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Christmas Tragedy Takes Lives of Ballinger Couple

A Christmas tragedy was revealed here Monday afternoon at 3:30 when the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Wolverton were found in their home at 603 Eighth Street. The deaths were discovered when a friend, Mrs. Charles Gibbs, of San Angelo, came here for a visit and finding the house locked, called the police and forced entrance.

Mrs. Wolverton was lying across a bed and Mr. Wolverton was on the floor near a burning stove. Indications were that he had been working at a nearby desk and had put a fresh cigar in a holder and moved from his desk. Some investigators expressed the belief that he was trying to do something about the condition of the room where monoxide poison gas had formed from the stove, when he was overcome.

The Wolvertons were last seen on Christmas day by neighbors. At the time the bodies were found the lights in the room were on, three stoves in the house were burning and the radio was playing. A physician was called and after an examination declared the deaths due to monoxide poisoning.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolverton had been married and living at the Eighth Street home for the past two years. Mrs. Wolverton, formerly Mrs. R. L. Harwell, was the wife of the Ballinger Ford dealer who was killed in a car wreck in East Texas. She had resided in Ballinger many years and until a recent heart attack had been active in local church, club and social affairs.

Mr. Wolverton, 64, had been an oil well contractor in this area a number of years, making home at Abilene until he moved here. He is survived by a step-daughter, Mrs. W. W. Bradford, of Abilene, and a step-son, Benny Jackson, also of Abilene.

Mrs. Wolverton, about 64, had resided in Ballinger 25 years. She is survived by a niece, Mrs. A. L. Berryman, of New Boston, and several other nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Mr. Wolverton were held at the Elliott Funeral Home chapel Tuesday afternoon, interment following in the Cedar Hill Cemetery. Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

The body of Mrs. Wolverton was taken Tuesday in a Killough-Davis funeral coach to Texarkana, where last rites and interment were scheduled this (Thursday) morning at 10:30.

Winters Veterans To Visit American Legion Post Here

Ollie Floyd, commander of the Pat Williams Post, American Legion, has announced a regular meeting of the post to be held Tuesday night, January 4, at the city hall. On this occasion about twenty members of the Roy Scroggins Post, Winters, will meet with the local Legionnaires.

Mr. Floyd stated that an interesting meeting was being arranged and that all members are urged to attend. Members who have not renewed for 1944 will be on the delinquent list on December 30 and these are urged to send in their dues at once to bring the membership up to last year's mark as soon as possible.

The Winters post has been notified of the meeting and urged to attend in large numbers and also to bring their wives, who may attend a joint meeting of the auxiliary.

Speakers will have something to say in regard to the fourth war loan drive, the service to be rendered veterans of the present war and a discussion will be held in regard to raising money to be put in a building fund to make possible a veterans' home here after the war ends.

Cards are to be mailed all Legionnaires, calling their attention to the meeting date.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Grantland, of Colorado City, spent Christmas here, visiting in the home of Mrs. Mattie Holliday and with other relatives and friends.

DR. J. E. SMITH
Chiropractor
Doose Building

Sgt. Charles Bilbrey Seriously Wounded On Italian Warfront

The second message from the war department concerning the family of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Bilbrey was received here Tuesday. The telegram was addressed to Mrs. Charles M. Bilbrey, of Eden, announcing that her husband, Staff Sergeant Charles M. Bilbrey, was seriously wounded in a battle in Italy on December 7, just two years after Pearl Harbor.

Sgt. Bilbrey is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Bilbrey of this city, who received word of the death of one son, Carl Bilbrey, in the beginning of the invasion of Italy. A third son, Alvin Bilbrey, is still with company C, 142nd infantry, in which all three brothers enlisted.

The message was the regular form which is sent to the next of kin by the war department and stated that the wife would be informed of her husband's condition as soon as possible. The telegram said the wound was serious but nothing further is known by Mrs. Bilbrey or the parents.

The message in regard to Carl Bilbrey, killed in action, arrived here about October 1 and gave the date of death as September 9, the day of the invasion. Later Mr. and Mrs. Bilbrey received a message from the regimental chaplain, giving some information on the soldier's burial.

The purple heart, awarded posthumously, was recently presented the parents here.

Mrs. Charles Bilbrey was the former Miss Effie Mae Atwood, of Paint Rock, and they have an eight-month-old child which the father has never seen.

Pfc. Dee Bilbrey, Jr., the fourth and last son of Mr. and Mrs. Bilbrey, enlisted several months ago and is thought to be overseas at this time.

Mrs. Alvin Bilbrey, wife of the one son remaining in Italy, resides at San Angelo.

Petty Officer J. W. McLean, husband of the Bilbrey's only daughter, is in the South Pacific war zone. Mrs. McLean resides at McCamey.

2 Teachers Resign From Local Faculty; Positions Are Filled

The Ballinger faculty will be short two teachers for the first semester when school is resumed next Monday.

Mrs. Una Headstream, teacher of homemaking in the senior high school, has resigned to go to Hawaii, where she will join her husband and has accepted a position at Hickam Field. Mrs. Headstream has been with the Ballinger schools since the opening of the term in September. She made application for work in Hawaii more than a year ago and last year did not teach, waiting for a reply that would take her to the islands. During the holidays she was informed that the position and transportation were waiting and left at once.

Mrs. Krehbiel Greenwood, teacher of one of the fourth grade rooms, has also resigned and will go to San Angelo with her husband to make home.

Shortly before Christmas Mrs. Levy Lee returned to the high school faculty as teacher of mathematics and aeronautics, succeeding Leo Barker, who had resigned to accept a position in the Fort Arthur high school.

Mrs. Margaret Tucker, formerly Miss Margaret Batts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Batts, has been elected to fill the vacancy in the homemaking department and will begin her work next Monday. Mrs. Tucker is a graduate of Texas State College for Women, Denton, and taught one year at Paint Rock and one year at Winters.

Mrs. Ernest Caskey has been elected to take the work in the fourth grade room and will begin work at the start of the second semester on January 21. She attended Sul Ross State Teachers' College, Alpine, and has had several years' experience in Runnels county schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ueckert and little daughter, Fay, of Lubbock, visited relatives and friends here during the Christmas holidays.

Partisans in Jugoslavia Salute British Officers



When British naval officers recently visited a Yugoslavian village held by patriot partisan forces they were taken to meet the commander (top left). At his right is his interpreter. Bottom left: Using the partisan army's clenched fist communist salute, Yugoslavian children greet the British officers. They wear the star-marked caps of their organization. Right: She doesn't look it, but this young woman has the reputation of being an outstanding sniper and anti-Nazi saboteur. Women like her comprise 25 per cent of the partisan army. No names are given to shield friends and relatives from possible Nazi reprisals.

Street Work to be Started January 1; Chapman Employed

Improvement of the city's dirt streets will begin the first week of January and will continue until all have been put in good condition. It was announced this week that Clyde Chapman, who has done road work for Runnels county for many years, has been employed as supervisor of city street work.

Recently dirt streets in most sections of the city have become bad. Slow rains and fairly heavy traffic have cut many holes and no work has been done because of the shortage of help in this city force and there was no one to operate the big maintainer. Mr. Chapman is thoroughly experienced in this work and will start a general program of street work to cover the entire town as soon as possible.

During the past two weeks the city has received a large number of complaints from citizens residing on dirt streets and these sections will be first in the work to be done.

The loss of men to the armed forces and for other causes, including illness, has limited the work of the city force in recent weeks.

PAINT ROCK SUPERINTENDENT AND WIFE INJURED IN CRASH

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. King, of Paint Rock, sustained serious injuries last Friday morning when their car left the pavement and turned over, six miles northwest of Ballinger on the Bronte highway.

Mr. King, superintendent of the Paint Rock schools, and Mrs. King were en route to Sweetwater for a Christmas visit. Those who went to the scene of the crash stated that the bridge across Volley Creek was covered with ice and when the car hit the frozen surface the driver lost control. The car went off the end of the bridge, across a bar pit, and turned over.

Both were injured around the pelvis. Mrs. King having three breaks in the pelvis bone. They were also bruised and had other injuries.

The couple was brought to the Bailey Clinic-Hospital here, where each is reported to be resting satisfactorily.

BEARCATS TO BE HONORED AT NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

The Army and Navy Club will have open house Friday evening to all students of the high school in a special party honoring the regional championship football team. The party will begin at 8:30 and the merry-makers will see the old year out and the new year in. Special entertainment is to be provided during the evening and there will be games and dancing for all who care to take part. All faculty members, school patrons and fans are invited to attend or to drop by to greet the students.

The club council will act as host for the New Year's eve party.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Parks and Mrs. Otis Jacob, of Irving; Lt. and Mrs. Bill Flowers, of Bruce Field; and Mr. and Mrs. Herbie Fulcher were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fulcher for Christmas. Mrs. Jacob returned to Irving with the Parks after the holidays.

SERVING UNCLE SAM

Pfc. Harvey D. Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lee, who has been in the McCloskey general hospital at Temple since returning from Italy, was at home to spend Christmas with his parents and relatives and friends. He left Sunday for the Waco annex of the hospital where he will continue to receive treatment.

Letters were received last week from Sgt. Charles Paul in which he stated he was now located in Sardinia and doing fine. He said that he topped the scales at 200 pounds. He had been in North Africa since September 4 and in Sardinia six weeks. He recently was promoted to technical sergeant.

Captain and Mrs. James Parrish and children were here for the holidays, visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Cordill and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Parrish. They are now making home at Columbia, South Carolina, where Capt. Parrish is stationed with an infantry division.

Cpl. and Mrs. Billie Cordill, of Concho Field, San Angelo, spent Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. Asa Cordill and other relatives and friends.

S. D. Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Wood, has written from Hawaii, telling his parents that he was just in from New Zealand and other points in the South Pacific and that he took part in the battle of the Gilbert Islands. He has been in that war theatre for some time and the letter received this week made Mr. and Mrs. Wood very happy.

Ernie W. McWilliams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luin McWilliams of Hatcher, has graduated in the aerial gunnery school at Harlingen and is now ready to be assigned to a crew. Ernie received a pair of gunners' wings and a promotion in rank at the graduation program.

Eugene Sutphen, ART 3c, who is stationed at the naval air base, Corpus Christi, came in last week for a Christmas visit with his parents and friends.

Clayton Bond was at home for a Christmas visit with his parents and friends. He is at the naval training school, Fayette, Mo., near St. Louis. He will leave Fayette the latter part of February to begin the first phase of naval aviation cadet training.

Ballinger Boy Wounded in Italy
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. White received a message from the war department last Thursday, a telegram advising them that their son, Denmon White, had been slightly wounded in Italy. Denmon was in the 36th division and had gone through the landing operations in Italy and evidently was wounded in later action.

The message stated that the parents would be kept informed of their son's condition by letter.

Pvt. Ray W. Hynson spent several days at Plainview last week, visiting his mother, Mrs. Odie Hynson. He then came to Ballinger to spend the remainder of his furlough with his wife and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H.

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First Pre-Pearl Harbor Fathers to Army, Navy

Christmas Brings Visitors to Cadets Stationed at Field

A large number of relatives and friends of cadets in training at Bruce Field were in Ballinger for the Christmas holidays, visiting their husbands, sons, brothers or friends. Included among those here were:

Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Hultquist, of Walthill, Nebraska, who visited their son, Cadet Harold H. Hultquist.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McCord, Miss Nellrose McCord, First Lieutenant Henry S. McCord, of Mexia; and Miss Madeline Godby, of Wotham, spent the holidays here with Cadet Horace McCord. Lt. McCord is back on furlough after completing his missions overseas. He has four oak leaf clusters and two stars and hopes he can make the third and fourth star soon. He will report at a base in Florida in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll A. Lewis, Sr., of Houston, were Christmas visitors of their son, Cadet Carroll Lewis, Jr. The elder Lewis is engaged in the insurance business at Houston.

Mrs. J. F. Farrell, of Loving, New Mexico, and two daughters, Mrs. Lucille Godbey, teacher in the Carlsbad high school; and Miss Evelyn F. Andrews, of El Paso; and a friend, Miss Tommy Eubanks, student at Loving, N. M., made a surprise visit to Cadet Richard Farrell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Frank, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, visited their son, Cadet Donald M. Frank, during the holidays. Mr. Frank is president of the Mid-Continental Map Co., of Tulsa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Milton Blair and daughter, Sue Blair, of Middletown, Ohio, spent Christmas here with Cadet John T. Blair, of Bruce Field.

Lt. Mark Balkind, of the California-Arizona maneuver area, visited here with his brother, Cadet Gay Balkind.

Melvin Mattison, of Carlsbad, N. M., was a guest of his brother, Instructor Ben Mattison, for Christmas and the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Your, Sr., of Toledo, Ohio, are here for a Christmas and New Year visit with their son, Cadet Herbert H. Your, Jr.

Miss Katherine Snyder, of Indianapolis, spent the holidays here with Cadet William Forrest.

Mrs. G. B. Allison, of Elkhart, Indiana, was here during the holidays to visit her son, Cadet George Allison.

FORMER BALLINGERITE SUCCUMBS AT BRYAN

Ballinger relatives and friends received word this week of the death of W. H. Cole at Bryan on December 26. He was the husband of the former Miss Una Gustavus, who taught in the Ballinger schools for many years.

James Striplin left for Austin Tuesday after a visit home and will report at A. & M. College next Wednesday.

Alexander McGregor, Ellen Jo Early, James Striplin and Mary Lynn attended the A. & M. dance at San Angelo Tuesday night.

Mrs. Gertrude Woods
INSURANCE
111 S. Eighth Street
Ballinger, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stallings have been visiting relatives in Brownwood during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sledge and son, Donnie, of Abilene, spent the Christmas holidays here and at Winters.

Lt. and Mrs. Albert Nicholson, of Camp Berkeley; and Mrs. Oscar Williams, of Abilene; were Christmas guests in the home of Mr. R. A. Nicholson.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Parker and children, of Cleburne, were Christmas visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shepherd.

Runnels county men reporting to various branches of the service during December and January include the first pre-Pearl Harbor fathers to be called from this county. The first of this group were Joe Fred Bulsterbaum, of Winters; and Chester Don Smith, of Ballinger, who were accepted last week in the marine corps and will leave here January 7 for boot camps. Odie Myrie Campbell, another pre-Pearl Harbor father, is to report at an induction center on January 12.

Arthur Organ, Jr., was accepted for service on December 3 and is the first Runnels county negro to be taken into the marine corps. On December 27, Arvil Bushong and James Lee Frances, both of Ballinger, left for Fort Sill, Oklahoma to enter the army.

Those to report on January 12 include:

Odie Myrie Campbell
Clifford Wayne Fisher
Victor Martinez Casarey
James Lewis Tomason
Joseph Samuel Yarnell
Benny Robert Odell

On January 13, Raymond Leonard Click is scheduled for induction. The local board has been notified that Gerald Forman Graham and L. C. Underwood have been accepted as aviation cadets in the army air corps.

Notification was received that the following men have been put in the enlisted reserve of the air corps and assigned to Bruce Field: Richard Elmore Graves, James Buttrell Nevins, Gabriel Charles French, Nolly Herbert Hutchins, Richard Paul Sturm, Accepted in the navy and to report within a short time are: Homer Thea Sharpes, Lonnie Calvin Windham, Truman Mitchell Williams, Dalton Lacy, Harold Smith Thornton, Emmanuel Albert Halfmann, Virgil Wallace Fowler.

Reporting on January 17 as a volunteer through the local board is J. R. Key, Jr. The Runnels county board is behind with its schedules and future calls will include more and more pre-Pearl Harbor fathers unless available men are found elsewhere.

Workers Are Needed To Finish Red Cross Quota on Schedule

Work was started Monday night at the Red Cross surgical dressing plant on a new quota and attendance was reported only fair for the first work periods. All who have helped heretofore and many new workers are needed to complete the quota on time.

During the Christmas holidays time was lost and material also was late arriving for the current quota. Notice has been received that the next quota will call for many 4 by 4 and 4 by 8 bandages. All class supervisors are urging full attendance at every work period and are asking that workers come as early as possible and remain late so that daily quotas can be exceeded and the shipment made to the American fighting forces on time.

Mmes. R. T. Williams and Fred Harman, county supervisors, urge that there be no let-down in making bandages, as indications point to bigger quotas and more work periods as the war progresses.

Stoves in the work center are being lighted early and the building will be comfortable at the beginning of each class session.

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Women's Society and Club News

Jerry Candler is Three
 Jerry Candler was honored on his third birthday anniversary Tuesday afternoon when his mother, Mrs. Lynn Candler, was assisted by Mrs. E. C. Schott, Mrs. J. K. Nicholas, Mrs. Chester Afflerbach, and Mrs. Oscar Schott in giving a party for him in the E. C. Schott home on Fifth Street.

After games, directed by Marjorie Ann Schott, the pretty birthday cake was cut and served with ice cream. Xmas gum drop candies were favors.

Other children were: Linda and Lane Crockett, Cynthia Harris, Charles Afflerbach, Rosalie and Junior Nicholas, Marilyn, Carolyn, and Jay Schott.

Holiday Party in W. L. McMillan Home
 Mrs. W. L. McMillan, Mrs. O. K. Jacob, and Mrs. R. L. Sutphen were hostesses on Tuesday of last week in the McMillan home with an in-honor gift party for Mrs. Joe Kenneth Wood.

Elaborate decorations were in the holiday theme and nandina berries centered the lace-laid dining table. A Christmas scene flanked by tall red tapers adorned the buffet.

Miss Dorothy McMillan and Miss Gloria Farley assisted in serving sandwiches and cheese squares with hot chocolate and cookies. Miss McMillan was at the register. Gifts were presented Mrs. Wood as winner in a name-drawing contest.

Others were: Misses Betty Stewart, Eunice Phillips, Alice Smith, Pearl Holton and Bessie Smith, Mmes. Ross Smith, Max Phillips, A. L. Heywood, Viola Wilson, Arlie Miller, Dee Saylor, LeRoy McAulay, J. Dexter Eoff, Ben F. Shaw, Frank Tatum, W. C. Newman, L. L. Clark, Bertie Morgan, H. L. Atnipp, R. P. Canady.

Fred Allen, Alton Williams, Cartwright, Lee Moreland, P. P. Holton, George Scruggs, Grace Thomas, Herman Hulsey, Alta Davidson, Ida Nungester of Kansas City, Mo., S. J. Parrish, O. B. Amerine, Ed Farley, O. L. Neely, Guy Lively, Jr., of Quanah, Cecil Roe, H. Rezzlee, H. G. Agnew, Wix Currie, Sr., Margaret Evans, Harmon Buckley, Arthur Davis, Marvin Clark, C. B. Looney, Vertie Lewis, Johnny Baker, and Elmer Greenwood.

Party for Jane Nixon on Third Birthday
 Mrs. Myles Nixon was assisted by Mrs. Jack Nixon, Sr., in entertaining for her small daughter, Jane, on her third birthday anniversary on Saturday afternoon of last week.

After an hour of play, the pretty pink and white cake was cut and served with ice cream. Small American flags were favors.

Included were: Margaret Ann Adair, Patricia Davis, Lucia Clark, Karol Kay Jobe, Sharon Tuckey, Joe Dean Paxton, Chris Allen Bissett, John Walter Middleton, Charles Afflerbach, and Bobby Bissett.

Xmas Party for Bluebonnet Scouts
 Mrs. Herbie Fulcher, sponsor of the Bluebonnet girl scout troop, gave a party for members Wednesday evening of last week in her home on Harris Avenue.

Signs and symbols of the Yuletide decked rooms where exchange gifts were distributed from the lighted tree. Cake was served with ice cream to Marilyn Agnew, Sue Hampton, Marilyn Sommer, Bobbie Marie Eoff, Patricia Caudle, Cynthia Tuckey, Arlene Miller, and Martha Ann James.

Christmas Wedding for Miss Louise Younkman and Aviation Cadet Graber

Miss Louise Younkman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Younkman of Neodesha, Kansas, became the bride of Aviation Cadet Byron Graber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Graber of Wichita, Kansas, Christmas evening at eight o'clock in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Agnew in Wilke Terrace.

The Rev. Clarence A. Morton read the single ring ceremony before the beautifully decorated Christmas tree which was flanked with five-point candelabra adorned with sprays of cedar and holding white tapers. All other decorations about the reception rooms were in the Yuletide symbols and colors.

Mrs. David Block of San Angelo was at the piano to play "Love's Old Sweet Song" as candles were lighted and to accompany Mrs. J. A. Schnable, who sang "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life." She used the Lohengrin procession.

Aviation Cadet and Mrs. James Gold of Pittsburg, Kansas, were attendants. Mrs. Gold wore a two-piece frock of black crepe with trim of silver and rhinestones.

The bride, given in marriage by Aviation Cadet John Hall of Gardiner, Montana, wore a two-piece dress of aqua crepe. Pockets were trimmed with fringe of silvered beads and buttons were self-covered. Her small veiled hat and she carried the satin-covered testament belonging to Mr. Agnew.

Aviation Cadet Graber is a member of Class 44F at Bruce Field. After spending the holidays here, Mrs. Graber will return to Emporia, Kansas, where she is a senior at Emporia State Teachers' College.

Miss Emily Delle Beard is Bride of Hamlin Kennedy Elrod

Wedding vows were exchanged in a morning Christmas eve ceremony at 11 o'clock in the First Methodist Church in San Angelo by Miss Emily Delle Beard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Albert Beard, and Hamlin Kennedy Elrod, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Elrod, Dr. George C. Baker, Jr., pastor, read the service.

Tall baskets of ivy and white mums and seven-branched candelabra holding white tapers, stood before the chancel rail which was entwined with English ivy.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a suit of brown charmean, with white blouse and other brown accessories. For "something old" she wore a brooch of twisted old gold which had belonged to her late grandmother Beard. She carried a white prayer book topped with white orchids and shower of stephanotis.

Mrs. Reynolds Foster of Sterling City, matron of honor, wore a dark suit with white jabot blouse and veiled hat of fuchsia. Miss Bettie Bailey was maid of honor and wore a black tailored suit with white blouse and turquoise veiled hat. They carried matching bouquets of gardenias.

Norman Wesley Elrod attended his brother as best man, and ushers were James Edward DeMerville of Dallas and Joe Lee Cornelson.

Mrs. L. E. Erwin was at the

organ for a program of nuptial music, the traditional marches and to accompany Mrs. Culberson Deal, who sang "I Love You, Truly."

Following an informal reception in the Beard home, Mr. and Mrs. Elrod left on a short wedding trip. They will be at home on a ranch near Rankin.

Mrs. Elrod, a former teacher in the Ballinger schools, is a graduate of the San Angelo high school and junior college and of Southern Methodist University. The bridegroom is also a graduate of the San Angelo high school and college and attended the University of Texas.

Formal Dance Xmas Eve for Bruce Field Cadets

Another in a series of holiday affairs, planned to make the Christmas season more enjoyable for cadets at Bruce Field and other service men, was the formal dance Christmas Eve at the Army and Navy Club sponsored by the committee.

Throughout the entire spacious building, both down and up stairs, the elaborate Yule decorations gave a festive air where games, and dancing to nickelodeon music gave happy diversion. As a special feature, Aviation Cadet Quenton Le Boer of Chicago gave a group of clever songs and musical readings for which he played his own accompaniments.

The high point of the evening's entertainment was the "drawing" for telephone calls home given holders of the lucky numbers. These calls, given by the American Legion, the West Texas Utilities Company, the Lions Club, the Rotary Club, and the B. C. D., were won by Cadets J. J. Huddleston of Ames, Iowa; D. B. McClatchey of Des Moines, Iowa; James Cheatham of Haleyville, Alabama; M. A. Luby of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Warren M. Hagen of Webster, South Dakota.

Dinner for Lanham Flynt

Lanham Flynt, freshman student at Texas University, was honored guest at a Christmas eve dinner given by his mother, Mrs. Frank Flynt, in their home on Seventh Street.

Decorations, all in the Christmas motif, were given vantage placings about rooms where the two-course dinner was served to Natilyne Williams, Patricia Richards, the honor guest, and James Striplin, freshman at Texas A. & M.

Cox-Morrison Nuptials Read Christmas Day

St. Mary's Catholic Church was the scene of the wedding of Miss Earlene Cox, daughter of Mrs. William White, and Sgt. James Morrison, son of Mrs. H. M. Morrison of Brighton, Massachusetts, at the 11 o'clock Christmas morning mass. The Rev. Edward B. Postert, O. M. I., officiated at the service and read the nuptial mass before relatives and friends.

The manger scene in the sanctuary and potted poinsettias and

Retreating Nazis



Shattered remains of a building are seen in this picture received through neutral Lisbon which also shows retreating Germans carrying explosives to a new target. This is a sample of the destructive techniques carried out by the Germans before they evacuate a town.

red carnations decorated the altar which was lighted with cathedral tapers in tall single holders of brass in the background and seven-branched candelabra at each side. Side altar decorations were of gold chrysanthemums.

The bride wore a suit of navy silk crepe. Her jabot blouse was white and other accessories were black. She carried a white prayer book topped with orchids and shower of satin ribbons.

Miss Marjory McLavis was maid of honor. She wore a tailored suit of soldier blue wool with white blouse. Her accessories were black and her corsage was of Picardy gladioli. Mack Morrison of Boston, Mass., attended his brother as best man.

Mrs. Sim Cottelle, church organist, played the wedding marches and accompaniments for Tom Murphy, violinist, who played the mass hymns and Christmas carols.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Central Hotel. The bridal couple was assisted in receiving by members of the wedding party and Miss LaVerne Cox, of Kansas City, Mo., sister of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Cox of Eden.

After a short wedding trip, Sgt. and Mrs. Morrison will be at home in Ballinger. Mrs. Morrison is employed in the parachute department and Sgt. Cox is in charge of the Link Trainer department at Bruce Field.

Two Christmas Eve Cadet Weddings in Catholic Church

Before the beautiful Christmas decoration of the altar and sanc-

tuary of St. Mary's Catholic Church the Rev. Edward B. Postert, O. M. I., pastor, officiated for two nuptial services Christmas Eve afternoon.

At five-thirty, Miss Mary Ellen Dunning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie G. Dunning of Havre, Montana, and Aviation Cadet Roy E. Kuka of Class 44F, Bruce Field, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter James Kuka, also of Havre, exchanged vows of the double ceremony.

Mrs. J. C. Domino of New Orleans, La., and Aviation Cadet Leon G. Heutmaker of St. Paul, Minn., were attendants. Mrs. Domino wore a two-piece suit of soldier blue wool with black accessories and a corsage of pink carnations.

The bride wore a gold wool suit made with round yoke marked with a braid of self material. Her accessories were black and her corsage was of white gladioli.

At six o'clock the double ring ceremony was read for Miss Betty Papua, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Papua of Detroit, Mich., and Aviation Cadet Merle Harrington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harrington, also of Detroit.

The bride wore a silhouette model of aquamarine wool with a large silver decorated button at the round neck. Her small hat of aqua had a shoulder-length veil and other accessories were brown. Her corsage was of gardenias.

Attendants were Miss Catherine Hoffman and Aviator Cadet Harold Hennen of Anna, Mo.

Miss Betty Eckert and Oscar Brown Marry at First Baptist Parsonage

Miss Betty Eckert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonah Eckert of Miles, became the bride of Oscar Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Miller Brown of Talpa, last Thursday afternoon at 4:30 in the First Baptist parsonage with the Rev. Clarence A. Morton reading the double ring ceremony before a lovely Christmas decoration.

The bride wore a dress of white wool trimmed with gold buttons with jacket of brown. Her only ornament was an heirloom locket belonging to her mother.

The couple will be at home on their farm near Talpa.

Cadets and Guests Are Honored with Xmas Dinner at Hotel

J. R. Chaney was assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Curry, managers of the Central Hotel, in entertaining a group of Bruce

Field cadets, and their parents, friends, and other family members who were visitors here during the Christmas season.

A large tree, decorated exclusively in silver and blue and lighted with blue lights, predominated the artistic Yule decoration of the main dining room where tall vases of pink and white carnations centered tables for the serving of the delectable three-course turkey dinner.

Others were: Mrs. G. B. Allison and A. C. G. B. Allison, Jr., of Elkhart, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Carter and A. C. Eldon Carter of California; Mr. and Mrs. M. Davidson and A. C. Melvin M. Davidson of Pennsylvania; Mrs. J. B. Souther and son, A. C. J. B. Jr., of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Risen of Wichita, Kan.; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Your, Jr., of Toledo, Ohio; A. C. F. Balkind, Lt. Mark Balkind, and Mrs. M. Balkind of Indio, Calif.; A. C. W. O. McCloud, Sam McCloud, Lt. W. F. McCloud, Miss Nelios McCloud, and Miss Madeline Goolsby of Indiana; A. C. Richard Breckhill and Jean Breckhill of Carmel, Ind.; A. C. Field E. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Jackson, and Crawford Jackson, of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Doughty, Miss Doris Shook, and A. C. David H. Doughty, of Columbus, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Frank, and A. C. E. K. Frank, Jr., of Tulsa, Okla.; and Mr. and Mrs. J. Milton Blair and A. C. Milton Blair, Jr., of Littleton, Ohio.

Guests in Faubion Home

Guests in the Ninth Street home of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Faubion during the Christmas holidays were: Mr. and Mrs. George Faubion and family of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Webb Faubion of Clayton, New Mexico; Cpl. and Mrs. Bill Pratt of Lampasas, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Barker of Clyde, Mrs. James M. Ater of Alexandria, La., Mrs. L. A. Faubion of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Faubion of Winters, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Faubion and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Faubion of Talpa, and Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Goode and daughter.

The delicious turkey dinner at the noon hour on Christmas day was followed by games for all ages throughout the afternoon.

Garden Club to Meet

The Ballinger Civic-Garden Club will meet Tuesday afternoon January 4 at 4:00 in the City Hall auditorium with Mrs. Lee Maples directing the program and Mrs. C. R. Stephens conducting the Question Box. Mrs. L. R. Tigner and Mrs. Warren Lynn will discuss landscaping home yards and the selection of shrubs.

Music Club to Meet in Lasater Home

The Ballinger Music Club will meet Tuesday evening, January 4, at 8:00 o'clock in the home of Mrs. O. R. Lasater, 811 Sixth Street.

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While we serve our country directly in many ways, we feel that our major contribution is through service to our customers and our community. Behind our fighting forces must be a fighting nation. You must work together, help each other in the common cause. In the past year you have helped us to maintain our service in the face of severe handicaps. You have been generous and considerate. We appreciate this and we thank you. May the New Year be brightened for all of us by Victory and Peace.

As the New Year dawns we thank you sincerely for your patronage in the past, and pledge our every effort to serving your financial needs in the future. We have the funds, facilities, ability and desire to help you so that you in turn may help your country. Whether you are engaged directly in war work, or in one of the numerous, essential homefront activities, we want you to know that we are

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 Ballinger, Texas

P. S.—According to our usual custom, we will have for distribution beginning Monday, January 3, 1944, our CALENDARS for the New Year. "STILL WATERS" must have written order from parent or guardian. Children from parent or

Errol Flynn as Royal Mountie In Exciting 'Northern Pursuit'

Errol Flynn, now as a Royal Canadian Mounted Policeman, again fights guile with wife and ruthlessness with tenacity in the new Warner Bros. film, "Northern Pursuit," which has its premiere Saturday midnight at the Texas Theatre, where its run will continue through Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, January 2, 3, and 4.

In this film, which has its setting in the awesome, sweeping snowbound wastes of northern Canada, Flynn is cast as a mounted policeman who is called upon to break up a ring of Nazi saboteurs. He meets a clever antagonist in Helmut Dantine as Col. Hugo von Keller, vicious, arrogant head of a band of Nazis landed by submarine on the coast of Hudson Bay, whose objective is to bomb the Welland Canal.

The story takes Flynn through an exciting chase through the north country in a blinding snowstorm. Climax of the picture comes when Flynn discovers the Nazi hideout, and in a great feat of daring gets control of their plane and wrecks it, breaking up the ring.

Playing opposite Flynn is Julie Bishop, pretty blonde actress, whose work in "Action in the North Atlantic" elevated her to stardom. Others in the supporting

cast include John Ridgely and Gene Lockhart.

Outdoor Action Story and Comedy Make up Program at Texas Today and Tomorrow

"Headin' for God's Country," the tale of a prospector in a remote Alaskan village, and "Holy Matrimony," Arnold Bennett's rollicking comedy of marital mixups, are the two feature pictures at the Texas (tomorrow) Friday and Saturday. In addition the program contains several shorts.

"Headin' for God's Country" is an adroit mixture of red-blooded action and interesting character delineation.

Michael Ranyan, the young prospector, is played brilliantly by William Lundigan. Virginia Dale is a pretty young weather station operator. Harry Davenport gives an impressive character study as Clem Adams. Other parts are played by J. Frank Hamilton, Eddie Acuff and Harry Shannon. Anna Q. Nilsson, of silent screen days, plays a character part of daring gets control of their plane and wrecks it, breaking up the ring.

Laughs abound in "Holy Matrimony," hilarious new 20th Century-Fox comedy which stars Monty Woolley and Gracie Fields. Both stars in their own right, Gracie and Monty have made laugh-getting their business, and

with the aid of a top-notch script "mow 'em in the aisles."

Laird Cregar heads the featured cast, which also includes Melville Cooper, Una O'Connor, Franklin Pangborn and Una O'Connor.

Youth and Music In Campus Picture On New Year's Eve

The intriguing atmosphere of the college campus forms the background for much of the action of "Campus Rhythm," gay Monogram comedy which is the screen attraction at the Texas Theatre in the special New Year's eve party midnight of Friday, December 31.

Gale Storm, Johnny Downs and Robert Lowery have the featured roles. Refreshing young people of college age comprise practically the entire cast, and the result is a film which appeals both to youthful theatergoers and to those who look back on their youth with fond memories.

Still further contributing to the atmosphere of gaiety is the lilting music of the picture, with no less than half a dozen catchy songs to enliven the proceedings. Four of these are sung by the magnetic Miss Storm, who has few equals in "putting over" a popular ditty.

The cast also includes GeGe Pearson, Herbert Hayes, Claudia Drake and Candy Candido, the comedian with the duo-tone voice.

'Northern Pursuit'



Scene from "Northern Pursuit" at Texas Theatre Saturday midnight in preview and Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Palace Will Present Jas. Oliver Curwood Novel of Northwest

With one of the screen's greatest action stars, galloping, fighting, shooting troop Kermit Maynard given free rein for his prowess as a crimson hurricane of justice, James Oliver Curwood's mighty saga of the northwest Canadian provinces, "Phantom Patrol," will roar across the screen of the Palace Theatre next Saturday and Sunday, January 1 and 2, to carry its audiences to new entertainment delights.

As a sergeant in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Maynard romps whimsically through the speediest action and the most thrilling situations ever devised.

There are rollicking songs, too, with now and then a liberal sprinkling of wholesome comedy to relieve the sensational fighting, tense melodrama and terrific suspense of this outstanding action picture.

Typewriter ribbons at The Ledger office.

DR. J. E. SMITH RECEIVES CHIROPRACTIC LICENSE

Dr. J. E. Smith has received his license as a chiropractor from the state board and will register it here as soon as the necessary books for this purpose are received at the court house. Dr. Smith took the examination at Sweetwater in a session for practicing chiropractors of this section of Texas. His papers were sent to the state board at Austin for grading and the past week-end he received his official license.

SCREEN VILLAINS ARE NOW SAFER IN SOUTH AFRICA

KLERKSDORP, Union of South Africa, Dec. 29.—Screen villains, even Hitler and Mussolini, are safe at the new motion picture theatre in Klerksdorp. This is only because of elaborate precautions against missiles. Builders made all benches of concrete, fastened down permanently to concrete blocks. Popular activity of the area is to vent spleen at unpopular figures by throwing anything available at the screen.

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BALLINGER SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL RESUME STUDY MONDAY

Study will be resumed in the Ballinger schools Monday, January 3, after two weeks for the Christmas holidays. All teachers who live elsewhere will be back then to conduct regular sessions and it is hoped that attendance will be up to par after the light epidemic of influenza here during the holiday period.

Basketball practice will start with the opening of the term, the senior high school principal, Fred

Miller, coaching the first team, and R. H. Garner the junior high boys. Both schools will have teams and within a short time a number of games will be matched, to be played in the local gymnasium.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Vereen and children, of Cleburne, and Miss Charlotte Shipp, student of Southwestern University, Georgetown, were holiday guests in the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Shipp.

Pay-day is bond-buying day.

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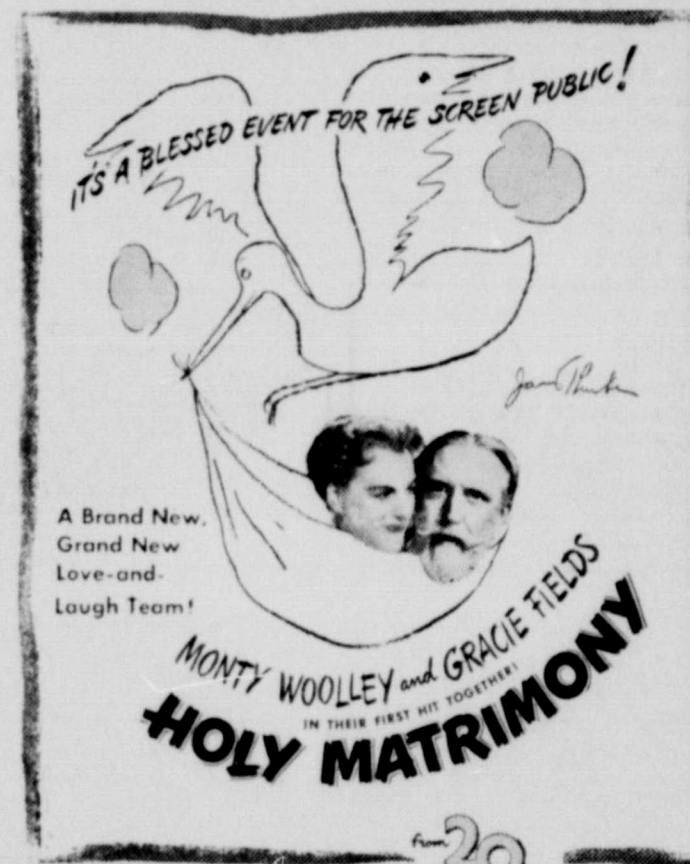
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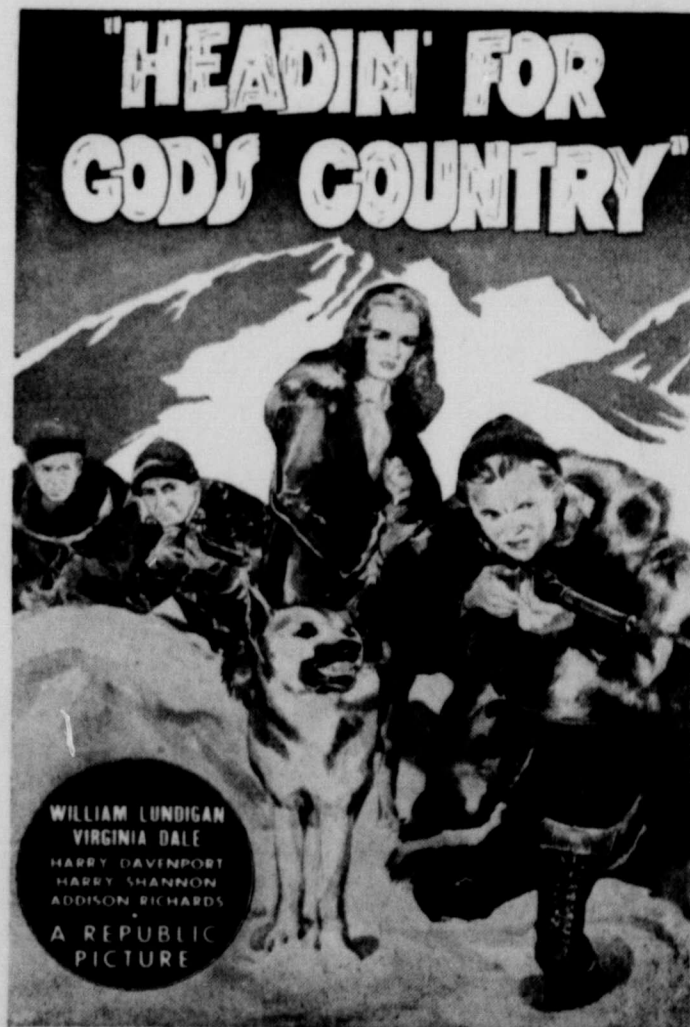
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FINGERPRINTS GO BY AIR

BOMBAY, India, Dec. 29.—Fingerprints may be sent through the air with the greatest of ease. Bombay police have discovered. Scotland Yard was asked for identification particulars on two British prisoners held in India. Histories, pictures and fingerprints of the two men were radioed to Bombay.

Citation by Publication THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: The Unknown Heirs and Legal Representatives of H. L. Tooker, Deceased, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 31st day of January, A. D. 1944, at or before 10 o'clock a. m., before the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, at the Court House in Ballinger, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 15th day of December, 1943. The file number of said suit being No. 4819. The names of the parties in said suit are: James I. Boothe, Genova A. Baker and husband, B. N. Baker, as Plaintiffs, and the Unknown Heirs and Legal Representatives of H. L. Tooker, Deceased, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: Suit in trespass to try title filed by said plaintiffs against said defendants to recover the title to and possession of the following described land and premises, to-wit:

Being 113 acres of land in Runnels County, Texas, in the Robert Owen Survey No. 436, Abstract No. 394, described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the South line of said Owen Survey, 1608 varas west of its Southeast corner, said beginning point being the Southeast corner of a tract of land sold to A. J. Stem by Kenneth O. Berrey;

THENCE East with the South line of said Survey, 741½ varas to the Southwest corner of an 87-acre tract described as second tract in a deed to A. M. Davidson;

THENCE North with west line of said 87 acre tract, 567 varas to Northwest corner of said 87 acre tract on the South line of the 88 acre tract described as first tract in the same deed to A. M. Davidson;

THENCE West with the South line of said 88 acre tract, 233½ varas to Southwest corner of said 88 acre tract;

THENCE North with the West line of said 88 acre tract, 451 varas to Northwest corner of said 88 acre tract;

THENCE West 508 varas to Northeast corner of said A. J. Stem tract;

THENCE South with east line of said A. J. Stem tract, 1018½ varas to the place of beginning; and being the same land conveyed to H. L. Tooker by R. L. Sides et ux, by deed, dated December 17, 1938, and recorded in Volume 174, Pages 322 and 323 of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, to which said deed and said record thereof reference is here made for more particular description of said land.

Issued this the 15th day of December, 1943.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this the 15th day of December, A. D. 1943.

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Notice to Pass Holders

On December 31st, ALL Season Passes EXPIRE. Please DO NOT TRY to use your old pass after that date because it will NOT BE HONORED. We will gladly issue NEW 1944 passes to those entitled to them if you will call at the TEXAS THEATRE MANAGERS OFFICE. Beginning January 1st there will be NO WALK-IN Passes because the GOVERNMENT requires that the TAX be COLLECTED EACH TIME A PASS HOLDER ATTENDS THE SHOW.



Women's Society and Club News

Instructors' Auxiliary to Sponsor Dance

The Civilian Instructors' Auxiliary will have an informal New Year's Eve dance at the downtown instructors' club on Friday night, starting at 8:30. The public is invited to attend.

The committee in charge of arrangements is composed of Misses Jerry Church, C. D. Shamburger and E. C. Apts.

Cpl. Robert Block Honored with Dinner

Cpl. Robert H. Block, of Camp Mackall, North Carolina, was honored with a dinner on December 19 in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Block, of Otter.

Those present for the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kahlig and children, Jack Block, San Angelo; Hugo Block, Bakersfield, California; Eleanor, Pauline and Helen Block.

Afternoon guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Block, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Block, Francis and Jimmy Block.

Cpl. Block left Sunday to return to his duties at Camp Mackall.

Xmas Party for Bridgettes

Mrs. Howard Matteson was hostess at a Xmas party for Bridgettes in her home on Third Street.

Attractive arrangements of Christmas emblems and a lighted tree were used about rooms where high and second high score awards went to Mrs. Hector Billia and Mrs. R. C. Bybee.

A dessert course was served with coffee. Others were: Misses M. E. McClenney, Tom Peays, Bob Harrington, R. W. Van de Water, Jack Crow, and Doug Henson.

Dorothy Bruce is Complimented

Natlyne Williams paid a pretty tribute of friendship to Dorothy Bruce Tuesday evening when she was hostess to the group of her closest friends in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Williams, on Tenth Street.

Living rooms were still in their holiday attire and an arrangement of pyroanthus berries and tall red candles with greenery formed the dining table centerpiece for the two-course supper.

The group presented Dorothy a

going-away gift. Others were: Pat Richards, Pauline Witter, Gwen Morgan, Joanne Glover, June Wright, Cora Ellen Sims of Paint Rock, Charlotte Miller, Carolyn Cheatham, and Peggy McGregor of Austin.

Dinner for First Presbyterian Young People

Mrs. W. B. Woody and Mrs. Harry Lynn, whose causes of the First Presbyterian Auxiliary include Christian education, were assisted by Mrs. Bruce Creasy, Mrs. G. G. Harwell, and Miss Mary Lou Creasy in entertaining the young people of the church on Wednesday evening in the church parlors on Broadway.

Red carnations were used to center tables where the chicken spaghetti supper was served in two courses.

Others present were: Mary Lynn, Alexander McGregor, Marjorie McGregor, Richard Hembree, Peggy McGregor of Austin, Lieut. Francis Pearce, Ann Creasy, Wellington Pearce, Earlene Webb, Clara Beth Lynn, Charlotte Miller, Carolyn Cheatham, H'e Parrish, Bobby Northlight, Ellen Jo Early, Oscar Batts, Betty Jean Lengefeld, Martha Saunders, Dorothy Ann Holliday, Mary Brian Woody, Virginia Baker, Howard Matteson, Charles Miller, Jr., Billy Boggs, and Harold Richards.

Cadets and Brother Honored by Kemp

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Kemp were hosts in their home on Christmas day, honoring cadets from Bruce Field and Tom Park, of Los Angeles, brother of Mrs. Kemp and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Park of South Ballinger.

Others present were: Mr. Kemp's mother, Mrs. B. F. Kemp; Mrs. J. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Kemp, W. J. Park, Jr., of San Angelo; Misses Medena Curtis, Dorothy Forgy, Loretta Park; Aviation Cadet Bill Plummer, of Goodfellow Field; Aviation Cadets George Cerabill, Robert Elmermeier, John Hinds, Gerald Fitzgerald, Percy Kirkeby, Jack Dyer, John Hassett, Harold Jones, and Herbert Barnum, all of Bruce Field.

Mrs. Ivy Edwards, of Millersview; Mr. and Mrs. John Bilderback and children and Mrs. Emmett Watson, of San Angelo, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Midgley during the holidays.

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3 of '10 Outstanding Women in America'



A "jury" of well-known women recently gathered in New York to select the "10 outstanding women of America in as many fields of endeavor." Pictured above are three of their choices. Left: Dorothy Thompson, journalism; center, Dr. Katherine Blodgett, science; and right, Nancy Harkness Love, aviation. The other seven are: Mrs. Horiense Odum, business; Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, labor; Marion Anderson, music; Vivian Kellems, industry; Rosalind Russell, motion pictures; Kate Smith, radio; and Pearl Buck, literature.

'VISUAL PURPLE' INCREASED BY EATING SWEET POTATOES, HOME ECONOMIST DECLARES

AUSTIN, Dec. 29.—Don't scorn the sweet potato—it can be a big factor in increasing your "visual purple!"

Visual purple is essential to vision. It is destroyed by light but normally regenerates itself continuously, rapidly in the dark, less rapidly in the light.

Experiments in increasing speed of regeneration of visual purple by added amounts of vitamin A in the diet were recounted at a recent University of Texas meeting by Miss Florence Scouler, professor of home economics at North Texas State Teachers' College. Miss Scouler spoke before the biological sciences section of the Texas Academy of Science.

"When a person is suddenly confronted with a bright light, he is blinded for a flash. If his visual purple is sufficiently built up, the blinding may be for only a few seconds; if it is deficient, the blackout may last for some time—long enough, if driving at night, to cause an accident," Miss Scouler pointed out.

Regeneration of visual purple is dependent on vitamin A, which is derived from sweet potatoes or other yellow vegetables in the diet. Experiments in supplementing the normal diet with products

Cannon Packin' Plane



Closeup of a 75 mm. cannon which has recently been mounted on American bombers. This is the heaviest cannon ever to be used on airplanes. The recoil is absorbed by a secret type apparatus. Above the cannon are two .50 caliber machine guns.

VENEZUELAN UNIVERSITY TO BE 'AMERICANIZED'

CARACAS, Dec. 29.—Venezuela will modernize and "Americanize" the ancient Central University in Caracas and rebuild it in a university city, which will have baseball and football fields, tennis courts, swimming pool, dormitories and students' clubs. Aiding the officials in their plans is Dr. Frank McVey, president of the University of Kentucky twenty-three years and before that head of the University of North Dakota eight years. The 2,800 students of the various schools are hampered by overcrowding. In the university city they will have ample space. Special buildings will hold the present schools and other buildings will be provided for new courses. The government has already appropriated \$3,300,000 for a 1,000-bed hospital, and medical, nursing and other buildings. The schools and hospital will continue to be free.

Miss Peggy McGregor, of Austin, is here for a visit with relatives and friends.

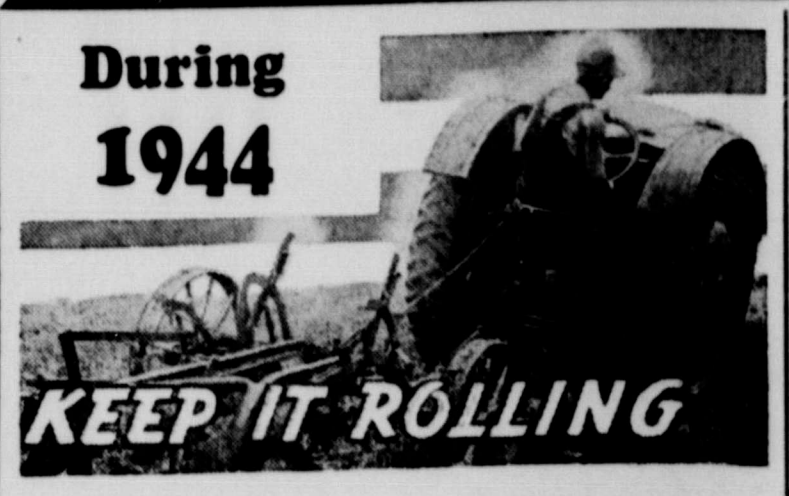
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Guin and children, of San Angelo, spent Christmas here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Harry Lynn, Mrs. Fred Vetterlein and Mrs. Robert Tiffany were in Abilene Tuesday. Misses Vetterlein and Tiffany attended a reunion of classmates at Hardin-Simmons University, some of whom are at home after combat in foreign lands.

Charles Miller, now drilling an oil well near Clifton, was here to spend Christmas with his family and other Ballinger relatives.

Farrah Gressett, of Roswell, New Mexico, spent the Christmas holidays here with his mother, Mrs. L. F. Gressett, and other relatives.

Ted Truly, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Truly, was here to spend Christmas with his parents and other relatives. Ted is employed in an aircraft factory at Fort Worth.



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In the closing days of 1943, we wish to express our thanks to those who have been our patrons and friends during the year. We appreciate your understanding and patience in these trying days of war with rationing and shortages and assure you we are trying to render the best service possible.

May we wish for you and yours
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made from vita-yam flour were carried on at the teachers' college, Miss Scouler revealed.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Lowry are confined to their home with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stone and son, Claude R. Stone, spent Sunday in Mertzon, visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Killough and family returned Monday from Temple, where they spent Christmas with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Emmett Brown, of Monahans; Mrs. Jack Stuart and baby daughter, of San Antonio; Mrs. W. C. Cox, of Merkel; were guests during the Christmas holidays of Mrs. J. W. E. Meaders. Sgt. Stuart, husband of Mrs. Stuart, is now in Northern Ireland with the American forces.

Card of Thanks
We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors for their kind words and acts of kindness in our hour of sorrow, and for the many beautiful floral tributes to our loved one. We also desire to thank the Rev. W. E. Shipp for his consoling words of comfort.

May God's richest blessings be upon each and every one of you.
Mrs. Grady G. Cotton and children
R. L. Cotton
O. M. Cotton and children
S. C. Cotton and children
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Oranges Texas	1 lb.	7¢
Grapefruit Texas White	1 lb.	5¢

Grocery Items

Figaro SUGAR CURE	10 lbs.	79¢
TOMATOES	No. 2 can	10¢
CORN Sweet	No. 2 can	10¢
California APRICOTS	No. 2 can	15¢
DOG FOOD Perk	4 8-oz. pkgs.	31¢
Wafarette CRACKERS	2 -lb. box	29¢
OLEO Good Luck	1 -lb.	25¢
RAISIN BRAN	box	12¢
Kern's TOMATO JUICE	One Gal.	59¢
BLEACH Rainbow	quart	12¢
Sausage Seasoning	Old Plantation pkg.	19¢

Market

BACON Decker's Iowa	lb.	41¢
HAM Cured Half or Whole	lb.	35¢
HAM Center Slices	lb.	39¢
7-STEAK	lb.	30¢
GROUND MEAT	lb.	24¢
CHILI MEAT	lb.	23¢
PORK CHOPS	lb.	33¢
STEW MEAT	lb.	19¢
PORK SAUSAGE	lb.	33¢

Roddy McDowall, Donald Crisp In M-G-M's 'Lassie Come Home'

A new canine star is introduced to screen audiences, and a beautiful story of love and loyalty is unfolded in "Lassie Come Home," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's flmization in technicolor of Eric Knight's haunting story, to be shown at the Ritz Theatre next Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, January 1, 2, 3, 4.

The story revolves about the love of a beautiful collie for her youthful master, Sam Carracough (Donald Crisp), a Yorkshire farmer, is forced by circumstances to sell the dog, beloved by his son Joe (Roddy McDowall). The nobleman (Nigel Bruce), purchasing the animal, takes her to his Scottish estates. The dog escapes and by instinct travels 1,000 miles, sometimes on the verge of starvation, sometimes befriended by kindly farmers and an old peddler, and makes her way back to her young master. Then the duke, her new owner, realizing the great love of boy and dog, solves the problems of the Carracough family.

Lassie, the collie, is not only a animal of amazing intelligence and personality, but a beautiful specimen that holds audiences breathless with interest. Crisp and young McDowall are as tenderly effective as father and son as they were in "How Green Was My Valley." Elsa Lanchester plays a sympathetic and understanding mother to the boy. A gem is the performance of Dame May Whitty and Ben Webster, the kindly Scottish couple who befriended the starving dog and nurse it back to health. Edmund Gwenn plays a whimsical old peddler who also helps Lassie on her pilgrimage. Elizabeth Taylor, J. Patrick O'Malley and other principals are also in the cast. Fred M. Wilcox directed the picture with deft and sympathetic skill.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Swift and baby, of Houston; and Mrs. J. W. Button, of Kerrville, were guests during the holidays of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Tuckey and Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Beard, of Alpine; and Barbara Beard, of El Paso, are here for a visit with Cadet and Mrs. J. N. Beard. Cadet Beard is stationed at Bruce Field.

Home Test Offered Girls Who Desire To Join the Waves

Wave-minded girls, wondering about their eligibility, may give themselves a simple "home examination" and get a good idea of whether they would be acceptable for this branch of the U. S. navy. It isn't an infallible or complete test, of course, but if a girl can answer these ten questions affirmatively, she can be reasonably confident the Waves will be glad to have her:

1. Can you prove that you are a citizen—native-born or naturalized?
2. Are you between 20 and 36?
3. Are you single, or married and without children under 12? (Wives of enlisted men are eligible, but not wives of naval officers from enlist up.)
4. Can you furnish three character references?
5. Have you attended high school or business school for at least 2 years?
6. Are you at least five feet tall, and do you weigh at least 95 pounds, with weight in proportion to your general body build?
7. Can you read with either eye at six feet and with both eyes at 12 feet what perfect eyes can read at 20 feet?
8. Can you hear whispered words at 15 feet?
9. Are your teeth sound? (Dental replacements are no bar.)
10. Will your physician give you a statement that you are in good health? (A thorough examination by navy doctors will be given later.)

Wave aspirants answering "yes" to these questions, or who are in doubt, should write, visit or telephone the nearest navy recruiting station or the office of naval officer procurement, 1330 Allen Bldg., Dallas.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Daniell are parents of a baby boy, born on December 20 at Brownfield. The young man has been named Charles Marbut. Mr. Daniell was formerly an instructor at Bruce Field.

CHINESE FAMINE-STRICKEN ARE BEING REHABILITATED

PAOCHI, China, Dec. 29.—Refugees by the hundreds of thousands are being "walked out" of famine areas in Honan and eastern Shensi provinces under supervision of the Chinese industrial cooperatives in west China. The cooperative system of "productive relief" is designed to help those who arrive in the west without food or money and in a semi-starving condition. They are "walked out" in groups of about fifty. Many belong to families of soldiers—a grandmother, mother and their children being a typical group. Each family unit has a wheelbarrow for possessions. In some cases only the men go, planning to send for their families. The groups travel ten miles a day. Paochi, in Shensi province, made a boom town by the war, is seat of the refugee resettlement program. From there workers are sent to the cooperative lime kilns, brick yards, coal mines, timber, weaving and spinning projects throughout Free China.

Mrs. R. E. Bruce and children are moving to Corpus Christi this week to join Lt. Bruce, who is stationed at the naval air base there.

DEATHS

Mrs. Sarah P. Cockrell
Mrs. Sarah P. Cockrell, 84, died at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. W. S. Beckham, in Paint Rock on December 26. She had been making home in Paint Rock for a year.

Survivors include two grandchildren, Mrs. Beckham, Paint Rock, and Clyde R. McLeod, San Angelo; and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church in Pontotoc Monday afternoon, interment following in the cemetery there. Rev. M. Williams, pastor of the Paint Rock Methodist church, officiated. Kilough-Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Grady G. Cotton
Grady G. Cotton, 50, died at his home here Sunday night after illness of two weeks.

Decedent had resided here 27 years, coming to Ballinger from Paint Rock in 1927. He had held employment with a number of local firms and for a time was connected with the local hospital. At the time of his death he was employed by the Ballinger Steam Laundry. He had been a member of the Methodist church since 1916.

Survivors besides the wife include three sons, Reginald Cotton, Ballinger; Cpl. H. L. Cotton, with the American forces in North Africa; Pfc. Grady Cotton, Jr., Camp Crowder, Mo.; two daughters, Miss Bernice Cotton, Ballinger; Mrs. Theda Zedlitz, Ballinger; his father, R. L. Cotton, San Angelo; three brothers, O. M. Cotton, Winters; H. W. Cotton, Ballinger; and S. C. Cotton, San Angelo.

Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. W. E. Shipp, pastor, officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Barbara Annette Williams
Barbara Annette Williams, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Williams, died Saturday morning at the home of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Smith. The baby was born on December 18.

Survivors besides the parents include one brother, Dickie Earl, and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Sturtz.

Funeral services were held at Evergreen Cemetery Saturday afternoon at 4:30. Rev. W. E. Shipp officiating.

SLAUGHTERERS' PERMIT REQUIRED FOR SELLING MEAT IN 4-H CLUB SALES

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 29.—Persons who hold livestock slaughter licenses or permits, those who are selling meat, or those who sell meals, are the only individuals eligible to receive special consideration in issuing the slaughter permits for livestock sold at 4-H club sales. This stipulation is part of a recent ruling sent to regional officers by the food distribution administration, according to information from Washington to the A. & M. College extension service.

The FDA has the responsibility for issuing these permits. The ruling also gives permission to persons not of the three classes named but who wish to support a sale, to buy 4-H club livestock at a club sale as sponsors and to resell it and be considered exempt from the provisions of FDO 26, providing the animal is disposed of to a person eligible to slaughter it or have it slaughtered.

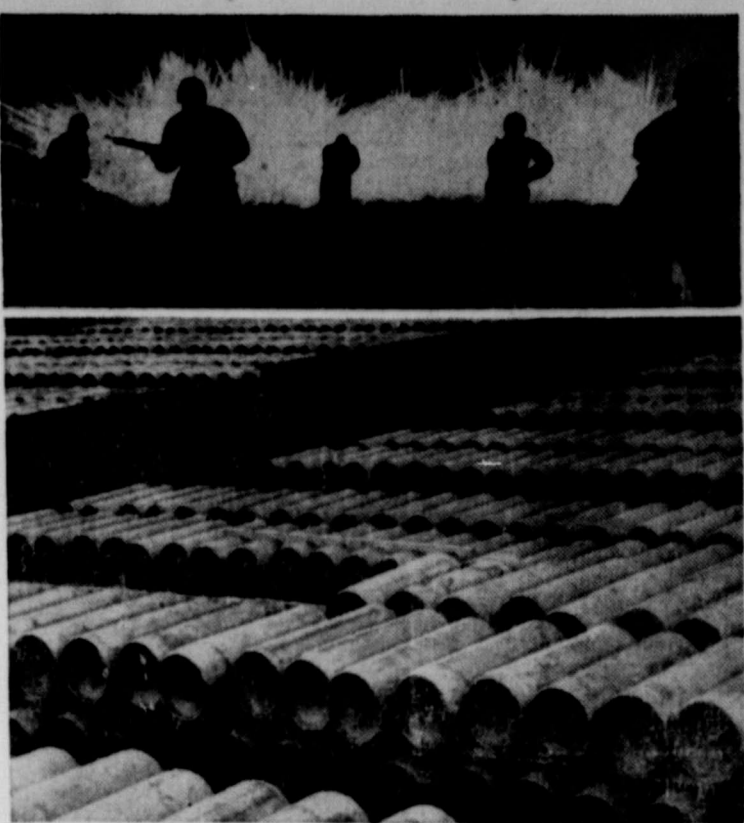
Specifically, the ruling provides that upon receipt of an application from a responsible officer in charge of a calf, pig, or lamb club such as a county agricultural agent or the club agent, arrangements should be made for issuance of permits for club animals sold at club sales. The officer in charge of the club will certify that the animals were fed in an organized club under the direction of the extension service or other recognized agency. Upon receiving an application and certification arrangements should be made to issue slaughter permits to buyers who are regularly engaged in the business of slaughtering livestock or selling meat, including those who sell meals. Where persons already have licenses the meat from animals bought at club sales will be reported by the slaughterer as exempt deliveries if he obtains an exemption certificate signed by the officer in charge of the club.

In connection with the ruling, it is pointed out that the office of price administration ruling RO 16 makes no distinction between meat produced from 4-H club livestock and that produced from any other livestock with regard to surrendering of ration stamps.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lankford, of McGregor, are here for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Williams Morton and son, Bill Morton, of Oesola, Nebraska, are here for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ingram.

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CREWS

Two nice showers have fallen in the past week. No rain has been heavy enough to fill tanks but they are partly filled and the ground wet makes the prospects for 1944 seem better for production.

The Baptist Sunday school sponsored a Christmas tree Wednesday night of the preceding week. The audience was entertained with carols, readings and a beautiful Christmas pageant.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Young had as their guests Christmas, their sons, Leslie, Cecil, and Edwin, of San Saba; and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Young and family, of Glen Cove.

Mancie King, of Sheppard Field, spent part of the holidays here with his mother, Mrs. King had also as her guests her daughter, Mrs. Gréda Carter and Carroll, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. White and Laverne, of Abilene. Mrs. Carter reports her two sons who are in service and well known by a number of our readers, as being overseas for some time past. Gilbert, Jr., is in radio observation in Italy. Thurston is a machine gunner in the marines, "somewhere in the Pacific."

Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Taylor and family and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Blackmon visited Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Lucas during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Jayroe and Carole were guests of his father, Edgar Jayroe, and Mrs. Jayroe during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. King and family spent December 25 with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mathis and family at Glen Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Brooker visited their children at Talpa during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester McBeth and Sybil will return today from a four days' visit to relatives in Anson, Rotan, and Sweetwater. Miss Marguerite Mathis returned.

DAWSON SENT TO ABILENE; KELLY BUYS HOME HERE
C. A. Dawson, for more than a year agent for the Abilene & Southern Railway here, has been notified that he will be transferred back to Abilene. He will leave within the next few days to assume his duties there.

H. O. Kelly, who came here from Dalhart to open the O. K. Tire Shop, has bought the rock home from Mr. Dawson in Wilke Terrace and will move his family here as soon as he has possession.

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Texas' Top 4-H Gardener Wins National Championship



E. J. HARRISON JR., 19, of Cleburne, Texas, state entrant in the 1943 National 4-H Victory Garden contest, received both Southern sectional and national honors in the finals. As rewards, the youth received an all-expense trip to the recent 22nd National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, and a \$100 War Bond, provided by Sears, Roebuck.

In five years of club work, the youth grew 34.1 acres of garden, the products of which he values at \$3,285.41.

home demonstration agent, reports that along with her canning Mrs. Stine recently found time to make two wool comforts and to restore an old chair about 50 years of age. She wove a seat of Hongkong grass in repairing the rocker.

EIGHTH ST. PRESBYTERIANS TO HAVE COMMUNION SUNDAY

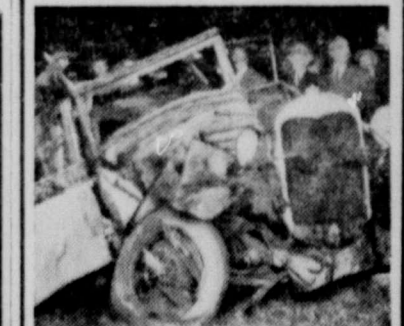
Rev. W. A. Erwin, pastor of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church, announced Wednesday that the congregation would observe communion of the Lord's Supper at the Sunday morning service. All members are urged to attend.

Mrs. C. W. Tibbs and son, Charles William, and Miss Mary Rather, of Dallas, were here to spend Christmas day and Sunday with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Metcalfe and daughter, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Branham, Jr., and children, McCamey; Alfred Harris, Rising Star; Miss Frona Harris, Abilene; Milton Harris and family, of Bethel; and two Bruce Field cadets were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Harris on Christmas day.

Mrs. Jess Schneider and father, Joe Hopewell, came in last Friday from California. Mrs. Schneider had been visiting there for some time. She visited her daughter, Mrs. Dell Bannowsky and granddaughter, Connie Jean, at Pomona; her son-in-law, Dell Bannowsky, who is in the navy at San Diego; a sister, Mrs. J. W. Schornert, and family, at Ontario; and Mrs. Vera Paschal, at Los Angeles. Mr. Hopewell, who has been living in Ontario for 19 years, is considering making home here again.

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Slow drizzles are putting moisture in the ground for planting but still are not sufficient to provide water supplies for a large number of West Texas towns now using water only for emergency purposes. A heavy downpour is needed all over West Texas to wash streams and fill reservoirs and surface tanks. The only hardship caused by the recent rains is the stoppage of flying at army air fields in this section. Cadets are already far behind in their schedules with graduation day only a short time hence.

Again Ballingerites provided homes on Christmas day for all men in service who spent the holidays here. In fact there were more homes wanting men than there were men and some who prepared dinners did not get guests. An effort was made to have cards signed by December 20 in which family heads asked for a specific number of cadets at the local field. Many were late getting their cards in and some of these were unable to get any guests. Nevertheless, the men, far from home, enjoyed home-cooked dinners and other privileges offered by hospitable Ballinger and Runnels county citizens.

This nation soon begins 1944, the year in which many allied leaders have promised victory over Germany. It is a year which also will bring many other big events in the United States. The 1944 election is one important item and most of all the home front promises big things next year. As 1944 dawn strikes are threatening from many sources which would do more to retard the war effort than Germany and all her benchmarks can ever do. More than five million men are now on foreign soil and all working together to bring us victory, while the home

front is squabbling and threatening to stop steel production and other vital industries and railroad traffic. Such disorders are not what will bring that long prayed-for victory but will cause trouble at home as well as abroad and prolong the struggle that is costing lives at a faster and faster rate. At the end of World War 1 veterans urged a universal draft in time of war which would include labor as well as fighting men and that solution is still a good recipe for the troubles at home in World War 2.

**Hostess Appointed
For Service Club;
Begins January 1**

The Army and Navy Club council announced Monday that an enlarged program of activities would be started at the service men's center on January 1 and that Mrs. A. McGregor had been employed as hostess. The increased activities will also include features for wives of cadets who come to Ballinger to make their home while their husbands are in training here.

Part of the duties of the hostess will be to list rooms and apartments and endeavor to assist the newcomers in securing living quarters. She will also provide special parties and other entertainment for the wives and guests of cadets in Ballinger and aid those who want to work in finding employment.

The hostess will be on duty each afternoon of the week with the exception of Monday. She will be at the club rooms to supervise entertainment for both the men and the women on Sunday afternoon and evening.

Janitor service every day of the week is to be provided and these arrangements are being made this week so that all phases of the enlarged program can get underway on January 1.

The club council expects to get some financial assistance from the United Service Organizations, and Fred Harman, operator of the local flying field, is also aiding in the program.

All details of the new services to be rendered through the club have not been decided and the hostess will make further plans after assuming the duties and acquainting herself with the needs.

Miss Helen Brewer returned this week to Odessa, where she is a member of the high school faculty.

Miss Mary Lou Creasy, who is teaching at Sonora, spent the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Creasy.

To the victory will belong the soil. Let's keep ours—buy war bonds!

4-H'ers Hold 22nd Congress; Prize Winners Named



Some of the accomplishments of the National 4-H club during 1943 as revealed at its 22nd annual Congress in Chicago were: production of over 5,000,000 bushels of victory garden products, 12,000,000 pounds of peanuts, soybeans and other legumes; raising of 600,000 head of meat animals, 90,000 head of dairy cattle, and 9,000,000 chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese; and canning of 15,000,000 jars of perishable food. Top: Five winners of the canning contest. Bottom left: Kenneth Disch, 18, Evansville, Wis., whose sheep won the junior championship. Bottom right: Carl McIntyre, Corning, Mo., with his junior champion hog.

**WEST TEXAS
NOTES**

The Winters Garden Club sponsored socials the week before Christmas and the time was spent in packing boxes to be sent to Camp Barkley where they were issued to soldiers stationed there. These boxes were for men who did not get Christmas packages from home and many citizens not members of the club prepared and sent boxes.

Men of the 13th armored division at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, were made to feel as much at home as possible during the Christmas holidays. All day and mess rooms were decorated in Yule colors and symbols and special programs were presented at the USO clubs. Christmas dinners were served at all mess halls and other features were provided for the men far from their homes.

Work on the sewer project at Coleman was about 25 per cent completed last week, the contractors, Brown & Root, stated. The job was mostly in the western section of the city and will provide service for a new addition as well as a general extension for other parts of the city.

Sweetwater salvage groups completed a drive for old clothing Christmas week and it was stated that a total of 1,600 pounds was collected. This clothing will be reconditioned, sterilized, pressed, and shipped to occupied regions for war refugees. Similar drives have been underway in all parts of the nation.

Rowena Girl Scouts were entertained at a Christmas party on December 21 in the home of Mrs. F. W. Lammert. After a short session the group went to the homes of the sick and aged to sing carols. The Girl Scout program at Rowena has made noticeable progress during the year.

Miles school children had a big part in raising the community's quota for the United War Chest, a drive for which being recently concluded in the county. Practically all the school children contributed to the fund, a total of \$287.43 being reported from the pupils alone.

The publisher of the Menard News has announced an advance in subscription prices, readers in the county to pay \$2 a year and those outside the county \$2.50. The advance was said necessary because of the continual rising costs of materials and the shortage of newsprint paper.

A drive for scrap metal was concluded at Stephenville on Christmas eve, when it was announced that 22 carloads had been collected. Army detachments aided the civilian salvage committees in the area for several weeks.

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Members of the Melvin American Legion post met last week at the community center for the purpose of reorganizing and electing officers for 1944. V. Y. Middleton was named commander. A membership drive was voted with Morgan Haynes chairman of the committees.

Three new Boy Scout troops are to be formed at Brady in the near future, leaders announced last week. Sponsors for each of the groups have been secured and scoutmasters named to conduct the work. Recruiting is underway and a large number of boys are said to be interested. One troop is to be composed of Latin-American boys.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Roberts were in San Antonio for a Christmas visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tate, of Ft. Worth, were holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis.

**RED CROSS FIRST AID
INSTRUCTORS NAMED**

D. G. Posey, Red Cross first aid chairman for Runnels county, has announced the appointment of instructors for 1944 and said more classes probably will be organized in the county within the near future. Instructors who served in 1943 and who were reappointed include: Mr. Posey, Joe Baxter, Fate Parker, G. B. Powell, Lona E. Allen, J. A. Schnable, Oren H. Chandler, M. D.; J. W. Macune, M. D.; J. J. Shiller, M. D.; and W. W. Mitchell, M. D.

New appointments of qualified instructors include: Hallie T. Parker, G. W. Lively, Sr., Floyd Sims, C. N. Mansell, A. B. Legate, Herman Hulsey, Rena Northington, W. B. McCaughan, Bert Lankford, J. A. Killough, Oscar W. Routh, W. C. Kelly, Frances Jones.

Miss Camille Behringer, of Dallas, was at home for the Christmas holidays to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Behringer.

Miss Ann Guynes, student of Texas State College for Women, Denton, is spending the holidays here with her parents.

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

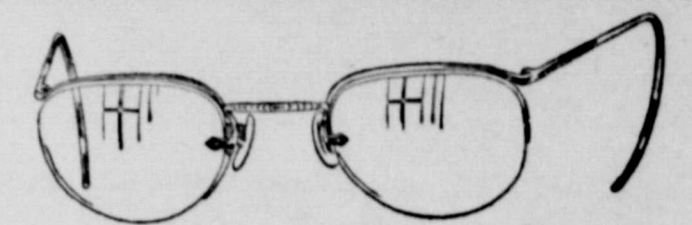
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TO: L. H. Thomas, and the unknown heirs, assigns and legal representatives, of the said L. H. Thomas, whether living or deceased, and to any and all other persons, having any right, title, interest and claim, in and to the hereinafter described

property, GREETING: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 17th day of January, A. D. 1944, at or before 10 o'clock a. m. before the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, at the Court House in Ballinger, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 30th day of November, 1943. The file number of said suit being No. 4916. The names of the parties in said suit are: Chester Green and wife Mandy Green as Plaintiffs, and L. H. Thomas, et al as Defendants. The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit:

Suit in trespass to try title in which plaintiffs ask judgment against defendants for title and possession of the following lot, to-wit: Lot 8, Block 12, Woodard Heights Addition to the town of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas; for \$100.00 damages, for costs and general relief; plaintiffs' petition is in usual form of trespass to try title and alleges chain of title from sovereignty of the soil, and the three, five and ten year statutes of limitations; and that plaintiffs were entitled to possession of said land on 25th day of November, A. D. 1943, and were afterwards on said day dispossessed by defendants.

Issued this the 3rd day of December, 1943.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this 3rd day of December, A. D. 1943.
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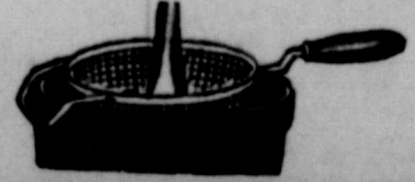


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Poll Tax Receipt Will be Valuable To Voter in 1944

Next month will open the campaign year and elections will be held to name precinct, county, state and national officials. While little has been heard regarding the local political situation it is believed contested races will be few because of the shortage of manpower and the fact that everyone who can work now has a job.

All Runnels county officials are expected to be candidates for the places they hold for another term. Interviews with most of the present incumbents reveals they are preparing to make announcements within the near future and keep their names before the voters during the year. A few rumors have been afloat in regard to some new candidates for county races before the campaign has progressed far.

The political season will be different this year than in the past, office seekers to have the easiest campaign in many years due to wartime conditions which limits the use of cars and other methods of making voter-to-voter canvasses.

January is the last month in which to pay a poll tax and have the necessary slip of paper which entitles to a vote in the primaries and elections of 1944. The poll tax receipt will be called for several times during the year and all citizens are reminded that payments must be made by the last day of January.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford R. Yates, of Arlington, spent Christmas here, visiting Mrs. R. E. Bruce and children and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Caskey spent Christmas in Rising Star, visiting Mrs. Caskey's parents and other relatives.

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Triumvirate Plans to Smash Japanese



Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, representing the triumvirate of China, the United States and Britain, as they conferred in Cairo, Egypt. Decisions were reached to beat Japan into unconditional surrender and to force her to give up all the islands she has seized in the Pacific since the Sino-Japanese war in 1894, and "all other territories which she has taken by violence and greed." Later, at a conference in Iran, Roosevelt, Churchill and Premier Josef Stalin of Russia were reported to have decided on a similar policy toward Germany. Germany, it was reported, would be quarantined as the world's No. 1 aggressor and thrown back inside her original borders. Unless Germany surrenders unconditionally it is believed she will be subjected to more of the intense bombing which has destroyed much of Berlin.

CHURCH

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

Sunday, January 2:
9:45 a. m., Sunday school
11:00 a. m., morning worship
7:00 p. m., evening service
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Greetings for the New Year

The year 1944 will be one of many changes. History will be made. If peace does not come to the world again, it is the hope of all freedom-loving people that the goal may not be far beyond.

But some things are constant even in an era of change... patriotism, friendship, loyalty, the will to serve, and other motives which govern our daily lives. And so at this time, we express to our depositors our sincere appreciation for their business. Others are cordially invited to use the complete service of this strong progressive bank.

And to all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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Cadet fellowship hour, 6:00 p. m.
You are cordially invited to worship in all these services.
W. E. SHIPP, Pastor
Church of Christ
(1109 Ninth Street)

Services:
Sunday, 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.
Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.
Friday, 8:00 p. m.
Always welcome.

St. Mary's Catholic Church
(608 Sixth Street)
(Telephone 521)

Mass first, third and fifth Sundays and Holydays of Obligation at 8:30 a. m. Second and fourth Sundays at 11:00 a. m.
Week-day mass at 8:00 a. m.
FATHER EDW. B. POSTERT, O. M. I.

Grace Baptist Church
(10th and Phillips)

"An Independent Baptist Church"
Raymond C. Wilson, Pastor
Jim Hash, S. S. Superintendent
WEEKLY SERVICES:
Sunday:
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Sermon, 11 a. m.
Sermon, 8 p. m.

Wednesday:
Prayer meeting, 8 p. m.
A cordial invitation to all.

Church of God
(Corner Sixth and Strong)

Sunday school and morning worship (unified service), 10 a. m.
Junior meeting, 7:30 p. m.
Young people's service, 7:00 p. m.
Evening service, 7:45 p. m.
Wednesday evening prayer service, 7:45 p. m.

A cordial welcome to all.
T. N. MINIX, JR., Pastor

First Presbyterian Church
(301 Broadway)

Sunday:
9:45 a. m., church school
Classes for all ages.

Foursquare Gospel Church
(104 N. Twelfth Street)
Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Worship service at 11 a. m.
Junior Crusaders at 7 p. m.
Evangelistic service at 8 p. m.
Tuesday at 8 p. m., Bible study and prayer service.
Friday at 8 p. m., Crusader service.

All are cordially invited to our services. A stranger but once.
RALPH K. ELLIS, Pastor

A war-time budget should include war bonds and stamps.

County Service Officer Preparing To Assume Duties

D. G. Posey will begin his duties as Runnels county service officer next Monday, opening the office in the county welfare building to aid veterans of all wars and to cooperate with parents and other relatives of service men.

J. T. Gray, representative of the veterans' service department, Austin, will be here to assist Mr. Posey in getting the work underway. The new office will be located in the county welfare building for the time being, files and other necessary equipment being installed there for handling all kinds of claims. Mr. Gray will bring blanks for handling most of the cases submitted and the office will be open regular hours.

Mr. Posey has served as service officer for the American Legion post here many years and has put hundreds of cases through the veterans' bureau. He will continue this work and will move these files to his new office. In recent months the work has developed to such proportions that a full time official is required to attend to all the details.

Mr. and Mrs. Posey will move this week from the city hall to their home at 407 Seventh Street.

NATIONALLY KNOWN GROUP TO CONDUCT METHODIST SERVICES SUNDAY MORNING

The Bonney Workers, nationally known evangelistic group, will have charge of the service at the First Methodist Church Sunday morning beginning at 11 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Bonney, of New York, are here for a visit with their son, who is an aviation cadet at Bruce Field.

Mr. Bonney will have charge of the music and preliminary part of the service and Mrs. Bonney will deliver the sermon. The son will also participate in the services, provided he is not required to fly that day.

The public is cordially invited to hear this team of workers in these special services.

Citation by Publication
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: J. S. BAILEY, GREETING:
You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration

of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 24th day of January, A. D. 1944, at or before 10 o'clock a. m., before the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, at the Court House in Ballinger, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 6th day of December, 1943. The file number of said suit being No. 4918. The names of the parties in said suit are: Pearl Bailey as Plaintiff, and J. S. Bailey as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: Suit by plaintiff against defendant for judgment dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between them and divorcing them from each other and for general relief on the ground that while they lived together, defendant, without just cause, was guilty of cruel

treatment, excesses and outrages toward plaintiff of such nature as to render their living together insupportable; plaintiff further alleges she and defendant were legally married on August 20, A. D. 1940, and permanently separated on September 12, A. D. 1942, and that no children were born to them; plaintiff further requests that her maiden name of Hatter be restored to her.

Issued this the 6th day of December, 1943.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this the 6th day of December, A. D. 1943.
(Seal)

M. S. CAUDLE, Clerk,
District Court, Runnels County,
Texas. 9-4t

Buy a share in victory—invest in war bonds and stamps.



Freedom of CHOICE

WITH ALL THE TALK about freedom, what about freedom of choice?

After all, freedom of choice can mean the same thing as all the other freedoms people are talking about—and a few others besides. In large measure, freedom of choice is what this war is about.

Freedom of choice means such ordinary things as trying soy beans in the south field next year, if you think it's the thing to do. It means buying the kind of flour you think gives you the best biscuits. It means you and your boy doing the deciding whether he'll go to college, or learn to be a toolmaker.

Freedom of choice is the soil in which character grows. This freedom of choice—and its counterpart, a sense of responsibility for the decisions made—has done much to develop the character that is going to win this war—on the battle fronts, on the farm, in industry. And when the victory is won, the kind of America we have fought and worked to preserve must be a country in which every man and woman, and every boy and girl, will have freedom of choice in even greater measure. General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

Buy the General Electric radio program: "The G-E All-ages Orchestra" Sunday 10 p. m. EWT, NBC—"The World Today" news, every weekday 8-9 p. m. EWT, CBS.
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OUR BABY CHICKS

HAVE THE VIM, VIGOR and VITALITY THAT WILL ASSURE VICTORY

The Best Chicks You Can Buy, Are Your Best Buy!

Every CHICK Raised Is a Slap at the Axis

America's strongest weapon is her ability to out-produce any other country in the world. That goes for chicks as well as tanks, and both are important cogs in our united war effort. So this year, let's "Slap the Axis" by starting more chicks and raising a bigger percentage to maturity. It is OUR job to produce healthier, better-bred chicks; and you can depend on them to produce high livability records as well as heavy egg production records. So take a big "Slap at the Axis" by managing and feeding those chicks properly after they reach your brooder house. In this way you will be helping your country and at the same time helping yourself to bigger poultry profits.

THIS IS THE YEAR... Poultry and egg prices remain at highly profitable levels, and the feed-egg ratio is unbelievably favorable for big poultry profits. So start an early brood of chicks, then another. Buy better quality-bred chicks and raise them better.

YOU'LL FIND THE QUALITY OF CHICKS IS EXCELLED ONLY BY THE SERVICE WE GIVE!
Our Incubators were set December 27

CURRIE PRODUCE CO.

Want Ads

WANTED—Lady workers. Ballinger Steam Laundry. 7-1f

PERMANENT WAVE, 59¢! Do your own permanent with Charm-Kurl Kit. Complete equipment, including 40 curlers and shampoo. Easy to do, absolutely harmless. Praised by thousands including Fay McKenzie, glamorous movie star. Money refunded if not satisfied. Afterbach's Variety Store. 28-10t*

Loans

Don't worry about your farm, ranch or business property payments. I can refinance them. Texas and New Mexico. No loan expenses. Write William H. Bickle, Box 481, San Angelo, Texas. Phone 5-8613. 4-10t*

Income Tax Assistance

A. M. King
Farmers & Merchants Bank Bldg.
Ballinger 18-1f

WANTED—to buy or trade for your old electric radio and electric iron. Bring cord to Williams Electric Repair Shop, 2102 Orange Street, P. O. Box 475, Abilene. 25-1f

FOR SALE—One Oliver "60" tractor on rubber, nearly new; one saddle mare, 1 yearling colt; two saddles. E. H. Forgy, phone 1341. 25-1f

FOR SALE—Very choice Holstein and Ayrshire heifers, \$25 each and up. Shipper, C. O. D. if desired. Bull free with five heifers. Homestead Farms, McGraw, New York. 2-5t

FOR LEASE—My building next door to Sam Behringer Grocery January 1st. W. A. Nance. 9-1f

FOR SALE—Baby beef bronze turkeys. Hens, \$7.50; toms, \$10.00. Erwin Schraeder, Wintertown route four. 9-4t*

FOR SALE—One Petrine model "T" incubator, capacity 1,200, practically new. Priced to sell. Phone 1279. 16-3t

Have your feed threshed and ground with Howard McDorman, near Keese's Grocery, Wintertown highway. 16-3t*

Baby Chicks

J. N. NUTT FEED, SEED AND HATCHERY
Ballinger Phone 174 16-1f

FOR SALE—One five burner, white porcelain Kurgas oil range, practically new. For further information call 1279. 16-3t

Removal Notice

Dr. E. W. Stasney announces the removal of his dental office to the E. Shepperd building in the offices formerly occupied by Dr. C. F. Bailey. The new office is located on South Seventh Street opposite the court house lawn. 23-4t

FOR SALE—Cordwood. Kirk & Mack. 23-2t*

WANTED—Reliable person who can drive car to stay with old couple 12 miles north of Ballinger. See or write Alva Berry, route two, Wintertown, Texas. 23-1f

FOR SALE—Or rent: 150 acre farm, three miles of Rowena. See H. B. Halfmann, Ballinger. 23-2t*

FOR SALE—Man's bicycle. See at domino hall upstairs over Fligner's. W. E. Long. 23-2t*

FOR SALE—205 acres, 175 field, \$36. Good home in Ballinger. A. M. King. 23-2t*

FOR SALE—Oliver 70 tractor on rubber. Self starter, two good tires, extra supply of sweeps. L. B. Greenwood, box 665, Ballinger. 23-2t*

WANTED—New model electric refrigerator. Douglas Overman, Norton. 23-2t*

Men, women, boys and girls wanted to canvass. Guaranteed pay for each call. James H. Chandler, 313 1/2 San Jacinto, Houston, Texas. 30-1t

LOST—On highway 67 between San Angelo and Brownwood, brown grip initialed BMP, containing valuable children's clothing. Finder write postmaster, Anderson, Texas. Liberal reward. 30-1t*

WANTED—To buy gas cook stove. Phone 1260, L. L. Strobbe. 30-1t*

LOST—A brown leather billfold. Reward. Leave at Ledger office or call 111. 30-1t*

FOR SALE—Full blood baby beef toms. Mrs. J. M. Pyburn. 30-2t

WANTED—Setting eggs. Premium paid on eggs. Chicks in season. Reese Hatchery. 30-5t

PIONEERS WILL CELEBRATE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nichols will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary at Wintertown Sunday afternoon from 2 to 6 o'clock. Both are pioneers of this county, coming here to make their home in 1902. They resided near Ballinger most of the time they have been in Runnels county but for the past two years have been making home at Wintertown, after retiring from active farm and ranch work.

Their children are: Mrs. Jim Duke, Ballinger; Mrs. Bill Mathis, Hatchel; Mrs. Britton Smartt, Dalhart; Ted Nichols, Ft. Worth; Joe Nichols, Midland; Troy Nichols, Deming, New Mexico; and Dally Nichols, Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Medlen and children, of McAlester, Oklahoma, spent Christmas here, visiting in the home of Dr. and Mrs. O. R. Lasater.

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Electrical Work

See me at Kirk Hardware for all kinds of electrical work.
BUZZ SMITH 30-1t*

FOR RENT—Two bedrooms. Mrs. R. E. Willingham, 301 Twelfth St. 30-1t

FOR SALE—Between 120 and 130 lambs. Mostly black face. M. L. Hambright, nine miles east of Wintertown on pavement. 29-2t*

Female Help Wanted

Opportunity for young lady of good character to learn bookkeeping with pay. Must use typewriter. Apply by letter in own handwriting, giving age, references, experience (if any), to Bookkeeper, Box 111, Ledger. 30-1t

FOR SALE—Electric brooder, practically new. See Mrs. L. L. Strobbe, 1101 Seventh Street. 1t*

WANTED—Bedroom, close in, by single man. Telephone 96. 1t*

FOR SALE—Lawn mower and carrier, sewing machine, Marvel cream separator, 4 and 5 foot (2 inch) poultry netting, chicken feeders. Mrs. J. C. Bloxom, box 451, Hatchel. 30-1t*

WANTED—Apartment by January 1. Steady employment at Safeway. Wife and two children. Call at Safeway Grocery. 30-1t*

I do sewing for children and grownups. Prices low. 200 Thirtieth Street. 30-1t*-H

LOST—Lady's aviation crash bracelet in downtown Ballinger. Reward. Leave at Ledger office. 30-1t

FOR RENT—Room, 807 Sixth Street. Prefer gentleman. 1t*

WANTED—Furnished apartment or house. Call W. P. Truitt, 676. 30-1t-H

FOR SALE—315 acre stock farm, \$21.00. Small farm, easy terms. Good home in Ballinger. A. M. King. 30-3t*

FOR SALE—or Trade: 500-pound cream separator. Lester Pfluger, Ballinger route one. 30-2t*

FREE DOG—One Collie pup to someone who will take good care of dog, 10 months old. T. W. Malone, 5 miles east of Ballinger on Leaday road. 30-1t*

Boyd's Nursery

Wishes to thank the people of Runnels and surrounding counties for their liberal patronage in 1943, and to solicit it for 1944. I have a complete stock of fruit and nut trees, also lots of evergreen and flowering shrubs. I do landscaping of your home. Pears, berries and grapes in season. Wishing you a very happy and prosperous 1944.

MIKE BOYD
Ballinger, Texas. 30-1t*



Custom Pork Curing

We cut up your hog, grind and season sausage, tender lard, cure and hickory smoke the meat.

FROZEN FOODS CO.

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Your Government Needs Your DEAD ANIMALS

Nitroglycerine and other vital national defense needs are extracted from greases from dead livestock. We'll pick up unskinned dead animals within 30 miles of San Angelo. We buy old greases, hides, old horses and mules. Call collect, day or night.

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Serving Uncle Sam

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Powers, and other relatives and friends. Pvt. Hynson is stationed at the S.A.A.A.T., San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Richards have received a telegram from their son, Robert Richards, at Santa Rosa, California, stating he had made a rating as aviation radio mate, third-class. He has been in training there for almost a year.

S-Sgt. Robert Lee has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lee, from England, saying he is doing fine. It was the first letter from him in over a month.

Mrs. J. H. Brown has received a number of letters from her son, Sgt. Jimmy S. Brown, located in China with the American forces. In his letters he spoke often of the approach of Christmas and of the letters and packages received. He said he was anxious for the war to end and "get to H— out of foreign lands and back on United States soil."

A letter to the families of all men in that command was also received from Gen. C. L. Chenault expressing Christmas greetings to the families back home and praising the men serving under him.

Eleanor Thorp, Sp. (T), with the Waves, returned to the Corpus Christi naval air base Tuesday after a short visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams. She had just completed a special two weeks' school in San Francisco. En route to California she was permitted to ride a B-24 from Denver to San Francisco.

Pvt. Grady Davis, marine corps, returned Tuesday to Southwestern University, Georgetown, where he is taking a special course after a visit here to his sister, Mrs. Paul Kirk.

Lt. Alan Jones, of Waco, was here for a holiday visit, the guest of Miss Norma Gene Bankston. Lt. Jones received his primary training in class 43-K at Bruce Field.

R. H. Canady, seaman 1c, and Mrs. Canady, stationed at the naval air base, Corpus Christi, were holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Canady.

Letters from Lt. Murray (Bud) Canady, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Canady, were received last week. Lt. Canady is in the 36th division, fighting in Italy. He has a fleet of trucks under his command and in a letter written December 6 said he only wanted one more boat ride, and that back to the U. S.

A letter received here on December 27 from Curtis Ashenburt submits a Christmas greeting to his family that can also go to all his friends in Ballinger. He is in Italy with the 36th division and composed the following greeting:

I'm going mad,
an d I'm going mad,
All my cards should be mailed and there's none to be had.
I've searched the whole neighborhood, I've really worked hard.
But if there's one thing they ain't got, it's a Christmas card.

So if I have no alternative, what could be worse,
I'll sit in my foxhole and write my own verse;
No tinsel, no garland, no ribbons, so bright,
Not a chance in a million that Christmas will be white.

No tree in the window, no wreath one the door,
No last minute shopping, we don't have a store.
As for Donner and Blitzen and the rest of the crew,
This is no place for reindeer—they simply won't do.

Old dear Santa remains on the ball,
Some camel or donkey would replace them all;
Or better St. Nick, so as not to get stuck,
Requisition a jeep or a good G. I. truck.

There's nothing lacking, the spirits are here,
We will celebrate with plenty of cheer;
And what I'm sending with rhythmical tripe,
Is the same old greeting to smoke in your pipe.

May your Christmas be merry, and your New Year gay,
And may I be home by the end of next May.

Another Boy in 36th Wounded
Mrs. E. A. Norman was informed this (Thursday) morning that her brother, Neil Hynson, had been wounded a second time, this time

seriously, in action in Italy. He was serving in the 36th division. The message did not give complete details but revealed the serious wound was in his leg.

Mrs. T. B. Owens received a Christmas card this week from her son, Pfc. Fritz Ervin Owens, with the 44th engineers in Italy. Mrs. Owens has three sons in the service, one a prisoner of war in Germany, one in Italy, and the third has sailed from New York and has not been heard from since. The Christmas card was a mimeographed V-mail letter and extended greetings with a rhyme, "We're far, far away from the land that we love; but the spirit's the same, it comes from above."

Donald McGregor, seaman 3c, has written friends that he is on a fast cutter in the waters between Florida and Cuba. He thinks his ship one of the fastest and says the fishing would be good except for the competition of the sharks.

CHIROPRACTOR

Health Baths, Scientific Massage
Dr. J. Lester Ohlhausen
San Angelo Highway Ballinger

slightly wounded on December 2 while fighting in Italy. Neely was a member of the local national guard company and has been in the "outfit" since it left Ballinger in 1940.

Ernest Carter, machinist's mate 2c, with the 14th U. S. N. C. B., is at home on a 30-day furlough after being in active service in the South Pacific war theatre for 15 months. He left Ballinger on June 1, 1942, and has served in New Caledonia, the Solomons, and for the last year and five days on Guadalcanal. He is here for a visit with his wife, mother and other relatives and will report at Camp Parks, California, on Jan. 15. He brought home many interesting souvenirs from the places where he has been stationed.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. J. M. Barnett, of Novice, mother of Mrs. Charles F. Bailey, is improving at the Bailey Clinic Hospital. She has been receiving treatment for the past two weeks.

Mrs. L. E. Bair has reentered the hospital as a medical patient and is doing fairly well today.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. King, of Paint Rock, injured in a car wreck near here on Christmas eve day, are reported doing as well as could be expected. Mr. King has shown more improvement than his wife.

Mrs. D. C. Lankford is improving satisfactorily from an operation performed the first of the week.

Victor Mika is in the local hospital from results of a broken leg which he sustained Monday night. He is resting well and improving satisfactorily.

Mrs. Emma Nash was able to return home this morning after receiving treatment at the hospital.

Mrs. R. E. Lane, a medical patient in the hospital for the past week, is improving.

Clinton Trist, mechanic at the Harman Training Center, is recovering satisfactorily from an operation, the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Holly are the parents of a boy, born to them at the hospital Wednesday night. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

Cpl. and Mrs. H. W. Ogle are the parents of a girl, born at the hospital here Friday morning. Mother and baby are doing nicely. The father is stationed at Bruce Field.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Watkins are parents of a baby, born to them Tuesday. Mrs. Watkins and baby have returned to their home and are doing nicely. The father is in the American expeditionary forces in England.

Buzz Smith has returned from Port Arthur, where he had been employed at a war plant and will do electrical work here.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnie McCready and daughter, of Abilene, spent Christmas with Mrs. McCready's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McMillan.

Plant good seed—in war bonds—and harvest security after the war.

MEXICAN MOTHER GIVES UP BANDIT SON TO OFFICER

MEXICO, D. F., Dec. 29.—Procuro Sanchez, 27, is a prisoner as the result of his mother surrendering him to Gen. Miguel Badillo Vizcarra, commander of troops pursuing bandits who held up fifty automobiles bound from Cuatla to the city of Mexico. The mother brought the young man before the troop leader and declared God had ordered her to surrender her offspring.

Mrs. Crawford Lemburg and daughter, Jamie Ruth, of Menard, are spending the holidays in the home of Mrs. J. M. Skinner.

Lt. and Mrs. Clark Koller, of Big Spring, spent the Christmas holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Allen.

Miss Ruth Davis, student of Texas State College for Women, Denton, is here for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis.

Buy a share in victory—invest in war bonds and stamps.

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COLD
USE 666
666 TABLETS, SALVE, NOSE DROPS

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Phone 454
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Homemaker's Guide

BLACKKEY PEAS
1-Lb. Cello 11¢
NOT RATIONED

Crisco
Creamy Shortening
1-Lb. Jar 25¢
5 Brown Points

Lifebuoy Toilet SOAP
Reg. Bar 7¢

Maxine Toilet SOAP
Reg. Bar 5¢

Oxydol
Granulated Soap
24-Oz. Pkg. 23¢

P & G SOAP
Large Bar 5¢

Milk Cherub (1 Point for 2 Sm. Cans) 2 Small Cans 9¢

Milk Borden (1 Point Per Can) Tail Can 9¢

Juice La Faria Grapefruit (Not Rationed) 2 No. 2 Cans 23¢

Macaroni or Spaghetti Red Label 6-Oz. Pkg. 4¢

Pickles Harvest Dill 32-Oz. Jar 31¢

Corn Meal Mammy Lou 5-Lb. Bag 27¢

Flour Susanna Pancake 20-Oz. Pkg. 7¢

Cleanser Old Dutch Reg. Can 8¢

Tissue Silk Toilet Tissue 3 Rolls 13¢

Dinner Luxury Mac. & Cheese Reg. (1 Point for 3 Pkgs.) Pkg. 9¢

Kraut Juice Hamilton Can 12-Oz. 10¢

Flour Eltchbe Craft Enriched 10-Lb. Bag 52¢

Flour Borden's Best 10-Lb. Bag 55¢

Oats Morning Glory Quick or Regular 20-Oz. Pkg. 9¢

Bread Julia Lee Wright's Enriched White 24-Oz. Loaf 10¢

Shredded Wheat NBC Pkg. 12¢

Clicket Club Beverages
Ginger Ale Sparkling Water White Soda 2 Quart Bottles 25¢ PLUS DEPOSIT

Fresh Fruits & Vegetables

WASHINGTON APPLES
Delicious Winesaps Rome Beauty Lb. 11¢

Oranges Florida Jolly Lb. 8¢

Avocados Jolly 24 Size Lb. 15¢

Texas Yams Kilo Dried Lb. 10¢

Lemons California Sunlight Lb. 12¢

Spinach Fresh Tender 2 Lb. 15¢

Rutabagas Fancy Waxed Lb. 5¢

SAFeway 1-Lb. Bag 21¢

Safeway Meats

Brown Stamp R Good Now—S Good Jan. 2

Pork Loin ROAST	End Cuts	Lb. 29¢	4 Points
Pork Chops	Covered	Lb. 35¢	Points 7
Veal Steak	Sirloin or Rib Chops	Lb. 35¢	Points 7
Veal Roast	Shoulder	Lb. 25¢	Points 5
Beef Roast	Chuck Cuts	Lb. 25¢	Points 7
Lunch Meat	Vacuum Cooked	Lb. 48¢	Points 7
Smoked Jowls	Flac For Seasoning	Lb. 19¢	Points 1
Slab Bacon	By the Piece	Lb. 30¢	Points 3
Sliced Bacon	Grade A	Lb. 33¢	Points 4
Young Hens	Waste Free Oven Ready	Lb. 45¢	

Cured HAMS

Shank Ends Lb. 33¢
3 Points

Center Slices Lb. 49¢
8 Points

Rationed Groceries

Mackerel	California	No. 1 Tall	14¢	Brown Points 15
Saled Oil	Jewel	Pl. Bot.	30¢	Brown Points 5
Fig Jam	Tropic Treat	32-Oz. Jar	43¢	Green Points 12
Green Beans	Williams French St.	No. 2 Can	14¢	Green Points 5
Green Beans	Standard Cut	No. 2 Can	11¢	Green Points 5
Tomatoes	Standard Quality	No. 2 Can	10¢	Green Points 18

Your Favorite Coffee

Coffee	Flavor's Mountain Grows	1-Lb. Pkg.	31¢
Coffee	Maxwell House	1-Lb. Jar	31¢
Coffee	Chase & Sanborn	1-Lb. Pkg.	31¢

Edwards Coffee
Fine Quality 1-Lb. Bag 25¢

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Fresh Roasted Coffee Ground When Purchased