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56 Ballinger Families Receive Help Christmas

A total of 56 families here were donated food, clothing, other necessities and toys for Christmas. The number needing aid was about the same as a year ago and on Christmas eve several called to "adopt" families but none was left on the list.

At the last minute one individual, assisted by several Goodfellows and a few Goodfellow subscriptions, checked the last 13 families on the list and provided them with Christmas dinner, clothing which had been collected at the city hall, and a large amount of toys which had been gathered by the Boy Scouts and other organizations.

Twenty-eight church organizations "adopted" and looked after families, six families were "adopted" by individuals, thirteen by the Goodfellows, two by the Girl Scouts, one by the young people of the Barnett community, one by the Ballinger fire department, one by the Rotary Club, one by the Lions Club, one by Weeks Drug Store, one by the Bethel Home Demonstration Club, and one by the Sew-and-Chat Club.

Baskets and other items included in the gifts this year were better than in any previous year and leaders in the movement declare that the "adopt a family" plan is better than any ever tried here. Nearly every church in the city had a "white" Christmas program at which gifts were brought and put in baskets for the poor.

Another large amount of food and clothing was received at the free matinee for the kiddies at the Palace Theatre on Christmas eve morning. The packages left at the box office by the children were turned over to the Goodfellow committee by Manager W. D. Scales and delivered that afternoon where most needed.

The Texas Theatre also contributed a supply of articles which had been left in the show house during the year and never called for by the owners.

Those who assisted in providing a little Christmas cheer for the unfortunate families stated that the relief would be only temporary and that many of the families would suffer again soon unless charity or jobs were provided.

SCHOOL WORK TO BE RESUMED IN BALLINGER NEXT MONDAY; ENROLLMENT GAIN EXPECTED

Ballinger teachers who have been away for the year-end holidays will return Saturday and Sunday to resume regular classwork Monday morning. Practically all the teachers who live elsewhere left Christmas eve for their homes.

Enrollment is expected to increase sharply after Christmas as new students, who had been working through the fall, will enroll for the last term.

In addition to their regular work teachers will begin training special groups for participation in inter-scholastic league events. The county meet will be held in March and pupils will receive special training for literary, field and track contests.

OIL MILL WORKERS GET CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Every employee of the West Texas Cotton Oil Company mill in Ballinger received a present on Christmas eve when pay checks were issued. A check for \$5 was given each man as an expression of appreciation for services rendered during the busy season. Each check was enclosed in a folder and contained a greeting to the man wishing him a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Spill and son, of San Antonio, spent Christmas here, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sim Cottelle and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Read returned Monday from Blum, where they spent Christmas with relatives.

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Club rates on state papers will be effective through Saturday but after that date regular rates will prevail. The Ledger will accept clubs with any daily paper for the remainder of this week.

Man Killed And Companion Hurt In Motor Crash

As a result of a motor car collision on highway No. 10 near Benoit Saturday evening took the life of a Ballinger man, and a woman companion in a serious condition in a San Angelo hospital.

Jim Holland, 31, died here a short time after he was brought to the Halley & Love Sanitarium. Others in the crash were given treatment for minor injuries and are reported to be recovering.

Holland, Artis Strickland, Mrs. Eva Hester and Mrs. Ernest Corsey were returning home from a dance at Coleman when they had motor trouble. They were out of the car trying to get it started when a truck crashed into them from the rear. Officers stated Monday that they had not found out who was driving the truck which had a Tom Green county license.

Mrs. Hester's injuries included a fractured skull. She was taken to San Angelo Monday for treatment.

Surviving Mr. Holland are his widow, one son, Jim Holland, Jr., two daughters, Neva Mae and Patsy. Other survivors are his mother, Mrs. D. B. Holland, Ballinger; four brothers, Clarence Holland and Raymond Holland, Santa Anna; H. H. Holland and Boone Holland, Ballinger; four sisters, Mrs. F. E. Hudson, Mrs. E. Dean, San Angelo; Mrs. Barbara Holland, Ballinger; Mrs. E. M. Boone, Brownwood.

Funeral services were held at Rockwood Sunday afternoon, Rev. W. H. Colson, of Brownwood, officiating. Interment was made in the Rockwood cemetery.

Jennings Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Ranchmen Given Time Extension To Build Tanks

County Agent John A. Barton was informed Wednesday that one feature of the range compliance program will be given additional time after January 1 under certain conditions. Many ranchmen started to build tanks on their places but bad weather and other conditions kept them from finishing the work this month. The bulletin from College Station is to the effect that the county committee will pass on incomplete tanks and if in its opinion the work was begun with reasonable time for completion, ranchmen can be paid for the projects on their contracts if they are finished after January 1.

No other feature of the range program will have an extension of time and these must be completed on January 1. There are a number of surface tanks in Runnels county which were commenced the first part of December and wet weather caused enough delay to put them in the above class, on which the extra time will be allowed.

Ranchmen who need the additional time to complete their compliance should notify the county agent's office at once so that the matter can be taken up by the county committee and the extension granted by January 1.

CHAIRMAN IS SOUGHT FOR PRESIDENT'S BALL

A chairman is wanted in Runnels county for the President's Birthday Ball. Jesse H. Jones, chairman of the state committee, is seeking someone in Runnels county to assume this duty, arrange for a ball or several such affairs, the proceeds from which to go to the aid of crippled children at the Wasm Springs, Georgia, Foutation.

A ball for this worthy cause has never been held in Ballinger and all that is needed this year is some person or a group of persons who will take the responsibility and make arrangements.

A chairman for each county in Texas is sought at this time so that announcements can be made on January 1 of those to be in charge of the balls. Balls are to be staged all over the United States on Saturday, January 29.

Read the ads—save money.

Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—Four new destroyers, latest additions to Uncle Sam's first line defense in the Pacific, moored to a buoy at San Diego, Calif. 2—Hiroshi Saito, Japanese ambassador to the United States, who expressed on the radio his government's regret over the bombing and sinking of the Panay which he termed a "shocking blunder." 3—Rift in organized labor's ranks is widened as Philip Murray, left, and Lieutenant Governor Kennedy of Pennsylvania attack the American Federation of Labor at a C. I. O. meeting.

C. of C. Directors To Set Membership Banquet Date Soon

The Ballinger Chamber of Commerce will close its year the last of this month and a directors meeting will be called the first part of January to set the date for the annual membership meeting and banquet, at which time a new board will be elected to direct the organization during 1938.

The annual report will be compiled within the next few days, recounting the accomplishments of the organization in 1937 and this report will be printed and distributed to the members.

The chamber of commerce banquet is a high spot in Ballinger and is always well attended. The capacity of any dining hall is taxed to take care of the ticket holders. In previous years excellent programs have been presented and at the January meeting of the board a committee will be named to arrange the program for the next banquet.

O. C. Sykes has served as president of the chamber for the year with Bob Tunnell and R. P. Canady vice-presidents. Other members of the board are: Bob Hubbard, J. A. Schnable, Bill May, J. J. Beck, Sr., Ross Murchison, E. P. Talbot, H. W. Lynn, and C. C. Davis.

J. D. Motley is secretary for the eighteenth year and Miss Winnie Trail assistant secretary and in charge of the retail merchants' association division.

Bill Stokes, student of T. W. C. Fort Worth, is at home for the holidays with relatives.

Hugh Robinson, of Brownwood, was here Tuesday to visit friends.

Dance for Charity At Armory Tonight; Admission 50 Cents

The big charity ball will be held this Thursday evening, beginning at 8:00 o'clock, in the national guard armory. Dr. W. B. Halley, sponsor of the big event, who has spent much time in preparation for the old time square dance, stated today that many couples were coming from outside Ballinger to take part and some of the best performers in this section will be present.

England Brothers will be on the job to provide the music. They have played at reunions of the Ex-Open Range Cowpunchers' Association for many years and are widely known for their renditions of old time "breakdowns."

The hall has been decorated for the occasion and many tickets have been sold locally to insure heavy attendance. Whether guests dance the old time dances or not they will be welcome and will enjoy watching the dances and listening to the music.

This dance, an annual affair, is always well attended. An original poem has been mailed to a large number of dancers in this section as an invitation. The price for admission is fifty cents.

Ranchman Leaves Big Estate, Cash; Once Lived Here

E. O. Wood, retired Runnels county ranchman, who died at Dallas on December 17, will divide \$45,000 and 915 acres of ranch land among his nephews and nieces under terms of a will filed for probate at Dallas last week.

Mr. Wood became inactive about ten years ago and moved to Dallas where he made home until he died. He was a bachelor and 85 years of age when he succumbed. Elwood Brown, a nephew, was named executor of the estate.

According to terms of the will the following bequests were made:

Decedent left \$5,000 each to Mabel Hollingsworth, Jonathan F. Sherwood, "Libbie Cove or Goad," Mary Sherwood and Julia Anne Bradberry, children of his deceased sister, Sue Sherwood, and to Mrs. Carrie Fellers and Mrs. Paola Quetzkow, children of his dead brother, Joel Wood.

The children of Jehu Wood, a deceased brother; May, Helen and Thomas Wood, were given \$500 each, and another child, J. Warren Wood, \$1,000.

Mabel Wilman, daughter of a deceased sister, Emma Brown, was bequeathed \$5,000, and three other children of Mrs. Brown, Nella, Richmond, Maud Seiber and Emma Thomas, \$1,000 each.

Elwood Brown, son of Mrs. Emma Brown, and his wife, were given 715 acres of land in Runnels county. William T. Brown, another son of Mrs. Emma Brown, was given 200 acres.

MAJOR GAMBLE DIES AFTER HEART ATTACK AT SAN ANTONIO

Major H. C. Gamble, commander of the second battalion, 142d Infantry, and state safety director for the WPA, died at San Antonio Christmas eve following a heart attack. Major Gamble visited in Ballinger on numerous occasions, looking after his two duties, and is well known here by many people.

Decedent was with the Brownwood division of the WPA for several months and in the recent shakeup of this district was transferred to San Angelo. News of the officer's death was received at San Angelo by friends who were delaying dinner for him on Christmas day.

FIRE DEPARTMENT GIVES CHERRY FOLDING LADDER

The regular meeting of the Ballinger fire department was held Thursday night at the city hall. No special program was presented in observance of Christmas, but Chief Chester Cherry was able to attend the meeting and the members presented him with a folding ladder. The ladder, made by D. G. Posey, is 12 feet in length and folds so it can be carried under the arm with ease.

Waiter Atwell, manager of the Perry Bros. store at Stamford, is in Ballinger this week to visit relatives and will take an inventory of the Perry Bros. store here.

New Health Nurse Will Begin Duties In County Shortly

Miss Sarah Harwell, of Dallas, will be here January 3 to assume the duties of public health nurse for Runnels county. She spent Monday in Ballinger, securing living quarters and conferring with officials of the Runnels County Health Association, and stated that she and her mother would move here next week to make home. They rented an apartment at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Mason on Tenth Street.

Miss Harwell received her training at Dallas and has had some experience in the field. She will meet Miss Beulah White, present county health nurse, here Monday and they will work together until January 15, when Miss White is to leave for Kingsville to accept a promotion in the health service, becoming supervising nurse for a South Texas district.

Miss White has been here about 15 months and has done splendid work through the schools, in tuberculosis campaigns and in home visits. In addition she has accepted and done her full share of civic work and on special occasions has presented health exhibits in connection with fairs and celebrations.

For the past month she has devoted time to the successful drive to sell tuberculosis Christmas seals in this county.

J. W. Little is here from California to visit relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Burns Holt and little daughter, of Waco, were guests of relatives here during the holidays.

Only One Arrest Made by Officers During Holidays

City and county officers stated Tuesday that Christmas of 1937 was one of the quietest here in many years. Aside from some fireworks disturbances there were no calls for the police. One man, who was drunk and asleep in a local hotel lobby, was lodged in jail.

Extra city police were on the job to help patrol the downtown district and enforce the law, but none had much to do besides walk their beats and punch the clock.

Chief of Police Lee Moreland said one stolen bicycle was reported to him and when the individual made the report the chief had the wheel in his office and returned it to the owner.

While no arrests were made because of shooting fireworks inside the fire zone, there were many violations and a more strict enforcement of this ordinance will be demanded next year. Warnings were issued before the holidays, but children and some adults paid no attention to the law.

Miss Jeffie Bell, of Big Spring, was a guest during the holidays of Miss Gruffie Atkins.

60,343 Bales of Cotton 1937 County Production

Motor Collision Victim is Buried At Crews Monday

Mrs. W. F. Jones, 51, of near Winters, was killed instantly in a car collision a few miles north of Winters Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Mrs. T. H. Brown, of San Angelo, and Tommie Edwards, of Odessa, also were seriously injured. Mrs. Brown is reported to be improving at a San Angelo hospital and Edwards sustained a broken foot. Other occupants of the automobiles were only bruised and cut, none seriously.

In the car with Mr. and Mrs. Brown were their daughters, Grace and Ethel. In the Jones car were Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Tommie Edwards, of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pape and Porter Baker, of Crews. The Jones car was headed north, the group going to Drasco to spend the day with relatives. The Brown car was en route from Abilene to San Angelo.

Funeral services for Mrs. Jones were held Monday afternoon at the Crews Methodist Church, Rev. O. A. Morton and Rev. Berry Baker, officiating. Decedent and her husband have been living in Runnels county about twelve years. Part of this time they resided at Drasco and for the past six years at their present home southeast of Winters.

Palbearers were Jim Wood, J. T. Brandon, Arthur Alicorn, Courtney Colburn, Will Mathis, Thad Traylor, Sid Dietz, and J. W. Berry. Women of the adult Sunday school class of the Methodist church assisted.

Spill Brothers Funeral Home (Winters) was in charge of arrangements.

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