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Ballinger Bond Quota Short \$227,722

Jim Flynt Gets Contract To Operate Bruce Field

Jim Flynt, Jr., has been given a federal contract and will be in charge of Bruce Field, where government airplanes are to be stored.

This week Mr. Flynt was organizing his working crew and is expecting the first planes to arrive soon. Planes will be flown here for storage and will be held in the hangars until needed or offered for sale.

Mr. Flynt is not permitted at this time to make public the number of employees at the field, but a number will be employed as ground crew and in the office.

Since Bruce Field was closed as a primary flight training school it has been held in stand-by condition for any possible use. It was stated at the time it was closed that it probably would be used for storage of government planes and possibly other equipment, but until this week no statement had been made nor any work done there.

Mr. Flynt was in charge of the maintenance division of the Harman Training Center and was in line for the contract which has just been awarded him.

RURAL WOMEN'S CLUBS WILL SERVE UTILITIES CO. DINNER

Members of the Bethel, South Ballinger, Norton and Rowena home demonstration clubs will serve a turkey dinner with all the trimmings here on December 20, at the district meeting of the West Texas Utilities Co.

The dinner is to be served at the city hall where a committee representing all of these clubs will be in charge of arrangements and serving. Money received from the dinner will be turned over to the Rannels county council and used in entertaining the meeting here next May of the 21-county district organization of home demonstration clubs.

The Winters, Dale and Victory clubs recently served a turkey dinner to the public at Winters and turned in over \$85 to the county council for expenses of the spring convention here.

SUSPENDED SENTENCE GIVEN HALL IN FORGERY CHARGE

William Hall was assessed a two-year suspended sentence in 119th district court here Tuesday afternoon. Hall was charged with forgery on checks passed some time ago. His case was heard while the jury in a murder trial was out considering evidence and arriving at a verdict.

Miss Anita Wood, of Dallas, is here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Allen and other relatives.

Cue and Curtain Club Scores Hit In 'Little Women'

The major production of the Cue and Curtain Club of the Ballinger high school, "Little Women" opened Tuesday night at the high school auditorium to a capacity audience. The excellent cast presenting the play scored a hit from the beginning of the first act and as the story progressed proved their ability as players.

Miss Katherine Freeman, director, revealed excellent choice in selection of the performers, the costuming and in the stage action. Make-up was good, putting each player in perfect character, and the large audience followed the theme of the drama with perfect attention.

The four little women, enacted by Misses Elizabeth Routh, June Wright, Natlyne Williams and Charlotte Miller, made a splendid team and their scenes together evoked laughter as well as tears. Miss Gwen Morgan, as the mother, was a strong character. Miss Joy Campbell, as the haughty aunt, was in perfect character and helped make the play a success. C. B. Looney, George McCorstin, Roger Jones and Hie Parrish turned in good performances in the principal male roles. Miss Dorothy Holliday, playing the maid, received her share of the laughs.

Dickie Cope and Miss Louise Kenney did musical numbers between the acts with Mrs. Earl Cope playing their accompaniments.

The play was presented two nights, Tuesday and Wednesday, in order to permit everyone to attend.

COUNTY RENEWS CONTRACT WITH SHEPHERD & PATESON

The Rannels county commissioners court this week renewed a contract with Shepherd & Pateson for the collection of delinquent taxes for another two-year period. This law firm started this work a little more than a year ago and already has collected \$37,428.30 in past-due accounts.

In addition to collecting state and county delinquent accounts many errors in tax assessments have been corrected, including where property was listed twice, where the owners were unknown, etc.

Jimmy Agnew has returned to Baton Rouge, La., after a visit here with his parents. He is taking army specialized training at Louisiana State University.

They Died for America



Munda Cemetery, on New Georgia Island, the resting place of hundreds of American fighting men—possibly even of some one you knew. That these men shall not have died in vain, buy an extra \$100 War Bond today.

Serving Uncle Sam



Lt. Ted W. Caudle

Ted W. Caudle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Caudle, has received his silver wings and commission as a second lieutenant at the twin-engine pilot school at Pecos. He will now take transitional flying before assignment to combat in some active theatre.

Local Man is Killed

A message has been received informing that Pvt. Willie D. Armstrong was killed in action in France on November 13. The message was received by his wife, the former Miss Ruth Wade, who is making home here with her small son. Decedent is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie D. Armstrong, of Comanche.

The message gave no details but stated that a letter would follow.

Lt. W. O. Moreland, son of Sheriff and Mrs. J. L. Moreland, has been transferred from a camp at Lake Charles, La., to a combat crew center at Hunter Field, Ga.

Lt. Donald E. White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. White, Winters, recently arrived overseas and is now a member of Col. Paul L. Barton's target-busting group operating out of Italy. Lt. White, a bombardier on a B-17, is a graduate of the Winters school and was commissioned at San Angelo in February, 1944.

Pfc. Clyde C. Willis, of Norton, is wearing the distinguished unit badge after being cited by the 12th air force in the China-Burma-India theatre. The troop carrier group, to which he is attached, has performed a great job in taking all kinds of equipment into China and bringing out American wounded. Each member of his group has as much as 290 hours flying time to his credit.

Dan Bradley, of Ballinger, has received word through Mrs. Claude Bradley, Ft. Knox, Kentucky, that Eugene Bradley was wounded on November 15 in Italy. He is with the 47th medical detachment and has been driving an ambulance overseas for the past 32 months.

Flight Officer Elliott J. Kemp visited relatives and friends here Sunday. He flew from St. Joseph,

Missouri, to San Angelo, arriving there at 3 p. m., and left on his return trip at 10 p. m.

A NINTH AIR FORCE RECONNAISSANCE BASE, France.—First Lieutenant Bernis Camp, of Norton, has been awarded the air medal "for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European theatre of operations," ninth air force headquarters announced.

Lt. Camp is pilot of an A-20 photo reconnaissance plane of the 19th tactical air command, which is supporting General George S. Patton's third army in its drive across France and into Germany. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Camp, star route, Norton.

Major George Benson came in the past week-end to visit his wife and other relatives and friends. Major Benson was the first flight surgeon at Bruce Field and after leaving here went to North Africa where he was assigned to general hospitals in that war theatre. About a month ago he was given a leave to return to the United States after completing about two years' foreign service. His wife is the former Miss Cathleen Connelly.

Pvt. William H. (Bill) Taylor arrived home Saturday from Camp Campbell, Ky., to spend a 14-day furlough with his wife and son at their home here.

It has been announced by the eighth naval district that Pvt. James Franklin Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Gray of Ballinger, has been wounded. Pvt. Gray is a marine but it has not been revealed where he was in combat at the time he was wounded.

Marvin Hanz, who has served for the past three years with American army detachments in India, is at home on a rotation furlough. After a visit with relatives here and at Rowena he will be reassigned to duty. Hanz was among the first from this section to go to the C-B-I theatre and has had many novel experiences in the Far East.

James Midgley, Mo. M.M.3c, home on leave from the South Pacific, was named guest of honor Sunday when his sister, Mrs. Chester Ward, entertained with a pre-Christmas dinner at her home in Winters. Those present included Mr. Ward and Harlan, Mrs. C. H. Midgley and Ann, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. King and Lynn, all of Ballinger.

Mrs. Fay Bowser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hill, has received a telegram from the war department informing that her husband, Pfc. James K. P. Bowser, is improving. Pfc. Bowser was wounded in Germany October 15. He has been in a hospital in England two months. Mrs. Bowser has received several letters since he has been in the hospital and he says he is getting good treatment.

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HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. J. M. Skinner, a patient in the Bailey Clinic-Hospital, is in a serious condition.

Mrs. Jim Mitchell and Mrs. Carl Lewis, of Norton, have both been dismissed from the Bailey clinic after sustaining injuries in a collision with the Santa Fe motor train Monday morning. The collision occurred at the Broadway crossing and both were rushed to the hospital for treatment of their injuries.

Dr. W. B. Halley is still a patient in the local clinic but is improving nicely and is able to be up part of the time.

Mrs. C. Woodson, of Blanton, a medical patient in the local clinic, is improving.

Mrs. J. L. King is improving after several weeks in the local hospital.

C. J. Robinson, of Norton, is receiving treatment here and will be able to leave the local clinic within a few days.

Clyde Goss, of Maverick, is improving from burns sustained last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Curry, Jr., are parents of a daughter, born Wednesday at the Bailey clinic. Mrs. Curry and baby are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. McMurtry are parents of a son, born Wednesday night at the Bailey clinic. The mother and baby are doing nicely. The father is overseas.

The condition of Mrs. R. V. Kellert, a medical patient in the local clinic, was satisfactory today.

FORMER BALLINGER WOMAN DIES AT HOME IN DALLAS

Word was received here this morning of the death of Mrs. Kate Fentress Francis in Dallas early this morning.

Decedent came to Ballinger with the earliest citizens and resided here for many years. The family was prominent in church, social and civic affairs here until they moved to Calvert in 1914. Her husband passed away in 1920.

Children surviving are: Mrs. Max McCrary, Dallas; Mrs. W. F. Powell, Weslaco; Major Wallace Francis, El Paso; Mrs. John W. Graves, East Andover, New Hampshire; and ten grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services have been tentatively set for 4:00 o'clock tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church, with interment to follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

Newby-Davis Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Mexican Acquitted On Murder Charge In District Court

The jury in 119th district court here hearing the case of the State of Texas vs. Yedro Valdez, charged with murder, rendered a verdict of not guilty Tuesday afternoon after the evidence and counsel arguments all day Monday and Tuesday morning.

Valdez was charged with the slaying of Nicolas Corrales in Ballinger on the night of October 5. Witnesses for the defendant built up the plea of self defense.

The jury was selected Monday morning and attorneys for each side began presenting testimony. Arguments were heard Tuesday and the case was then given the jury which reached a verdict about 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

The jury hearing this case was composed of: H. L. Frick, B. F. Guin, J. F. Priddy, C. L. Wigham, W. O. Wallace, B. McKnight, L. W. Paris, Willie Stephens, R. M. Lowry, George Clements, A. W. Tyree and M. B. Wardlaw.

Judge O. L. Parish was the presiding judge.

BALLINGER-SEYMOUR GRID GAME WILL BE BROADCAST

The Ballinger Bearcat-Seymour Panther championship football game to be played at Eagle stadium, Abilene, tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, will be broadcast over station KRBC, Abilene.

The broadcast will be made possible by the Taylor County Livestock Auction Co. and will be complimentary to the two towns.

The broadcast will start shortly before the kick-off Friday afternoon and a play-by-play account of the game will be given with between-half color also described.

RESOLUTION CONDEMNS PETROLEUM AGREEMENT

The Rannels county commissioners court passed a resolution while in session here Monday asking the foreign relations committee of the U. S. senate not to pass the Anglo-American petroleum agreement. This proposed agreement is between the United States, Ireland and Great Britain, and should it pass would become the supreme law dealing with the oil industry in Texas and would take the supervision of the same out of the hands of the Texas railroad commission.

The resolution passed by the county commissioners has been duly signed and sent to Austin and will be forwarded to the national committee considering the bill.

T. WHITEHEAD

ACCOUNTANT
Telephone 589
Talbott Bldg.
Let Us Handle Your Payroll
Ballinger, Texas

Ballinger experienced another failure in a war bond rally Saturday when Major David E. Evans sold only about \$16,000 worth of bonds on the street. Major Evans and a military band came here and worked hard for two hours but the buying continued slowly and most of the purchases were for small bonds.

A check-up by the local war bond committee Monday afternoon revealed Ballinger still short \$227,722 on its overall quota and \$73,842 in series E bonds. Saturday is the last day and the 6th war loan committee is faced with the prospect of being the first to fail in meeting a war quota.

At the meeting Monday afternoon little evidence was offered on how to go over the top. Rallies and special gatherings have failed. Special solicitation committees have failed and appeals through other channels failed to elicit the required response.

A meeting of the special solicitation committee was called for Tuesday morning and this group was asked to conduct another campaign to try to raise the deficit of \$227,722 by Saturday. It was definitely decided not to attempt any more rallies or public programs.

Local people who have bought will be asked to buy again and appeals will be made to those who have not participated in this drive so far. Workers will make every effort during the week and if the citizens fail to respond it will just have to be reported that way.

Rowena is well over on its quota. Wingate went over last week at a special rally, and Winters was about over Monday, having only a few series E bonds to purchase. The city of Ballinger was farther behind than any other place in the county.

SIGNED STATEMENTS NOT NOW ASKED FOR COTTONESE MEAL

M. W. McShan, county AAA chairman, stated today that it is no longer necessary for a person to tender a purchaser's statement signed by the county agricultural conservation committee to get cottonese meal. The order has been revoked and purchases can now be made from dealers without signed statements.

Mr. McShan also announced that the closing date for reporting performance for the 1944 program year is January 15, 1945. The local AAA office hopes, however, that farmers will report on 1944 performance before the final date.

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110 South Eighth Street
BALLINGER, TEXAS

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Rannels County Livestock Association

THE PUBLIC MOST CORDIALLY INVITED
To worship with us Sunday
Sunday School 9:45 a. m. B. T. U. 6:30 p. m.
Sermon 11:30 a. m. "GOD AND BUSINESS"
AND TO HEAR OUR CHOIR IN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PROGRAM SUNDAY NIGHT 7:30 IN A CANTATA "THE NATIVITY SONG"
Colorful Christmas Songs Beautiful Christmas Music
THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
406 Eighth Street
CLARENCE A. MORTON, Pastor

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1944 WILL BE A GREAT DAY AT THE
GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
Tenth Street at Phillips Ave.
10:00 a. m.—Bible School—Genesis, Chapter 44. "The Sunday School that honors the Word of God and the God of the Word."
11:00 a. m.—A Message to Christians
7:00 p. m.—Young People's Fellowship.
8:00 p. m.—"THE TESTIMONY OF A KING"
A Cordial Welcome to All

The First Methodist Church
Invites You to Worship
SUNDAY
9:45 a. m.—Church School Hour—Special Christmas program—Presentation of Offering for the Methodist Home.
10:55 a. m.—Sermon subject, "He Hath Sent Me to Heal the Brokenhearted." Offering will be taken for the Methodist Home at Waco.
7:30 p. m.—The Choir will present a Special Program of Christmas Music.
"The Friendly Church Where Everyone is Welcome"

Income Tax Returns
Individual—Partnership—Corporation
JACK NIXON
Office Over Pearce Drug Store Phone 544
Ballinger, Texas

—NOTICE—
All new applications received before December 1st are good for the quarter ending March 1st. Provide yourself and family with this safe burial insurance and benefit by the extra time allowance made.
Agnew Burial Association
Telephone 440
Ballinger, Texas

Bailey Hospital Will Offer New Service To the Community

Dr. C. F. Bailey has announced the employment of Wix Currie, Jr. as business manager for a new service plan offered by the Bailey Hospital-Clinic. Mr. Currie has been in his new position for the past two weeks and this week gave details of the plan designed for citizens of this community. Known as the "community plan," it provides for payment of hospital expenses in the case of accident, sickness, or childbirth. The plan also is available for payment of a doctor's or a surgeon's fees for an operation.

Operation of the plan will be entirely in local hands. Policies will be issued in the office of the Bailey Clinic-Hospital, premiums will be due and payable at the same office, and all claim payments for benefits will be handled locally.

This plan, while sponsored by the local hospital, is guaranteed by an old line legal reserve insurance company. There can be no assessments, no rate changes. The benefits are payable anywhere in any hospital in case the policyholder becomes sick or is injured away from Ballinger.

The cost of this service is unusually low for the great amount of benefits offered. The plan will in most cases take care of the entire hospital bill. The cost

of this protection for most families will be only a few cents a day.

Every member of the family can have this new service, from date of birth up to 75 years. No medical examinations are required, and only simple, short application forms are needed. All useless red tape has been eliminated.

It is thought that this plan will be of great benefit to citizens of Ballinger and Runnels county. It will help our people prepare for unforeseen emergencies; help to avoid having to use savings accounts in case of sickness or accident. The government recognizes the importance of such insurance and urges its widespread use by the public.

Dr. Bailey explains that it is impossible for a hospital to furnish its services on easy payments. There is considerable expense involved in the operation of a hospital. Nurses and other members of the staff must be paid in cash; supplies and medicines must be bought and kept available at all times for use in medical and surgical cases. The hospital must pay its bills on a current basis, and hence must collect from its patients in order to do this. This new plan of hospitalization puts everybody who takes advantage of the plan on a cash basis when they have to go to the hospital. Because the plan furnishes the cash needed, and pays the hospital bill, it eliminates financial worries at a time when people may be least prepared to handle them.

Mr. Currie will cheerfully furnish full information to anyone interested in joining this plan.

How women and girls may get wanted relief from functional periodic pain

Cardui is a liquid medicine which many women say has brought relief from the cramp-like agony and nervous strain of functional periodic distress. Here's how it may help:

- 1 Taken like a tonic, it should stimulate appetite, aid digestion, and help build resistance for the "time" to come.
- 2 Started 3 days before "your time," it should help relieve pain due to purely functional periodic distress.

Try Cardui. If it helps, you'll be glad you did.

CARDUI

Put every dollar above the necessities of life into War Bonds. Payroll Savings is the best means of doing your best in helping your sons and friends on the fighting fronts. Figure it out yourself.



Christmas Cantata Part of Observance By First Methodists

The First Methodist Church will celebrate Christmas Sunday with programs throughout the day climaxed at night when the 30 voices of the choir will sing a Christmas cantata, "That Song of Old," by Holton.

The choir has been rehearsing since before Thanksgiving and will be ready to sing the one-hour program Sunday evening at 7:30. A specially decorated background is to be constructed in the auditorium this week which will feature a white setting for the choir dressed in black robes.

For this occasion a number of former members will be back with the choir. R. W. Earnshaw, on the road for some time, has been rehearsing on week-ends and will have the main bass role in the cantata. In the sections are six first sopranos, seven second sopranos, seven altos, five tenors, and seven basses. The cantata is directed by Troy Simpson with Mrs. Charles van de Putte at the organ console.

At the morning hour Sunday the annual Sunday school Christmas program will be held. This will be a combination service, continuing the Sunday school into the morning worship period and including the annual offering for the Methodist Orphans' Home at Waco. Each department of the Sunday school will participate in the program and at the conclusion the pastor, Rev. Hugh B. Loyd, will bring a short message to the entire group.

During the next week departments of the church will hold parties and trees for the members and other Christmas services are planned.

Rev. Loyd also has scheduled a watch party for the church membership to be held on New Year's eve.

WAC's Miss America



Rivaling the recently selected "Miss America," is lovely Pvt. Kathleen McCann of Detroit, Mich., who was chosen as the prettiest WAC in the country from thousands who participated at the New Jersey state fair.

Revised Withholding Tax Rates to Become Effective January 1

The revised rates for withholding income tax from wages, provided by the individual income tax act of 1944, apply to all wages paid by an employer to his employees on and after January 1, 1945, regardless of when the wages were earned. W. A. Thomas, collector of internal revenue for the second district of Texas, said today.

Under the new law, for example, any wages earned in December, but not paid to the employee until January 1 or after, are subject to the new withholding rates.

On the average, about the same amount of tax will be withheld under the new rates as was withheld under the old rates. However, since the rates were revised

to adjust each employee's withholding more closely to his annual income tax, in individual cases the withholding may be either more or less than before.

Collector Thomas further explained that the withholding receipt, form W-2 (rev.), for 1944 to be given by employers to all employees by January 31, 1945, must show all wages actually paid during 1944, together with the amount of income tax withheld during the calendar year.

If any wages earned in December are not paid to the employees until January 1, or later, such wages must not be included on the 1944 withholding receipt, he said. Inasmuch as practically all wage earners who may use these receipts as their 1944 returns file returns during the year, inclusion in the receipt of any wages not actually paid in 1944 would result in incorrect returns.

JASPER COUNTY FARM FAMILY CARRIES ON WITHOUT HELP: HAS NO TIME FOR FISHING

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 14.—The successful farming operations of Wayne Richardson of the Mt. Union community, Jasper county, this year is due to the phenomenal production Texas farmers achieved despite essential shortages.

According to County Agricultural Agent S. W. Monroe, Mr. Richardson and his four small sons, Danny, Delton, Elton and Joe Wayne, planted, cultivated and harvested 100 acres of crops. Although Danny, the eldest wasn't yet 12, Mr. Richardson paid out only \$24 for hired help. The field work was done with a tractor and tractor equipment. While the crop was making there wasn't a horse on the place, Monroe says. The boys now have a pony for riding and errands, but it has not pulled a plow or cultivator.

In addition to operating his farm and caring for livestock, Mr. Richardson earned \$300 helping other farmers break land, build terraces and do other work with

his tractor equipment. At the beginning of the year he had considered accepting a defense job, but after family councils it was decided that he could make his most valuable contribution to the war effort by remaining on the farm notwithstanding that employment in a war plant promised a larger income.

Monroe says that finishing and marketing hogs is an important phase of the Richardson farming program. A considerable number of fat swine were sold last year

and this year's plans call for fattening and marketing 50.

"It took six days a week to do it," Mr. Richardson told Monroe, "and we didn't even have time to go fishing, which we all enjoy." He said he was considering adding dairying to his operations. He has several Jersey heifers, including one which Danny won at the Beaumont 4-H club show last fall, which would make a good foundation for a herd, Monroe says.

Give 'em a break during the holidays!



Thousands of men and women home for Christmas. Service men and women in uniform. For many of them it will be the last time they will be with their families for an indefinite period of time.

passenger equipment and unprecipitated volume of civilian travel home for Christmas. —we must again ask your cooperation and friendly understanding. As you can adjust your going and coming with more latitude than men and women in service —please postpone your train trip until after the holiday period to enable us to provide accommodations for our soldiers, sailors and marines on Christmas furloughs.



THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF RUNNELS

WE THE SUBSCRIBERS, have this day entered into a Limited Partnership under the provisions of Texas Revised Statutes Title 106, relating to limited partnerships, and do hereby certify that the name of the firm under which said partnership is to be conducted is ELTEX, LTD.; that the general nature of the business to be transacted is all phases of the oil business, including the purchase and sale of oil and gas leases, leasehold estates, interests and royalties, drilling of oil and

gas wells, the producing, processing and marketing of oil, gas and other petroleum products, and all other activities incident to an oil and gas business, and that the same will be transacted in the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, and in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. That the name of the general partner is E. L. Elliott, of New York City, New York, and Abilene, Texas, who has contributed in cash the sum of \$3,150.00, and the names of the special partners, their addresses, and the amount each has actually contributed and paid in in cash are as follows:

Name	Address	Amount
David Van Alstyne, Jr.	115 Chestnut St., Eaglewood, N. J.	\$3,450.00
Richard C. Noel	5 Carstensen Rd., Scarsdale, N. Y.	3,150.00
Harold K. Young	24 Elm Ave., Larchmont, N. Y.	375.00
L. Richard Kinnard	415 Wister Road, Wynnewood, Pa.	1,125.00
Gerald T. Shipman	35 Baltusrol Way, Short Hills, N. J.	1,125.00
W. Ian Mack	250 Park Ave., New York City	375.00
Miss Stella Lee	250 West 85th St., New York, N. Y.	375.00
Miss Anna C. Gillane	Chappaqua, New York	375.00
Armin A. Schiesinger	715 N. Van Buren St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1,500.00

The date at which said partnership is to commence is April 25, 1944, and it shall terminate on April 25, 1954.

Edward L. Elliott, David Van Alstyne, Jr., Richard C. Noel, Harold K. Young, L. Richard Kinnard, Gerald T. Shipman, W. Ian Mack, Miss Stella Lee, Miss Anna C. Gillane, Armin A. Schiesinger, I. COUNTY CLERK OF RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, to whom

the Certificate of Limited Partnership above referred to was tendered for filing, have designated The Ballinger Ledger a newspaper of general circulation in this County, in which the foregoing advertisement shall be advertised for six weeks in accordance with Article 6118, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas. (Seal)

JOHN B. RAYBURN, County Clerk, Runnels County, Texas. By Lynnie Harris, Deputy.

What Helps Agriculture Helps All of Us!



John Holmes, President, Swift & Company

This page is printed here as a service to all farmers and ranchers of America. Together with you producers, we have a big job to do in the business of feeding this nation of ours well.

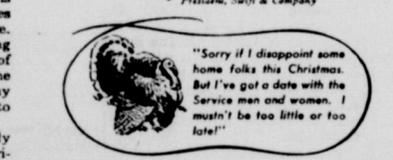
A short time ago I was talking about improved methods — what helps agriculture helps all of us.

That is it in a nutshell. What helps agriculture does help all of us—producer, meat packer and processor, retailer and consumer. So the purpose of this page is to tell in a few words and many pictures about all manner of things that do help agriculture. We hope that by searching out news items, telling of new trends, big or little, reviewing findings of agricultural experiment stations, by recounting the experiences of successful individuals, and in many other ways, we can render a worthwhile service to all who produce our nation's food.

The Editor will be F. M. Simpson, who is already well known to many of you as Manager of our Agricultural Research Department. He will welcome your suggestions and original ideas. Mr. Simpson is the Editor—but it is your page. Please help us make it a useful one.

A Merry Christmas to you all!

John Holmes, President, Swift & Company



"Sorry if I disappoint some home folks this Christmas. But I've got a date with the Service men and women. I mustn't be too little or too late!"

Nutrition Is Our Business—and Yours!



These six Americans are united in the job of seeing that 132,000,000 fellow Americans get enough of the right kinds of food to eat. The rancher, farmer, meat packer, retailer, housewife and scientist, each has a part in the preparation and distribution of meats and other foods.

Feeders of livestock know that diet has a lot to do with the health of their animals. It is the same with human beings. There is a great deal of research being conducted at the present time in our universities to find out more about the relationship between diet and human health, and Swift & Company gives many grants to aid this kind of research.

Not so many years ago a lot of people said meat was hard to digest; that children should never be given pork, etc. Nutritionists have proved that pork is one of the most digestible of all meats, rich in Vitamin B. These and many other basic truths about meats and other foods have been established by the work of nutritionists. You can readily see why such discoveries help the sale of meat and of livestock. That is why we say—"Nutrition is our business—and yours."

Does lots of wool on the face and legs of a sheep and a wrinkled skin help to make a more valuable fleece? No, says the U. S. D. A. Sheep with wool over their eyes produce fleeces of lighter weight and less value than open-faced sheep.

Martha Logan's Beef Pot Roast: A beef chuck, rump or round, provides the roast, accompanied by onions and carrots. Roll the beef well in flour, then brown in hot fat in a heavy kettle. Add water, cover tightly and cook slowly for two hours, or until tender. Add peeled potatoes, onions and carrots, and cook for one hour.

Ex-Farm Boy Knocks 'Em Dead

May be you've heard the epic story of "Zeke" Givan. "Zeke" was a farm boy from Dearborn County, Indiana—until he enlisted in the Marines. His first big show was at Kwajalein. The Japs started to rush him, and "Zeke" started to shoot. When the shooting stopped, those present were "Zeke," one red-hot Browning Automatic Rifle, and 35 dead Japs. "Zeke" says modestly, "I did nothing except my duty." Later he was wounded at Saipan. We'll say that like many thousands of other farm boys, in and out of the Service, he is doing his duty extra special well.

Swift & Company, CHICAGO 9, ILLINOIS

CANVAS COATS FOR SHEEP PAY OFF

Range lambs grazing in mountains and valleys, fashionably dressed in ducky little white duck coats sounds more like a pipe dream than a practical possibility for sheep growers. However, in an experiment at the University of Wyoming, coats of 15-ounce canvas were tailored to fit half of a flock of 684 range sheep. The fleeces were carefully compared at shearing time and the "coats" proved their worth in a big way... more clean wool per fleece; 6.8 per cent less shrinkage; 13.5 per cent less dirt content; and the staple was a full half-inch longer than on the sheep that wore no coats.

This adds up to extra wool profit no matter how you look at it. In addition, the coats protect the sheep from cold weather, wet, sand, dirt, burrs, stickers, and reduce death losses and feed consumption. Wool from the coat-wearing sheep, compared favorably with the best white Australian wool.

For further information, write R. H. Burns, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyo.

SOFT CORN FATTENS LIVESTOCK

I. B. Johnson, Director, Agricultural Experiment Station, South Dakota State College

If you are caught with "soft" corn, due to a sudden freeze before your corn matures—remember you still have feed. It makes a good fattening feed for steers, calves, feeder pigs, and lambs.

These were the conclusions of the South Dakota Experiment Station, based upon the first year's feeding trials, wherein cattle, hogs and lambs fed soft corn were compared with others fed sound corn of No. 3 market grade. The soft corn was bought at 50 cents a hundredweight—the No. 3 corn at 75 cents a bushel.

No preparation was given to this soft corn. It was stored in uncovered piles on the ground, and fed field run—soft, moldy, rotten, husk-covered ears just as they came.

Yearling steers were fed for 150 days, calves 195 days, pigs from 87 to 118 days, lambs 90 days. In ALL cases the return was greater from the lots receiving the soft corn, due to the price at which the corn was purchased.

The gains of both cattle and pigs on soft corn, compared to those on hard corn, were reduced after the beginning of warmer weather in April. It is advisable to feed your soft corn early.

In figures, the soft corn had the following approximate values when compared with the price of No. 3 ear corn in the rations fed:

- 84% when fed to yearling steers
- 89% when fed to feeder calves
- 74% when fed to feeder pigs
- 71% when fed to feeder lambs

If you want additional information, write the Animal Husbandry Department, South Dakota State College, Brookings, South Dakota. (The above expressed in this article are those of the author.)

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Ballinger-Seymour to Play at Abilene

The Ballinger Bearcats and the Seymour Panthers will meet at Abilene Friday afternoon at 2:45 to decide which team will be the regional champion this year. Ballinger defeated Eastland in the bi-district to reach the finals and Seymour defeated Crowell in its bi-district to represent the northern end of the region.

School officials and coaches of the two teams met at Abilene Sunday to decide the time and place of the game, select officials and attend to other game arrangements. After considerable discussion they decided to play at Abilene, in the Abilene high school field, believing that this arrangement would permit more fans from both towns to witness the game.

The Bearcats will be meeting a real football team for the first time in class A this year. Scouts who have watched the Panthers play report that it is a fine aggregation of boys, in perfect physical condition with a hard running attack and one of the best passers in the state with plenty of excellent receivers.

The Bearcats are carefully studying a defense to use against the powerful Seymour team and will enter the game in good condition, and knowing that this game will not be a walkaway. Coach Wright took no chances here last week and several of his regulars who had been injured the week before against Roscoe saw only little action against Eastland.

Seymour has one of the best backs in this area this year who runs, passes and kicks. A guard is listed as the best lineman in that part of the state, and a tackle and an end were also named on the all-district team last week.

Seymour coaches and school officials have scouted the Bearcats for the past two week-ends and feel rather confident that they can win the regional game.

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Eastland Folds Up Before Bearcat Onslaught Friday

The Ballinger Bearcats fought their way into the regional finals last Friday night when they defeated the Eastland Mavericks in the bi-district by a score of 69 to 0. It was apparent from the start of the game that the score was going to be one-sided as the Bearcats tore into the opposing line for long gains and also passed with ease for long gains.

The Bearcats scored first on the fourth play of the game. The local lads received the kick on their 36-yard line. Sykes and McCorstin made a first down, a pass was incomplete and on the next play Sykes broke into the secondary and worked his way 56 yards to a score. McCorstin carried over for the extra point.

7-0

The next touchdown came after considerable play with both teams having the ball. Frazier finally carried the ball 28 yards to the Eastland 3 and from there Sykes went over. Evans failed to make the extra.

13-0

Opening the second quarter the Mavericks were pushed back to their four where they attempted to kick out to safety. The kicker was rushed and the ball went high and arched backward to fall behind their goal. Earnshaw tried to field the ball and it was knocked out of bounds and counted as a safety for the Bearcats.

15-0

Three first downs in a row set the Bearcats up for the next score which proved hard to make. From the 3-yard line McCorstin went over for a score but Ballinger was offside and the ball was brought back to the 8-yard line. McCorstin again went through the line for the score that was allowed to stand. Frazier went over for the extra but again Ballinger was offside and on the next try Russell carried over.

22-0

A short time later, McCorstin passed to Kopecky who gathered in the oval and dashed to a touchdown, and pass and run being good for 58 yards. Russell made the extra point.

29-0

Near the close of the half McCorstin intercepted a Maverick pass and behind excellent blocking returned 49 yards for a touchdown. Russell made the extra.

36-0

Opening the second half, Frazier grabbed an Eastland pass and returned 55 yards for a touchdown. Frazier also made the extra.

42-0

Starting on their 34 the Bearcats used runs and passes to rush the ball to the 21-yard line from where McCorstin cut through the

line for a score. Russell failed to convert.

48-0

Starting another touchdown drive, Kopecky pulled a fine pass out of the air for 28 yards, Russell passed to McCorstin for 21 yards and a score. Frazier made the extra.

55-0

Sykes and Kopecky featured the next long drive to place the ball on the 8-yard line. On the next play Russell handed to Sykes who tore into the line for 5 and lateralled to McCorstin on the side line, Mc going over for a score. Frazier made the extra.

62-0

Passes to Kopecky and a 16-yard gallop by McCorstin set up the last score of the game, Sykes going over. Russell made the extra.

69-0

In the last minute of the game the Bearcats were struggling for one more score. Taking the ball deep in their own territory, McCorstin hit Russell for a pass good for 30 yards. The next play he handed one to Sykes good for 31



Friday afternoon in Abilene at the Ballinger-Seymour game, Ballinger fans will occupy the west stands. Reserved seats will be between the 30-yard lines and tickets for this entire section will sell at \$1 each. The ticket will not be good for a specific seat but for any seat in the reserved section. General admission, with seats on each end of the stands from the 30-yard line to the goal line will sell at 60 cents for adults and 30 cents for students.

Reserved seats went on sale in Ballinger, Abilene and Seymour Tuesday morning. In Ballinger they can be secured at Weeks and Pearce drug stores and at the school board office. All local people who intend to attend the game are urged to secure their tickets here not later than Friday morning. They will also be on sale at the ticket offices at Eagle Stadium.

The Abilene schools will be dis-

missed at 2:15 tomorrow afternoon in order that pupils may attend the game. Many Abilene fans and army personnel are also expected to be present.

Kopecky, Sykes and Pearce drew the applause of the fans with Sykes turning in his best game of the year, both on offense and defense. Kopecky proved a real ball hawk and caught a number of passes to set up touchdowns. Pearce was a power backing up the line.

Win or lose, this will be the last ball game of the 1944 season. The Bearcats are after their fourth straight championship and everything will depend on the outcome of the game Friday.

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Jake Bentley, Hardin-Simmons, head linesman
Lt. Fry, Camp Barkeley, field judge.

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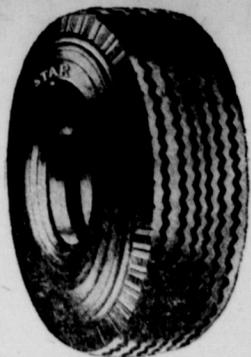
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By Ouida Sharpes and Martha Sparkman

Honor Roll

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Junior class—Francis Gottschalk, Juanita Lee

Sophomore class—Betty Joyce Shelburne, Jo Alice Simpson, Pauline Zak

Freshman class—Yvonne Bryan, Bill Mitchell, Glen Hoelscher, Corley Watkins

Eighth grade—Shirley Ham-bright

Seventh grade—Shirley Cope, Mary Lou Hoelscher

Sixth grade—Billy Cope, Jeanora Simpson

Fifth grade—Ollie Dean Bowden, Ray Neil Stark

Fourth grade—Virginia Ann Hoelscher, Patsy Mackey, Yvonne Robinson, Travis Ray Sparkman

Third grade—Jacqueline Cope, Peggy Cope

Second grade—Lou Ann Bryan, Doyle Ford, Francine Hoelscher, Laveta Hutton, Jerry Wayne Turner

First grade—none

Basketball Games

Last Tuesday night, December 5, the Norton basketball boys and volleyball girls went to Ballinger to play ball. The girls played volleyball first and were defeated by the Ballinger girls. The boys then played Ballinger Jr. high and won over them. We are expecting Ballinger to visit us in the near future.

The Norton boys went to Blackwell Saturday, December 9, for a tournament. They played three games to lose two and win one. We only got third place, but we have just begun training.

Christmas Holidays

The Norton school will turn out for the Christmas holidays on December 22, 1944, and will return January 1, 1945. Everyone is anxious for the holidays to begin.

Plans for Football and Pep Squad Banquet

Plans have been made to have the football and pep squad banquet Saturday, December 16, at the school gymnasium. The decorations are to be in the spirit of Christmas. There is to be a short program and then the meal will be served. Everyone is looking forward to this part of the program. The affair is to be formal.

Pvt. Roland Dorsey, who had been stationed at Camp Wolters, has been at home with his mother, Mrs. J. B. Dorsey. He left Friday for Camp Ord, California, after a ten-day furlough here.

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Three Gospel Workers to be With Nazarenes December 17



Dr. Haskell London and Mrs. Deletta London, in company with Rev. W. L. French, district superintendent, will be at the Ballinger Church of the Nazarene December 17 for a service beginning at 7:45 p. m. These are prominent workers in the Nazarene denomination and have a great message for those who hear them. Dr. London is a sweet gospel singer. He recently

was discharged from the navy with the rank of lieutenant and received the silver star decoration for bravery and service beyond duty. While on convoy duty his ship was sunk and he will tell how God led him in rescuing his men.

Rev. E. M. Walker, local pastor, urges all who can to attend this service and promises a gospel meeting of soul-stirring songs and sermon.

HERRING

We are having some very cold weather; have a big frost every morning, and the northerners are coming quite often, too.

We had 34 in Sunday school last Sunday which is a few more than we usually have when we don't have preaching. Next Sunday is our regular preaching day, and we are hoping we have good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Morton are visiting a few days with their daughter, Mrs. Millard Kerby, and family, while en route to their home at Winters after spending a few weeks with relatives near Rising Star.

Mrs. Tommie Brevard, of Eldorado, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brevard and other relatives.

Mrs. Owen Bragg spent Saturday in Talpa with her brother, Capt. Ira Grounds, who is home

on furlough from the European war fronts. Capt. Grounds is a pilot on a fighter and has seen quite a bit of action.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fuller and daughter, Norma Sue, and Billie Ruth Whitley visited Sunday with Mrs. Vera Simpson and family in the Oxien community. Other guests in the Simpson home were Pvt. Chester Simpson, of Camp Hood; and Mr. and Mrs. Berry Matthews and Odie.

Pvt. and Mrs. Perry Bragg and baby, of Camp Wolters and Mineral Wells, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Zipporah Bragg, and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Claud Brookshier, of Benoit, visited in the Bragg home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt Bains and daughter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Rube Whitley.

Mrs. Haeward Morrison and daughter, Maurine, spent Sunday with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jarm Morrison, in the Oxien community.

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SOCIETY

Mrs. Stone is Triple-Four Hostess
Mrs. Claude Stone was hostess to the Triple-Four contract club Tuesday afternoon in her home on Ninth Street.

The traditional emblems of the Christmas season, and lovely red carnations gave a pretty decoration to party rooms and to table and game appointments. Mrs. Delbert Vancil was winner of high score award and Mrs. J. A. Schnable binged.

A Xmas salad plate with cookies and hot chocolate was served. Others present were: Mmes. Tom Agnew, C. L. Baker, Levy Lee, Gordon McGiffin of Brookville, Pa., Ross Murchison, R. W. Earnshaw, Troy Simpson, and Fred McClanahan.

Luncheon is Favor for Sewing Club

Mrs. Malcolm Morgan included sewing club members for a holiday luncheon Tuesday in her home on Sixth Street.

A potted poinsettia centered the dining table and a snow scene adorned the buffet where the two-course chicken spaghetti menu was served.

After the sewing hour, gifts were exchanged. Those present were: Mmes. Charles Hambrick, Theo Isbell, Mark Davis, Derwood Bissett, Ross Bartlett, Lee Maples, and E. F. Lawless.

Misses Folkes and Norwood Entertain Fidelis Class

Misses Ozzie Folkes and Marie Norwood were hostesses to the First Baptist Fidelis Class Tuesday evening, entertaining in the attractive apartment of Miss Folkes on Eighth Street.

A lighted tree featured Yule decorations about rooms where gifts were exchanged and letters written to Lt. Susie Faye Kallina, Pvt. Lillian Knowles and Anna Bell Hash, former members who are now serving in the Woman's Army Corps.

Fruit cake was served with spiced tea to: Mmes. O. T. Toney, Zell Ringle; Misses Rena Walker, Velma Parrish, Lillian Peck, Dorothy Crawford, Curtis Gregory, and Anna Walker.

8th Street Presbyterian Conquest Class in Allen Home

Mmes. E. S. Malone and Rufus Allen were hostesses to the Eighth Street Presbyterian Conquest Class Tuesday evening in the Allen home on Seventh Street.

The traditional colors of the Yule season were given pretty emphasis in the poinsettias, red chrysanthemums, and arrangements of foliage and berries about rooms, in candles, and in the dessert plate served with coffee. Mrs. Ola McMillan gave the devotional and Mrs. Una V. Dooze conducted the business session. Xmas carols were sung and Christmas poems were read. Miss Eunice Lilly was winner in a quiz contest and capsule friends were revealed by a gift exchange.

Others present were: Mmes. Roy Hill, Harper McFarland, Aurelia Webb, Altus Stokes, W. A. Erwin, G. P. Teague, Clarence Jennings, A. H. Wiesepape, B. H. Erwin, John Reese, Clark Koller; Misses Maggie Lilly, Anita Wood of Dallas, and Norma Baker.

Mrs. Barton is Know Your Neighbors Hostess

Only Know Your Neighbors members were included by Mrs. John A. Barton Wednesday afternoon when she was hostess in her Eighth Street home.

Potted poinsettias and other holiday decorations graced rooms where the usual sewing hour was enjoyed.

A salad plate was served with cookies and coffee. Included were:

Mmes. L. C. Adair, Malcolm Morgan, LeRoy McAulay, J. H. Endacott, Jack Nixon, Sr., Bill Clark, Dee Saylor, Joe Flynt, John Castor, George Davis and Cecil Jones.

Serving Uncle Sam

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Friends at Home Get Merry Christmas from France

A Christmas greeting was received this week by The Ledger from all the Ballinger boys in the 36th division and is sent to all their friends back home. These boys have had many months of battle experience and have been in service since November, 1940. Their deed on the battlefields of Italy and France have been some of the most important of the entire war.

The V-mail card carried the emblem of the 36th division and the wording: "Merry Christmas from France and a Happy New Year." It was signed:

T-Sgt. Charles W. Johnson
S-Sgt. Ernest W. Middleton
T-4 O. T. Gabbart
T-4 Gordon L. Burks
Cpl. Leamon Bell, Jr.
T-5 Clayton T. West
Sgt. Charles Sheppard
S-Sgt. Guy G. Jones
Pfc. Jimmy L. Russell
Pfc. Horace B. Kelly
T-5 Alvin L. Bilbrey

Sgt. Harold W. Benefield, in a hospital in the South Pacific, is anxious to receive letters from his friends in Ballinger. His complete address is: Sgt. Harold Benefield, Central Directory Hospital, A.P.O. 501, c-o postmaster, San Francisco, California.

A recent letter from Pvt. Walter E. Crockett, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Tom Crockett of Norton, informed that he was stationed in the Netherlands East Indies with a supply company. He says the food and living quarters are fine and that the men had a great Thanksgiving dinner. So far he has not met any old friends but has heard that some were nearby. He made the trip over with J. W. Taylor, of Norton, but the latter was sent to another base.

Cpl. Olean C. Gunyon has been transferred from Liberal, Kansas, to a B-32 base at Fort Worth. Mrs. Gunyon is at home for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crockett, of Norton, and Cpl. Gunyon spent the past week-end there.

Mrs. Roy Phelps came in today and will be at home for the duration with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Henderson. Her husband, Flight Officer Roy Phelps, is being sent to overseas service.

A letter was received this week from J. L. Henderson, AOM 2c, who is serving in the South Pacific. The letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Henderson, told of how they are getting fixed up to live at their new station. They have a canvas house, sand floor, clothes lockers made from ammunition boxes, and electric lights. Henderson told of eating turkey on Thanksgiving day and added that the food was good all the time.

In the same mail was a letter from the young man's chaplain telling the Hendersons of J. L. being at church the day before.

Sgt. Woodrow W. Fry, of Winters, is a squad leader in a heavy weapons company of the 40th

infantry division. He has served in the army since August, 1942, and has been overseas since September, 1943, including previous service in the Hawaiian Islands and the South Pacific. For the past eight months he has been serving in New Britain.

Sgt. Doyle H. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myles R. Brown, Ballinger, has been awarded an oak leaf cluster to his air medal, it was announced recently by the 8th air force in England. A waist gunner on a B-17 with the veteran 457th bomber group and has participated in many of the bombing raids over Nazi Germany in daylight. Sgt. Brown, a graduate of the Ballinger high school, was an employee of the AAA office here before entering the service.

Pfc. Marion P. Paske, son of Peter P. Paske, Ballinger, has been awarded the good conduct medal. He has been in service abroad 14 months, serving as an ammunition bearer with a veteran infantry regiment which fought at Guadalcanal and with other units of the Americal division which fought against the axis on other

fronts. He also wears the combat infantry badge.

T/3 Winston O. Moreland, of Norton, is with the group that is keeping fleets of trucks rolling across England and France to service planes in combat against the axis. He is stationed at an important air command post somewhere in Europe. His wife, Mrs. Lillie Alice Moreland, is making home in Austin for the duration.

Capt. Robert H. Fowler has arrived at the redistribution center in Miami, Fla., for reassignment after completing service outside the United States. Before reporting at Miami he visited his mother, Mrs. J. E. Fowler, and other relatives and friends here. He flew 50 missions as a B-24 pilot in the Mediterranean theatre and was awarded the DFC, the air medal, and clusters. Prior to south European service he served six months in the Caribbean area. He is a graduate of the Ballinger high school and John Tarleton College.

Garland A. Smith, son of Mr.

and Mrs. H. L. Smith of Ballinger, has been promoted to the rank of corporal at a bomber base in England. Cpl. Smith, a refueler of heavy bombers, has been assigned to duty in England for many months. A graduate of the Ballinger high school, he was an outstanding Bearcat football player back in 1929.

J. L. Byers received a letter this week from his son, Lt. L. J. ("Pinky") Byers, informing that he had completed his combat missions with the 8th air force in England and was due to return home. Lt. Byers has been in Eng-

land flying a heavy bomber for several months and completed his required missions December 7. He flew during the invasion of France the past summer and has made many raids deep into the industrial center of Germany.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS WILL START NEXT WEDNESDAY

Ballinger school children will be dismissed next Wednesday afternoon for the Christmas holidays. Regular class work is scheduled for the first three days of the week and then pupils and teachers will be released until January 1, date of the resumption of school.

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Local firemen are urging citizens to be careful this Christmas season and help in every way to avoid serious fires. Much old material is being used in decorating homes, churches and other places and all which has to do with lighting should be carefully inspected to see that it is all right. Our firemen are doing the best job possible but they have lost men to the armed forces and their equipment is getting old. Take every precaution and possibly we can pass this holiday period without a single alarm.

Ballinger is making the poorest showing in the sixth war loan campaign of any war demand since Pearl Harbor. Purchases have dragged from the first and the quota is still only a little over half finished. Neighboring communities and counties have gone over the top, some are even trying to increase their quotas, but Ballinger was still \$227,722.00 short Monday of this week. Saturday is the last day in the present bond drive. Somebody has not bought his share. As we plan to enjoy the Christmas season in our homes surely all believe that our first duty is to meet this bond quota and do the fair and square thing by our fighting men. Meeting a bond drive is like winning a battle. Our boys sacrifice, are wounded and die to win battles

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but so far in this war few civilians have sacrificed and suffered to help carry on this war by investing a little money. Get busy before Saturday night, and let's fulfill our obligation.

Local churches will present Christmas programs Sunday. This year as never before these programs should appeal to all our people. Some have forgot why we celebrate Christmas and this is a good time to recall the reason and go to the church of your choice to hear again the story of Christmas on this the fourth wartime anniversary. You will find a welcome at any church, you will enjoy the fine fellowship there, and the fact that you were a part of the service will make you feel better.

**Rosborough Gives
Pecan Storage Hints**

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 14.—Pecans in storage should be well ventilated, otherwise heating and molding may result. This reminder comes from J. F. Rosborough, horticulturist for the Texas A. & M. College extension service. He warns against storing the nuts in bins before the meats are thoroughly dry. It is better to keep the pecans in sacks for a couple of weeks, storing them where the air can circulate freely over and around them.

Where freezer lockers are available, pecans will keep satisfactorily for three years. The shelled meats should be stored in tin cans or other tight containers. They should be stored early, usually in December, before any deterioration in the meat begins. Crop estimate for Texas is 43 million pounds of pecans, good in some sections and spotty in others. Llano county, for example, reports the biggest crop in a number of years, and County Agricultural Agent C. V. Robinson says the nuts there are of fine quality. In Galveston county, where the nuts are not so plentiful, home demonstration club women are pooling their orders for a large shipment of paper-shell pecans. Orders were taken at 32 cents per pound with minimum lots of 10 pounds.

Harvest is nearing completion in some sections but where all nuts have not been gathered Rosborough emphasizes that care should be taken to prevent damaging twigs and branches when the nuts are threshed with cane poles. Beating the trees unmercifully might destroy many buds and reduce future yields. A canvas cover or wagon sheet spread over the ground before threshing is begun aids in quicker harvest.

In DeWitt county, J. W. Jackson, county agricultural agent, says some growers have been docked about 20 per cent for green nuts. Proper drying will bring better prices, he is advising farmers.

Yank Gets a Trimming



Waiting for orders to advance against the city of Bologna, Italy, this member of the 1st Armored Division gets a trimming from a Fifth Army barber. Back the attack. Buy at least an extra \$100 War Bond today! From U. S. Treasury

**WEST TEXAS
NOTES**



Brownwood citizens were invited to attend an open house at the health center last Sunday. The new center is occupied by the city and county health units, the tuberculosis association, the nursing division of the Red Cross, state and district supervising nurses, district venereal disease workers, and several other groups. The doctor in charge offered light refreshments at the opening but no speakers. Health pictures were shown.

The Rising Star Parent-Teacher Association has planned a Christmas party and tree for the school children on December 19. All parents are invited to the tree for the lower grades and are asked to bring gifts of not more than 35 cents in value.

Tribute was paid to the WASPs in final graduation exercises at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, last week. The program closed this air school and concluded the training of women pilots. General H. H. Arnold was the principal speaker.

Port Stockton officials have filed a number of briefs in an effort to get Gibbs Field converted into a municipal airport. They have been advised that the field will not be held for stand-by purposes and if approval can be obtained from the proper authorities it is planned to use the facilities for a modern airport. Primary flight training was taught at the field for some time.

The Rowena Knights of Columbus lodge held its last 1944 meeting last week. Members voted to contribute \$15 to the Christmas party for the children at St. Joseph's School and also

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authorized the purchase of a \$100 series F war bond.

Miles Girl Scouts will present a Christmas play on December 22. "Mrs. Chester's Christmas Carol" is the play selected and the cast has been rehearsing for some time. A small admission will be charged, this to be used in carrying on the general work of the organization during the ensuing year.

Coleman county war loan drive leaders announced last week that the county had gone over the top with the overall and series E bond quotas but that they were not satisfied with this splendid record and set an additional quota of one million dollars to be met by December 16. The Coleman overall quota set by the treasury department was \$840,000. All committees will continue to work for the new quota and a special program is to be presented in one of the Coleman theatres.

Menard county went over the top in the sixth war loan campaign last week. Both the overall and E bond goals were passed and buyers are still visiting the issuing agents. County purchases last week totaled \$279,184.50. More than \$100,000 in E bonds had been bought at that time.

The McCulloch county livestock show will be held some time in January and a colt clinic is scheduled in the afternoon. Both 4-H club and F. F. A. boys will participate in the 1944 show and intend to have some of the finest exhibits they have assembled in a number of years. McCulloch county boys made excellent records with their cattle projects the past year, winning honors at some of the biggest livestock shows in the country.

The Comanche American Legion post has received plans for a \$30,000 memorial building to be erected in honor of Comanche county men serving in World War II. The post has raised part of the money for this purpose and

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**U.S. Navy Changes
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Previously, there was no system by which an activity was notified that a specific group of men was arriving there. What happened was that if the man didn't inform his correspondents of a changed address, mail addressed to him came to that station, and when there was no record of that man's name there, it would be returned.

Now every navy Joe leaving an activity in the United States will fill out a card for his correspondents, newspapers, and publishers, giving his new address and notifying his last commanding officer as well as anticipated commanding officer of the change of address. This now informs the commanding officer in advance that Joe is coming and to hold his mail; and, by the same token, gives his old station an immediate address to which mail may be forwarded. The commanding officer at every ship and station is charged with the responsibility of having the change of address cards filled out completely for each enlisted man or officer being transferred from his ship or station.

When a boy first arrives overseas on a ship his morale is at its lowest ebb. Mail from Mom, Dad and Mary in the past didn't catch up with him for from three weeks to three months after he left the States. But not any more. By this new method, mail will greet him on his arrival overseas and the letters that just missed him as he left the States will be ready to be delivered at ship's side when he

first puts into port. Not only will this be a big boost to morale but it will eliminate a large part of the directory service—making available additional navy personnel for dispatching the mails.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our deep appreciation to neighbors and friends for their kindness shown us in the recent illness and death of our loved one, J. H. Halfmann. The expressions of sympathy and everything done to help us in this sad hour will long be remembered by each member of the family. Especially do we thank those who sent beautiful flowers as a token of their love.

Mrs. J. H. Halfmann and family.



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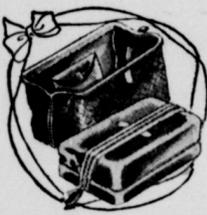
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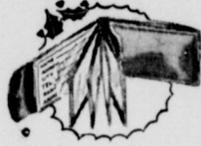
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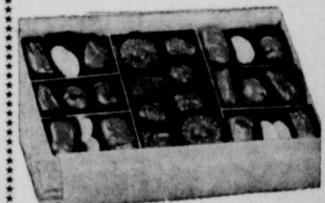


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the choir of 40 voices will sing "The Nativity Song," by Nolte. The choir has been rehearsing this cantata several weeks and will be ready for presenting it to the public Sunday. They will appear with special Christmas decorations and lighting effects. Mrs. Charles Hambrick will be at the organ console for the program.

Special attention has been given the decorations of the church with E. Shepperd as chairman of the committee. He has had charge of this part of the Christmas activities for years and has provided a beautiful Christmas setting for all programs in the past. Sunday morning the Christmas theme will be observed in the Sunday school and the morning worship service with a special offering for Buckner's Orphans Home at Dallas.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these programs.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their many expressions of sympathy and for the flowers and cards at the death of our beloved daughter and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wiginton and J. W., Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wiginton and children
Cpl. and Mrs. Jeff Wiginton and son. It

SINGING AT MOZELLE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

The singing scheduled at the Grace Baptist Church in Ballinger Sunday has been called off on account of the singing to be held at Mozelle, Coleman county. The program there will begin Saturday and continue through Sunday. A large crowd is expected.

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That depends on YOU! It depends on you, *more than you think!* On ALL of us!

We can't leave it all to the fighting men. They're certainly doing *their* share—but we at home have got to

do *our* share to push up the hour of Victory over Japan.

And that means buying War Bonds. Buying at least *one extra* \$100 War Bond right now—one \$100 War Bond more than we thought we could afford.

Some day, *some* of these boys will come home. Some will live through their months of horror.

And when you look them in the eye and see the tortured memory of their buddies who *didn't* come through it, ask yourself what sacrifice *you* made to save them.

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Hatchery and Seed Theme of Speaker At Rotary Meeting

Neal Nutt was program speaker at the Ballinger Rotary Club meeting Tuesday to discuss his business in a vocational talk. Mr. Nutt told of how he became engaged in his present business, dealing mostly with the hatchery and seed divisions of the store. Going back twenty-five years he stated that 97 per cent of all baby chicks were hatched by the old hen in the back yard, that this percentage has been completely reversed, 97 per cent of the baby chicks today coming from hatcheries and from the best eggs obtainable.

Educational work among poultry raisers has shown them the advantage of raising good chicks and demanding that the hen produce eggs. The national average of 90 eggs per hen does not yet pay the room and board of that hen, the speaker declared, but he added that by proper feeding and care the hen might be expected to produce 175 eggs annually.

The average person consumes about 320 eggs annually, the United States using more than 42 billion eggs a year. On top of this Americans eat about 3,500,000 pounds of poultry a year.

Discussing the handling of garden, field and flower seed, Mr. Nutt gave a similar picture of the development during the past 25 years. He spoke of the time when the farmer went to the barn or the feed stack and took his from there. Today practically all planting seed are bought from retailers where pure, certified seed may be obtained.

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Mr. Nutt also spoke of the taking of a partner who can render a service to the farmers and livestock men of the county as well as the poultry producers. This service was made possible when J. M. Williams became associated with Mr. Nutt. Mr. Williams was a vocational agriculture teacher and is devoting much of his time to rendering free service to the people of this county.

'Don't Worry' Typical Plea of POW Letters

WASHINGTON, December 14.—"Dear Mom and Pop, don't worry!" write 9 out of 10 of the 65,000 or more American prisoners of war in their letters from enemy prison camps.

Army officials recently revealed this typical plea to the folks back home during the first press tour of the POW information bureau at the war department. This is the "only official source of information in the United States concerning Americans who are in prison camps of our enemies," they said.

Americans held by enemies also include approximately 10,000 civilian internees, about 75 per cent held by the Japs, in addition to the military men and civilians who worked with U. S. services who are counted as war prisoners. About 500 women civilians are held in German camps, but no nurses or WACs.

Quickest way to get word of a POW is to write the POW information bureau, provost marshal general's office, war department, Washington, D. C. This bureau has

copies of all information coming into this country about war prisoners.

Even information written by prisoners to relatives or friends is included in the files.

The public can expect more infantrymen reported as prisoners of war soon, but so far the majority have been airmen, the bureau officials said.

German prison camps where Americans often are reported to be include Dulag Luft, where all airmen go first; Oberwesel on the bank of the Rhine, where the enemy pumps them for informa-

tion; Stalag Luft I, about 100 miles southeast of Berlin; and Stalag Luft III, with a view of the bay across from Sweden, the camp where all airmen is censured.

All German camps have been inspected but the Red Cross has visited only those Jap prison camps in Japan, Formosa, Manchuria and Shanghai. The Japs have claimed that military security prevents inspection of camps in the Philippines, the Dutch East Indies, Burma and Indo-China.

A grant of \$7,200 was accepted by the University of Texas board of regents in their recent meeting from the National Livestock and Meat Board of Chicago, for the continuation of study at the medical branch of the university in Galveston. Dr. A. E. Hansen is in charge of the study, which deals with fat metabolism as regards the unsaturated fatty acids, in relationship to human metabolism.

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Think on These Things
by Richard Robbins
Minister
Eighth Street Church of Christ

"For if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God." Acts 5:38, 39. This principle should be applied to any religious movement. We should keep in mind too: "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Pr. 14:12. And Paul tells us that the world by wisdom knew not God; and that the foolishness of God is wiser than men. I Cor. 1:21, 25. In giving us the will and Testament of Jesus Christ, He completely furnished us with every good work; and every word is profitable. Therefore we should not ignore any part of the Bible. In an effort to bring about unity in Christianity some are so broad-minded that they advocate dropping those doctrines that cause religious divisions. These modern Theudas and Judases are boasting themselves to be somebody, with a plan for uniting God's people. If it is from God it is in harmony with God's Bible. If it ignores any part of the scriptures it is the ways of death even though it seemeth right unto man.

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SAFEWAY



Women's Society and Club News

Christmas Musicals Presented by Shakespeare Club

The beautiful home of Mrs. J. F. Currie on Ninth Street was opened to Shakespeare Club members and their guests last Thursday afternoon when a formal Christmas musical was presented by a group of artists, Miss Mavis Douglas soprano, and her accompanist, Mrs. H. A. Stephens, both of Brownwood; Mrs. Eugene Bartholomew, pianist, also of Brownwood; Mrs. J. A. Schnable, reader; Miss Carmen Demmer, violinist; and Mrs. Charles van de Putte, organist.

Soft organ music was played as guests were welcomed by Mrs. Currie, who presented officers of the club, Meses. J. W. Guynes, H. Ford Taylor, H. Ravellette, W. J. Hembree, C. P. Shepherd, Lela McAdams, and R. T. Williams. Mrs. J. B. Striplin gave each the printed program favors.

Only the glow from candles, placed at vantage points, lighted the spacious reception rooms where artistic arrangements of Christmas berries and foliage with poinsettias gave floral adornment while lovely mantel decorations and other Yule symbols gave added beauty and color.

Mrs. Guynes, club president, gave greetings, while Mrs. Ravellette introduced the following program: "The Bird of the Wilderness," by Horsman; "Vision" by Kriens; "The House That Jack Built," by Homer; and "The Blue Danube," by Strauss-LaForge; sung by Miss Douglass accompanied by Mrs. Stephens; "Chromatic Fantasy in D Minor" by Bach, "Nocturne in F Sharp Minor" by Chopin, and "Ahi Viene el Chino" by Lecuona, played by Mrs. Bartholomew; "Malagueña" by Lecuona, "Theme from Symphonie Pathétique," by Tschalkowsky, played on the Hammond organ by Mrs. van de Putte; "A Christmas Legend," by Mrs. Schnable; the Bach-Gounod "Ave Maria" by Miss Demmer; and the traditional "Cantique de Noel," by Mrs. van de Putte. Mrs. van de Putte played accompaniments for Mrs. Schnable and Miss Demmer. Miss Douglass concluded the program with a group of Christmas numbers, "They Sang That Night in Bethlehem," by Schubert-Deis; "The Sleep That Flits on Baby's Eyes," by Carpenter; "Sweet Little Jesus Boy," by MacGimsey; and "The Holy Mother Sings," by McKenney.

At the tea hour, planned by Meses. Estes Lynn, Bruce Creasy, Paul Petty, and Alex Saunders, Mrs. Guynes and Mrs. Taylor poured from the dining table which was centered with a crystal bowl of red carnations surrounded by star candles and flanked by tall red candles in two point crystal candelabra. Other dainties were decorated sandwiches and cookies, salted nuts and mints.

Others present were: Meses. W. E. Hall, John Guion, Chester Cherry, A. J. McDaniel, Troy Simpson, K. V. Northington, William J. Wingo of Ann Arbor, Michigan, J. G. Douglass, F. M. Pearce, E. C. Baskin, E. E. King, James A. Wear, F. C. Miller, H. G. Agnew, G. G. Odom, Conda Wylie, Horace Murphy, A. B. Stobaugh, O. T. Toney, T. J. McCaughan, H. B. Loyd, Charles Hambrick, J. A. Killough, Joe Forester, Alex McGregor, C. R. Stephens, Simeon Cottelle, Elma Mann, I. Vancil, L. R. Tigner, Arthur Giesecke,

George Davis; O. L. Sims, and Shultz Hartgrove of Paint Rock.

James Striplin is Honor Guest
James Striplin, who is at home from Texas A. & M. College to await his call for active duty in the armed forces, was guest of honor at a Christmas dinner given by his mother, Mrs. J. B. Striplin, in their home on Sixth Street last Friday evening before the Ballinger-Eastland game.

Multi-colored lights on the decorated tree and other Yule symbols were used about the living room, while tall red candles on the buffet lighted the dining room where the damask-laid table was centered with an arrangement of dark red chrysanthemums. The dinner menu was served in four courses.

Other guests were John Halikas of Eastland, former roommate of James' at A. & M., who is also awaiting his call; Richard Hembree and J. R. Wade, of Mercedes, also A. & M. students; Glenn Wood, of Eastland; and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Lowry.

First Baptist Society Observes Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Mrs. Taylor Henley, general missions chairman for the First Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, planned the annual observance for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering held at an all-day meeting last Friday at the church on Eighth Street.

After the Woman's Hymn, led by Mrs. O. T. Toney with Mrs. C. A. Morton, accompanist, was sung in unison, and Mrs. James A. Wear gave the opening prayer. Mrs. Henley presented the day's theme "Christmas for Christ" and gave the morning devotional. Mrs. A. M. King was assisted by Meses. C. J. Lynn, L. L. Strobbe, and Homer Daniel in discussing the needs of Latin American missions; and topics concerning Europe and the Near East were given by Mrs. Taylor Henley assisted by Meses. Malcolm Morgan, Lee Maples, Mark Davis, and Theo Whitehead. Mrs. Morton gave the afternoon devotional and the missions fields discussed were the Far East and Nigeria. Leaders were Mrs. Fred Holliday and Mrs. Carl Black. Others taking part were: Meses. J. W. Blasdel, Wix Currie, Sr., R. T. Williams, W. J. Hembree, C. E. Maedgen, A. O. Bartlett, and Elmer Shepperd. An added enjoyable feature was the singing of a group of numbers by Martha Grimes and Clara Butler.

The concluding season of prayer for all objectives was led by Mrs. Henley.

At the noon hour a delicious covered-dish luncheon was served under the direction of Mrs. R. T. Williams, general social chairman.

First Presbyterian Business Woman's Circle Meets

Miss Marryatt Smith was hostess to the First Presbyterian Business Woman's Circle Monday evening in her home on Sixth Street.

Mrs. J. M. Pyburn directed the routine business period and Mrs. C. R. Stephens gave the Bible study, a continuation of lessons from Second Corinthians.

A salad plate was served with fruit cake and tea. Others present were: Meses. Elma Mann, Fred Vetterlein, Misses Maggie Underwood, Louise Batts, Virginia Holman, and Olga Schawe.

St. Mary's Society in Afterglow Home

The Altar Society of St. Mary's Catholic Church was entertained by Mrs. Chester Afflerbach Monday afternoon in her home on Sixth Street.

A manger scene, a village snow scene, and a pretty lighted tree featured decorations about rooms where Mrs. V. O. Wade gave the opening prayer and presided over the business session during which reports and defense stamp contributions were made. Instead of the regular Bible study, the Rev. Fr. Edward B. Postert gave the story of the Holy Family.

The society presented a Christmas gift to Fr. Postert and Mrs. H. B. Halfmann, who is leaving to make her home in Fredericksburg, gave him a lovely hand-quilted comfort.

A salad plate was served with orange bread, cookies, and coffee by the hostess and her sister, Mrs. Tony Nixon. Others present were: Meses. Edward Moomen, L. Afflerbach, E. Schott, Walter Mueller, and Miss Mary Kre.

Garden Club Has Christmas Program

Mrs. J. B. Striplin presided for the regular meeting of the Civic Garden Club Tuesday afternoon in City Hall auditorium.

After routine reports, Mrs. Elmer Shepperd led the group in singing

the Christmas carols "Joy to the World," "Silent Night, Holy Night" and "Adeste Fideles," with Mrs. Alex Saunders at the piano. Mrs. C. R. Stephens gave a very interesting paper on "Flowers and Shrubs of the Bible."

The new officers named were: Mrs. F. M. Pearce, president; Mrs. J. A. Killough, first vice-president; Mrs. Estes Lynn, second vice-president; Mrs. Roy Hill, secretary; Mrs. R. F. Zedlitz, treasurer; and Mrs. C. R. Stephens, historian.

Christmas Party for First Baptist Naomi Class

Mmes. Alton Underwood, Melvin Patterson, L. B. Pierce, and James Parrish were hostesses to the First Baptist Naomi Class Tuesday evening, entertaining in the Underwood home on Broadway.

A brilliantly lighted tree, from which gifts were exchanged to reveal secret pals, and other Yule decorations gave a festive air to rooms where Mrs. W. E. Elkins gave the devotional on "Christmas Traditions" after the opening prayer by Mrs. Carl Black. Mrs. Patterson presided for officers' and committee reports.

The dining table was centered with greenery, pine cones and branches, and pyrocanthus berries, flanked by tall red candles. Sprigs of mistletoe were favors for the plate of pecan pie and coffee.

Others present were: Meses. W. A. Jacob, Theo Whitehead, J. A. Killough, Homer Bibb, E. C. Grindstaff, Herman Scroggins, Wallace Seipp, W. D. Davenport, E. D. Lovelady, Vivian Marshall, Stanley Price, R. O. Weathers, Doc Lee, John Castor, Naomi Keithley, O. T. Toney, Earl Cope, Oren Chandler, Lee Maples, Jim Golden, Joe Vaughan, Wesley Whitman, J. T. Hornburg, W. A. McDonald, J. H. Endacott, Cam Blackmon, Joe Forester, and W. J. Hembree.

O. E. S. Has Christmas Program
Poinsettias and a beautifully decorated Christmas tree gave a holiday atmosphere to the Eastern Star hall Monday evening, when Ballinger Chapter No. 286 held its regular meeting and had its annual Christmas program.

Mrs. Luna Mae Foy, worthy patron, presided. Martha Saunders played a medley of Christmas carols on the violin, with Mary Brian Woody playing the piano accompaniments; Mrs. Janie Barnett sang "Abiding Peace"; and Joanne Glover gave a reading "The Tenth Avenue Kid."

Christmas gifts were exchanged and a social hour enjoyed. Other visitors present were Mrs. Halley Porter, Nancy Guynes, Sue Bishop, Joe Van and Steve Petty, Mike and Lavelle Foy, E. A. Saunders, and Mrs. Paul Petty. Other mem-

bers were Meses. Effie Hulsey, Rachel Boswell, Frances Zedlitz, Bessie Cherry, Kathleen Bailey, Ione Teague, Violet Williams, Daley Parker, Thelma Gabbert, Dale O'Neill, Nellie Campbell, Rama Saunders, Velma B. Halley, Minna Lasater, Fletcher Currie; Meses. Agnes Globber, Marie Norwood, and Myrtle Ruth Hale.

Party for Perry Bros. Employees
Mrs. Melvin Beddo, Miss Florene Wood, and Miss Winona Howell

were hostesses to employees of the Perry Bros. store Monday evening with a Christmas party in the Beddo home on Sixth Street.

The Christmas theme was carried out in all decorations and in the refreshment plate, and gifts were exchanged from the pretty tree. Others present were: Meses. Christine and Corene Bowen, Addie Manske, Jean Wood, Willo Faye Wood; Meses. LaVerne Pastelwate, Opal Hill, Mary Ruth Welch, and Odell Caswell.

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Cities Service Co. Host to Farmers At Meeting Here

A. O. Bartlett, Ballinger co-signee for Cities Service Co., held a meeting which was of much interest to farmers of this community last Wednesday night in the lunch room of the Ballinger schools. Over 125 farmers, their wives and children attended. Three moving pictures were shown, one a comedy for the kiddies, another "How to Get the Best Results from Wartime Gasoline," and "Old McDonald Had a Farm." All films were produced by the Ethyl Gasoline Co.

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The wartime gasoline film showed how to get engines in the best condition for such gasoline and advised slower starts. Overheating, carbon, slipping fan belts, worn distributors and worn spark plugs, were given as causes for knocking engines, proving that gasoline does not deserve all the blame. It was stated that the armed forces are getting the best gasoline and that for civilian use is therefore a lower grade.

The farm picture showed farmers how to use tractors to get their work done in spite of the manpower shortage. The picture showed every known make of tractor doing every kind of work, such as digging post holes, raising bales of hay into the barn, cutting wood, pumping water, cleaning out the dairy barn and other work. One machine now on the market even picks cotton.

J. W. Dewhurst, divisional manager, Fort Worth, made a talk, telling farmers how they were contributing to the war effort and spoke of the small percentage of farmers who are cashing war bonds.

Charles Self, regional manager, Kansas City, attended the meeting as did C. C. Zongker, carburetor and ignition expert, of Fort Worth.

John A. Barton, county farm agent, stressed the need of the development of the farm in a brief talk.

Coffee, doughnuts and cold drinks were served, prizes awarded and a display of Cities Service products shown.

M. V. Robertson, territory supervisor for Ballinger and vicinity, acted as master of ceremonies. Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Bartlett were hosts for the program and the social that followed.

Purpose of the meeting was to

Aviation Conference Underway



Adolph Berle, assistant secretary of state, and temporary chairman, is shown as he made the opening address of the International Civil Aviation conference held in Chicago. Delegates representing 50 countries met in first conference of its kind, hoping to work out a plan for world air transportation. The conference has dedicated itself to world-wide peacetime aviation development.

Outlook for Cotton As Postwar Industry Interpreted by Cox

AUSTIN, Dec. 13.—The future of cotton as a postwar industry was interpreted in Washington, D. C., recently by Dr. A. B. Cox, director of the University of Texas bureau of business research, and professor of cotton marketing.

Speaking before a sub-committee of the house committee on agriculture, Dr. Cox outlined advantages and disadvantages of cotton as a crop.

Among the advantages he listed the following facts: (1) it is oriented climatically to the South; (2) it is complementary and not competitive with other crops of other regions; (3) it is the South's surest crop; (4) it produces a high value per acre; (5) it takes relatively less fertility out of the soil than any other major crop; and (6) it has a market capable of great expansion.

Disadvantages of producing cotton were listed by Dr. Cox as these: (1) cotton requires excessive amounts of hand labor; (2) it is a row crop, which induces soil erosion if planted continuously in rolling land; (3) it has increasingly strong competition from synthetic fibers in both quality and price; and (4) the capacity of the United States to produce cotton far exceeds its demands so that much of it must seek foreign markets to maintain normal production.

Offering five solutions of cotton's problems as a crop, Dr. Cox said that cotton production cost could be lowered by shifting production from the high- to the low-cost farms and areas, thus increasing the efficiency and amount of mechanization. He suggested control of erosion by shifting cotton to higher land, and by planting winter cover crops. He advocated selling cotton locally on a quality basis, and finally, suggested that the base of employment in the South should

be increased. "The United States should establish a new tariff policy," he said. "To emphasize the importance of cotton, we should inaugurate a stronger program of research to find new uses and new markets. Adequate machinery to finance exports of cotton should be set up, and artificial barriers to greater industrialization should be removed," he said.

MILES WAR BOND RALLY PUTS TOWN OVER THE TOP

Citizens of Miles rallied for the sixth war loan Tuesday afternoon and went over the top in series E bonds, sales totalling \$22,000 at the rally.

The entire business district was closed and the school children were dismissed so that everyone might attend. Supt. J. I. Warren was master of ceremonies; E. C. Grindstaff, of Ballinger, was the principal speaker, and John Q. McAdams, county chairman, of Winters, also appeared on the program.

Paper clips at Ledger office.

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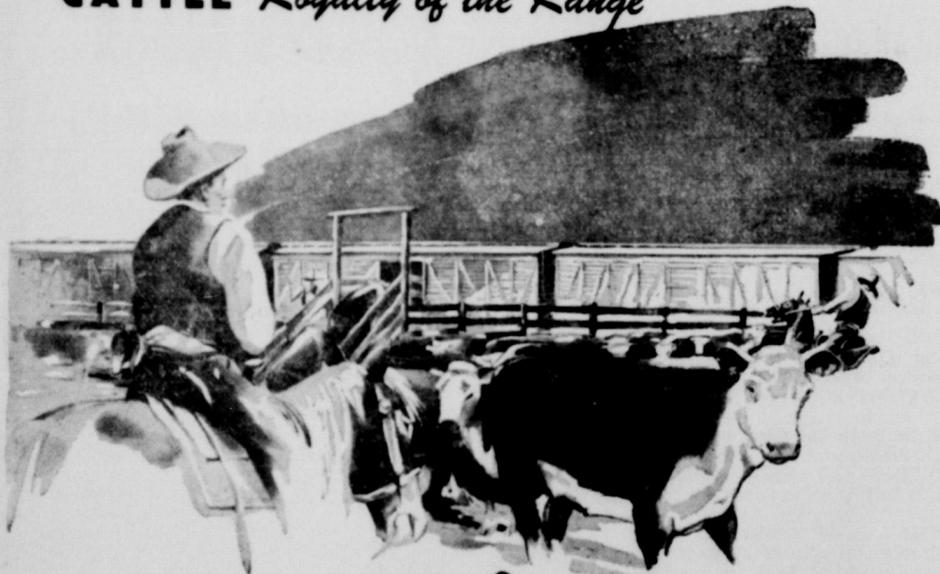
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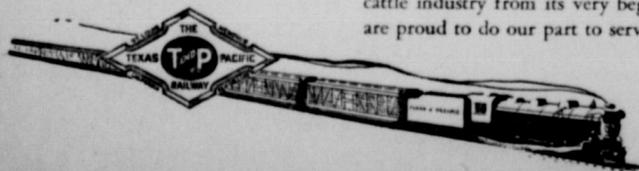
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CHARLES BAILEY, JR. GETS 8-POINT BUCK

Several Ballinger hunters came in the past week-end from their lease south of Junction, bringing home two fine bucks. Charles Bailey, Jr., got an eight-pointer on his first deer hunt and Wix

Currie, Jr., also bagged an eight-point buck. Dr. C. F. Bailey, also a member of the party, did not get a shot.

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10:00 a. m., Sunday school, classes for all ages.
11:00 a. m., morning worship.
6:00 p. m., evening worship.
This, the third Sunday of the month, is the Sunday the pastor conducts the services at the Paint Rock Presbyterian Church. The hour for that service is 7:30 p. m.
GARY HOFFMUS, Pastor

First Christian Church
(Broadway and Murrell)
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Worship service, 11 a. m.

Evening service, 7:00 p. m. Come and join the fellowship.
J. T. SIMMONS, Minister

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.
Sunday, December 17:
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
11:00 a. m., morning worship.
7:30 p. m., evening worship.
W. A. ERWIN, Pastor

Eighth Street Church of Christ
Sunday:
9:45 a. m., Bible study.
10:45 a. m., worship service.
6:45 p. m., young people's meeting.
7:30 p. m., worship service.
Monday:
4 p. m., ladies' Bible class.
Wednesday:
7:30 p. m., Bible study.
RICHARD A. ROBBINS, Minister

First Baptist Church
(400 Eighth Street)
Sunday, December 17:
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
11 a. m., sermon by the pastor, "God and Business."
Baptist Training Union, 6:30 p. m.
At 7:30 p. m. our choir under the direction of R. E. White will present its annual Christmas musical program—this year the cantata, "The Nativity Song," by Nolte.

ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK:
Monday:
4:00 p. m., the Woman's Missionary Society and auxiliaries meet.
Wednesday:
7:30 p. m., "All Church Night." Christmas tree program.
The public is cordially invited to worship with us.
CLARENCE A. MORTON, Pastor

Friday at 8 p. m., Crusader service.
All are cordially invited to our services. A stranger but once.
CARL POOL, Pastor

Zoar Evangelical and Reformed Church, Rowena
Church school, 10:15 a. m.
Divine worship, 11:30 a. m.
FRANK W. LAMMERT, Pastor

Grace Baptist Church
(10th Street and Phillips Avenue)
Bible school, 10 a. m., Jim Hash, superintendent.
Morning service, 11 a. m.
Evening service, 8:30 p. m.
Friday night prayer service, 8:30 p. m.
PAUL F. DONNELSON, Pastor

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Services:
Sunday, 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.
Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.
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Court of St. Monica Catholic Daughters In Christmas Party

On Wednesday evening at 8:00 Court St. Monica of the Catholic Daughters, Olfen, had a Christmas party in connection with the regular meeting.
Chaplain F. M. Kaminsky was present and Mrs. Paul Halfmann, grand regent, presided. Fifty members attended.
It was announced that the daily recitation of the family rosary was introduced in nearly all the homes of the members asking for a speedy peace. Members voted to purchase a \$50 war bond and it was reported that the Thanksgiving dance on November 30 was a success.

For the good of the order Mrs. Ferdinand Rohmfeld gave a solemn meditation on the real Christmas story. Mrs. R. A. Lange offered a jovial rendition, "Christmas Smells," and a poem to Santa Claus. Rev. Kaminsky read the encyclical of Pope Pius XII, on the mystical body of Christ, "The Church is the Fullness of Christ," which is study club reading. The next meeting will be held on the first Wednesday night in January.
The Christmas party opened with musical numbers by Miss Evelyn Halfmann, piano accordionist, with Mrs. H. E. Halfmann at the piano. Miss Evangeline Rohmfeld presented her overseas brother's version of "The Night Before Christmas."
Games, contests and Christmas music featured the program which closed with the singing of "O Come All Ye Faithful" and the exchange of gifts.

SCOUT COURT OF HONOR TO BE HELD DECEMBER 21
A Boy Scout court of honor is to be held in the district court room of the court house here on the evening of December 21, Judge O. L. Parish said today. A good program is being arranged for this court, at which three eagle scout awards will be made to members of Ballinger troops.
In addition to the eagle awards a number of other boys will get high ranking awards and others will receive advancements.
Those to become eagle scouts are Carl Black, Edward Kevil and Charles Miller.
Everyone interested in scouting is invited to witness this court of honor which will be attended by scout leaders and a large number of the members.
Pay-day is bond-buying day.

FARM AUCTION SALE

Will sell at public auction on Wednesday, December 20, 1944, starting at 1:00 p. m., on the Jerry Hoch river farm, 3 miles south of Lowake, the following articles to the highest bidder.
All bids are to be cash and I reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

- 1 chicken house, 20x20 ft., sheet iron
- 1 brooder house, 10x16 feet
- 1 self feeder, 8x20 feet
- 1 Letz Mill, No. 140, finger feed
- 1 four-wheel trailer, 5x14 ft. bed
- 1 six-foot grain drill
- 1 three-disc plow
- 1 McCormick row binder
- 1 two-row stalk cutter
- 100 or more laying hens
- 2 Jersey cows
- 1 set leather harness
- Sweeps, hoes, rakes, forks, shovels, sheep trough, anvil and forge and lots of other items.
- 1 John Deere tractor (Model B) with two-row equipment, at private sale.

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REGULAR SERVICES AND DEVOTIONS:
Sunday mass: 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of month at 8:30 a. m.; 2nd and 4th Sundays of month at 11:00 a. m.
Daily mass at 7:00 a. m.
Rosary and Benediction of Blessed Sacrament every Sunday at 7:30 p. m.
Holy Hour with our Eucharistic Lord for our boys and girls (Catholic and non-Catholic) in the service of our country on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 p. m.
Devotion of the First Friday in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus after mass on 1st Friday of the month at 7:00 a. m.
Confessions: 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays of month, 5:00 to 6:00 p. m., and 7:30 to 8:30 p. m. Before the early mass on Sunday, 7:30 to 8:20 a. m., and before daily mass.
Our non-Catholic friends and neighbors are cordially invited to assist at the above services and devotions.
EDW. B. POSTERT, O.M.I., Pastor

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.

First Methodist Church
Sunday, December 17:
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.
Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.
The high school choral club will sing at the morning service.
H. B. LOYD, Pastor

Church of the Nazarene
(Ninth and Harris)
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.
N. Y. P. S., 7:15 p. m.
Evening worship, 8:15 p. m.
E. M. WALKER, Pastor

Church of God
(Corner Sixth and Strong)
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Morning service, 11 a. m.
Young people's meeting, 7:15 p. m.
Junior service, 7:15 p. m.
Evening service, 7:30 p. m.
Mid-week prayer service, 7:45 p. m., Wednesday.
Morning prayer service each week day, 10 to 11 a. m.
T. N. MINIX, JR., Pastor

A. R. Murchison is at home this week after being in Abilene the past two weeks doing special work for the W. H. Johnson cotton office.
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Maria Montez Has Leading Role In Musical, 'Bowery to Broadway'

Covering a generation of New York theatre history, Universal's "Bowery to Broadway," to be shown at the Ritz Theatre next Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 16, 17, 18 and 19, is a melodious, spectacular and human story of show business people from the 1890s to the early 1930s.

The picture is strongly cast, with Maria Montez, Susanna Foster, Jack Oakie and Turhan Bey in starring roles, supported by Louise Albritton, Donald Cook, Ann Blyth, Leo Carrillo, Frank Mc-

ductions. Oakie leaves him, and the two men eventually go broke. They get together again, at the end of the picture in a lavish show, which Miss Montez secretly angels. The show stars Ann Blyth, one of the screen's most attractive singer-actresses.

Turhan Bey, orchestra conductor and composer, and Susanna Foster are in love, and get married despite an injury that halts her stage career. Bey's many fans will thrill to his colorful performance.

'Music in Manhattan' Musical Comedy Riot Mid-Week at Texas

When a girl's engaged to be married, it's disconcerting to have a strange man appear and claim to be her husband.

On this theme hinges the sparkling fun of "Music in Manhattan," RKO Radio's latest musical comedy, billed at the Texas Theatre Thursday (one day only) of next week, December 21.

With Anne Shirley, Dennis Day and Phillip Terry heading the cast, the picture revolves about the romantic plight of a certain Frankie Foster, singing star of a struggling musical revue, who is engaged to its author and leading man, Stanley Benson. In trying to raise some money to help the revue along, Frankie quite innocently is mistaken for the bride of an army pilot being decorated for his exploits in shooting down Japs. Presently the newspapers trumpet the "war hero's secret romance," and the hero in question, Captain Johnny Pearson, infuriated at what he thinks is a cheap publicity stunt, shows up in Frankie's apartment to find out what she intends to do about it. The ensuing happenings are said to form some of the funniest moments in screen annals.

Raymond Walburn, Jane Darwell and Patti Brill head the supporting cast, while the music is played by Charlie Barnett and his Orchestra and Nilo Menendez and his Rumba Band.

WOMEN STUDENTS OUTSCORE MEN AT TEXAS UNIVERSITY

AUSTIN, Dec. 13.—Women students at the University of Texas have higher scholastic averages than men, statistics prepared by the registrar's office show.

Grade-point average for women students was 1.412, and the men's average was 1.251, the records show. Average in all courses completed in the entire university was 1.334. Last year the average was 1.337 for the main university, and in 1940-41, a pre-war year, it was 1.221.

Women outscored men in the colleges of arts and science, engineering, fine arts, and pharmacy, but the men scored higher in the schools of business administration, education, and law.

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'Going My Way'



Scene from "Going My Way" at Texas Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 17, 18, 19.

Rise Stevens with Bing Crosby In Delightful 'Going My Way'

Promising the finest entertainment to yet reach the screen this year, Paramount's "Going My Way," at the Texas Theatre Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, December 17, 18, 19, and 20, has already been hailed by critics as a truly great motion picture.

Reviewers gave many reasons for their praise of this heart-warming and tenderly-drawn movie in which Bing Crosby plays Father "Chuck" O'Malley. The cast of film favorites certainly is an asset for "Going My Way." Seen in splendid characterizations are Barry Fitzgerald, as Father Fitzgibbon; Rise Stevens, a life-long friend of Bing's and now an opera singer; Frank McHugh, as Father O'Dowd, a schoolmate of Crosby's; Gene Lockhart, cautious banker; James Brown and Jean Heather, romantic love couple; and Porter Hall, neighborhood crank.

Other roles are capably handled by Fortunio Bonanova, Stanley "Stash" Clements and Carl "Alfalfa" Switzer.

The Robert Mitchell boys' choir teams with Bing and Rise on several occasions resulting in some extra fine vocalizing, according to reports.

"The National Barn Dance" and "Mademoiselle Fifi" at Texas Tomorrow and Saturday

In teaming Jean Heather and Charles Quigley as the young lovers in the radio hit-show "The National Barn Dance," Paramount blended screen, stage and radio talent. In the cast also is the entire cast of the air-show which for ten years has been an NBC coast-to-coast favorite. "The National Barn Dance" is the No. 1 feature of the program at the Texas Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday. The second feature attraction for the same dates is "Mademoiselle Fifi."

The Hoosier Hot Shots, Lulu Belle and Scotty, the Dining Sisters, Arkie the Arkansas Wood-chopper and Pat Buttram play themselves in "The National Barn Dance" with all the rustic rhythm that millions of radio fans have learned to love. For a Times Square touch of hill-billy humor, Robert Benchley keeps audiences hysterical with a number of his rib-tickling routines.

Laid during the period of the

Hoot Gibson and Bob Steele Western Plus 'Machine Gun Mama' to Palace

"Marked Trails," co-starring Hoot Gibson and Bob Steele, and "Machine Gun Mama," starring Armida, El Brendel and Wallace Ford, are the two features to be shown at the Palace Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday, December 15 and 16. In addition are several short subjects.

Rated as one of the most thrilling western dramas of the year is the Monogram picture, "Marked Trails," newest in the sensational "Trail Blazers" series which have gained much popularity in the last year.

Supporting players to Hoot Gibson and Bob Steele are Veda Ann Borg, Mauritz Hugo, Steve Clark, Ralph Lewis, Charles Stevens, Lynton Brent, Bud Osborne, Allen

B. Sewall, George Morell and Ben Corbett.

"Machine Gun Mama" is an unusual admixture of romance, comedy, and music, presenting a story of Mexican carnival life in a farciful way. Marking the return of El Brendel to feature motion pictures, the film gives him Luis Alberni as a comedy running mate, and then for added complications adds an 8300-pound elephant, Bunny, about whom the plot revolves.

Supporting players include Jack LaRue, Ariel Heath, Julian Rivero, Eumenio Blanco and Anthony Warde.

Armida, vivacious and petite, sings two numbers in the film, "Mi Amor" and "Moonlight Fiesta."

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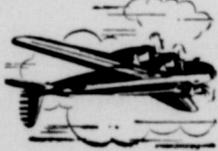
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Women's Society and Club News

Christmas Musicals Presented by Shakespeare Club

The beautiful home of Mrs. J. F. Currie on Ninth Street was opened to Shakespeare Club members and their guests last Thursday afternoon when a formal Christmas musicale was presented by a group of artists, Miss Mavis Douglass soprano, and her accompanist, Mrs. H. A. Stephens, both of Brownwood; Mrs. Elgene Bartholomew, pianist, also of Brownwood; Mrs. J. A. Schnable, reader; Miss Carmen Demmer, violinist; and Mrs. Charles van de Putte, organist.

Soft organ music was played as guests were welcomed by Mrs. Currie, who presented officers of the club, Mrs. J. W. Guynes, H. Ford Taylor, H. Ravellette, W. J. Hembree, C. P. Shepherd, Lela McAdams, and R. T. Williams. Mrs. J. B. Striplin gave each the printed program favors.

Only the glow from candles, placed at vantage points, lighted the spacious reception rooms where artistic arrangements of Christmas berries and foliage with poinsettias gave floral adornment while lovely mantel decorations and other Yule symbols gave added beauty and color.

Mrs. Guynes, club president, gave greetings, while Mrs. Ravellette introduced the following program: "The Bird of the Wilderness," by Horsman; "Vision," by Kriens; "The House That Jack Built," by Homer; and "The Blue Danube," by Strauss-LaForge; sung by Miss Douglass accompanied by Mrs. Stephens; "Chromatic Fantasy in D Minor" by Bach, "Nocturne in F Sharp Minor" by Chopin, and "Ahi Viene el Chino" by Lecuona, played by Mrs. Bartholomew; "Malagueña" by Lecuona, "Theme from Symphonie Pathétique," by Tschai-kowsky, played on the Hammond organ by Mrs. van de Putte; "A Christmas Legend," by Mrs. Schnable; the Bach-Gounod "Ave Maria" by Miss Demmer; and the traditional "Canticle of Noel," by Mrs. van de Putte. Mrs. van de Putte played accompaniments for Mrs. Schnable and Miss Demmer. Miss Douglass concluded the program with a group of Christmas numbers, "They Sang That Night in Bethlehem," by Schubert-Dels; "The Sleep That Flits on Baby's Eyes," by Carpenter; "Sweet Little Jesus Boy," by MacGimsey; and "The Holy Mother Sings," by McKenney.

At the tea hour, planned by Mrs. Estes Lynn, Bruce Creasy, Paul Petty, and Alex Saunders, Mrs. Guynes and Mrs. Taylor poured from the dining table which was centered with a crystal bowl of red carnations surrounded by star candles and flanked by tall red candles in two point crystal candelabra. Other dainties were decorated sandwiches and cookies, salted nuts and mints.

Others present were: Mmes. W. E. Hall, John Guion, Chester Cherry, A. J. McDaniel, Troy Simpson, K. V. Northington, William J. Wingo of Ann Arbor, Michigan, J. G. Douglass, F. M. Pearce, E. C. Baskin, E. E. King, James A. Wear, F. C. Miller, H. G. Agnew, G. G. Odom, Conda Wylie, Horace Murphy, A. B. Stobaugh, O. T. Toney, T. J. McCaughan, H. B. Loyd, Charles Hambrick, J. A. Killough, Joe Forester, Alex McGregor, C. R. Stephens, Simeon Cottelle, Elma Mann, I. Vancell, L. R. Tigner, Arthur Giesecke,

George Davis, O. L. Sims, and Shultz Hartgrove of Paint Rock.

James Striplin is Honor Guest

James Striplin, who is at home from Texas A. & M. College to await his call for active duty in the armed forces, was guest of honor at a Christmas dinner given by his mother, Mrs. J. B. Striplin, in their home on Sixth Street last Friday evening before the Ballinger-Eastland game.

Multi-colored lights on the decorated tree and other Yule symbols were used about the living room, while tall red candles on the buffet lighted the dining room where the damask-laid table was centered with an arrangement of dark red chrysanthemums. The dinner menu was served in four courses.

Other guests were John Halkias of Eastland, former roommate of James' at A. & M., who is also awaiting his call; Richard Hembree and J. R. Wade, of Mercedes, also A. & M. students; Glenn Wood, of Eastland; and Mrs. R. M. Lowry.

First Baptist Society Observes Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Mrs. Taylor Henley, general missions chairman for the First Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, planned the annual observance for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering held at an all-day meeting last Friday at the church on Eighth Street.

After the Woman's Hymn, led by Mrs. O. T. Toney with Mrs. C. A. Morton, accompanist, was sung in unison, and Mrs. James A. Wear gave the opening prayer. Mrs. Henley presented the day's theme "Christmas for Christ" and gave the morning devotional. Mrs. A. M. King was assisted by Mmes. C. J. Lynn, L. L. Stroble, and Homer Daniel in discussing the needs of Latin American missions; and topics concerning Europe and the Near East were given by Mrs. Taylor Henley assisted by Mmes. Malcolm Morgan, Lee Maples, Mark Davis, and Theo Whitehead. Mrs. Morton gave the afternoon devotional and the missions fields discussed were the Far East and Nigeria. Leaders were Mrs. Fred Holliday and Mrs. Carl Black. Others taking part were: Mmes. J. W. Blasdel, Wix Currie, Sr., R. T. Williams, W. J. Hembree, C. E. Maedgen, A. O. Bartlett, and Elmer Shepperd. An added enjoyable feature was the singing of a group of numbers by Martha Grimes and Clara Butler.

The concluding season of prayer for all objectives was led by Mrs. Henley.

At the noon hour a delicious covered-dish luncheon was served under the direction of Mrs. R. T. Williams, general social chairman.

First Presbyterian Business Woman's Circle Meets

Miss Maryyatt Smith was hostess to the First Presbyterian Business Woman's Circle Monday evening in her home on Sixth Street.

Mrs. J. M. Pyburn directed the routine business period and Mrs. C. R. Stephens gave the Bible study, a continuation of lessons from Second Corinthians.

A salad plate was served with fruit cake and tea. Others present were: Mmes. Elma Mann, Fred Vetterlein, Misses Maggie Underwood, Louise Batts, Virginia Holman, and Olga Schawe.

St. Mary's Society in Aftermath Home

The Altar Society of St. Mary's Catholic Church was entertained by Mrs. Chester Afflerbach Monday afternoon in her home on Sixth Street.

A manger scene, a village snow scene, and a pretty lighted tree featured decorations about rooms where Mrs. V. O. Wade gave the opening prayer and presided over the business session during which reports and defense stamp contributions were made. Instead of the regular Bible study, the Rev. Fr. Edward B. Postert gave the story of the Holy Family.

The society presented a Christmas gift to Fr. Postert and Mrs. H. B. Halfmann, who is leaving to make her home in Fredericksburg, gave him a lovely hand-quilted comfort.

A salad plate was served with orange bread, cookies, and coffee by the hostess and her sister, Mrs. Tony Nixon. Others present were: Mmes. Edward Moonen, L. Afflerbach, E. Schott, Walter Mueller, and Miss Mary Krc.

Garden Club Has Christmas Program

Mrs. J. B. Striplin presided for the regular meeting of the Civic Garden Club Tuesday afternoon in City Hall auditorium.

After routine reports, Mrs. Elmer Shepperd led the group in singing

the Christmas carols "Joy to the World," "Silent Night, Holy Night" and "Adeste Fideles," with Mrs. Alex Saunders at the piano. Mrs. C. R. Stephens gave a very interesting paper on "Flowers and Shrubs of the Bible."

The new officers named were: Mrs. F. M. Pearce, president; Mrs. J. A. Killough, first vice-president; Mrs. Estes Lynn, second vice-president; Mrs. Roy Hill, secretary; Mrs. R. F. Zedlitz, treasurer; and Mrs. C. R. Stephens, historian.

Christmas Party for First Baptist Naomi Class

Mmes. Alton Underwood, Melvin Patterson, L. B. Pierce, and James Parrish were hostesses to the First Baptist Naomi Class Tuesday evening, entertaining in the Underwood home on Broadway.

A brilliantly lighted tree, from which gifts were exchanged to reveal secret pals, and other Yule decorations gave a festive air to rooms where Mrs. W. E. Elkins gave the devotional on "Christmas Traditions" after the opening prayer by Mrs. Carl Black. Mrs. Patterson presided for officers' and committee reports.

The dining table was centered with greenery, pine cones and branches, and pyroanthus berries, flanked by tall red candles. Sprigs of mistletoe were favors for the plate of pecan pie and coffee.

Others present were: Mmes. W. A. Jacob, Theo Whitehead, J. A. Killough, Homer Bibb, E. C. Grindstaff, Herman Scroggins, Wallace Seipp, W. D. Davenport, E. D. Lovelady, Vivian Marshall, Stanley Price, R. O. Weathers, Doc Lee, John Castor, Naomi Keithley, O. T. Toney, Earl Cope, Oren Chandler, Lee Maples, Jim Golden, Joe Vaughan, Wesley Whitman, J. T. Hornburg, W. A. McDonald, J. H. Endacott, Cam Blackmon, Joe Forester, and W. J. Hembree.

O. E. S. Has Christmas Program

Poinsettias and a beautifully decorated Christmas tree gave a holiday atmosphere to the Eastern Star hall Monday evening, when Ballinger Chapter No. 266 held its regular Christmas program.

Mrs. Luna Mae Foy, worthy matron, and Paul Petty, worthy patron, presided. Martha Saunders played a medley of Christmas carols on the violin, with Mary Brian Woody playing the piano accompaniments; Mrs. Janie Barnett sang "Abiding Peace," and Joanne Glover gave a reading "The Tenth Avenue Kid."

Christmas gifts were exchanged and a social hour enjoyed. Other visitors present were Mrs. Halley Porter, Nancy Guynes, Sue Bishop, Joe Van and Steve Petty, Mike and Lavelle Foy, E. A. Saunders, and Mrs. Paul Petty. Other mem-

bers were Mmes. Effie Hulsey, Rachel Boswell, Frances Zedlitz, Bessie Cherry, Kathleen Bailey, Ione Teague, Violet Williams, Halley Parker, Thelma Gabbert, Dale O'Neill, Nellie Campbell, Rama Saunders, Velma B. Halley, Minna Lasater, Fletcher Currie; Misses Agnes Globber, Marie Norwood, and Myrtle Ruth Hale.

Party for Perry Bros. Employees

Mrs. Melvin Beddo, Miss Florene Wood, and Miss Winona Howell

were hostesses to employees of the Perry Bros. store Monday evening with a Christmas party in the Beddo home on Sixth Street.

The Christmas theme was carried out in all decorations and in the refreshment plate, and gifts were exchanged from the pretty tree. Others present were: Misses Christine and Corene Bowen, Addie Manske, Jean Wood, Willo Faye Wood; Mmes. LaVerne Pastelwate, Opal Hill, Mary Ruth Welch, and Odell Caswell.

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