

OPENING Cactus Of the Coffee Shop

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mrs. Virtie Lewis, Hostess of the New
Cactus Coffee Shop

FARMERS & MERCHANTS
BALLINGER STATE BANK TEXAS

Member F. D. I. C.

WELCOME NEIGHBOR

We Congratulate the Management of the New
Cactus Coffee Shop
For Giving Ballinger a Modern Business

Stones

CONGRATULATIONS

To the Management of the
Cactus Coffee Shop

Your Improvement is a Civic Asset to Ballinger

George Clements'
Ben Franklin Store

Congratulations and Best Wishes
to the New

Cactus Coffee Shop

HIGGINBOTHAM BROS. & Co.

We are Proud of the New
Cactus Coffee Shop

Enjoy Meals at this Place Served With Connelly's Bread

Connelly Bakery

Congratulations

To Mrs. Virtie Lewis and Associates on the

Opening of the New

Cactus Coffee Shop

in Ballinger

We are Proud

to have had a part in supplying part of the
modern equipment used in this new place.

B. & H. Supply Co.

San Angelo, Texas

The New

Cactus Coffee Shop

Is a Local Improvement We are Proud of.
Congratulations to the Management

E. Shepperd & Co.

E. Shepperd

John Purifoy

MODERN IMPROVEMENTS

Are a Good Sign in Every Town
We Welcome the New

Cactus Coffee Shop

The Hub

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G. O. Woodroof & Son

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

A forward step in the commercial life of Ballinger will be achieved this week when the newest and most modern Coffee Shop in this section of the state is opened.

The management of the old City Cafe closed their doors last week and began work on turning the place into a brand-new place to eat. This includes the interior decorations, kitchen, fixtures, light fixtures—even the name.

A complete description of the new place is impossible and for that reason the management has arranged to hold their formal

Opening

Wednesday and between the hours of 8 to 11 a. m.
and 2 to 5 p. m.

Free Coffee and Cakes

will be served. When you visit the new Cactus Coffee Shop take time to inspect it for yourself. It will be the policy of the New Coffee Shop management to specialize in

Best Foods

obtainable and each day a delicious menu will be prepared for the patrons. Expert help will be employed in the kitchen who know how to prepare and serve food that will satisfy your appetite.

You are invited to attend the opening and to come back and try our special SUNDAY DINNERS.

Remember—the best coffee is always ready for you and you are always welcome at the

CACTUS COFFEE SHOP

CONGRATULATIONS

To the New Cactus Coffee Shop

West Texas Utilities
Company

WE APPRECIATE

the confidence shown by the management of the new

Cactus Coffee Shop

in the modernizing of your plant

Healer Chevrolet Co.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the Management of the
Cactus Coffee Shop

We Wish You Every Success

Weldon Howell's Market
Sam Behringer's Grocery

It is a genuine pleasure to congratulate you on opening of this modern Coffee Shop. It shows you have much faith in the future of Ballinger. As this New Year approaches, we wish for you every success.

H. Ford Taylor

CONGRATULATIONS

Cactus Coffee Shop

We hope you a lot of good luck and a wonderful success

PENNEY'S
J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, Incorporated

McCarver & Lynn

Loans—Abstracts—Insurance

Ballinger, Texas

Congratulations

To Mrs. Virtie Lewis and

Associates on the

Opening of the New

Cactus Coffee
Shop

We're pleased to announce the installation of the most up-to-date fixtures of any cafe in West Texas in this new Coffee Shop for Ballinger

We extend the people of Ballinger and the trade territory an invitation to come in and inspect this modern cafe and enjoy the hospitality the management offers each patron

It has been a pleasure to have a part in making the Cactus Coffee Shop complete in every detail

Box Planing Mill & Store Fixture Co.

John R. Box, Manager
San Angelo, Texas

All Kinds of Mill Work, Store Fixtures, Hardwood Lumber,
Church Pews, Truck Bodies, Painting and Refinishing

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HICKS
HICKS BROS. CO.

in Ballinger

Rooney and Judy Garland Star in 'Babes in Arms'

America's boy and girl stars, present and future, have their day on the screen in "Babes in Arms," elaborate screen version of the Broadway musical success, which comes to the Ritz Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday next, December 31-January 1 and 2.

Headed by the incomparable Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland, who are starred, more than two hundred of Hollywood's most talented youngsters combine to present what is said to be one of the most exciting and entertaining musicals of the year.

"Babes in Arms" is set in the period that saw the passing of vaudeville, and concerns those happy-go-lucky headliners and their children who saw that world totter and crumble about them when motion pictures showed their two-a-day into the discard. But mostly it deals with the kids of these performers, who save the day when they crash Broadway on their own steam by the very talent it made the names of their fathers and mothers household words.

Director Busby Berkeley auditioned 450 kid acts to select fifty young entertainers to appear in the show sequences of the picture. They range in age from three to fourteen years. Two hundred others also appear in choruses of the big numbers.

Besides Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland, important roles are filled by June Preisser, Betty Jaynes, Douglas McPhail, Leni Lynn, and John Sheffield of "Tarzan Finds a Son" fame. Adult members of the cast are Charles Winninger, Guy Kibbee, Grace Hayes, Rand Brooks and a host of old-time vaudevillians, including such names as Irene Franklin, Harry Fox, Margaret Young and George McKay.

Mickey plays the son of a famous vaudeville team who, born backstage at the Palace Theatre, inherits all his father's talent plus a modern viewpoint. He is the guiding light of the go-getting youngsters, while Judy is given her finest opportunity to date to display her talents as one of America's most accomplished juvenile entertainers.

Based on one of the most successful Broadway musical hits of the famous composer-author team

of Rodgers and Hart, "Babes in Arms" has abundant opportunity for music, song and dancing logically fitted into a plot that is filled with pathos, comedy and, at times, real drama. Musical highlights include hits from the original Broadway production, new songs written especially for the screen play, and some never-to-be-forgotten tunes from the minstrel shows of other days.

GRINDSTAFF ANNOUNCES WILL BE CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY JUDGE

E. C. Grindstaff announced this week that he would be a candidate for the office of county judge in the 1940 primary elections and stated that he would make a formal announcement next week. Mr. Grindstaff is not new to Runnels county citizens, having served the past several years as superintendent of the county schools.

Last week when County Judge Paul Trimmer stated that he would not be a candidate, Mr. Grindstaff immediately threw his hat in the ring. He has considered making the race for some time and intended to make an announcement for the office soon after the first of the year.

Mr. Grindstaff has finished his law course and has been admitted to the state bar.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stengel spent the Christmas holidays in Menard.

Bad Breath May Show You Need This Help!

Bad breath is sometimes due to bad teeth and often due to sluggish bowels. It offends. And to neglect it may invite a host of constipation's other discomforts: headaches, biliousness, loss of appetite and energy. Don't let constipation slow you down. Take a little spicy, all vegetable BLACK-DRAUGHT tonight. In the morning there's an evacuation that's generally thorough. You feel fine again! BLACK-DRAUGHT'S principal ingredient is an "intestinal tonicle-laxative." It helps impart tone to lazy bowel muscles. Millions of packages used yearly!

Soldier's Return



Eager to help England win the war was Charles Conner, 14, of Chicago. He stowed away on board a transatlantic liner, then jumped the ship when it reached a British contraband inspection point. Authorities restrained him from joining the army and sent him home.

MOST VALUABLE TREE

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 27.—Most valuable of about 60 species of commercial timber-producing trees in the United States is the black walnut which grows singly or in small scattered stands in some portions of Texas. J. F. Rosborough, horticulturist for the A. & M. College extension service, says the black walnut can be planted, protected, and harvested as a substantial supplemental farm crop in eastern Texas. Trees planted in deep, rich soil where moisture is plentiful and drainage good will be large enough to cut for market in 35 to 40 years. Nuts may also be planted where trees are to grow.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hooper and Miss Rosemary Hooper spent the holidays in Uvalde, visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Wynis Greer spent Christmas in Dallas, visiting her sister and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shepherd spent Christmas in Cleburne, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Howard Parker and daughter.

Smoke Eater



Smoke-filled interiors hold no fear for fire laddies equipped with this combination gas mask and telephone. The mask protects the fireman as he phones directions for fighting a stubborn blaze.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Williams and family spent the holidays with relatives at Clyde and Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shepperd and Miss Nell Shepperd went to Waco to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George Graves and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Lemburg, of Menard, spent Christmas with the latter's mother, Mrs. J. M. Skinner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schnable returned Monday night from Shawnee, Oklahoma, where they visited relatives during the holidays.

Mrs. J. W. Little, of Stockton, California, is here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Scales.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam A. Runkles and son, of San Angelo, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chastain.

Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Root and children, of Lubbock; Mrs. Oia Harper, of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mullin, of Dalhart; and Mr. and Mrs. Harris Mullin, of Winters, spent the holidays here with W. H. Mullin and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lowder and daughter, Helene, of San Antonio, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Clampitt Friday.

W. G. Ely, of Sweetwater, spent the past week-end here, visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schnable, and accompanied them to Oklahoma for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Atkins and son, of Bryan, spent the holidays in Ballinger, visiting Mrs. H. J. Atkins and Miss Griffie Atkins.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stone spent Christmas with relatives and friends at Sherwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Newby Simpson and Buddy Simpson, of Odessa, were here Sunday for a visit with Mrs. D. C. Simpson and other relatives.

Miss Maryatt Smith spent the holidays in Gainesville, visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Turbeville.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Martin and son are visiting relatives and friends in the lower Rio Grande valley. They will return home January 2.

INVENTORY CLOSE OUT BARGAINS

We started our inventory yesterday and so far have found some odd lot merchandise we do not want to inventory. This is all good clean merchandise and we have put prices on it that you can not afford not to buy it!

<p>Closing Out Boys' Winter Unions 25¢ Sizes 4 to 16, bleached medium weight, long sleeve and long. This is a hot price!</p>	<p>Closing Out Boys' Corduroy Pants Fancy colors and solid colors. These are not \$1.00 pants. They are pants that have been reduced to \$1 sell—and how—at this price.</p>	<p>Closing Out Boys' Sweat Shirts 25¢ Popeye sweat shirts, in solid colors. They are good for warm days.</p>	
<p>Closing Out Men's Dress Pants \$1 They are part wool, from our higher priced ranges. They are real values if you need pants!</p>	<p>Closing Out Ladies' Novelty Rayon Dresses These dresses were bought especially for this event. They look like much higher priced dresses. Be sure and see them. \$1</p>	<p>Closing Out Boys' Dress Sweaters \$1 All wool in fancy and solid colors. Slip-over and coat styles. Must go!</p>	
<p>Closing Out Boys' Rain Coats \$1 Leatherette with a fleecy lining!</p>	<p>Closing Out Boys' Blanket Lined Jumpers 50¢</p>	<p>Closing Out Sun-Fast Cretonne 10¢ Just 191 yards of it but must go!</p>	
<p>Closing Out Cleansing Tissues 15¢ This is a bargain, 500 in box!</p>	<p>Closing Out Ladies' Rayon Panties 10¢ Novelty trims and well made!</p>	<p>Closing Out Men's Dress Sweaters \$1 Hurry if you want some of these!</p>	
<p>Closing Out Men's Dress Socks 15¢</p>	<p>PENNEY'S J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, Incorporated</p>		<p>Boys' Dress Socks 10¢</p>

RITZ Ballinger's Finest Entertainment

Saturday Midnight Preview
Sunday, Monday and Tuesday
10c - 15c - 25c

**THE JUMBO OF MUSIC-FUN SHOWS!
HUNDREDS IN THE GLORIOUS CAST!**




**Mickey ROONEY
Judy GARLAND**

BABES IN ARMS

with
Charles Winninger - Guy Kibbee
June Preisser - Grace Hayes
Betty Jaynes - Douglas McPhail
Rand Brooks - Leni Lynn
John Sheffield

Directed by BUSBY BERKELEY
Produced by ARTHUR FREED

Friday and Saturday
Gene Austin in
"Songs and Saddles"
Many will remember Gene Austin singing song favorites such as "Melancholy Baby"

