrs. J. F. England is suffering with a severe case of laryngitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield Foster and son, of Guion, visited relatives and friends in the community Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Thompson, of Ballinger, spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Derden.

Mr. and Mrs. Oren Mathis and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Zene Powers, of Abilene, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Green were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Worthington, of Cochran, Sunday.

Mrs. W. T. Billups and daughters were business visitors in Abilene Saturday.

H. C. and Don Eubanks accompanied their grandmother to Dallas the past week-end.

Shirley Cole, of Abilene, spent the week-end with her parents.

## Now Hans Has a Reason to Be Sick



Hans van Appen, left, German sailor who tricked the British by feigning illness when the S. S. Dusseldorf was captured by an English warship, talks to a reporter at Balboa, in the Canal Zone. Von Appen was put ashore at Panama, where authorities found his illness "act." He was placed under custody of United States army officials, and in due course, will be turned over to the British as a prisoner of war.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McAdams and son, of Winters; Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Wood, of Pumphrey; and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Eoff and daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Eoff Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Scott and daughter spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Pumphrey Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Talley, of Eagle Branch, and Mr. and Mrs. Buck Whittenberg visited Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Bishop Thursday night.

## School News

The ones who have not missed a day this month are: Dorthie Bishop, Netha Rae Eubanks, Clarice Bishop, Allen Bishop, Dan Huston Branham, and Roy Don Eubanks.

## HONOR ROLL

First Grade—Allen Bishop  
Second Grade—Dan Huston Branham  
Third Grade—Dorthy Jean Eoff

Fourth Grade—Dorthie Bishop  
Fifth Grade—Netha Rae Eubanks  
Sixth Grade—Clarice Bishop

## BARNETT

There was nice attendance at Sunday school last Sunday. Rev. Kelley, of Brownwood, will preach next Sunday, February 4, and we urge everyone to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bryan and daughter spent Sunday with relatives at Miles.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Landers, of Ballinger, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Landers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Burrell, of Miles, and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tyree and son spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Norman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burks and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Dixon, of South Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Burtis Jones and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Landers Saturday night.

Miss Minnie Hickman spent the week-end with relatives at Miles.

Old Man Cold has tried himself the past week as it was about the coldest weather we have had, but the sun has been shining nice and warm the past three days so maybe everyone will be thawed out by the time another norther gets here.

There are several in this community with bad colds.

Miss Winnie Lee Jones, of San Angelo, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Bishop, of Ballinger, visited Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Wessels Sunday night.

Mrs. W. B. Thompson spent Monday with Mrs. O. C. Harber, of Abilene.

Mrs. Johnnie Wessels and children spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirby and family.

## HERRING

There wasn't a very large crowd at Sunday school Sunday. Some were absent on account of sickness.

Mrs. S. H. Miller was taken to the Winters hospital today (Tuesday) in a serious condition after contracting pneumonia.

Ben Clark, of Houston, died at his home last Wednesday morning. He had many friends here, as he had lived here many years. His family has our sympathy. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Faubion, Mrs. J. P. Brevard, S. J. Mrs. Marvin Hale, and Mrs. Welby Fuller attended the funeral of Mr. Clark at Houston last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Day, of Echo, visited in the W. L. Alcorn home Sunday.

Mrs. Ida Lewis, of Benoit, has been at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Miller, since Sunday.

Frank Bates and family, of Content, spent Sunday in the J. Rosford home.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Petree and daughters, Mother Petree, and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Kerby and boys visited in the W. L. Alcorn home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Henderson went to San Angelo Monday where Mrs. Henderson is under the treatment of a doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schwartz called in the J. Rosford home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Belcher and baby spent Sunday in the A. E. Fuller home.

## EAGLE BRANCH

Mrs. R. A. Hunt is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Berry

visited Mrs. Berry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Witter, of New Home, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kurtz had business in Ballinger Monday.

Gwen Berry spent Tuesday night with Hildegarde Kurtz.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tee Berry Sunday night were Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hunt and daughter, Rita, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kurtz and family, and Mrs. Campbell.

Mrs. J. H. Kurtz spent Sunday and Monday with her daughter, Mrs. J. Travis Cummings, of Winters, who is entertaining an 8½-pound baby boy, John Travis, Jr., since Sunday morning.

Little Juanita Cummings spent Tuesday evening with Valera June Kurtz.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kurtz spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deike, of Cochran.

Jim Berry visited his parents Sunday evening.

Mrs. J. H. Tooker had business in Ballinger Monday.

The club will meet in the home of Mrs. Tee Berry Wednesday. All women who wish are invited to join.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Witter, of New Home, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Berry Tuesday evening.

Ed Tally and Charles Berry had business at San Angelo Monday.

## NORTON

High school students and their sponsors attended a skating party at Bronte Monday night.

W. C. Barrett, who has been ill the past week, is reported improving.

For business and social the Baptist Dorcas Class will meet with Mrs. T. R. Setser Wednesday afternoon.

G. A.'s met Tuesday afternoon in the home of their sponsor, Mrs. Joyce Crockett, for a special business meeting.

Miss Vesta Stewart left Monday for Abilene, where she will enroll in a business college.

Mrs. Ed Duncan and baby have returned to their home at Post after an extended visit here with Mrs. Duncan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cook.

Miss Cordia, West of Ballinger, visited relatives here over the week-end.

Mrs. F. Roper spent the past week with her son, M. G. Roper, and wife of Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carter and daughter, Doris, visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mitchell, of Odessa, the past week-end.

Mallard ducks are efficient as a mosquito control agency, Texas game department biologists say. They eliminate most of the larvae of the insect, even from the most badly infested places.

## No Hurry to Quit



Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace as he appeared before the house ways and means committee to testify in defense of extension of the reciprocal trade agreements act. At the hearing Secretary Wallace admitted that he would "like to keep on being secretary of agriculture."

Be sure that camp fire is out, dead out, Texas game department officials warn.

## Infantile Paralysis May Be Acquired Through Eyes

WASHINGTON.—Infantile paralysis may be acquired through the eyes.

Two scientists of Johns Hopkins university, Baltimore, reported in the Scientific Monthly, journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, that they had been able to infect monkeys with the virus which causes polio-myelitis by dropping it in the eyes.

The usual mode of infection has been proved to be through the mucous membranes of the nose. Thence it spreads to the nerves of the spinal cord and brain, Dr. Howard A. Howe and Dr. David Bodian said.

The monkey experiments showed, however, that virus could find its way into the nose from the eyes through a tiny canal.

## Guard U. S. Capitol Against Bombing

WASHINGTON.—Precautions are being taken to safeguard the Capitol and to prevent a recurrence of the bombing which damaged part of the structure prior to United States entry into the first World war.

Orders were issued closing the Capitol to the public on Sundays and forbidding all but members of congress from entering either the house or senate office buildings after midnight.

## Assistance Offered Farmers of County By FSA Office Here

Farmers whose excessive debts stand in the way of renewing their 1940 land-tenure agreements or who might lose their machinery or livestock during the year may get assistance in adjusting their debts by attending the meeting of the Runnels county farm debt adjustment committee.

The committee meets at 2 p. m. Monday, February 5, at the farm security administration office in the old county jail building in Ballinger.

"The farm debt adjustment committee can probably work out an agreement between the debt-distressed farmer and his creditor whereby he can remain on his land and keep his machinery and livestock," said John H. Curry, farm security administration supervisor. "Creditors are willing to grant time extensions, re-amortizations, scale-downs of principal and interest, and reductions in interest when an orderly and fair repayment schedule has been worked out."

Mr. Curry said that the committee, composed of local men, works free of charge and keeps matters brought before it confidential. Farmers needing debt adjustment services should go to the county FSA office, or to one of the committee members, or they might appear at the meeting.

Committee members are T. J. McCaughan and Jess E. Fowler.

## DRILLING CONTINUING TODAY ON TUCKER-CASTOR-FOWLER; TWO BEING UNDERREAMED

Drilling was proceeding today on the Tucker-Castor-Fowler and the drill was below 2,200 feet. Good progress is reported on this well.

Underreaming was still underway on the Price-Williams and the Davis-Huddleston and both tests will soon be ready for drilling to be resumed.

## BICYCLES INSPECTED

CHRISTCHURCH, N. Z., Jan. 31.—Regular inspection of children's bicycles has been started as a safety measure in Christchurch. When the inspector appeared at one school pupils asked him: "What is wrong with this one?" After the inspector had found plenty and prepared to give the owner a ticket he was told between titlers: "That's teacher's."

Patronize our advertisers.

## Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

Present:



New Spring HATS

Gay Veils!  
Bright Flowers!  
Straws! Felts!

Frills and furbelows to give you a gay start for Spring! New dressy models! Casuals! Sport types! A wide selection of smart hats to flatter your pretty face! Black, navy, brown, pastels.

Come in Today

For Best Selection!

Evening Elegance



Smart Daytime Frocks



# WE'RE STILL TRADING!

Concrete proof that we are REALLY GIVING LONG TRADES ON DODGE CARS, DODGE TRUCKS, PLYMOUTH CARS AND GOODYEAR TIRES, is shown in the number of sales for the past week. We are convinced that all prospective car buyers are interested in getting a good trade for their used car or truck and we are in position to do just that thing.

LOOK AT LAST WEEK'S RECORD—

4 DODGE CARS --- 2 PLYMOUTHS  
2 DODGE TRUCKS, 1½ TONS

As our new car sales increase, we are able to offer even better trades than at first. We know you will like the 1940 DODGES and PLYMOUTHS, however, we want you to see them. Then let us give you an estimate of the cost for a new model with a LONG TRADE FOR YOUR OLD CAR.

WE ARE GETTING NEW SHIPMENTS EVERY WEEK and WILL HAVE YOUR MODEL and COLOR PREFERENCE IN STOCK. Visit our show room and let us show you the new improvements on all 1940 models.

A good trade on a good car is bound to be a bargain. Let us convince you we are doing that everyday.

ENJOY 1940 IN A DODGE OR PLYMOUTH!

# SYKES MOTOR CO.

9th St. and Hutchings Ave.

Ballinger

### Find Huge Gar Lusty Fighter

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—Lovers of deep sea fishing in Arkansas are finding that they don't have to travel hundreds of miles to the gulf coast or to Florida to find the thrill that comes with the shock of hundreds of pounds of fish hitting high-test line.

Following the lead of Tom Mull—who for years has hunted game fish with a bow and arrow—fishermen are turning to the muddy rivers and lakes of the Mississippi valley in search of the huge alligator gar which wax fat on a diet of young bass and other light fish.

Mull uses 80-pound test deep sea line with a heavy tarpon hook to troll in the deep eddies near fish docks on the White, Red and Arkansas rivers where the gar lazily drift with the current. He says alligator gar strike with all the swiftness of a porpoise, and under the sting of the hook always put up a two or three hour battle.

**Record 200 Pounds.**  
Several times Mull has landed gar weighing more than 100 pounds, but a Little Rock physician—formerly an ardent deep sea fisherman—has the record so far with a 200-pound, 10-foot giant.

He hooked it in the White river drifting near a fish market. The battling gar towed his boat upstream nearly a mile and overturned against the shoulder of a sand bar. The doctor waded to shore without losing control of his tackle and played the huge gar into the shallows after a four-hour struggle. More and more seasoned fishermen who have landed tarpon, sea bass and other fish native to southern waters are turning to the rivers for a less costly means of gratifying their love for the sport.

Mull told the story of a retired lawyer to whom he taught the art of gar fishing. Converted, the sportsman outfitted a shanty boat and moored it a mile or so below a small river town where fish docks lined the water front. He sits comfortably on the rear veranda of his floating home and dozes while his line slowly reels out with the current. With the strike of a gar he hops into a dinghy which floats beside the shanty boat and lets the big fish tow the boat while he fights it into submission.

**Uses Bow and Arrow.**  
Mull, an ex-officio member of the Arkansas game and fish commission, is widely known as an originator of new kinds of sport. With an especially constructed bow and arrow he has landed bass, trout and sizable gar.

Drifting silently in the shadows near the bank of some stream, Mull kneels in the bow of his boat—arrow ready and with a short rod and reel lying at his side. The line leads from the rod to the head of his keenly barbed arrow.

When he sights a big fish lying quietly near the surface within range he sinks the arrow into its back. The shaft immediately drops away, leaving the head imbedded in the fish. Mull then picks up the rod and plays the fish just as he would if he had hooked it.

Mull points out the advantages of gar fishing. It is every bit as thrilling as deep sea fishing. It is inexpensive. There is no danger of getting sea sick.

### Only R.O.T.C. Ski Unit Practices Winter Maneuvers



Only R. O. T. C. ski unit in the United States is maintained at Manlius school, Manlius, N. Y. Each young member of the ski platoon is an expert skier, rifleman and machine gunner. Left: Michael Semizir, 16, falls while Headmaster Col. Guido Verbeck straps a machine gun to his back. Right: The platoon, having sighted the "enemy," hastily takes up prone positions in the snow. The white uniforms blend into the background provided by King Winter.

### Marriage Licenses Issued to Sixteen Couples in January

Sixteen marriage licenses were issued in January at the office of County Clerk W. W. Chastain. This was a sharp decrease from the December record when the holidays were the occasion for a large number of weddings. One couple requested that their names not be published and the other fifteen are listed below:

- Fred Walter King and Miss Lois Lenora Wood
- Alexander Schwertner and Miss Irene Hennecke
- Gustavus Alois Frey and Miss Mary Lou Gully
- Mack Huber and Miss Flossie Star
- Earl Agnew and Miss Eura Little
- Antonio Luz and Miss Maria Albara
- Ralph Jones Martin and Miss Waldine Coward
- C. A. Tuerk and Miss Ruby Myrtle Hubach
- O. W. Buck and Mrs. Nettie Buck
- Cornelius Brown and Miss Jenetta Thomason
- Charles F. Jansa and Miss Olga Ripple
- Wilmer Floyd Teague and Miss Laverne Pearse
- Willie B. Davis and Miss Iva Giddings
- Rufus Myers and Miss Geneva Mae Guy
- Roy Clyde Dunn and Miss Marcelle Turner.

### STOP, LOOK AND STAY SOBER PROCLAMATION:

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday are hereby proclaimed "Safe Driving Days in Ballinger, and people are urged to see the picture showing at the Ritz Theatre, "Drunk Driving."

This picture is distributed by the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Production Company with Dick Purcell, Jo Ann Sayers and Richard Lane, in hopes that all drivers of cars will adopt as their motto, "If You Drive Don't Drink, If You Drink, Don't Drive." It shows how thousands meet death annually because of highway accidents in which drunken drivers were to blame.

Have the whole family see it and profit by the lesson it teaches. Signed:

H. FORD TAYLOR 1-11

### PENNEY CO. EMPLOYEE BREAKS ARM IN FALL

Mrs. Bun Morgan, employee of the J. C. Penney Co. store here, sustained a broken arm in a fall Tuesday. Mrs. Morgan was taking a small package to the rear of the store and in some way fell. In trying to break the fall she held out one hand, resulting in the arm being broken. Both bones were fractured.

Gen. U. S. Grant's tomb in New York was built by public subscription at a cost of \$600,000.

Fish sleep with their eyes wide open.

### February 4 to 10 Is Special Week For Finnish Aid

The local committee directing Finnish relief received information today that February 4 to 10 has been designated as "Help Finland Week" and a renewed effort will be made to provide cash for those patriots now engaged in war with an unscrupulous enemy. Wide publicity by press and radio is to be given the new drive and every effort is urged to raise as much money as possible during this brief period.

In Ballinger American Legion men are sponsoring the campaign and a number of the World War veterans are serving on the committee. Anyone wishing to make a cash offering of any size may hand same to K. V. Northington, Tom Agnew, F. M. Pearce, R. W. Earnshaw or leave at The Ledger office. Every cent of the money will be remitted as there is no "overhead" expense to any Finnish relief work.

The Ballinger committee has already sent in \$112 and as fast as other contributions are received they will be sent to the state headquarters at Dallas.

Forest fires can run uphill more rapidly than downhill, the heated air drawing the flames upward. Texas game department biologists say.

Patronize our advertisers.

### 57 Autos and Commercial Registered Here in January

January was one of the best months for new motor car sales in several years. Fifty-seven new motor vehicles were registered by County Tax Assessor-Collector W. A. Forgey and local dealers report good sales for the last two days of the past month which were not included in the official total here. Also a considerable number of automobiles sold by local concerns were registered in other counties.

One local dealer declared it was the best month he had experienced since 1929 and that there were still numerous prospects who probably would buy before the final date for securing new number plates.

Sales registered here in January follow:

- Plymouths**  
Sykes Motor Co., Ballinger, 2 passenger  
Winters Motor Co., Winters, 1 passenger  
Townsend Motor Co., Miles, 1 passenger
- Buicks**  
Underwood Motor Co., Ballinger, 3 passenger
- Fords**  
Holt Motor Co., Ballinger, 6 passenger, 3 commercial  
Kendrick Motor Co., Winters, 1 passenger  
Miles Motor Co., Miles, 2 commercial
- Oldsmobiles**  
Winters Motor Co., Winters, 14 passenger
- Dodges**  
Sykes Motor Co., Ballinger, 4 passenger, 2 commercial
- Mercuries**  
New Ridge Motor Co., West Virginia, 1 passenger
- Chevrolets**  
Healer Chevrolet Co., Ballinger, 5 passenger, 4 commercial
- Chryslers**  
Townsend Motor Co., Miles, 1 passenger
- Packards**  
Winters Motor Co., Winters, 1 passenger
- Nashes**  
Barnett Auto Co., Ballinger, 1 passenger
- Pontiacs**  
Lawrence Motor Co., Ballinger, 1 passenger
- Internationals**  
Lawrence Motor Co., Ballinger, 1 truck
- G. M. Cs.**  
Townsend Motor Co., Miles, 2 trucks

The trend toward streamlining autos began in 1910.

Whole armies of Celts used to march into battle unclad, more than 2,000 years ago.

### W. B. WOODY INJURED IN FALL AT COMPRESS

W. B. Woody, local manager for the Texas Compress Co., was taken to the Halley & Love Sanitarium Tuesday following a fall at the compress in which a knee was injured. Mr. Woody was in the act of stepping from one bale of cotton to another when the bale turned, throwing him to the concrete floor.

X-ray photographs revealed the leg broken near the knee joint and Mr. Woody will be confined to the hospital and his home for a long period.

### ONLY LITTLE DAMAGE TO GRAIN FROM COLD

Farmers here this week stated that only a small amount of grain had been damaged by the zero weather last week. Some of the tender young grain was believed to have been killed when the roots were frozen in the ground, but older grain was still alive and expected to be looking good in a few more days. Most of the grain was brown after the snow melted away but a check up showed it still green near the roots.

The cold weather ravaged the grain for two days before it was covered with snow, but after that little or no damage resulted.

The export-import business of Burma last year amounted to \$278,000,000. Most of it was handled at Rangoon, capital and chief port.

## Sam Behringer's

**Fri. Feb. 2 SPECIALS Sat. Feb. 3**

<b>Bushel</b> <b>79c</b>	<b>Grapefruit</b> Not Frozen	<b>Bushel</b> <b>79c</b>
<b>Tree Sweet</b>	<b>Good</b>	
<b>Oranges</b> Bushel	<b>Apples</b> Bushel	<b>\$1.49</b>   <b>\$1.59</b>
<b>4c lb.</b>	<b>Bananas</b>	<b>lb. 4c</b>
<b>Cabbage</b> Green	<b>Carrots</b>	<b>Potatoes</b> Colorado No. 1 White
lb. <b>3c</b>	<b>2 Bunches 5c</b>	<b>10 lbs. 21c</b>
<b>Pard</b>	<b>Sunbrite</b>	
<b>Dog Food</b>	<b>Cleanser</b>	
<b>3 Cans 25c</b>	<b>3 Cans 14c</b>	
<b>Red Bird</b>	<b>CRANBERRIES</b>	<b>lb. 15c</b>
<b>MATCHES</b> 6 Boxes	<b>FIG PRESERVES</b> 30-oz. Jar	<b>15c</b>   <b>25c</b>
<b>JEL-SERT</b> Box	<b>PORK &amp; BEANS</b> 16-oz. Can	<b>15c</b>   <b>5c</b>
<b>APPLE BUTTER</b> Qt. Jar		<b>15c</b>
<b>Build Up</b>	<b>Grapefruit Juice</b> 5 1/2-oz. Can Doz.	<b>45c</b>
<b>Grandma's</b>	<b>Kellogg's</b>	
<b>FRUIT CAKE</b> While They Last	<b>CORN FLAKES</b> With Bowl	
2 lbs. <b>29c</b>	2 Boxes <b>20c</b>	
<b>Pure Hog Lard</b>	<b>8 lb Carton</b>	<b>65c</b>
<b>Pure Granulated Beet</b>	<b>Bulk</b>	
<b>SUGAR</b>	<b>BLACK PEPPER</b> Pure	
25 lbs. <b>\$1.20</b> 10 lbs. <b>48c</b>	lb. <b>19c</b>	
<b>FLOUR</b>	<b>Royal Owl</b>	<b>48 lbs. \$1.59</b>
	<b>Albatross</b>	<b>48 lbs. \$1.69</b>
<b>Weldon Howell's Market</b>		
<b>Pure Pork</b>	<b>Sic. Bacon</b> lb.	<b>18c</b>
<b>Sausage</b> lb.	<b>12 1/2c</b>	
<b>Wisconsin Mammoth</b>	<b>Fancy</b>	
<b>Cheese</b> lb.	<b>Beef Roast</b> lb.	<b>15c</b>
<b>28c</b>		
<b>Sweet Cream</b>	<b>No. 1</b>	
<b>Butter</b> lb.	<b>Salt Bacon</b> lb.	<b>11c</b>
<b>36c</b>		

## Hosiery Sales on the Increase

The increase in hosiery sales in the past three or four years has been phenomenal.

The brevity of feminine apparel—we're casting no reflections, whatever!—has made hosiery a most important part of milady's costume.

It is not our purpose to discuss styles, however. The phase of the hosiery question which we have particularly noted is the fact that our local merchants here in Ballinger have stocked the very best lines known—nationally advertised lines that have reputations to sustain.

The purchase of unknown brands of hosiery from strangers who call at your home is not safe. Such salesmen usually are here today and gone tomorrow. Adjustments are not in their plan of business.

Local merchants stand back of their representations. If their lines of hosiery do not give complete satisfaction they want to know it. We know, because we have heard them express themselves on the subject.



The Ballinger Ledger

Published Every Thursday by The Ballinger Printing Company... Offices of Publication, 711 Hutchings Ave., Ballinger, Texas...

HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED RECENTLY? Ledger subscribers are requested to notify the publisher of any change in their addresses promptly.

Tax paying time is over and the qualified voters of this county have been determined. Employees of the tax collector's office are now ready to issue 1940 automobile license plates...

Local school officials are checking with WPA district engineers and doing everything possible to get the new school building under construction. There are plenty of laborers available and both federal and sponsor's funds are up.

An early Easter will cause merchants to make early displays of spring apparel. Most Ballinger merchants have been to the spring openings and purchased their lines for spring and the Easter season.

Some people are going to be disappointed unless they secure their tickets for the B. C. D. banquet at Olfen on February 9. The duets are going fast and some have made eight to ten reservations.

BROAD-BREADED TURKEYS TO INCREASE WHITE MEAT

COLLEGE STATION, Jan. 31.—Housewives will get more white turkey meat for their money in the future as breeding stock of the new broad-breasted turkey type was added to 847 Texas flocks during the past year.

"The Texas turkey in the fall of 1940 will be greatly improved because of the wide distribution of this high quality stock," George P. McCarthy, poultry specialist of the Texas A. & M. College extension service, said in his annual report.

County agricultural and home demonstration agents held 3,593 demonstrations in selection of breeding stock during the autumn of 1939, he said.

Cocoa nut can give a real frosty look to hot weather gelatin desserts. Merely sprinkle some over the top of the mixture when it begins to set.

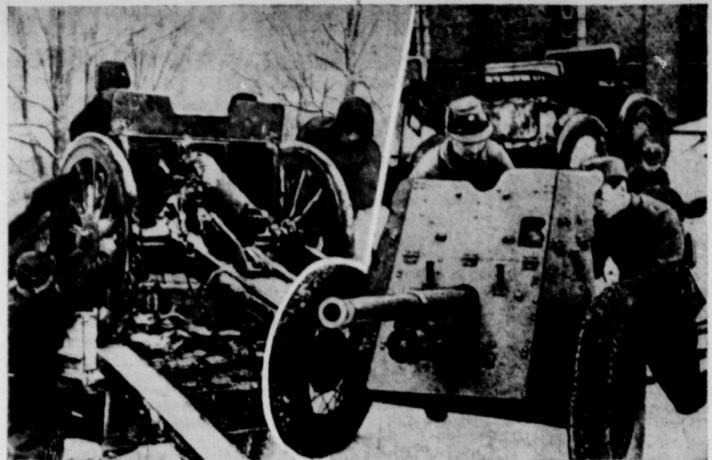
A total of 7,182,963 actual miles was flown during June, 1939, which is an all-time high for any previous month by the airlines in the United States.

The Washington monument cost \$1,300,000.

Headache, Bad Breath May Be Your Warning

The one's thrilling S. O. S. means "Help is needed now!" And, so do most of those headaches, that biliousness, coated tongue, or bad breath which are often signs of constipation.

Finnish Soldiers Examine Captured Soviet Guns



Finnish soldiers examine field pieces and other spoils of war captured from the Russians in fierce fighting near the Karelian peninsula front. A recent Soviet dispatch solemnly announced that Russia would declare war on Finland unless that country returned all munitions material which she had captured.



WEST TEXAS NOTES

The Albany Chamber of Commerce started plans last week for water system improvements. Information was read from WPA officials at Washington, setting forth ways of securing aid on the project and the city engineer submitted two sets of plans for new dams and water reservoirs near the city.

Comanche county went forward in oil production last year, 35 holes being drilled and 18 paying producers being brought in. Since January 1 a number of new locations have been made and wells will be drilled soon.

Directors of the Stephenville Chamber of Commerce are receiving cash subscriptions with which to buy land in case a sandy land experiment station is located nearby. A & M. College inspectors there recently were pleased with options on land near Stephenville.

Miles F. F. A. class members will hold their annual livestock show Saturday. Pens have been built on a block north of the Miles Hotel for showing of singles and groups. Cattle, sheep, swine and poultry will be included in the show and judges from this section will make awards in each class.

The northern portion of Pecos county bids fair to develop into a big oil field following the bringing in last week of a 2,500-barrel well. The oil from a 4,518-foot hole, tested 43.8 gravity. The gas pressure is good and indications are that the production will hold up to the first five-hour gauge. A number of other tests are being drilled in the vicinity.

A bond issue to be submitted to McCulloch county voters in the near future would provide \$25,000 for road improvements in the county. Purchase of right-of-way, sponsor's coacts and some work on laterals will be included in the issue.

The Menard Gas Company, an organization formed by the bond holders of the municipal company, has taken over the Properties. V. Clouse, a former citizen of Menard, will return to the city to manage the system. Offices for the new

CHEAP FERTILIZER CAUSE OF CROP LAND 'BURN'

COLLEGE STATION, Jan. 31.—Lots of farmers believe use of high analysis fertilizer increases the chance of fertilizer "burn"—but, says M. K. Thornton, Jr., agricultural chemist of the Texas A. & M. College extension service, the belief is unfounded.

Eden firemen are making elaborate plans for the entertainment of the Hill Country Firemen's Association on February 13. Necessary finances have been raised for the entertainment of the one-day convention and special program features are arranged. The association's program committee has booked some noted speakers for the general sessions.

Coleman and Coleman county are preparing to continue an improvement program that will require \$250,000 to complete. The projects, to be under the supervision of the WPA, will include drainage systems, lining bottoms and walls of creeks with stone, paving, water reservoir expansion, road construction and numerous smaller items. Some of the work is already well underway.

Fifteen more machines for the WPA sewing room at Brownwood are being sought, to provide jobs for needy women. The plea was submitted to the city council last week but no immediate action was taken. A number of unemployed women are eligible for work if the sewing room equipment is increased. The council voted an appropriation of \$25 for buying material with which to make 50 quilts.

Final approval has been given the Zephyr school WPA project and the board of trustees was advised last week that the work could proceed as soon as the state headquarters gave the signal. According to the plans the WPA will furnish \$38,138 and the district \$12,500.

A new shallow oil well brought in near Rising Star last week is said to be the best in the new pool. A gauge revealed production of 120 barrels a day. Cold weather practically stopped work in the vicinity last week.

Representatives of ten counties assembled at Junction last week to discuss the forming of a wild-

CHEAP FERTILIZER CAUSE OF CROP LAND 'BURN'

COLLEGE STATION, Jan. 31.—In other words, if a farm is operated on a third-and-fourth basis with the landlord receiving one-fourth of the cotton crop and one-third of the general crops, then he will also receive one-fourth of the payment and one-third of the general crop payment.

The regulations further declare: "If on any farm in 1940 any change of the arrangements which existed on the farm in 1939 is made between the landlord and the tenants or sharecroppers and such change would cause a greater proportion of the payments to be made to the landlord under the 1940 program than would have been made to him under the 1939 program, payments to the landlord under the 1940 program with respect to the farm shall not be greater than the amount that would have been paid to the landlord and operator if the arrangements which existed on the farm in 1939 had been continued."

Thus, the committee said, a county committee can refuse to allow any increase in payments to a landlord who replaces a tenant with wage labor in order to obtain the total AAA payments to the farm.

ENCEPHALOMYELITIS NOT EXPECTED TO BE SERIOUS

COLLEGE STATION, Jan. 31.—About a year ago it looked like encephalomyelitis, or equine sleeping sickness, was going to kill off a goodly part of the horses and mules in the United States, but apparently the disease is somewhat under control now.

WHY suffer from Colds?

For quick relief from cold symptoms take 666 Liquid-Tablets-Salve-Nose Drops

life association. Only temporary officers were named at the first meeting but a committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws which will be presented at the next meeting. Most of the counties represented are in the deer and turkey hunting region of West Texas.

Mothersills SEARCH REMEDY Quickly Relieves Travel Sickness

Hints for the Farm Extension Service A. & M. College

Under the 1940 AAA program tenant and landlord will share in AAA payments in exactly the same proportion as they share in the proceeds of the crop, the state agricultural conservation committee has pointed out.

At the same time the committee informed county committees that they could refuse to allow any increase in the share of payments to landlords who arranged their farming system in order to obtain a larger share of the AAA payments for the farm in 1940.

Citing the AAA regulations, the committee said: "The net payment computed for any farm for special and general crops shall be divided among the landlords, tenants, and sharecroppers in the same proportion (as indicated by their acreage shares) that such persons are entitled, at the time of harvest, to share in the proceeds (other than a fixed commodity payment) of such crops on the farm in 1940."

Thornton, together with chemists of the U. S. department of agriculture and the Texas agricultural experiment station, is recommending use of high analysis fertilizers.

A 4-8-4 fertilizer contains 16 plant food units, while 10-20-10 has 40 units. Thus a ton of 10-20-10 will go as far as two and a half tons of 4-8-4, and a saving is made on that part of the fertilizer which goes for handling charges, such as container, for freight, and so on. This saving may amount to from 10 to 20 per cent of the fertilizer bill.

Burn is caused by certain soluble salts in the fertilizer. If the same amount of actual plant food is used per acre, there should be no difference in the amount of burn. That is, there should be no more burn from 200 pounds of 10-20-10 per acre than 500 pounds of 4-8-4, and the results should be the same.

In using any kind of commercial fertilizer, either high or low analysis, there is some danger of burn unless the fertilizer is placed correctly. As a rule, it should be placed 2 inches to the side and 1 inch below the seed level. Also, crops in sandy soil are more likely to be damaged by burn than those in heavier soils.

Miss Kathryn Atwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Atwell, left Saturday for Lubbock, where she will enter Texas Technological College. She expects to receive a degree next August. Miss Atwell has taught at Spring Hill for the past three years.

666 Liquid-Tablets-Salve-Nose Drops

Banner Property Pasteurized MILK At ALL Grocer's!

SHEPHERD & PATTERSON C. P. Shepherd Thos. G. Patterson Attorneys-at-Law

Complete Abstracts to Land in Rannels County GUARANTY TITLE CO.

Firestone Tires, Tubes and Batteries GREENWOOD Service Station

only 7,869 in 1939. That is the report made by Dr. H. W. Shoening, chief of the USDA's bureau of animal industry's pathological division, during the recent meeting of the American Horse and Mule Association.

Chick embryo vaccine produced remarkable results, and more 3,000,000 horses and mules were vaccinated in 1939. Immunity after vaccination usually lasts for around a year.

In spite of the marked decrease in number of cases in 1939 as compared with 1938, precautions against the disease should not be relaxed in 1940. A. L. Smith, animal husbandman of the Texas A. & M. College extension service, has pointed out.

Such precautions include vaccination and consultation with a qualified veterinarian, he said. Since most cases of the disease occur in the spring and early summer, valuable animals should be vaccinated in April or May.

TWENTY-THREE DAIRY DAYS TO BE HELD THIS SPRING

COLLEGE STATION, Jan. 31.—"How good is my dairy herd?" "How are dairy cows judged?" "How good does butter have to be to be good?" These are questions that will be answered in the course of a series of 23 Dairy Days scheduled for the principal dairy centers of Texas during April and May.

In 1939, 15 official dairy days were held, while a large number of similar meetings were staged on a local scale. The 15 meetings drew an attendance of more than 12,000 dairymen, 4-H club members, and home demonstration club women.

Although no prize money was offered, 920 head of dairy cattle were brought out for classification. Of these, 120 head received the blue ribbon for excellence.

549 red ribbons, and 190 white ribbons. Under the classification system, cattle do not compete against each other, but against the score card.

Men, women, boys and girls took part in the dairy judging with 3,973 cards turned in. In addition, 1,674 people took part in the dairy products judging.

The schedule of the 23 meetings, as announced by E. R. Eudaly, dairyman of the Texas A. & M. College extension service, is as follows: April 8, Rio Grande Valley; 10, Robstown; 11, Victoria; 12, San Antonio; 16, Wharton; 17, LaGrange; 18, Austin; 19, Temple; 23, Eastland; 24, Brownwood; 25, San Angelo; 26, Lamesa; 29, Floydada; 30, Memphis.

May 1, Wheeler; 2, Tulla, 9, Vernon; 10, Bowie; 13, Henderson; 14, Tyler; 15, Sulphur Springs; 16, Bonham; 17, Dallas.

OLFEN GIRLS' 4-H CLUB

The Olfen girls' 4-H club held its regular meeting in the assembly hall on January 25 with Miss Bobbie Hafernik in charge. Arrangements were perfected for a benefit party and dance which will be sponsored by the club at the community center on February 6.

A demonstration on belt weaving was given by the sponsor a jumble test on different kinds of dogs was held with Esther Block winning high score. Patterns for dress making were exchanged and the meeting adjourned.

American industry spends \$750,000 each working day for research to find new and better products.

The all-time high for millionaires was set in 1929, when 513 persons in this country had an income of a million dollars or more.

Don't COUGH YOUR HEAD OFF DUE TO COLDS



Mentho-Mulsion aids nature... in clearing the nasal passages... loosening the phlegm... soothing inflamed membranes... and makes you glad that you bought a bottle of Mentho-Mulsion.

Recommended, Sold and Guaranteed by Weeks Drug Store

MANSFIELD EXTRA MILEAGE Tires are 3 ways safer 1 CORD-LOCK SIDEWALL 2 DURO-MIX TREAD 3 100% SAFETY FACTOR BEAD

Cameron's Garage

STRENGTH STABILITY SECURITY

The Farmers & Merchants State Bank

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

ANNOUNCING the NEW JAMES BLUE GAS SERVICE Natural Gas for the Country Home For Cooking, Heating, Refrigeration and Water Heating

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

# 'His Girl Friday' is Wild Witty Comic Whirlwind

The year's wildest, wittiest whirlwind of romance, according to ecstasist advance reports, is to be shown at the Texas Theatre in midnight preview Saturday night, and on the Sunday, Monday and Tuesday following, February 4, 5 and 6, with Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell co-starred. The film is Howard Hawks' "His Girl Friday," a romantic comedy with Ralph Bellamy featured.

"His Girl Friday" is said to be a sparkingly racy riot which brilliantly interweaves romance and laughter. Grant is the maddest man who ever ran a newspaper; Miss Russell is his capricious, captivating star reporter; and Bellamy the fuming, fretting insurance agent to whom she is engaged against a background of drama and tragedy. This splendid screen trivariate move through excitingly hilarious events which top

and climax each other in breathless fashion. "His Girl Friday," based on an original play by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur, is heralded as a thrilling modern romantic comedy set against the vibrant background of metropolitan life. Suspenseful situations, scintillating dialogue and sparkling comedy are said to form and integral part of the picture.

The well-chosen cast of players include Helen Mack, Ernest Truex, John Qualen, Gene Lockhart, Roscoe Karns, Abner Biberman, Porter Hall, Clarence Kolb, Frank Orth, Isabel Withers, Frank Jenks, Cliff Watson and Pat West.

### Story of Finland and Her People in Latest 'March of Time'

A vivid and enlightening film story of the Finnish people, who are today desperately fighting to defend their little 21-year-old nation from Soviet Russia, is brought to the screen of the Texas Theatre next Wednesday and Thursday, February 7 and 8, in the latest "March of Time" entitled "The Republic of Finland."

With colorful scenes of Finnish ski troops and other military units in action, the "March of Time" emphasizes the strategy and genius of Finland's famed General Cazi Mannerheim and the unyielding courage of Finnish youth in their desperate struggle with Soviet Russia to retain the independence their people had sought for centuries, and for which they fought so hard only 21 years ago.

With American sympathy for the Finnish cause running high, "March of Time's" unusual and timely story of "The Republic of Finland" comes as a distinct contribution to public understanding of the little country whose valiant people are making more and more astonishing news every day.

### 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.

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

C. P. SHEPHERD, Mayor.  
K. V. NORTINGTON, City Secretary. 25-21  
Be wise—advertise.

## Southwestern Life Has Good Year



Jack Nixon



Jack Nixon, Jr.

With a gain of \$18,151,115 for the year, Southwestern Life Insurance Company now has a total of \$360,768,441 insurance in force, according to C. F. O'Donnell, president.

Announcement of the continued progress of this Texas institution is contained in the company's 37th annual financial statement, just received here by Jack Nixon, Sr. and Jack Nixon, Jr., local representatives.

Numerous items in the annual statement reflect the strength of Southwestern Life.

Assets are \$97,189,220.43, representing an increase of \$5,988,920.90 for the year. This is the largest gain in the company's history.

The company continued its enviable record of never having had a default of either interest or principal on any bond owned by it.

In releasing the annual statement, Mr. O'Donnell called attention to completion during the year of a new insurance service commensurate with growth of the company. This new development involves plans for an extensive agency program, launched in full swing on January 1.

"In order to be in position to

render the highest degree of efficient service to the public," Mr. O'Donnell said in commenting on the program, "the company's purpose in such a plan is to develop thoroughly trained agents of the highest type, qualified in every way to offer a truly professional service."

The annual statement stresses the double function of the dollars invested in life insurance by at once building secured protection and playing a significant role in the economic progress of Texas. The report indicates that with the exception of funds invested in United States bonds, practically all investments of Southwestern Life are in Texas bonds and real estate loans. It is pointed out in this connection that Southwestern Life investments in bonds for municipal enterprises, public utilities, street paving, sewerage systems, or for county and state improvements, create payrolls for wage earners, and advancement of economic conditions generally within the state.

An indication of the service Southwestern Life has performed is shown by the sum the company has paid out since organization in 1903 to policyowners and beneficiaries. Such payments total \$65,862,066.24.

## Taylor, Garson and Ayres Co-Starred in 'Remember'

Greer Garson, whose memorable performance as Kathie opposite Robert Donat in "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" made her the most talked of screen newcomer of the year, is starred with Robert Taylor in her first American film, "Remember?" romantic comedy of modern married life, with Lew Ayres as the third member of a romantic triangle. The picture is to be shown at the Ritz Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, February 4, 5 and 6.

Taylor and Miss Garson have been ideally teamed in "Remember?" with roles perfectly suited to their talents for fast-moving comedy. As Jeff Holland, Taylor plays an ambitious young advertising executive who falls in love with beautiful Linda Bronson "at sight" but becomes too wrapped up in his job after their whirlwind marriage to take her on a honeymoon.

Miss Garson plays Linda, a vivacious, fun-loving girl of today, the type of action comedy part that made her a favorite on the London stage in such plays as "Accent on Youth," "Mademoiselle" and "Old Music." Linda is a role to further display the versatility of the red-headed, green-eyed Irish actress who is equally at home in drama or comedy.

Third member of a gay romantic threesome is Lew Ayres as Sky Ames, who has Linda stolen from him by his old college pal, Jeff, and then comes to the rescue when they get into a matrimonial muddle. The story has a warmly human and serious theme running through it, offering proof that no matter how many difficulties marriage may entail two people really in love would go right back and do it all over again if they had the chance. By an exciting and unusual interweaving of plot Jeff and Linda get this chance and make the most of it.

Corey Ford, national magazine writer and humorist, wrote the original story in collaboration with Director Norman McLeod. The

setting is in New York, with the swank Colony Restaurant, a fox hunt, the World's Fair and palatial country estates among the varied and interesting backgrounds. Miss Garson wears 17 ultra-modern gowns, suits and dresses as charmingly as she did her period wardrobe in "Chips."

supporting cast which also features Reginald Owen, George Barbier, Henry Travers, Laura Hope Crews, Richard Carle, Sara Haden, Halliwell Hobbes, Sig Rumann, and Paul Hurst.

Miss Grifflie Atkins visited friends at Brownwood the past week-end and attended the wedding of Mike Bettis and Miss Elizabeth Griffin, which was solemnized in the Coggin Avenue Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Carbon paper for tracing Billie Burke heads a notable embroidery patterns at Ledger

**Palace**  
Theatre Ballinger  
10c - ALWAYS - 15c

**Friday - Saturday**

**HEROES OF THE SADDLE**  
BOB LIVINGSTON  
KIMMING BERTON  
DUNCAN HENNING

**Now THRILLS WITH**

**DICK TRACY'S G-MEN**

No. 6  
Plus "WOCKY PIGS"

**Sun. Mon. Tues.**

Felicitous fun as Joe turns copper in a whopper of a laugh show!

**JOE E. BROWN BEWARE SPOOKS!**

A COLUMBIA PICTURE

ALSO KIT CARSON SERIAL MUSICAL SHORT

WATCH OUT FOR "GERONIMO"

**Palace**  
Theatre Ballinger  
10c - ALWAYS - 15c

**Friday - Saturday**

**HEROES OF THE SADDLE**  
BOB LIVINGSTON  
KIMMING BERTON  
DUNCAN HENNING

**Now THRILLS WITH**

**DICK TRACY'S G-MEN**

No. 6  
Plus "WOCKY PIGS"

**Sun. Mon. Tues.**

Felicitous fun as Joe turns copper in a whopper of a laugh show!

**JOE E. BROWN BEWARE SPOOKS!**

A COLUMBIA PICTURE

ALSO KIT CARSON SERIAL MUSICAL SHORT

WATCH OUT FOR "GERONIMO"

**Joe E. Brown Star Of Hilarious Comedy**

As a member of New York's "finest," Joe E. Brown returns to the Palace Theatre screen next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, February 4, 5 and 6, in "Beware Spooks!" to prove that fun is fun and this cave-mouthed comedian is one of the funniest. That, according to advance report, is a conservative estimate of the laugh-haunted effects of "Beware Spooks!"

From the moment Brown incurs the wrath of New York's police commissioner by holding his wedding at police headquarters until he corners a dangerous desperado in a beach fun house, "Beware Spooks!" moves at a fast clip. Brown is in constant trouble. He offends superior officers, allows a badly wanted criminal to escape and aids another in robbing a bank.

In finally battling the "heavy" in a Coney Island spook house, the star has a new field for comedy antics. Trick doors, elusive skeletons, trapdoors, slides and turntables play their part in making this sequence among the funniest Brown has ever achieved.

The support includes Mary Carlisle as the feminine lead, a young bride who blindly follows her husband into thrilling and hilarious situations. Clarence Kolb portrays the irate police commissioner and Marc Lawrence plays the "heavy." Others in the cast are Lorna Gray, Frank Thomas, Don Beddoe and Eddie Laughton.

**MANY BALLINGERITES TO VISIT SAN ANGELO**

A large number of Ballinger people will go to San Angelo this week-end. The meeting of teachers of this region and the annual business sessions and banquet for Boy Scout officials of the Concho valley council are the attractions that will bring groups from many West Texas counties.

A number of tickets for the Scout banquet have been sold here and all Ballinger teachers will spend the two days in the neighboring city.

**PROVOST RUNS CONCERT**

GLASGOW, Jan. 31.—Lord Provost Dollan was forced by the war to become a concert promoter. He booked a theatre in Glasgow for an all-Scottish hogmanay concert, which took the place of previous celebrations in George Square, rendered impossible by fears of air raids.

Nottingham claims the title for having the smallest voting parish in England, Shire Hall, with its two voters, hold the honor.

## Southwestern Life Gains Again

Measure the Company's Increase in Financial Strength During 1939 by Comparing the Two Columns of Figures Below

**Statement of Condition**  
(Unpaid Premiums Not Included)

ASSETS	December 31	December 31
	1938	1939
U. S. Government Bonds . . . . .	\$12,369,768.05	\$10,756,292.93
Texas State, County and Municipal Bonds . . . . .	14,296,401.34	14,568,579.00
Public Utility and Corporation Bonds . . . . .	2,711,302.32	3,480,366.30
First Mortgage Loans on Texas Real Estate . . . . .	12,820,349.85	18,048,008.29
Home Office Building . . . . .	1,475,000.00	1,450,000.00
Other Real Estate . . . . .	1,498,290.95	1,496,777.52
Stocks . . . . .	399,652.25	576,928.00
Cash . . . . .	1,375,738.00	1,657,303.53
Reinsurance Premiums Paid in Advance . . . . .	114,940.00	128,962.00
Interest on Investments Accrued But Not Yet Due . . . . .	664,775.64	683,310.76
Unpaid Mortgage Interest . . . . .	60,137.78	103,909.88
Loans Against Cash Value of Policies . . . . .	13,413,942.51	14,238,782.22
	\$61,200,299.53	\$67,189,220.43
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Policy Reserves . . . . .	\$52,129,249.08	\$57,804,399.47
Interest and Premiums Paid in Advance . . . . .	1,103,352.09	1,090,664.20
Reserve for Taxes and Other Liabilities . . . . .	357,123.57	454,156.76
Total Liabilities . . . . .	\$53,589,724.74	\$59,349,220.43
Surplus Funds for Protection of Policyowners:		
Capital Stock . . . . .	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00
Surplus . . . . .	3,610,574.79	3,840,000.00
	\$61,200,299.53	\$67,189,220.43

More than 150,000 Texas Citizens Own \$360,768,441 Life Insurance in the Company . . . An increase of \$18,151,115 During 1939

**SOUTHWESTERN LIFE**  
Insurance Company

C. F. O'DONNELL, PRESIDENT      HOME OFFICE • DALLAS

Ballinger Representatives

Jack Nixon      Telephone 444      Jack Nixon, Jr.

Continuous Showing from 2 p. m. Everyday

**TEXAS THEATRE**  
Ballinger

"Always Comfortably Warm"

Prevue Saturday Night 11:30 Sun. Mon. Tues.

Sunday Night Show Starts 8:00 o'Clock

THEIR FIRST TIME TOGETHER!

**CARY GRANT ROSALIND RUSSELL**  
in HOWARD HAWKS' "HIS GIRL FRIDAY"  
with RALPH BELLAMY GENE LOCKHART  
Based on a play by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur  
Screen play by Charles Lederer  
Directed by HOWARD HAWKS  
A COLUMBIA PICTURE

Added Attractions | Color Cartoon "Fresh Fish" | Latest Fox News

Friday - Saturday

SAMUEL GOLDWYN presents

**RAFFLES**

DAVID and OLIVIA NIVEN • de HAVILLAND

Plus COMEDY NEWS

Wed. - Thurs.  
February 7 and 8

THE SCREEN'S CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT!

**BEILE FERRO DAVIS FLYNN**  
The Private Lives of **ELIZABETH ESSEX**

IN TECHNICOLOR  
OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND  
Extra "MARCH OF TIME"

'The Fighting 69th' Will be Shown Feb. 18-19-20

NO ADVANCE IN PRICES

# Want Ads

**Rates and Rules**  
Two cents per word first insertion, no advertisement accepted for less than 25 cents. All subsequent insertions 1 cent per word each insertion.  
All classified advertisements must be accompanied by cash unless advertiser has a regular account with the paper.  
No classified advertisements accepted on an "until ordered out" basis. The number of times the ad is to run must be specified.

**FOR RENT**—Nicely furnished apartment, also small house. Rent reasonable. Mrs. R. A. Nicholson, phone 89, 1409 Broadway. 1-1t

**FOR RENT**—Two- and three-room apartments. Call 288. After 5 p. m. call 81. 1-1t

**Wanted**  
Hatching eggs and custom hatching. We set each Monday.  
**REESE'S HATCHERY**  
South Ballinger 1-3t

**WANTED**—To buy or lease place suitable for filling station. Location must be on West Hutchings Avenue or two blocks west of river. Price must be reasonable. W. M. Godbe, Colorado City, Texas. 1-8t\*

**FOR RENT**—Furnished two large rooms. Hall, front porch, private entrance. Hot water. Garage downstairs. Children welcome. 301 Thirteenth Street. 1-1t\*

**FOR SALE**—Baled Sudan grass hay. A. Knoff, one and one half miles southwest of Ballinger. 1-2t\*

**FOR SALE**—34 model Ford 1 1/2 ton Truck. Kendrick Bros. 1-2t

**WANTED**—Girl's Bicycle. Phone 438. 1-1t

**FOR RENT**—Partly furnished two room apartment. 306 Eighth Street. 1-1t

**FOR RENT**—Two-room furnished apartment. Mrs. D. C. Simpson, phone 179. 25-tf

**DON'T SCRATCH**  
Our Paracide Ointment is guaranteed to relieve itching associated with Eczemas, Athlete's Foot, ordinary Itch and other minor skin irritations. Large jar only 90c at Weeks Drug Store. Ap 1

**UNDERWOOD ROOFING CO.**  
Bonded roofing, built up roofs, composition shingles, free estimates, three years to pay, no down payment. Phone 187, Ballinger, Texas. 4-tf

**SORE-THROAT! TONSILLITIS!**  
For prompt relief try Anesthesia-Mop, our guaranteed throat mop. If the first bottle does not relieve pain and discomfort of sore-throat or tonsillitis purchase price will be refunded. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. Ap 1

**FOR SALE**—Tenmarq treated wheat seed. Seidel Implement Co. 14-tf

We buy old newspapers, magazines, rags, rubber, tosocks, mattress cotton, in bundles. In building across street from Ballinger Ice Co. 29-tf

Prickly pear, or any other hard-to-get-hold-of cactus can easily be removed with adhesive tape. Press a piece firmly over the sticker, then remove. The sticker will come off with the tape.

Kansas recently joined Texas in declaring a closed season on prairie chickens.

# DEATHS

**Monoak R. Cheatham**  
Monoak R. (Dick) Cheatham, 89, died at the home of a son, Dr. C. W. Cheatham, 1009 Eighth Street, Tuesday at 11:05 p. m., after having been ill for 14 days. He had been making home here with his son for the past two years.

Decedent was a real West Texas pioneer, moving to Brownwood from Kentucky in 1870. He operated the first grain mill in Brownwood soon after his arrival there.

In 1872 he entered the ranger service and continued in this work for four years on the Texas frontier. He was a member of the Methodist church, joining when only a small boy. He was a charter member of four Masonic lodges—at Trickham, Santa Anna, Rockwood and Fife—and members of this order were in charge of the rites at the graveside in Rockwood Wednesday afternoon.

A brief service was held at the Agnew-Wright chapel here Wednesday noon, Rev. Clarence A. Morton, Baptist pastor officiating, and the body was taken overland to Rockwood where another service was held at 2:30, Rev. Nelson, Methodist pastor, officiating.

Survivors are three sons, S. H. Cheatham, Eldorado; Dr. A. B. Cheatham, Millersview; Dr. C. W. Cheatham, Ballinger; two daughters, Mrs. R. E. Johnson, Rockwood, and Mrs. Tom Bradley, Fife; 24 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Agnew-Wright Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Jesse B. Arrant**  
Jesse B. Arrant, 72, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. D. Wilson, 1009 Strong Avenue, Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock after illness of five weeks' duration. He came to Ballinger from Houston in December, 1939.

Survivors besides the wife include a son, Allen Arrant, Houston; three sisters, Mrs. Betty Darrell, Seminole, Oklahoma; Miss Hester Arrant and Mrs. Wilson, Ballinger; a brother, T. R. Arrant, Ballinger; and one grandson.

Funeral services were held at the Agnew-Wright chapel Wednesday afternoon, Rev. H. H. Spencer officiating. Interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery.

Palbearers were Paul and Virgil Arrant, W. D. Wilson, Jr., and Ellwood Wilson, nephews of the decedent, Robert Wallace and Ludwig Hughes.

Agnew-Wright Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Mrs. Pauline Ann Thomas**  
Mrs. Pauline Ann Thomas, 88, died at the family residence, 802 Twelfth Street, Tuesday afternoon at 3:45 after illness of nine days' duration. She had been in failing health for five years.

Decedent came to Ballinger in December, 1885, and was here when the town lot sale was held in 1886. She joined the Baptist church when a small child and was one of the first to hold membership in the local church.

Survivors include three daughters, Alice, Dovie and Eunice Thomas, Ballinger; two sons, Leon and Harrison Thomas, Ballinger; two brothers, I. J. Tollison, Austin; and Charles Tollison, Houston. Other survivors are five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Agnew-Wright chapel Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Clarence A. Morton officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Palbearers were Marvin Justice, Jack Carroll, Henry Doss, F. A. Lawrence, A. M. King and O. C. Sykes.

Agnew-Wright Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Henry Clinton Smith**  
Henry Clinton Smith, 53, died at his home here this morning at 7 o'clock after illness of three months' duration. He was recently employed as an NYA supervisor in Brown county, returning to Ballinger because of failing health. Decedent came to Runnels county

# AN APPRECIATED VALENTINE



Loin lamb chops just "go" on the menu of the luncheon or dinner party for St. Valentine's Day. And when they are broiled to a turn and arranged as shown in the accompanying photograph, they are sure to make a hit with the guests at your party.

The garnishes suggested here are simple but effective. Peach halves are topped with hearts cut from canned cranberry jelly. The hot baking powder biscuits are cut in heart shape to further emphasize the Valentine motif.

And broiling lamb chops is simple, too, if you do it the modern way. Here are the easy steps: Turn heat high; place chops on

broiler rack and slide broiler pan into position so that there is about three inches between the top surface of the chops and the heat; when the chops are nicely browned, season with salt and pepper and turn; continue broiling until second side brown, about fifteen minutes in all. Arrange on platter and serve at once.

If there is a regular late comer among your invited guests, wait until you see her turn the corner before the chops are put in to broil. Better to keep your guests waiting for broiled lamb chops than to keep the chops waiting for late guests.

Coffee, Orient; twenty grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow (Friday) morning, commencing at 11 o'clock at the Hopewell Baptist church, Rev. M. C. Golden to officiate and Rev. J. H. Hallford, of Crews, to assist. Burial will follow in the Glen Cove cemetery.

Spill Funeral Home (Winters) is in charge of arrangements.

The starling is not a protected bird in Texas. It makes an excellent bird pie, according to Texas game department officials.

## Action Skyward



Anti-aircraft gunners aboard a Swedish man o' war in the gulf of Bothnia practice with their weapon—one of the most deadly guns made to counteract the warplane threat. Although Sweden remains neutral, she continues to intensify defense measures.

# CHECK FOR FINNISH RELIEF MAILED FROM BALLINGER TO STATE HEADQUARTERS

A final check for relief of Finland was mailed from Ballinger this week to the state committee at Dallas. K. V. Northington sent in \$325, which brings the total from Ballinger for this cause up to \$112.50.

Contributions will still be received but no further effort will be made to collect money for this cause unless a new campaign is urged by the state office. Donations not heretofore reported are:

- R. L. Wiley ..... \$ 25
- P. R. Dietz ..... 2.00
- Bill Moore ..... 1.00

The mourning dove feeds its young with food prepared in its own body. The food, called pigeon milk, is regurgitated by both the male and female parent birds.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries

**For Representative, 92nd District:**  
H. G. HAMRICK

**For County Clerk:**  
W. W. (Bill) CHASTAIN  
JOHN B. RAYBURN

**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") CAULDE  
PRICE MIDDLETON

**For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4:**  
WALTER W. SCHWERTNER

# FIRST 1940 MOTOR VEHICLE PLATES ARE ISSUED TODAY

Payment of car registration fees and the issuing of 1940 number plates was started this (Thursday) morning at the office of W. A. Forgey, county tax assessor-collector. J. H. Parrish, of Ballinger, received the first two passenger car numbers for the year, and Jack Rudd, of Ballinger, was issued the first two commercial plates.

Several other numbers were issued early this morning and registrations will continue during February and March. New number plates are not to be attached to cars before March 1 but they

# FARM ASSOCIATION WILL MEET HERE SATURDAY

The Runnels County Agricultural Association will hold its regular meeting in Ballinger Saturday afternoon, beginning at 2:30, in the district court room of the court house.

N. S. Wright, of Miles, president, and J. Whit Patterson, of Ballinger, secretary, are urging all the members to be present as this is the first meeting of the year and the program for 1940 will be discussed.

Be wise—advertise.

## Local Funeral Society

Low Rates      Legal Reserve

For your need, we desire to recommend our Legal Reserve Funeral Society's Family Group Protection, at guaranteed rates for ages 1 to 80. Our Funeral Benefit Policy for ages 61 to 75, pays full value from date of delivery to you, is fully paid up within a few years and has a fixed value which cannot lapse by your failure to pay premiums. All policies are re-insured by an Old Line Life Insurance Company, with over 5 million dollars in legal assets behind every policy. See or call us for complete information.

Telephone 82

**KING-HOLT Funeral Home**

# SAFeway Farmer-Consumer PORK EVENT

**BUILD YOUR WINTER MENUS around PORK**

<b>Guaranteed MEATS</b>	Pork Chops lb. <b>15c</b>	<b>Sliced Bacon</b>	Safeway Maximum Bulk Sliced lb. <b>25c</b>
<b>Pure Lard</b>	Bacon Dry Salt lb. <b>9c</b>		Bulk Sliced lb. <b>17c</b>
<b>4 Pound Carton 33c</b>	Liver Fresh Pork lb. <b>10c</b>	<b>Pure Pork Sausage</b>	lb. <b>10c</b>
	Bacon Sugar Cured in the piece lb. <b>15c</b>	<b>Corn Quick Meal</b>	2 No. 2 Cans <b>15c</b>
		<b>Kitchen Craft FLOUR</b>	
		24 lb. Bag <b>85c</b>	<b>Heinz' Catsup</b> 14-oz. Bottle <b>17c</b>
		48 lb. Bag <b>\$1.59</b>	<b>Texas Maid Shortening</b> 4 lb. Ctn. <b>37c</b>
			<b>Timely Fruit Cocktail</b> No. 1 Can <b>10c</b>

**Cattle Crest**

**Peaches** Halves or Sliced No. 2 1/2 Can **15c**

**Cherub Milk** 3 large or 6 small cans **19c**

**Argo Corn Starch** 1 lb. Box **10c**

**French's Mustard** 6-oz. Jar **9c**

**Butter Cookies** N. B. C. 7-oz. pkg. **10c**

**Dalewood Oleo** lb. **15c**

**Mammy Lou Meal** 20 lbs. **45c**

**Large Lima Beans** 22-oz. **15c**

**Canterbury Tea** 1/2 lb. pkg. **15c**

**Vanilla Wafers** 1 lb. cello **10c**

**Pork & Beans** Phillip's 16-oz. can **5c**

**Brown's Saxet Graham Crackers** 2 lb. Box **17c**

**Sandwich Spread** Lunch Box Pt. **21c**

**Sleepy Hollow Syrup** 26-oz. **32c**

**Airway COFFEE** 2 lbs. **27c**

**Edwards' COFFEE** Pound Tin **21c**

# SAFeway

## Attention Farmers

I am in the market for 1938-39 Cotton Loan Equities. Highest prices paid. I will be at C. A. Deese office beginning Friday, February 2.

**Roscoe Bartlett**

Here's a Chance to Catch a BARGAIN

## 1938 FORD SALE

1938 DeLuxe Ford Fordor	\$450
1938 DeLuxe Ford Tudor	\$525
1938 DeLuxe Ford Tudor	\$575
1938 Standard Ford Tudor	\$550

**Holt Motor Co.**