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## Tuberculosis Seal Sale Over \$1,000 in County

The Runnels County Tuberculosis Association has revealed that more than \$1,000 has already been received in the 1944 seal sale and that last year's total is expected to be reached in the near future.

There has been a substantial increase in the sale of bonds this year. These bonds are for \$5 or more and have been offered to firms and individuals in all communities of the county. All these purchases have not been reported but the following were listed to Wednesday morning:

B. & M. Grocery  
C. O. D. Grocery  
Mrs. J. Stubblefield  
Walker-Smith Co.  
Texas Theatre  
First National Bank  
Farmers & Merchants State Bank  
Ballinger Rotary Club  
Fannie Stephens Club  
Banner Ice Co.  
J. Y. Pearce Drug Store  
Woodroof Dry Goods Co.  
Humble Oil Co.  
Texas Compress Co.  
Higginbotham Bros. & Co.  
Ballinger Printing Co.  
Ben Franklin Store  
Ballinger Lions Club  
Weeks Drug Store  
Dr. O. H. Chandler  
Ballinger Civic-Garden Club  
Lone Star Gas Co.  
Mansell Bros.  
Mrs. Cicero Smith  
West Texas Utilities Co.  
J. C. Penney Co.

Rowena  
San Angelo Telephone Co.  
Burton-Lingo Co.  
W. H. Shiller  
First National Bank  
Rev. W. F. Bosner  
Winters  
J. H. Mitchell

Spangles and Santa Claus buttons are to be sold yet and a large number of people are expected to remit yet for seals mailed them earlier.

Sales in the county last year totaled more than \$1,200.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cunningham are parents of a 9-pound baby girl, born on December 13. The young lady has been named Ruby Beath and she and her mother are doing nicely.

## Greetings

At this Christmas season I wish to extend greetings and to say

Merry Christmas  
and a  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
to all my friends.

I would say thanks for the patronage of the past year and during 1945 I will be glad to serve you in any of your plumbing needs.

WARD CRAGER  
Corner Strong and 8th Street

## CHRIST - - CHRIST - MAS

Worship in  
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH  
SUNDAY

Pastor's Subject: "Shall I Celebrate Christmas?"  
(There will be no evening service.)  
HUGH B. LOYD, Minister

## Income Tax Returns

Individual—Partnership—Corporation

## JACK NIXON

Office Over Pearce Drug Store Phone 544 Ballinger, Texas



At this Holiday Season we feel prompted to tell you how deeply grateful we are for the consideration you have so kindly extended us in the past year and to wish each of you a Christ-mas-tide of happiness and a year of health and prosperity.

AGNEW FUNERAL HOME

## Flyers Map Bad Luck for Japanese



They talk it over, lower photos and load them up, upper photo, for attacks that repaid in part the debt owed the Japs for their surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. B-29s carry tons of destruction on each trip into the land of the "setting sun." Few medals are awarded, but the hits are effective.

## Serving Uncle Sam

WITH THE FIRST CAVALRY DIVISION ON LEYTE—Private Fred Vetterlein, of Ballinger, left his machinegun to draw enemy fire for the artillery.

In a heavy machinegun platoon of the 1st cavalry division fighting in the hills of Leyte, Pvt. Vetterlein, who is married to Mrs. Bitsie Vetterlein, 909 Seventh Street, Ballinger, and his platoon was sent out to locate Jap gun positions on a vitally important ridge that an assault troop had made three futile attempts to capture.

Stealthily creeping up the ridge, the cavalryman marked on a map the positions of the heavy Jap guns as they were firing down at them. They later transmitted their information back to the artillery, which was able to effectively knock out the positions. The next day the ridge was occupied by the American troops.

Pvt. Vetterlein entered the army in 1940, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and received basic training at Fort Riley, Kansas. He joined the 1st cavalry division at Fort Bliss, El Paso, and has served overseas since 1943. He is a veteran of the Admiralty Islands campaign.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Dec. 20.—Marine Corporal Walter Wallace Trimmer is a student in electronics maintenance at the naval aviation technical training center near Corpus Christi, and expects to graduate soon from the seven months' course with a non-commissioned officer's rating. The son of Judge and Mrs. Paul Trimmer, 409 Fourth Street, Ballinger, the marine has already completed one month of primary school and three months' pre-radio school training before reporting here.

Upon successful completion of the course here, Cpl. Trimmer will be assigned to a combat unit. Walter is a former student of the University of Texas.

The most recent letter from Lt. Guy Liveley disclosed he was in Iceland. A heavy bomber pilot, he recently left Lincoln, Neb., for overseas service. It is believed here that this is just a stop en route to England. His wife is making home here for the duration. Lt. Liveley said it was cold on the island.

Sgt. Joe P. Pfluger, of Rowena, serving in the marine corps in the South Pacific, has been presented the purple heart for wounds sustained on July 21. A platoon sergeant, he has taken part in battles on Bougainville and Guam.

John A. Killough, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Killough, left Wednesday for San Antonio, where he will enter the navy. Young Killough has been a student at the University of Texas the past two years and recently passed examinations which will entitle him to enter a radio technician school for about ten months study. Before beginning this course he will serve the required time in a boot camp. At San Antonio John will be assigned to a training camp.

James P. Beard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beard, has been promoted from corporal to technical sergeant. He has been overseas for some time and recently flew his first mission as a radio oper-

ator and aerial gunner.

A letter received this week from Lt. Austin Cramer tells of some of his experiences as a bomber pilot in the South Pacific. He and his group are based in the Netherlands East Indies and he had flown 19 missions at the time the letter was written. He gave some of the details of one of his first missions, when his bombardier placed three direct hits on a Jap ship and the vessel blew apart and sank in about thirty seconds.

The casualty list released by the 8th naval district at Dallas this week included the name of Pfc. Forrest M. Routh, U. S. marine corps. Pfc. Routh was on the list of wounded in the Pacific area but no other information was given in the notation.

Notice was received here this week from Washington that Cpl. Wilmer Leroy Wilson, prisoner of the Japs since the fall of Corrigidor, had been moved by the enemy from a camp in the Philippines to Japan proper. The information came through regular channels and was relayed from Washington to the parents and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dankworth received a letter and a purple heart from their son, Cpl. Garland Dankworth, this week. Wounded on Saipan June 16, Garland was discharged from the hospital July 28. He has now reported back to his company in a tank battalion and wrote that he was OK again.

Miss Ethel Lytch, of Lawrenceburg, N. C., visited here the past week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lynn. A brother, the late Captain Angus Lytch, trained at Bruce Field with the first class there, 42-D, and served more than his required missions in India and China. Miss Lytch received her wings with the last class to graduate at Avenger Field, Sweetwater.

Lt. and Mrs. Jimmy Brown were here for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Estes Lynn the past week-end. Lt. Brown is to be base weather officer in Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Caperton received word this week that their son, Lt. Seth B. Caperton had completed his missions with the 8th air force in England and was due home soon. According to his letter he completed his flying in combat on November 10 and hopes to be home by Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Downey Simpson have received the presidential citation in which their son, Pfc. Dwain Simpson, was awarded the purple heart for wounds sustained in enemy action in the Central Pacific area. Dwain has written his mother that he was sending the medal home for safe keeping.

Capt. Fred C. McClanahan arrived in San Antonio Sunday after completing his missions with the 8th air force in England as a fighter pilot. He flew 68 missions and 270 hours against the Germans. He was met in San Antonio by his wife and they left Monday for Shreveport, where they will spend the Christmas holidays, coming to Ballinger shortly after Christmas.

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## Runnels County Over In 6th War Loan Drive

### 36th Division Has Served Four Years, 14 Months Combat

Ballinger people have received copies of the "T-Patch," official paper of the 36th division, published on November 25 in observance of the organization's four years of service. The attractive 8-page paper traces the steps of the Texas division since it was mobilized and began training at Camp Bowie, Brownwood.

Drawings show the route to North Africa, to Italy where the men hit the beach at Salerno, and the short water jump from Naples to the Anzio beach; later to the southern shores of France and the route through that country to the present positions on the border and inside Germany.

The issue contains reprints of publicity given by the leading newspapers of the nation regarding the division. Very interesting is a review of the fourteen months actual combat and some of the awards won.

Five men in the division have received the nation's highest award, the congressional medal of honor. Other awards were 1,203 silver stars, 1,748 bronze stars, 50 distinguished services crosses, one distinguished service medal, 24 legion merit badges, 33 soldiers' medals, 30 air medals, and 1,000 divisional commendations. The list did not include the number of purple hearts awarded.

### Christmas Party For Utilities Co. Employees Held

The annual Christmas party for employees in district G of the West Texas Utilities Co. was held in Ballinger Wednesday night.

The social affair was preceded Wednesday afternoon with the quarterly safety meeting at which Joe Baxter provided the program, using a highline to demonstrate methods of safety while at work. All employees of the district group and their families assembled at the city hall Wednesday night for a turkey banquet. The meal was prepared by members of the North Norton, Bethel, Rowena and South Ballinger home demonstration clubs.

W. J. Hembree was master of ceremonies and presented guests. Following this introduction Santa Claus paid a visit, bringing gifts for all the children under twelve years old.

W. O. Wallace, district manager, welcomed the employees and their families and extended greetings to all present in behalf of the company.

### Mrs. Gertrude Woods

COMPLETE INSURANCE SERVICE  
Phone 288  
110 South Eighth Street  
BALLINGER, TEXAS

John Q. McAdams, Runnels county 6th war loan chairman, announced Saturday afternoon that the county was over the top on both the overall and series E bond quotas.

In a report given out the past week-end from his office at Winters, Chairman McAdams stated that overall sales in the county at that time totaled \$1,114,427.35, against a quota of \$920,000.00. The series E quota for the county was \$385,000 and purchases to Saturday afternoon totaled \$446,416.50. This was \$194,427 over on the overall and \$61,427 over on the E bonds.

A check-up in Ballinger Saturday night revealed the city well over on overall purchases but short on E bonds. Total bond sales by local banks and the post office during the drive amounted to \$595,671.90 and \$193,914.50 in E bonds were sold.

Community chairmen at each of the banking centers said they believed additional sales would be reported this week which were made last week. Also it was thought here that several allocations would be received from large corporations with headquarters elsewhere that usually help in making up the county's quota.

Good work has been reported at every banking center by leaders in charge of the campaign and large purchases were made in the last ten days.

Rallies scheduled at Winters and Ballinger Saturday afternoon were cancelled when it was determined that the county was over the top.

### County's Official Family to Remain Intact During '45

There will be no changes in the official "family" at the court house here January 1. The only new officer to take the oath will be J. Whit Patterson, elected to the office of justice of peace, precinct 1, in the summer elections.

So the beginning of 1945 for the county officials will mean only the renewing of bonds. These have all been made and approved and January will be just a month of business at the court house, with the same officials and the same assistants employed.

Probably the busiest of the county officials will be W. A. Forgy as the tax paying rush commences and will continue on through the month. Payments at this office have already been very heavy, many property owners having taken advantage of the discounts offered for early payment.

David Caudle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Caudle of Ballinger, was promoted last week from private first class to corporal. Cpl. Caudle is stationed at the Great Bend army air base in Kansas.

### \$250.00 Reward

Paid for Conviction of  
Livestock Thieves.  
Runnels County Livestock  
Association

### "A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR"

to you and  
A PRAYER FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

This Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24

His Book, Sunday, 9:45 a. m. His Star, Sunday, 6:30 p. m.  
His Son, Sunday, 11 a. m. "WHEN THE CLOCK OF ETERNITY STRUCK"  
Sunday Night 7:30: The Harbor Lights of Home—Anchored Till Morning—  
Youth Looks Back—His Home."

### THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

(The Oldest Baptist Church in Runnels County)  
402 Eighth Street  
CLARENCE A. MORTON, Pastor

### A CHRISTMAS GIFT MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God."

### YOU ARE INVITED AT

10:00 a. m.—Bible School, "Joseph Reveals Himself"

11:00 a. m.—Sermon, "Christ, Our Redeemer"

7:00 p. m.—Young People's Christmas Program

8:00 p. m.—Sermon, "New Things"

Special Music in All Services

A Very Merry Christmas to All

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH  
PAUL P. DONNELSON, Pastor  
10th Street at Phillips Ave. Phone 69



## T. WHITEHEAD

ACCOUNTANT  
Telephone 589  
Talbot Bldg.  
Ballinger, Texas  
Audit System  
Tax Returns  
Notary Public

FINES PAID BY THREE HERE FOR LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS

Three people were convicted of liquor law violations in county court here last week. David D. Lane was fined \$100 and costs for possession.

L. E. Henson was fined \$125 and costs on a charge of possession for the purpose of sale.

Norman C. Faulkner was fined \$100 and costs on a charge of transporting for the purpose of sale.

Paper clips at Ledger office.

New Airborne Army Formed



Lieut. Gen. L. H. Brereton, U. S. army (insert), has been appointed commander of the First Allied airborne army. Photo shows him as airborne invasion of Holland and Germany was being planned. His troops (above) are shown as they were landing behind the German lines during their recent invasion of Nazi strong positions.



AS THE highest joys of Christmas come to us from the blessing of giving, we gather our humble share by giving our service to this community and our cordial and heartfelt wishes for your happiness. May the Spirit of the Nativity go with you throughout the coming year, and may your share of joy be brightened by the acknowledgment of our appreciation of your past favors.

GREETINGS

AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Bell's Grocery & Market

Phone 126



First Presbyterian Church 10:00 a. m., Sunday school, classes for all ages. 11:00 a. m., morning worship. 6:00 p. m., evening worship. GARY HOFFTUS, 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 24: 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) Christmas Eve Sunday: Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. 11 a. m., sermon, "When the Clock of the Centuries Struck." Baptist Training Union, 6:30 p. m., Christmas program. 7:30 p. m., "The Harbor Lights of Home." You are invited to spend Christmas with us. CLARENCE A. MORTON, Pastor

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

Church of Christ (1100 Ninth Street) Services: Sunday, 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Wednesday, 8:00 p. m. Friday, 8:00 p. m. Always welcome.

First Methodist Church Sunday, December 24: Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11:00 a. m. Evening worship, 7:30 p. m. 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

JOURNALISM SCHOOL PLANNED BY COSTA RICAN NEWSMAN AUSTIN, Dec. 20.—When Juan Francisco Rojas, newspaperman from San Jose, Costa Rica, who is enrolled in the University of Texas, returns to his home country he will take plans for establishing a school of journalism at the University of Costa Rica. Senior Rojas is chief of the editorial department of the newspaper La Prensa Libre, and is also editor of Cronica, a literary magazine. He is now studying journalism at the university. Also attending the university is a Latin-American student from La Paz, Bolivia, Senior Luis A. Alipas. He is specializing in the writing of congressional affairs for the newspaper La Razon of La Paz.

This is a family war. Put your War Bond buying through the payroll savings plan on a family plan, which means square it out yourself.

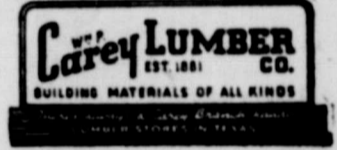
BALLINGER LAD GETS TWO BUCKS ON HUNT

Hal McDaniel showed his father, A. J. McDaniel, how to hunt deer this year, the boy getting his limit while his father settled for one buck and one gobbler.

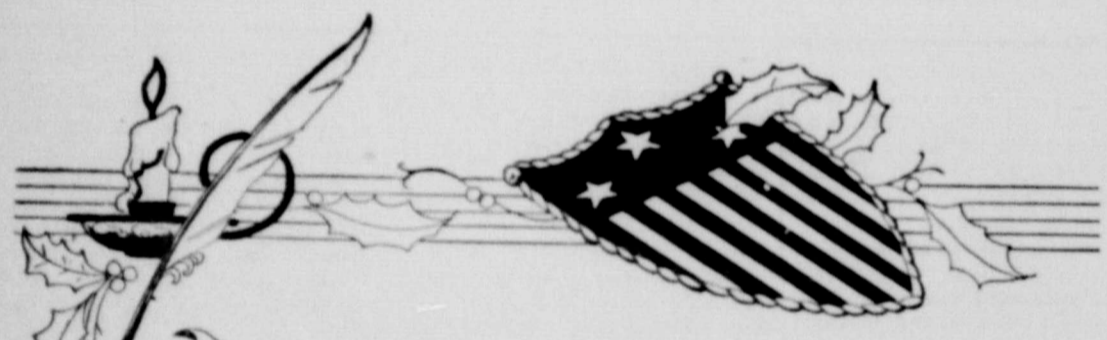
On November 16 Mr. McDaniel and Hall were hunting in Mason county and each shot a good buck. On December 16 they returned to the same county and Hal got a buck and his father a gobbler.

Be wise—advertise.

AMERICANS ARE THANKFUL. THE eventful happenings of the past twelve months make Christmas this year something more than just a holiday. Americans have been drawn closer together and the ties of mutual understanding are greater now than ever before. Americans everywhere are grateful to those who have given so unselfishly toward protecting and defending the homes of our nation. Whether they be on home soil or in distant points, their part has been magnificent and worthy of commendation. Let us not forget what they have done. Our greeting this year is especially with the thought in mind that without the fine youth of this land America could not celebrate Christmas in the traditional spirit.



J. E. HARRAL, Manager



The Foundation of The American Way Of Life

In times such as these Christmas brings home to us the realization that "Peace on Earth, good will toward men" is more than an empty phrase. It is the foundation of the American way of life, the goal which each of us look forward to so that the greatest happiness may be achieved.

The Yuletide brings with it pleasant thoughts of tried, proven and cherished associations, bound together more firmly by the experiences of past months.

To you, our friends, may we extend the Season's Greetings and a sincere wish for genuine happiness at this Christmastime..

Ballinger Home and Auto Supply FIRESTONE PRODUCTS



We send you sincere and hearty greetings, full of Christmas cheer for each of you. And we add good wishes for happiness and prosperity during the next twelve months. City Drug Store

WE'RE THANKFUL AT CHRISTMAS

As we look about at this glad season of the year, we find many things for which to be thankful. First, we are glad that we are Americans, free to enjoy life, and live in a land where freedom is the heritage of everyone. We are grateful for this privilege. Thankful are we that we have friends whose associations we treasure immeasurably. It is comforting to know these are lasting friendships, cemented by the experiences we have had together, in times that are good and in times when it is difficult to express one's feelings in order that we might share the disappointments and sorrows of our friends. It is gratifying to be a part of this community, to participate in its progress and to watch its forward development. We are thankful for the patronage you have given us, ever mindful of your consideration and your understanding of our efforts to serve you, even though conditions sometimes make it difficult for us to maintain the high standard that has always been our policy. We are glad it's Christmas and trust yours will be one of happiness and rejoicing.



J. C. Penney Co.



A MERRY

Stone's

We Wish You Well

Our every thought this Yuletide is for those about us whom it has been our privilege to serve and those whom we would like to serve in the future.

Season's Greetings Clay Building Material Co. Ballinger, Texas Ed H. Lengefeld, Manager

Seymour Defeats Bearcats In Heart-Breaker Friday

It was a sick bunch of fans and players that left Abilene Friday afternoon after the Ballinger-Seymour game which resulted in a 13 to 7 victory for the Seymour Panthers and gave them the championship of region 3.

game, was against the Bearcats, and set them back 8 yards from the goal line with only one play left. McCorstin passed into the end zone but the ball was batted down by a Panther and the game was over.

Bearcats Extend Thanks to Fans For Past Season

The Ballinger Bearcats desire to extend greetings to Ballinger friends and fans and to say "thank you" for the favors of the past season.

Bobby Reese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Reese, of Stephenville, is here for a visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reese.

Mrs. George McCulley, of Kingville, and Mrs. Crawford Lemburg of Menard, are here to visit their mother, Mrs. J. M. Skinner during her serious illness.

Typewriter ribbons at The Ledger Mimeograph paper, stencils and ink. Ballinger Printing Co.



It's time for each of us to enjoy the finest time of the year—Christmas. It's also time for each of us to take stock of the year just closing and to make our plans for the coming year.



The season is over. The ending was not what local fans might have wanted, but it was a fine season and there should be no regrets.

During the years Pooch Wright has had lots to say about the boys who play the game down in the line, who get little praise as they tear open holes while a back carries the ball.

NO STREET DECORATIONS PUT UP HERE THIS YEAR Cooperating with a request from the government the usual Christmas decorations were not put up on Ballinger streets this year.

They keep fighting— You keep buying WAR BONDS

Here's OUR GREETINGS

Pause a few minutes, please, to accept our heartiest GREETINGS for the Christmas season.

Whatever your disappointments may have been the past year, whatever sacrifices may have been yours, may you find strength to face the future with a cheerful heart.

We, as Americans, look forward to each Christmas because it is a season that is definitely a part of the American life.



Ballinger Board of Community Development

When Jackie Russell went over on the last play of the game for what looked like the score to bring a story-book finish to the game, Evans went on the field ready to try for the extra point that would have given the Bearcats a clear victory.

McCorstin turned in two fine kicks during the afternoon, the first a kick out of bounds on the Seymour one yard line.

A large number of football players will report for basketball and the Bearcats are due to put a fine team in the field this year.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR WILL VISIT LOCAL LIONS CLUB

Herbert Petry, Jr., Lions district governor for this area, will make his annual visit to the Ballinger club at the meeting tomorrow (Friday) noon.

Prescription Filled Over 15 Million Times Recommended to do just two things: relieve constipation and gas on the stomach.

THE MATCHLESS BEAUTY OF CHRISTMAS

In a world torn asunder with strife and unhappiness the one outstanding event of the year which remains unchanged is Christmas.

tion of being remembered and the host of other beautiful things that are enthroned in the true spirit of Christmas.



Sam Behringer & Company



SOCIETY

Mrs. Charles Bailey Guest Speaker for Fannie Stephens Club members were guests in the home of Mrs. Chester Afflerbach on Sixth Street Wednesday afternoon for the Christmas program directed by Mrs. O. G. Joiner.

A lovely lighted tree and a miniature manger scene suggested the Christmas theme as did the silver and blue motif featured in the dining table and buffet centerpieces. Christmas wishes were given in answer to roll call and Mrs. Joiner read the Scriptural Christmas story from Luke. A flute and oboe trio, Clara Beth Sutphen, Elizabeth Routh, and Gloria Jenkins, played "Joy to the World," "Melody from Orpheus," and "Silent Night, Holy Night." Mrs. Bailey used the beautiful theme "Peace on Earth, to Men Good Will," stressing the importance of neighborly love and a world viewpoint.

At the social hour, Mmes. M. E. McClenney, F. C. Shillingburg, and W. H. James served a dessert plate with coffee. Holly corsages were favors. Others present were: Mmes. J. L. Standard, W. O. Irby, Drury Hathaway, George Davies, Carl Black, J. H. Endacott, E. C. Grindstaff, J. Dexter Eoff, LeRoy McAulay, Lee Maples, Dee Saylor, R. D. Midgley, Alton Underwood, J. M. Williams, Allen Davis, W. E. Moss, and Miss Carmen Demmer.

Methodist Choir Entertained

The entertainment committee of the First Methodist Church choir, composed of Cal Adair, Mrs. H. Ravellette, Mrs. Derwood Bissett, and Miss Mary Lou Davis, were hosts to the entire choir and their families Sunday evening at the close of the Christmas concert with a supper in the basement of the church.

This is an annual affair for choir members and their families to have supper together after the Christmas program and this year it was strictly informal and without program. Approximately fifty attended.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 30 HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY; GIFTS ARE EXCHANGED

Boy Scout Troop No. 30 assembled Tuesday night for its regular meeting and for its annual Christmas party and exchange of gifts. The program consisted of the singing of songs, a prayer, and reports of good turns during the past week as well as other deeds connected with scouting.

The members received their gifts by the exchanging with other scouts and the troops presented their scoutmasters with gifts.

Bill Bogges was in charge of the program and a committee served refreshments. Attending were: Carl Black, Edward Kevil, W. E. Wallace, M. J. Cole, C. B. Bogges, Troyce O'Neal, Charles Miller, Bob Sykes, Bob Clements, John Eoff, Bob Sutphen, Johnny Marshall, Billy Bogges, Sonny Baxter, Billy Hart, Gene Scroggins, C. W. Jennings, Bob Turner, Billy Zedlitz, Joe Smith, Jackie Rudder, Weldon Brookshier, Joe Earl Vaughan, Walter Hill, Rev. Gary Hoffius, assistant scoutmaster; and Oscar Batts, scoutmaster.

MEN'S CORRECT ADDRESSES WANTED BY DRAFT BOARD

The Rannels county draft board today made public the names of the following registrants who have failed to notify the local board of their present mailing addresses and anyone knowing the present addresses of one or all is requested to furnish the local board with this information.

The list is as follows: Jim Hopkins Dyer, Tranquillo Alambar, Johnnie Doyle Hoffman, Rube Daniels, Leandro Ruiz, Claud Lampkin, Margarito Duran, Leon M. Brown, Clifford Noel Smith, Reinhardt Poehl, Frank Gustav Zak, William Eddie Shultz, Abran Garcia Pena.



MA SAWYER sewed the final stitch in the Christmas turkey while she kept her ear "peeled" for the postman's step. Still, she actually dreaded his coming lest he bring another card of loving regrets like the one received yesterday from their son Fred. Even four grown boys did not dispel the possibility of a lonely Christmas for Ma and Pa.

She answered the double ring, and forced a smile as she waved Ben's card at Pa. "He can't make it, neither. None of them ever yet mailed a card unless they wasn't coming."

When she came out, Pa asked mildly, "You ain't gittin' a cold, are you, Ma?"

"Cold? Nonsense, Pa. Jest the Christmas onions, I s'pose." "Oh, Jim will make it easy, seeing his children is almost grown. And Billy most died of disappointment 'cause he couldn't come home last year. But folks can't travel with a new baby and three other young ones. This year it'll be much better for him."

When Ma left her tree decorations to throw a log in the stove, the crimson glow might have shown Pa the lines of fearful doubt on her round face. But he had just wasted another match on his pipe. "Suppose neither Jim nor Billy come?" he ran through Ma's tortured mind.

At quarter to four, she wished the letter carrier a merry Christmas and hurried back, her hands filled with cards. This was the last mail. If neither son had written, it would mean both boys would arrive about six, laden with mysterious bundles. Then Ma spied Jim's bold writing in its usual purple ink. There was a special message for his parents and a five-dollar bill.

"The spruce trimmings look fine, Pa," she said. "I won't think of the mess when it dries, for Billy does set such store by Christmas. And coming on Sunday this year, it will give them an extra day to stay." A peal of the bell interrupted her. "It's Billy, got off a little



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early," she called as she hurried to the door.

The postman beamed, because he didn't know that Ma's expectant smile was not for him. "Overlooked this before, Mrs. Sawyer."

Silently Ma passed the card to Pa after her own swift perusal. The simplest greeting in Billy's careless scrawl, "Sorry we can't make it."

"Well, I s'pose everything is for the best, Pa. What with all I've cooked, it wouldn't do any harm to invite poor Miss Coombs over."

Pa packed his pipe slowly. "You sure hanker after work, Ma," he sighed.

"We might as well cut into the ham and cake. That'll be enough."

"You ain't eating before six?" "Might's well. I'm starved," she lied. Four boys and all alone for Christmas! Not one of them able to come home. A short, clipped ring of the bell. Fred's present, perhaps Billy's, too.

"Express package," sang a man's voice. But the thought of a square brown box held no thrills for Ma. It was her brown square-shouldered son she wanted as she opened the door.

Three children stamped the snow from their feet, and before Ma reached the kitchen Billy's wife had deposited the woolly clad baby on Pa's lap. And then Ma found herself folded within Billy's spacious overcoat with its smell of tobacco and crisp fresh air.

"Ha-ha! Expressman, huh?" roared Billy, relinquishing Ma with a kiss. "Didn't expect us so early, did you? Didn't hope for such good luck when we wrote. You got our card?"

"Oh, sure, but—Pa, what did you read on Billy's card?"

"What'd I read? Why, jest something about having shopping to do. But you read it, Ma."

"Yes, yes, of course I read it, Billy. I—"

"Ma!" He caught her hand. "Say, you're not catching cold, are you? Good grief, Ma, you're not crying!" His arms were about her again.

"Crying? Nonsense, you silly boy. But onions is onions even at Christmas," said Ma.

One of our every two families have at least two workers. Figure it out yourself how much beyond 10 percent of your family income you can put into War Bonds every payday.

Pencil and typewriter erasers at Ledger office.

DEATHS

John Cassidy John Cassidy, 41, died at the Bailey Clinic-Hospital Friday evening from burns sustained at 6:30 p. m. the same day at the M. H. Morgan garage on Ninth Street. He lived only about two hours after the accident.

Cassidy, an employee of the Morgan garage, was at work when a liquid with which he was working became ignited and before anything could be done for him all his clothing was burned from his body, leaving only his shoes protecting his feet and ankles. As soon as the blaze was extinguished by another employee, Cassidy was taken to the hospital in an ambulance but his condition was beyond treatment, practically his entire body being covered with deep burns.

Funeral services were held at the First Presbyterian Church Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Gary Hoffius officiating. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Frank Pearce, Hubert Zappe, A. B. Lankford, Alex McGregor, Alex Saunders, K. V. Northington, Herbert Sledge, and Woodrow Wilson.

Newby-Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Sarah E. Forgy Mrs. Sarah E. Forgy, 86, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. M. D. Brooks, in Fort Worth Friday, following brief illness.

Decedent came to Ballinger in 1906 and resided here and near Ballinger until 1927, since when she had made home at Fort Worth. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene since 1910 and was faithful to the services of this church.

The body was brought here from Fort Worth and funeral services held at the Church of the Nazarene Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. Willis French officiating, assisted by the local pastor, Rev. E. M. Walker. Interment followed in the Rannels cemetery.

Survivors include five sons, W. A. Forgy, Ballinger; Joe H. Forgy, Brownwood; D. H. Forgy, Fort Worth; D. E. Forgy, Mercury; W. M. Forgy, Lubbock; a sister, Mrs. Annie Bowen, Fort Worth; three brothers, W. H. Cate, Coleman; J. H. Cate, Grapevine; Moody Cate, El Paso; twelve

grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were L. L. Williams, Drury P. Hathaway, O. C. Sykes, Walter Middleton, Jr., Lemmie Davis and Weldon Howell.

Newby-Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Kate Fentress Francis Mrs. Kate Fentress Francis, 84, a former pioneer citizen of Ballinger, died in Dallas Thursday morning of last week. Funeral services were held here Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church. Rev. Gary Hoffius officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Decedent moved to Ballinger with her family soon after the town lot sale and resided here until 1914. For the past several years she had been making home at Dallas with a daughter, Mrs. Max McCurry.

Newby-Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Candelario Urias Candelario Urias, 71, died at his home here Thursday evening at 8 o'clock after protracted illness. Decedent had been a resident of Ballinger for many years and had no near relatives surviving.

Funeral services were held at the graveside Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. Edward B. Postert officiating. Interment followed in the Mexican Catholic cemetery.

Newby-Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Cpl. James Polk is at home after 26 months' service in the Aleutians. He is a brother of Mrs. H. G. Agnew of this city.

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We wish you the best of everything and trust that from the spirit of Christmas you will receive the courage and strength to meet new problems of the coming year.

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THE KEYNOTE OF CHRISTMAS

HAPPINESS

This Christmas, as always, happiness is the keynote. It determines the blessings which are ours to enjoy and we anticipate the occasion more and more each passing year.

May joy and happiness prevail throughout the land and may the greatest of all occasions be one which you will long remember.

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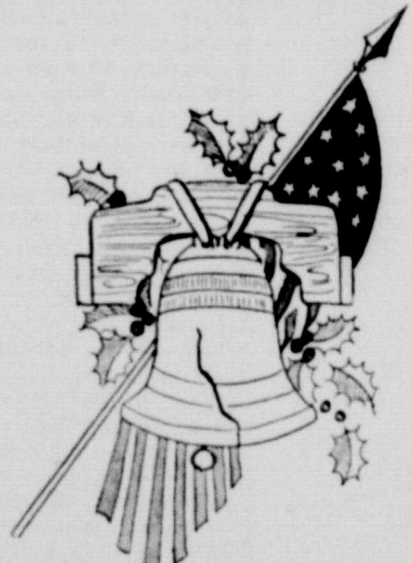
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"WE SERVE"

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Old Glory waves over American homes at Christmas time. The Stars and Stripes are symbolic of the true meaning of an American Christmas. It represents a freedom of doing the things we want to do—of being happy, with loved ones and friends.

Although the Yuletide is celebrated throughout the world there is no place where people are more privileged to enjoy this festive occasion as happily as those within the boundaries of this nation.

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AGAIN WE SAY COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

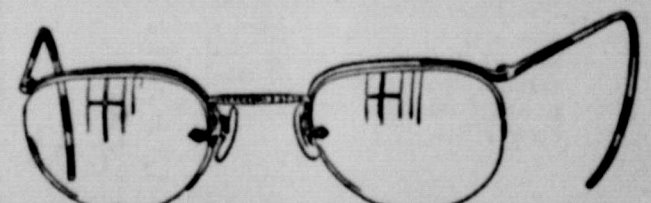
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Voice of America



With approximately 30,000,000 Americans living on farms, the farmer's vote is the most important mass vote in the country. Here a poll reporter questions a New Jersey farmer, who has plenty to say about price controls, farm subsidies and the election. Like the thousands who are being polled by various agencies in the country he votes for the next President.

Pfc. Anton J. Lange, home from the South Pacific after serving 32 months overseas, was honored at a turkey dinner last Wednesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wilde. Present were: H. G. Wilde, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Halfmann and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Fisher and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Waller and son, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Kresta.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Frances Havorak, a medical patient in the Bailey Hospital-Clinic, is resting well today.

Dr. W. B. Halley continues to improve this week after several weeks' treatment in the Bailey clinic.

C. P. Burnett, of Hamlin, a medical patient in the local clinic, is improving satisfactorily.

The condition of J. E. Smith, a medical patient in the Bailey clinic, was reported about the same today.

Mrs. E. H. McMurtry and baby are both doing nicely and will be able to return to their home soon.

Ben Liverman, a medical patient in the local hospital, was reported improving today and his condition is considered good.

Mrs. J. M. Skinner, a medical patient in the hospital, was resting about the same today.

Clyde Goss, of Maverick, who recently sustained severe burns, is improving and his condition today was satisfactory.

Information received here this week was that Jim Parnell was in a serious condition at the home of a relative in Stephenville.

Buy bonds every pay period.



A SWITCH in TIME MADGE ELWOOD.

CORPORAL McNew laid his whiskers on the window sill. It wasn't, he thought, military duty to play the role of Santa Claus at the garrison Christmas party. He couldn't, however, disobey his commanding officer. Nor did he want to after hearing about that vacancy for a corporal at the recruiting office in Kansas City. McNew had been born there, Marianne lived there now and only yesterday he'd heard that Marianne had been seen with a fireman.

The colonel, though, had made his role more difficult. "Er—" he'd drummed on the table with his fingers. "I want you especially to convince my son. Make him believe that Santa Claus is really magic. My son is—er—fascinated by anything in the electrical line. He's been—quite disturbing. I've told him that Santa only gives presents to good boys. If you can encourage his belief, it'd help the regiment and—me."

He'd have to be a perfect Santa Claus, McNew thought. Sonny was very skeptical.

"Hello." Peeping in the window he saw the object of his worries.



Tiny lights gleamed about his whiskers.

accompanied by the regimental mascot—Henry, the goat. McNew slipped into a closet. Too late, he remembered his whiskers. The goat, as the regiment had learned, had an appetite. McNew's fears were confirmed when he saw the goat from the closet. The whiskers were gone, and he heard Sonny giggling. "I bet Santa Claus ain't magic enough to grow more whiskers. I bet he ain't magic at all. Dad doesn't know everything. Say, Henry, I wonder if Santa Claus can see in the dark. I know how to turn off the switch."

McNew sighed. Soldiers were supposed to be ingenious. McNew remembered some cotton fields nearby.

The band played a traditional Christmas carol. Corporal McNew stood beside a gaily decorated tree and began to distribute gifts to the children of the regiment. He called out Sonny's name. Then the lights went out.

He took a step backwards as tiny lights gleamed about his whiskers. Fireflies must have made their homes on the abandoned cotton he had plucked. McNew stepped on a package, stumbled and grabbed the tree for support. He caught a branch. Out of the darkness, he heard Sonny's voice: "Yes, Santa, here I am."

"Here—" McNew tried to hand the boy the package containing the electric train. A firefly rested on his whiskers. "Here, Santa Claus carries his own lights, you know." "Is it magic?" asked Sonny. "And you grew more whiskers—"

McNew stumbled again, reached for support. The branch cracked and broke. Falling, he caught Sonny's hand. "Here!"

The lights went on. Sonny fled down the steps and McNew saw that the colonel was comforting a weeping boy. A corporal who'd given the colonel's son a switch for a Christmas gift would never be recommended for a recruiting job in his home town.

The annual event at last over, McNew painfully removed the cotton from his chin. His suffering was in vain.

The colonel wanted to see him. McNew hurried. His chin was sore and red, but he managed a salute. "Yes, sir."

"Did you ever act the part of Santa Claus before?"

"No, sir," McNew suppressed a sigh.

"Um—maybe that explains the fireflies and the switch." There was a curious note in the colonel's voice. McNew struggled to explain, but the colonel interrupted: "I hear you want that recruiting job in Kansas City. Under the circumstances, I've decided to recommend you. Sonny wants to visit his grandmother there and you can take care of him on the journey. His grandmother thinks that Sonny is a good boy. I expect you to—er—continue to be resourceful."

"Yes, sir." But McNew sighed. He wondered if snow could be used to advantage by a resourceful soldier in charge of an equally ingenious boy.

Pvt. William Whitworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Whitworth, has written from the Philippines that he has arrived there safely from New Guinea. He is with an airborne division and it had been some time since his parents had received a letter from him. He said he was well and doing all right.

Serving Uncle Sam

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Second Award for Sgt. Charles Johnson

T-Sgt. Charles W. Johnson, company C, 142nd infantry, 36th division, has been awarded an oak leaf cluster in lieu of the second bronze star medal for heroic achievement in combat. His wife, the former Aileen Mathis, received the following citation this week:

"Charles W. Johnson, technical sergeant, company C, 142nd infantry regiment, for heroic achievement in combat on 25 September 1944 in France. The 1st platoon of company C was assigned the mission of attacking along an important highway and establishing a road block at a strategic road junction. As they moved up the highway, Sgt. Johnson and his fellow platoon members encountered an enemy road block protected by eight riflemen and a machine gun. They swiftly smashed this resistance and continued their advance. Two hundred yards farther they were delayed by a second block of two machine guns and eight riflemen. Sgt. Johnson and his comrades hurled hand-grenades and fired their small arms weapons into the midst of the hostile force, assaulted the enemy soldiers and forced them to withdraw. They fought their way forward to the road junction and found it defended by two tanks, a 20 mm. gun, machine guns and riflemen. A violent fight followed and the small group of men fought valiantly in the face of savage enemy resistance. They held their position alone as long as possible, then returned to the battalion which had been delayed on high ground to the left."

Sgt. Johnson entered the service here and has been with the Ballinger company ever since the war began.

Miss Mable Loika, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Loika, a cadet nurse at John Sealy Hospital, Galveston, is here for the Christmas holidays.

AN 8TH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England—Already the holders of the purple heart, 19-year-old Staff Sergeant Norman L. Kiefer, waist gunner, has won the air medal in recognition of "exceptionally meritorious achievement" while flying in the B-17 flying fortress "Terrible Termites."

Sgt. Kiefer, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kiefer, Winters, received the purple heart for wounds suffered when his fortress was battered by flak over Hamburg, Germany. His missions against the enemy in Europe include attacks on targets at Munich, Merseberg, Ludwigs-hafen, Behlen, and other bomb-blasted industrial objectives. Sgt. Kiefer left Winters high school in 1942 to enter the army air forces.

STATION, England—A joint inspiration furnished by Hollywood and German gunners provided the name for the B-17 Flying Fortress piloted by 1st Lt. Seth B. Caperton, Jr., of Ballinger, in eighth air force bombing attacks on Nazi military and industrial targets. His bomber has the name "The Uninvited" painted boldly on its fuselage.

"We certainly feel 'uninvited' when we go over Germany, the way the flak and enemy fighters act toward us," explained the Lone Star State airman. "Our crew had all seen the movie, 'The Uninvited,' one of those scare pictures, and we thought it would be pretty appropriate for our Fort."

Lt. Caperton holds the air medal with four oak leaf clusters, each equivalent to another award of the medal, for his achievements in aerial combat during assaults on German war plants, air bases, and strong points in the path of advancing allied ground forces. He is a member of the 94th bomb group, which was cited by the president for its bombing attack on the Huhlembau aircraft assembly plant at Brunswick, Germany. This group also participated in the 3rd bombardment division's precedent-making shuttle flight from England to Africa, when Forts bombed the Messerschmitt airplane plants at Regensburg, Germany. This mission won the entire division a presidential citation.

The lieutenant is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Caperton, 905 Fourteenth Street, Ballinger. A graduate of Novice high school, he

Political Adviser



Robert D. Murphy, recently appointed to the post of political adviser to General Eisenhower, will replace William Phillips, former career diplomat. Murphy is shown seated at his desk in the state department.

was a civil service aircraft mechanic before joining the army air forces in July, 1942. He worked as a civilian at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, and after his AAF flight training he received his wings and commission at Marfa in January, 1944.

Mrs. W. L. Sturtz received a letter this week from her son, T. M. Williams, U. S. S. Halloran. He enclosed a menu for the Thanksgiving dinner aboard ship and a program of the entertainment that followed. Mrs. Sturtz stated he had crossed the equator seven times since entering the service.

Friends received letters last week from Pvt. Robert Wallace, who is in a German prison camp. The letters were written on September 9. He stated that Lawrence Dewees was still at the same farm with him and that they both were well.

Mrs. Minnie Brown has received a letter from her son, Pvt. Aubrey C. Brown, stating that he had been in a hospital but was back on duty now. He added that he hoped to be home by January 1.

T-Sgt. Charles P. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Williams of Ballinger, is a technical supply clerk with a service squadron of the 15th air force in Italy. The squadron recently received a presidential citation.

T-Sgt. Hardin W. Luce, formerly of Ballinger, is a platoon sergeant with the 363rd infantry, 91st division, of the fifth army in Italy. The 91st, known as the "Powder River" division went into combat in Italy last July 4, and has been fighting recently in the Florence-Bologna campaign.

Cpl. Ralph M. Mackey, with the 519th M. P. battalion, has been given an overseas address in care of the San Francisco postmaster.

and now flies with the 100th bombardment group, part of the eighth air force's third bombardment division—the division cited by the president for the England-Africa shuttle bombing of the Messerschmitt factories at Regensburg.

Mrs. Clark Koller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Allen, is at home for the duration. Lt. Koller, a pilot on a B-29 Superfortress, had been stationed at Lincoln, Nebraska, but has been given overseas orders and is believed to have left the United States.

**A Gift for You**

Not much, to be sure, but presented with all the sincerity we know, this little gift of Christmas Greetings.

It's not wrapped up in a lot of fancy ribbon, nor expressed in a lot of flowery oratory... but you can be assured that when we send compliments of the Season to you, we mean every word of it.

It's great to be a part of this community, to know and serve its people. That's why we eagerly look forward to sending our annual message of Good Cheer to our friends here.

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**Season's Greetings**

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By your friendship and co-operation, we know that you have helped us to iron out many of our difficulties in rendering service during wartime. For this we thank you.

There is a job to be done in 1945. It's the defense of our country. A job that demands the united effort of everyone—man or woman.

May the New Year bring us blessings of PEACE, is the sincere wish of our Officers and Directors and all of us here at the Bank.

Your friends,  
The First National Bank of Ballinger

P. S. According to our usual custom we have for distribution beginning Tuesday, January 2, 1945, our CALENDARS for the NEW YEAR

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May the New Year deal kindly with your dreams and ambitions.

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**Season's GREETINGS**

**CITY OF BALLINGER**

**Christmas**

ONE OF THE FREE THINGS FOR WHICH MEN FIGHT

May we be humble in our thoughts at Christmas, fully aware of the sacrifices which have made it possible for us to enjoy another free American Christmas.

May our Christmas greeting be extended not only to our friends at home but those in distant lands who have fought so valiantly for the things in which Americans believe.

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Mrs. Gertrude Woods Collector



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**HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED RECENTLY?**

Ledger subscribers are requested to notify the publisher of any change in their address promptly.

Under the new postal laws newspapers and periodicals must pay postage due for notices of any change in address furnished by the postoffice. Besides, there always is the probability that your paper will be delayed or fail to reach you altogether if you do not give immediate notification when you move.

The best plan for all concerned is to send the change of address in advance.

Firemen and fire marshals are urging everyone to be careful during the Christmas holidays to prevent useless fires. All over the nation there are ordinarily more fires during this period than at any other of the year. This is because of Christmas decorations, fireworks, gatherings where candles are lighted near paper frills, and other hazards common to the season. Fire losses have been increasing in recent months and Ballinger firemen are begging local citizens to help them keep losses as low as possible. Not only will simple precautions save property loss but lives as well.

A United States senator visiting the western front recently stated that the home town newspaper was one of the greatest morale builders for the men overseas. The local paper is a word direct from home; it includes many items not usually mentioned in letters, it gives the fighting men a means of learning just what is going on back home in the churches, schools, sports and among their personal friends. Thousands of

Runnels county army and navy men are receiving newspapers from their home towns. They write the publishers just how much they appreciate the news and it should be remembered that the affairs of the people at home make up the stories they read. Some of these items are not very pleasing. When citizens fail to buy bonds or contribute to war time agencies for their benefit it must be discouraging reading. Think of this and make your wartime activities those that will honor the men fighting the battles against the enemy.

Next Monday is Christmas and we would say a merry Christmas to everyone. Because of war this is not a time to shut ourselves up and submit to grief or worries. Christmas is an American tradition and one which our men at the front are fighting to preserve. It is a holiday which they want to return to some day and have a part in the festivities. As people celebrate in the true spirit of Christmas there should be prayers for the men in service and particularly for those who are undergoing the terrific hardships of combat. We look forward to 1945, hoping that at least part of the war will come to an end next year and that millions of men will be relieved of fighting.

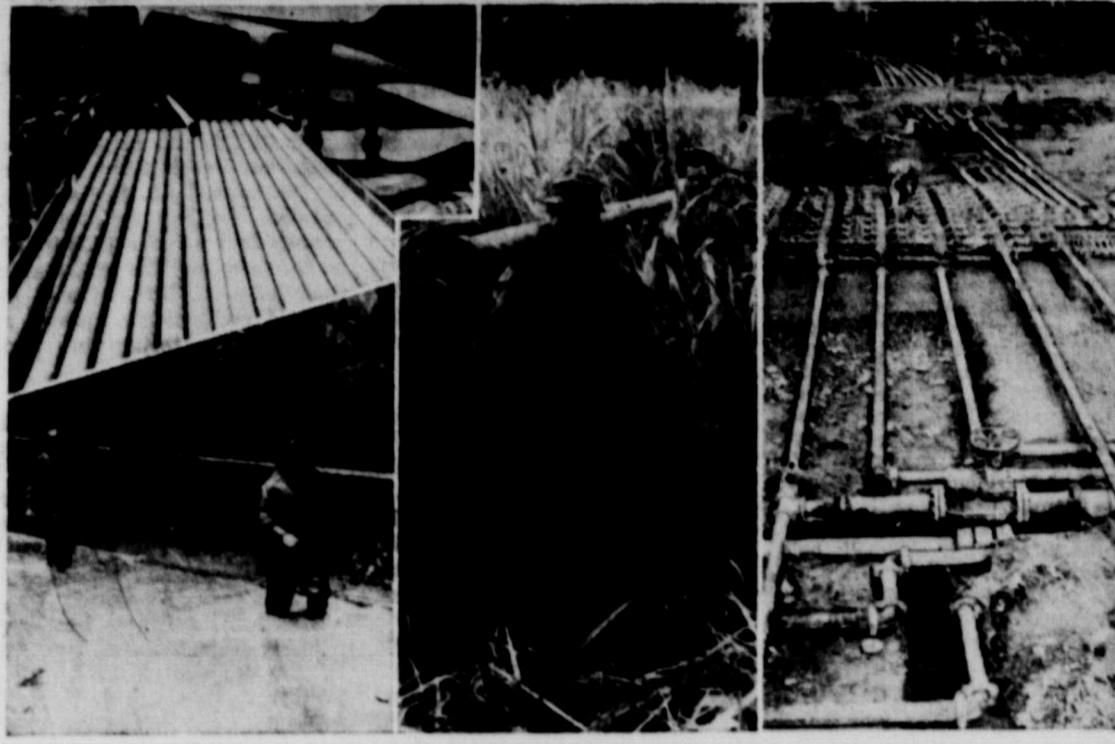
#### CHIEF ASKS MERCHANTS TO IDENTIFY CHECKS

Chief of Police J. D. McNutt reminds merchants that it is in the rush of holiday business when the check thief and forger enjoy their best "business." He called attention to the educational campaign conducted by the local police and the U. S. secret service in this respect.

Mr. McNutt suggests that store managers call their clerks together and urge them to use every precaution in accepting government and commercial checks during the rush business period. He said when a check is accepted a notation should be made on the check to refresh the mind as to the transaction, what was given for identification and where the person cashing the check can be located.

Pay-day is bond-buying day.

### 'Carrying Coals to Newcastle'



Members of the U. S. Army Engineer Petroleum Distributing company are shown unloading airplane of pipes from India to be used in the building of the India-Burma-China pipe line. The line will relieve the load of the road as well as the air force in furnishing the essential gas needed for planes attacking the Jap strongholds.

### WEST TEXAS NOTES

An election to be held at Menard December 30 will decide whether the city may issue bonds in the sum of \$50,000 to be used in building a municipal airport. Plans have been underway for some time and C. A. P. officials have visited there and approved locations for the landing field and buildings. The airport would serve the entire county.

Willis Grisham, Erath county commissioner, last week tendered his resignation. He recently accepted a civil service position which requires all his time. Fred D. Martin was named as Grisham's successor and will be sworn in soon.

posts and auxiliaries to help provide Christmas cheer for these veterans and many shipments are being made from West Texas towns.

The Bronte Parent-Teacher Association has purchased a motion picture projector which will be used in the city schools and by the vocational agriculture teacher in presenting films on timely subjects at community meetings. The projector is one of the latest models with sound equipment attached.

The state highway department has announced that the Brownwood-Comanche road will be widened and that a work order has been issued for the job to be started as soon as possible. The concrete will be extended to 24 feet to serve heavy traffic to and from Camp Bowie. The bid

Rowena citizens went far over in the 6th war loan drive, exceeding both their series E quota and the overall. Total sales reported last week were \$114,395.25 with series E sales of \$58,743.75. The original overall quota was \$81,842.

The Winters American Legion Auxiliary is sending eighty boxes of Christmas gifts to soldiers in hospitals at Camp Bowie and Kerrville. Calls were sent to all

The city of Brady was well over on the sixth war loan drive at the end of last week, meeting both the series E and overall goals. McCulloch county was only a little behind on Thursday of last week and was expected to go over the top before the end of the drive Saturday.

Citizens of Miles last week organized the Miles Board of Community Development. Jimmie Weatherly was elected president and a board of directors is to be named. Meetings have been scheduled and the organization will be ready within a short time to look after local civic work.

Plans have been completed by Paint Rock citizens for a visit tonight (December 21) from Santa Claus. Before the appearance of Santa at the community tree, a brief program will be presented in which a number of children will participate. All Paint Rock pastors are assisting in the program.

A canvass has been started at Comanche to raise \$30,000 in contributions to be used in constructing a veterans' home and community auditorium. The drive, sponsored by the American Legion post, has the support of other organizations in the city. A number of large donations have already been received.

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#### 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 105, 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 cash are as follows:

| Name                   | Address                                    | Amount     |
|------------------------|--|------------|
| David Van Alstyne, Jr. | 115 Chestnut St., Englewood, N. J.         | \$3,450.00 |
| Richard C. Noel        | 5 Carsensen 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.  
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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.

I, COUNTY CLERK OF RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, to whom

**Custom Pork Curing**



We will cut up your hog, grind and season sausage, render lard, cure and smoke your meat.

A complete service to suit your needs

**Frozen Food Lockers**

C. O. D. Grocery and Market



#### Fine furs can cause sadness, too

The beauty of your furs adds to your happiness... but don't forget that their value can bring unhappiness, too, if they're lost, or stolen, or ruined by fire or other cause. That's why good furs should be insured. Then you can wear them with peace of mind. Our Fur insurance protects you against their loss or damage.

**E. Sheppard & Co.**  
E. Sheppard J. W. Parfory

accepted for widening the road was \$86,523.

Coleman countians had their million dollar war loan quota in sight last week. The county met one quota, set by the treasury department, but voluntarily raised the overall quota to a million dollars. The original quota was \$840,000 and over half a million dollars was raised the first day of the campaign.

A special bond rally at Rising Star last week was caught in a blizzard and only a few people braved the cold winds to participate. Judge Cyrus B. Frost, of Eastland county, was the speaker and at the conclusion of his talk a large number of bonds were bought. At the end of the rally it was disclosed that \$41,000 in series E bonds had already been sold against a quota of \$37,000.

The Sweetwater school board has elected three new teachers and stated that three others are to be employed before January 1. The new teachers are to fill vacancies caused by resignations. Some of those elected had been employed at Avenger Field several years.

A war bond drive sponsored by the home economics department of the Melvin high school was concluded last week and it was disclosed that \$2,300 in bonds and \$34.40 in stamps had been bought by students. For the drive a booth

was set up in the high school hall where applications were taken.

**War Bond Dollars Are DOUBLE DUTY DOLLARS**

**Need a LAXATIVE?**  
Black-Draught is  
1-Usually prompt  
2-Usually thorough  
3-Always economical

25 to 40 doses only 25¢

**Get BLACK DRAUGHT**

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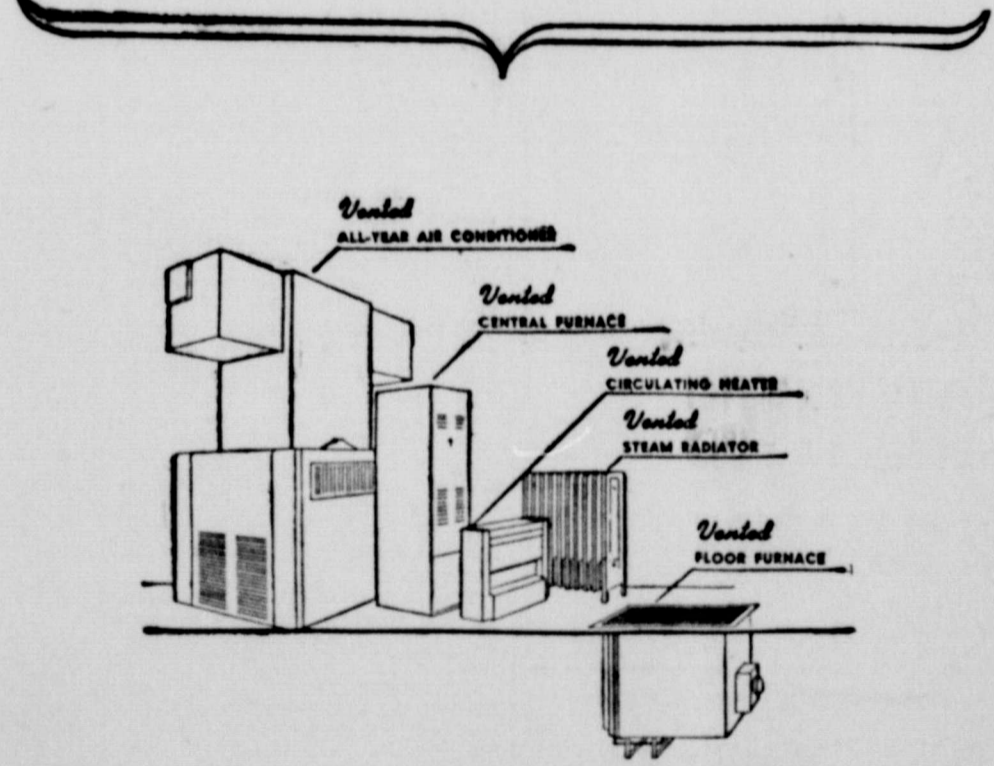
**SHEPHERD & PATTESON**  
C. F. Shepherd  
Thos. G. Patteson  
Attorneys-at-Law  
Will Practice in All the Courts.  
Office Over F. & M. State Bank  
Residence 161      Office 156

**WHY WALK CALL A YELLOW CAB**

Phone 55 Phone

H. M. Wingfield, Manager

## New Era Heating requires a VENT



Modernizing or building a new postwar home? Above is a picture of things to come in heating equipment; equipment designed for healthful, pleasant, comfortable living. Each is vented, vented to a flue to avoid wall sweating and eliminate stuffy air. So in your plans be sure to include sufficient flues because, regardless of the type you select, they are necessary for modern gas heating.

**KEEP ON BUYING WAR BONDS!**

**LONE STAR GAS COMPANY**

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Erwin returned Saturday from San Antonio, where they had been to attend to business.

H. O. Kelly attended to business at Dalhart the first part of the week.

Staples Limited quantity of Markwell Staples at Ballinger Printing Co.

Paper clips at Ledger office.

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

Eisenhower's New Deputy Aide



Gen. George C. Marshall, U. S. chief of staff, congratulates Lieut. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, new deputy supreme Allied commander in the Mediterranean theater and commander general of the U. S. Mediterranean theater of operations. McNarney was awarded Distinguished Service medal and the Legion of Merit by General Marshall.

Have You Remitted For the Tuberculosis Seals Mailed to You?

Christmas seal sales by the Runnels County Tuberculosis Association have been good but there are still many who have not mailed their money to the organization and are requested to do so as soon as possible so the campaign can be closed.

Leaders of the 1944 campaign have put forth much effort to make it as great as in previous years and have met with splendid response so far. In the business district they sold many \$5 and \$10 bonds, and in the sale of seals most of the people who were mailed sheets have returned the money for them. A few have neglected to return the price of the seals, however, and are urged to do so to help raise funds for this worthy cause.

Money derived from the seal sale will be used in the battle against tuberculosis in this county. Last year many school children were given tests and those who showed reactions were later given X-ray treatment, in instances where the parents were unable to do this.

Officials of the organization express appreciation to all who have helped in any way to make the campaign a success.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TAKING INTEREST IN SLAV LANGUAGES

AUSTIN, Dec. 20.—Aware of the post-war advantages of knowing Russian and Czech, University of Texas students are showing great interest in the languages. Dr. Eduard Micek, associate professor of Slavonic languages, asserts.

With 41 enrolled in the beginners' class in Russian, and a total of 69 studying the language, some of whom are navy V-12 students, the university can boast the largest freshman enrollment in the country, Dr. Micek said. Twenty-eight students are studying Czech.

Russian will be particularly valuable in the post-war world in diplomatic relations, in engineering, in journalism, government, and many other fields, the professor believes.

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

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wilde, Miss Amanda Wilde and Pfc. Anton J. Lange have just returned from a trip to Temple.

Salesbooks. Ballinger Printing Co.

War Bonds should mean something more to you than just "a good sound investment." Figure it out yourself.

THE MANAGEMENT AND PERSONNEL

C. O. D. Grocery and Market Frozen Food Locker and Pork Curing

EXTEND



REAL AMERICAN CHRISTMAS

We Wish You, One and All

CORDIAL GREETINGS

Methodists Present Christmas Programs At Services Sunday

A large congregation was present at the First Methodist Church Sunday evening to hear the Christmas cantata presented by the choir of this church. The thirty singers were seated on a platform with a beautiful white decoration, the center of which was the Star of Bethlehem.

This year the choir sang "That Song of Old" by Holton, with a few added numbers to make up a delightful program of Christmas music.

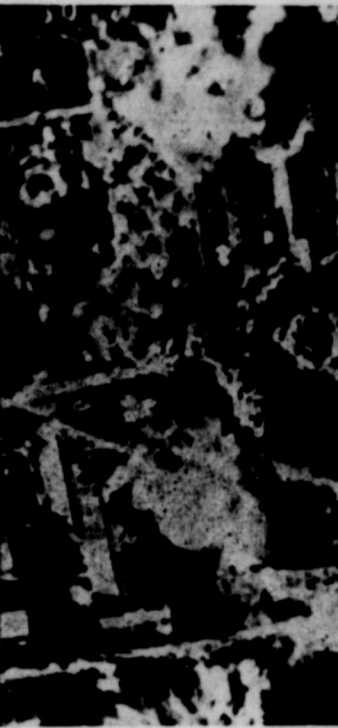
Sunday morning at this church the annual Sunday school program was held in which each department of the school presented a number and made an offering for the orphans' home at Waco.

Concluding this program the pastor, Rev. H. B. Loyd, spoke briefly in the interest of the Methodist home at Waco, telling of its needs and of the waiting lists of children who have not been admitted because of lack of room. The offering at the service Sunday totaled more than \$400 and additional contributions were expected to make it \$500 or more by the time it is mailed this week.

Numerous other affairs will be held for Sunday school classes, especially in the children's divisions this week.

Print anything—appreciate everything—at Ballinger Printing Co.

U. S. Hits Formosa



Dramatic raid on Formosa shows the devastation caused by warplanes operating from fast carriers on their visit to Kagl, important military, rail, and industrial city. Objects are shown in a shower of explosions caused by direct hits.

New boxed stationery at Ledger office.

Buy War Bonds TODAY For Future Needs.

Your War Bond Investment Is Your Investment In America . . .

Western Produce Co.

Our Wish For AMERICANS EVERYWHERE



Merry Christmas

Ruel, Rachel and Joyce



The true meaning of Christmas is best manifest by the cheerful atmosphere and the friendly associations of those about us. It is the time of good fellowship and the thoughtful consideration of others.

May this happiness be yours to enjoy, not only at Christmas but during every day of the coming year.

Texas and Palace Theatres

for a RICHER CHRISTMAS



FOR those of us here in America let this be truly a real Christmas. Let it be a season to be remembered for many years to come.

Here, in America, is cause for rejoicing. We have had no invasion, our homes are still intact, we have food, warmth, good fellowship—and FREEDOM. What greater heritage could be ours.

Let us be appreciative. Let us carry on in the traditional spirit of the happy holiday occasion. We owe it to ourselves, and more important, we owe it to those lads who have gone forth to defend the American way of life. It is our obligation to keep the Christmas tradition alive as a part of the thing for which they have fought.

This should be a richer Christmas. Sharing the heartaches and disappointments with others has made each of us more thoughtful, more considerate and more appreciative and from this attitude comes the contentment and happiness so essential for a successful Christmas season.

May all that is worthwhile be yours this Christmas.

Southwestern States Telephone Co.



The Finest GIFT OF THEM ALL

Greater liberty than we could enjoy elsewhere in the world, is the gift every American enjoys this Christmas. It is yours . . . it is ours . . . given to ourselves because we chose to work and live in freedom.

We should appreciate this gift of liberty more this year than ever in our history. Do you ask why?

It is because the gift of liberty this Christmas has been given us by thousands upon thousands of the youth of our land who have gone to the distant points of the globe to fight for freedom loving Americans.

In the midst of our Christmas celebration, our every thought should be, and must be, centered around the men who have made it possible for us to continue to enjoy the occasion.

The gift of liberty is priceless. It has not been made without cost. So, as we extend our greetings to you, we want it understood that we are also thinking of those brave lads who have unselfishly presented the gift of liberty to America.

Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

**Want Ads**

**Poultry Feed**  
Laying Mash  
Laying Pellets  
Growing Mash  
Scratch Grain  
Feed Department  
MORRISON GIN 13-1f

**FOR RENT**—Furnished apartments and rooms. Mrs. R. E. Willingham, 301 Twelfth. 31-1f

**Cow Feed**  
18% Dairy Feed  
Cotton Seed Meal  
Bran and Shorts  
Sweet Feed  
New Crop Alfalfa Hay  
Feed Department  
MORRISON GIN 13-1f

**Rabbit Feed, Rabbit Pellets**  
Feed Department  
MORRISON GIN 13-1f

**FOR RENT**—Three room furnished apartment, 208 Eighth St. Call Mrs. George Scruggs. 14-3t\*

**FOR SALE**—All-steel two row stalk cutter on wheels ready to go. Patterson Shop. 7-14

**Income Tax Returns**  
**A. M. KING**  
**Over City Cafe**  
BALLINGER  
See me if you wish to buy or sell land or houses

**FOR RENT**—Furnished two room garage apartment. Call after 3 p. m. 1006 Ninth St. 14-2t

**FOR RENT**—Two furnished apartments. 701 Twelfth Street. Phone 353. 14-1f

**FOR SALE OR RENT**—Two garage apartments, three rooms and bath, furnished. Two years old, large lots in front. Will sell one or both. For information see A. F. Brock or write Herbert Chaysek, 1129 W. Pierce, Houston, Texas. 14-1f

**FOR SALE**—Three piece bedroom suite and chifforobe. Can be seen at Norton. D. O. Deaver. 14-2t\*

**FOR SALE**—Broad-breasted, baby beef type turkey toms. Hatched May 23. Weight 22 to 25 lbs. Market price plus \$1.00 each. Mrs. Lola Tooker, Winters, Texas. Telephone 3912, Ballinger. 14-2t\*

**FOR RENT**—Two room downstairs furnished apartment. 617 Strong Avenue. 21-1t\*

**LOST**—Billfold, in Ben Franklin Store Saturday. Will finder please return to Mrs. Arlene Henwood, 701 Fifth Street, or leave at the post office with Mrs. Hill. Reward. 21-1t\*

**FOR RENT**—Furnished garage apartment. Also two-room apartment. Call after 2:00 p. m. 1306 Ninth Street. 21-2t

**CUBE DERRIS (Rotenone)** and wettable sulphur, recommended by Extension Service for control and eradication of cattle grubs. Cattle should be treated now. Treatment is easy and inexpensive. See us for instructions for use.  
NUTT & WILLIAMS  
Box 664, Ballinger  
21-3t

Order your Baby chicks NOW! Our hatches come off each Tuesday. Finest quality chicks from Pullorum tested flocks. NUTT & WILLIAMS, Box 664, Ballinger, Texas. 21-1f

**FOR SALE**—One Van Brunt grain drill, 14 feet wide semi-deep furrow; one Moline wheatland plow, 6-foot. E. J. Cervenka, Rowena. 21-1t

**FOR RENT**—Unfurnished apartment. See Mrs. Bill Bell at Bell's Grocery. 21-1f

**FOR RENT**—Four room house. See at 706 Broadway. Phone 491. A. B. Legate. 21-1t

**FOR SALE**—Nice young kid pony. Want to buy work mule. L. F. Smith, route 2, Ballinger. 21-1t\*

**FOR SALE**—Two 4-burner, New Perfection oil cook stoves, in good condition. Earl Caudle, Hillcrest. 21-1t\*

**LOST**—Egin pocket watch with saddle fob. White gold, 17 jewel. Will finder please notify Rev. Gary Hoffius. Reward. 1t\*

**WANTED**—White girl for helper with house work at least two days each week and to keep baby some evenings. Mrs. Briody, phone 499. 21-1t\*

**FOR SALE**  
Last minute shoppers will find beautiful gifts at  
**TINY TOT SHOP**  
21-1t\*

**FOR SALE**—Lady's bicycle, practically new, good tires. Helen Spear, at Sinclair Refining Co. 21-1t\*

**FOR SALE**—Fresh cow. Seven miles northwest Ballinger on George Holliday place. E. F. Kevill. 21-1t\*

**WANTED**—To trade for Mazda

or Aladdin lamp. P. O. Box 619, Ballinger. 21-1t\*

**FOR RENT**—Furnished guest house. Phone 10. 21-1t-H

**FOR SALE**—Pre-war girl's bicycle, good condition, good tires. Can be seen at M. H. Morgan Garage. 21-1t\*

**FOR SALE**—Man's bicycle. Bob Northington, phone 10. 1t

**FOR SALE**—Girl's bicycle, in good condition. Rosemary Walden, 409 Twelfth Street. 1t

**FOR SALE**—606 Broadway; seven rooms; two baths; double garage; garage apartment. A. M. King, Exclusive Agent. 1t

**FOR RENT**—Three room unfurnished apartment. 208 Sixth Street. 21-1t-H

**FOR RENT**—Furnished apartment, three blocks of business section. Phone 10. 21-1t-H

**FOR SALE**—House, barn and other out buildings on my farm; also good windmill with 1,500 feet 3/4-inch pipe. Mrs. P. C. Davis, Box 33, Winters. 21-1t\*

**HUNTING CLUB HOST TO GUARD COMPANY**  
The 9-Point Hunting Club was host to the Ballinger State Guard company at a venison supper at the city hall Monday evening. The meal was cooked and served by members of the club to all men of the guard company and a few special guests.  
Col. L. V. Lyn, camp control officer of the eighth service command, Camp Berkeley, was present to enjoy the affair and to address the company at the conclusion of the meal. With him was Capt. Marvin H. Connine, director of military training, eighth service command, Camp Berkeley.  
Col. Lyn spoke to the guardsmen on military matter and praised the Ballinger unit as the best. He has been here on other occasions and has reviewed the Ballinger company on inspection trips.  
The guardsmen expressed their deep appreciation to members of the hunting club for the entertainment and the supper.  
Limited quantity of Markwell Staples at Ballinger Printing Co. 21-1f

**BATTERIES RECHARGED WITH OUR NEW HAMMETT QUICK CHARGER.** BALLINGER HOME & AUTO SUPPLY. 2-1f

Order your fall chicks NOW! Our hatches come off each Tuesday. Finest quality chicks from Pullorum tested flocks. NUTT & WILLIAMS, Box 664, Ballinger, Texas. 26-1f

**ATTENTION MOTHERS!** Our Durham's Anesthesia-Mop is a prescription that is unexcelled for Sore-throat and Tonsillitis. It is Safe and Pleasant to use and we guarantee prompt and satisfactory results. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 2-16t\*

**DON'T SCRATCH!** Try our PARACIDE OINTMENT for Eczema, Ordinary Itch, Itching Piles or other minor skin irritations. We guarantee relief or purchase price refunded. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 2-16t\*

**FOR RENT**—Furnished apartment and bed rooms. Phone 179. 16-1f

**FOR SALE**—1723 acres, 450 in field, two houses, \$23.50 acre. A. M. King. 30-3t\*

**FOR RENT**—Bedroom with private bath. See Mrs. Sam Behringer or call 259. 9-1f

**FOR SALE**—Kanota seed oats. See H. J. Zappe. 28-1f

**FOR SALE**—Choice pecans. E. H. Forgy, phone 1341. 16-1f

**FOR RENT**—South bedroom, private entrance, close in. Phone 406 or 222. Mrs. Laxson. 23-1f

Stray Hereford heifer at my place. Weighs about 500 lbs. A. Berry, Winters Rt. 2. 7-3t\*

**LOST**—Red Durham steer calf, weighs about 350 lbs. A. Berry, Winters route two. 7-3t\*

Want to do all kinds of sewing and quilting. Mrs. John Gottschalk, 906 Thirteenth Street. 7-3t\*

**FOR SALE**—Good eight room residence, close in. Also two furnished bedrooms for rent. 500 Park Avenue. Phone 585. 7-3t\*

For Bernal yarns, including bhaki worsted; materials for hats and bags. Mrs. A. J. McDaniels, 508 Fifth Street. Instructions free. 7-4t

**FOR SALE**—Kasch pedigreed cotton seed. See J. Whit Patterson. 7-1f

**FOR SALE**—Three residence lots, building 12x22, \$400. E. T. Branham, Security State Bank Bldg. 7-1f

**FOR RENT**—Four room furnished apartment. Call 288; after six 284. 7-3t

Bundled feed grinding and threshing, at Headstream Gin, open evenings week days 3.30, Saturday 1.30. Ground feed for sale. Aubrey Brunson. 7-1f

**FOR SALE**—Nortex seed oats, free of Johnson grass, germination test 99%, threshed, not combined, \$1.00 per bushel. Everitt Witter, phone 7705. 7-3t\*

**Farms for Sale:**  
150 acres near Rowena;  
320 acres and 150 acres near Miles;  
240 acres near Olfen; REA.  
A. M. King  
14-3t

**FOR SALE**—4 month old bound pup. Write B. W. Conway, box 454, Hatchel. 14-2t\*

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

**SAFEGWAY OFFERS** **CLOSED** *Merry Christmas*  
**The Season's Best** **ALL DAY MONDAY DECEMBER 25th**  
**TURKEYS 55¢** **HENS 48¢**  
DRESSED AND DRAWN — OVEN READY Lb.  
Young, Tender  
DRESSED AND DRAWN — OVEN READY  
ALL SIZES

**Chocolates** 59¢  
**BREAD** 10¢  
**EDWARDS COFFEE** 27¢  
**Duchess SALAD DRESSING** 23¢

*The Best Gift of all is War Bonds*  
**Stewart Pecans** Paper 14-Oz. Shell Pkg. **37¢**

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|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------|
| Coffee          | Airway Fresh Roasted          | 2 1-Lb. Pkg.    | 4 1¢ |
| Coffee          | Nob Hill Luxury Blend         | 1-Lb. Jar       | 23¢  |
| Mayonnaise      | No. 1 Made                    | 12-Oz. Jar      | 47¢  |
| Pure Honey      | Beeville                      | 16-Oz. Jar      | 25¢  |
| Olives          | Queen Isabelle Stuffed Olives | 8 1/2-Oz. Jar   | 67¢  |
| Pimientos       | Spanish Trail                 | 7-Oz. Can       | 18¢  |
| Pumpkin         | Alice                         | No. 2 1-Lb. Can | 15¢  |
| Peaches         | Extra Choice Cello Pack       | 1-Lb. Pkg.      | 37¢  |
| Shortening      | Swift Jewel                   | 4-Lb. Ctn.      | 75¢  |
| Schillings Sage | No. 2 1-Lb. Can               | 13-Oz. Can      | 14¢  |
| Niblets Corn    | Del. Meas.                    | No. 2 1-Lb. Can | 14¢  |
| Fancy Peas      | Rogers'                       | No. 2 1-Lb. Can | 14¢  |
| Red Salmon      | Libby's (2 Pkts.)             | No. 1 1-Lb. Can | 40¢  |
| Shredded Wheat  | H.S.C. Pkg.                   | 2-Lb. Box       | 33¢  |
| Crackers        | Kristy or Premium             | 2-Lb. Box       | 33¢  |
| Flour           | Swanston Cake Flour           | 44-Oz. Pkg.     | 28¢  |
| Flour           | Elfinae Craft Finest Quality  | 25-Lb. Bag      | 1.25 |
| Flour           | Gold Medal Kitchen Tested     | 25-Lb. Bag      | 1.37 |

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| <b>Walnuts</b>     | Baby Emerald                         | Lb.           | 39¢ |
| <b>Pecans</b>      | Shelled Cello Pack                   | 8-Oz. Pkg.    | 53¢ |
| <b>Pecans</b>      | Shelled Cello Pack                   | 16-Oz. Pkg.   | 89¢ |
| <b>Peanuts</b>     | Tennessee Fresh Roasted              | 2 1-Lb. Pkgs. | 49¢ |
| <b>Mince Meat</b>  | Lady Betty                           | 30-Oz. Jar    | 42¢ |
| <b>Beverly</b>     | Peanut Butter Fancy Quality          | 9t. Jar       | 35¢ |
| <b>Syrup</b>       | Sleepy Hollow Rich in the Real Maple | 16-Oz. Bot.   | 21¢ |
| <b>Cherub Milk</b> | (1 Point Per Can)                    | 3 Tall Cans   | 25¢ |
| <b>Catsup</b>      | Red Hill Tomato (50 Points)          | 14-Oz. Bot.   | 15¢ |
| <b>Corn Meal</b>   | Morrison Premium                     | 5-Lb. Bag     | 27¢ |
| <b>Baking Soda</b> | Arm & Hammer                         | 3 1-Lb. Pkgs. | 20¢ |
| <b>Matches</b>     | Favorite                             | 3 Boxes       | 10¢ |

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| <b>OYSTERS</b>         | Eastern Selects | Lb. | 90¢ |
| <b>Fish</b>            | Whiting         | Lb. | 21¢ |
| <i>Quality Meats</i>   |                 |     |     |
| <b>Center Cut Pork</b> |                 |     |     |
| <b>Chops</b>           | (8 Points)      | Lb. | 35¢ |
| <b>Beef Shoulder</b>   |                 |     |     |
| <b>Roast</b>           | (5 Points)      | Lb. | 26¢ |
| <b>Beef Sirloin</b>    |                 |     |     |
| <b>Steak</b>           | (13 Points)     | Lb. | 40¢ |
| <b>Sliced Beef</b>     |                 |     |     |
| <b>Liver</b>           |                 | Lb. | 35¢ |
| <b>Fresh Ground</b>    |                 |     |     |
| <b>Hamburger</b>       |                 | Lb. | 24¢ |
| <b>Bulk</b>            |                 |     |     |
| <b>Mincemeat</b>       |                 | Lb. | 23¢ |

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| <b>White Onions</b> | Lb.                                       | 7¢    |     |
| <b>Apples</b>       | Washington Delicious, Jonathan or Winesap | 2 Lb. | 23¢ |
| <b>Grapefruit</b>   | Texas Seedless                            | Lb.   | 5¢  |
| <b>Oranges</b>      | California Naval                          | Lb.   | 10¢ |
| <b>Oranges</b>      | Texas Jolly                               | Lb.   | 7¢  |
| <b>Grapefruit</b>   | Poster Plus                               | Lb.   | 7¢  |
| <b>Celery</b>       | California Crisp, Tender                  | Lb.   | 14¢ |
| <b>Table Pears</b>  |   | Lb.   | 16¢ |

**SAFEGWAY**



# THE BALLINGER LEDGER

BALLINGER, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1944

## Christmas Programs For Presbyterians Friday and Sunday

Rev. Gary Hoffius, pastor, has announced two Christmas programs to be held at the First Presbyterian Church. The first is scheduled tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7 o'clock when the annual Christmas tree, exchange of gifts, Santa Claus' visit, and programs will be presented for the children

of the church. Sunday evening at 6 o'clock a pageant is to be presented by the high school students of the Sunday school. At this service the "joy gifts" will be received which go to the fund for aged ministers of the denomination. The pageant is under the direction of Mrs. W. B. Woody, and a large number of performers will present the Christmas story. The public is cordially invited to witness the colorful Christmas pageant. All members of the church school are to take part in the program Friday evening.

## St. Mary's Church To Have Christmas Midnight Services

The Rev. Edward B. Postert, O. M. I., pastor, stated today that the customary Christmas midnight mass will be observed this year. Before the mass, which is to begin promptly at midnight, December 24, the choir under the direction of Mrs. David Jones, with Mrs. O. J. Boehm at the organ, will sing "Silent Night, Holy Night," by Father Gruber. For the mass proper the choir will sing the "Salva Regina Mass" by Rev. Carlo Rossini. At the offertory the traditional "Adeste Fideles" will be sung.

The second mass will be offered on Christmas Day at 11 o'clock. At the midnight mass a special sermon will be given based on the text, "Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth among men of good will." Confessions will be heard Christmas eve, December 24, from 5:00 to 6:00, and again from 8:00 to 10:00 o'clock. At 10 o'clock the church will be closed until 11:30. A hearty invitation is extended to all non-Catholic friends to assist at the midnight mass. The altar boys' party was held Wednesday evening at the rectory, and the party for all children of the parish will be held tomorrow (Friday) evening at the city hall. The children's party is being arranged by Mrs. V. O. Wade, Mrs. Mary Moonen, and Mrs. Thomas Egan. During the program the king and queen of the parish, Billy Moonen and Pauline Muller, will be honored.

## 'Dime-A-Dozen' Club Formed



First Lieut. Raymond Ross, Medford, Ore., is shown handing out certificates attesting to the kills, 47 Japs, by members of the "Dime-A-Dozen" club. He presented each man in the unit ten cents for every dozen Japs killed. When photo was taken they lacked one Jap from having earned their 40 cents for the four dozen.

## Texas to Present Free Christmas Show for Kiddies

The Texas Theatre management will follow its regular custom this year and present the annual Christmas show for all kiddies in this area under twelve years of age. This program will be screened Saturday morning, December 23, commencing promptly at 10 o'clock. A special program that will be highly entertaining to the children has been arranged for and will last about two hours, ending by noon so parents can pick up their little ones. The theatre will be made perfectly comfortable for the kiddies and the entire staff of employees will be on duty to look after them and try to make them have a good time at this Yule party. Every child 12 or under is welcome and there will be no charge

of any kind for admission. Parents are invited to bring their children to town Saturday morning and have them at the theatre for the beginning of the show. With no public charity in Ballinger this year, kiddies will not bring any gift packages for this cause, as has been the custom in the past.

### LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS HEARD IN COUNTY COURT

County Judge E. C. Grindstaff heard evidence and pleas of guilty in seven liquor law infractions within the past eight days which brought in fines totaling approximately 1,000. One case was still pending today and will be heard soon after the holidays.

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### Your War Bond Investment Is Your Investment In America . . .

With sincere Christmas Greetings, accept too our cordial wish for abundant prosperity and contentment. In connection with these greetings, may we say, "Thanks to all the good friends of this organization for enabling us to continue to be of service to you."

J. Y. Pearce Drug Store

## 8th St. Presbyterians To Have Christmas Song Service Sunday

Rev. W. A. Erwin, pastor of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church, announced Wednesday that Mr. and Mrs. Horace F. Erwin, nationally known singers, would be guests in his home over the week-end and would assist in the Christmas services Sunday. At the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning the visitors will render Christmas music and Rev. Erwin will deliver his Christmas sermon. A vesper service will be held at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon at which time Mr. and Mrs. Erwin will present a special song program. The hour for this service has been set so that those from other local churches who desire may attend and also to permit those living in the rural areas to attend and get home before night. On Friday evening, at the church, the annual Christmas tree and program for students of the church school will be held. Santa Claus will come in to distribute the gifts and to visit the smaller children. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend the services on Christmas eve.

## Ballinger Junior Basketball Team Opens Its Season

The Ballinger junior high school basketball team opened the season last week-end, meeting the Paint Rock Indians and winning by the score of 61 to 14. The Bearcubs were accurate in shooting the baskets, Bob Agnew, forward, Davenport, forward, and Payne, center, tying for honors with 16 points each. High point player for Paint Rock was Byler with 5 points. The Ballinger junior high team will participate in district 16B. At a meeting of school officials, Supt. K. O. Ellington, of Melvin, was elected chairman, and Floyd Marshall of the same school, secretary. The following rules were adopted:

1. A double round-robin schedule will be played.
  2. The schedule will start on January 9.
  3. All games will be played on a home-and-home basis, each school being allowed to set its prices for home games.
  4. Drivers that transport players will be admitted free to games when properly identified.
  5. Home team is responsible for one official and visitors may furnish one.
  6. Two dollars is assessed each member school to pay for a trophy for the conference winner.
  7. Reports in form of game scores to be made to the secretary each week by home team.
- The schedule for the Bearcubs follows:
- January 9, Ballinger at Lohn
  - January 12, Eola at Ballinger
  - January 16, Melvin at Ballinger
  - January 19, Ballinger at Eden
  - January 23, Paint Rock at Ballinger
  - January 30, Ballinger at Millersview
  - February 2, Lohn at Ballinger
  - February 6, Ballinger at Eola
  - February 9, Ballinger at Melvin
  - February 13, Eden at Ballinger
  - February 16, Ballinger at Paint Rock
  - February 23, Millersview at Ballinger.
- District officials made an amendment to the rules on volley ball which would permit Ballinger senior high to enter a team instead of Ballinger junior high.
- New boxed stationery at Ledger office.

## Radar Trainees Needed by Navy

The navy needs and must have more radio men, personnel of the local navy recruiting office stated today. Opportunity is afforded in the war's newest and most thrilling field—radar. Radio technicians have many important duties in the navy, such as installing, repairing and maintaining radio communication equipment, radio direction finders, submarine detection apparatus and other extraordinary electronic devices. A radio technician will be qualified for many key positions in such fields as television, industrial electronics, broadcast radio, aircraft radio and many other scientific occupations. Upon successfully passing the Eddy test, a man may be enlisted as a seaman first class, with pay to start with \$66 a month. Men who have successfully passed their pre-induction physical examination between the ages of 18 and 38 and men of 17 years of age may take the Eddy test at the San Angelo navy recruiting station. A navy representative is in Ballinger with offices in the post office building each Wednesday afternoon for the convenience of men in this area. However, no recruiting trips will be made from December 25 through January 7.

Miss Claudia Burks is at home after a minor operation in the San Angelo Clinic-Hospital. She is improving nicely and receiving visitors.

## NORTON SCHOOL NEWS

By Ouida Sharpes and Martha Sparkman

### Slumber Party

The Homemaking Club of Norton will give a slumber party Thursday night, December 21, immediately following a Christmas pageant which will be given in the gym. The girls will probably go caroling during the night.

### District 19-B Basketball

The north half of district 19-B will play the conference games in the Norton gymnasium Saturday, February 10, 1945. The play-off will be in tournament style. Two preliminary games will be played Saturday morning at 10:00 and 11:00. Then the finals for the championship game will be played Saturday night. Also a game to decide third place winner will be played.

The winner of the north half, Norton, Crews, Bronte and Robert Lee, will play the winner of the south half, Water Valley, Christoval, Mertzon and Barnhart, for the district championship. We are glad to be hosts to the visiting teams.

### Christmas Tree

All grades will have their Christmas trees Friday afternoon. Grammar school trees will be in each room. High school will all assemble together in the gymnasium for a large Christmas tree.

### Winters vs. Norton

The Norton basketball boys played Winters in two games. The ultimate result was the defeat of Norton. The Norton volley ball girls played the Winters girls and won with the score of 60-13.

### Future Homemakers

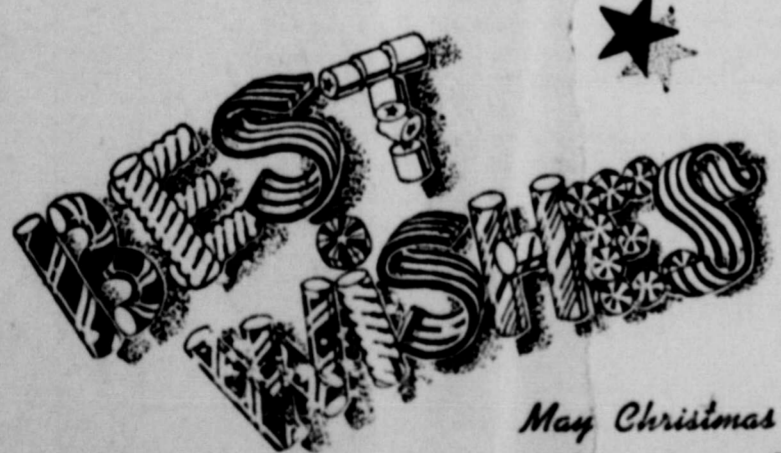
The Norton chapter of Future Homemakers of Texas met Friday, December 15. The third year girls were in charge of the program. Charlene Cariton gave an interesting report on "Retain Food Values in What You Pay For." Frances Gottschalk had a report on "How to Prepare Fish and Poultry." Juanita Lee gave a talk on "You Are What You Eat." LaVonda Forbus gave an excellent report on "The Dietary Value of Dried Fruits and Vegetables." Mary Bell Cope prepared an interesting report on "Food Must Be Saved." Molly Fowler gave a talk on "The Importance of Milk in the Diet." The program was enjoyed by all.

## Thanks a Million

To My Good Friends and Customers of Ballinger and Runnels County for their co-operation and patience. Some day we will have typewriters again, have help again, will be seeing you on regular trips as before Pearl Harbor.

## R. A. (Dick) Wagner

THE TYPEWRITER MAN  
San Angelo, Texas



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# CHRISTMAS AT ITS BEST

From the depths of our heart we wish to extend our sincerest Christmas greetings. We are mindful of the part you have each had in the trying days of the past year and it is because of such unselfish efforts that the American way of life will be maintained. It is our wish that you will enjoy Christmas at its best, with an abundance of good cheer, good fellowship and goodwill for all.

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WE WISH YOU A MERRY American CHRISTMAS

Let our faith in the true significance of the Yuletide give greater strength to our peace loving hearts. Let us renew our efforts toward a lasting peace and from it enjoy the full benefits of the American way of life. The measure of happiness we can glean from such an attitude is great indeed, and worthy of our every effort.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Women's, Society and Club News

Miss Norma Gene Bankston Complimented with Gift Tea... Miss Norma Gene Bankston, bride-elect of Petty Officer Alvin E. Bell, Jr., was complimented with a beautifully-appointed formal gift tea on Thursday afternoon of last week when Mrs. L. C. Adair and Mrs. Clarence A. Morton were hostesses in the Adair home to friends who called in five groups.

reflected arrangement of blue and white carnations in a low crystal bowl was flanked by tall white tapers in double crystal candelabra to center the dining table laid in an imported cloth of linen cutwork and lace.

Morton, Billie Weldon Howell, and Dorothy McMillan served other tea dainties. Mrs. O. C. Sykes and Mrs. Malcolm Morgan were at the gift display, and Jackie Bankston chose soft musical selections for the record-player.

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B. L. Agnew, of Royalty, and Mrs. Roy Matthews, of Southgap, California, are here to spend the Christmas holidays.

Buy War Bonds TODAY For Future Needs

We have a host of friends in this area whom we would like to see personally in order to extend a personal Christmas Greeting.

We may not get around to everybody so we ask that you consider this as being a genuine expression of good wishes to each of you and a hearty thank you for past courtesies.



Western Auto Associate Store

CHRISTMAS



Elsewhere in this world millions of peoples will not enjoy the blessings of Christmas but here in America, at least, the occasion will be observed with reverence and happiness and good cheer.

And so, as you gather with your loved ones at this glad season of the year, please have a thought for us. We will be thinking about you and wishing for you and yours all the good things we can think of, happy in the knowledge that in the not too far distant future brighter days are ahead.

May the Yuletide be filled with happiness and the New Year be one of health and good cheer.

Woodroof's

Large advertisement for Moore Produce Company featuring 'Greetings FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR' with decorative holly leaves and a large 'Greetings' script.

Methodist Church School Departments Have Xmas Observance

The young people's department of the First Methodist Church voted to forego its annual Christmas party and make special observance at the Sunday morning worship service on the Eve of Christmas to honor the families of members who are in the armed forces.

Intermediates, under the direction of their sponsor, Mrs. H. B. Loyd, enjoyed a Christmas program and carol singing before the church services Sunday evening in the church parlors. Refreshments furnished by Mmes. M. L. Furgey, and Harrell, were served to twenty.

The junior department party was held last Saturday afternoon in the Wilke Terrace home of the superintendent, Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw, with teachers, Mmes. Raymond McShan, R. D. Midgley, Allen Davis, and Edward Curry assisting. After games and the gift exchange from the pretty lighted tree, a box of fruits and nuts was packed for a Ballinger needy family.

Mmes. E. E. Avey, Tom Caudle, Pat Woods, and O. R. O'Neill were hostesses to primary department members and their mothers at a party in their assembly room in the church Monday afternoon. Gifts were presented from the lighted tree and cake served with ice cream. Children present were: Pat Wood, Jerry Bell, Gwen Davies, Sally Ann Underwood, Billy Moss, Oran Lee Underwood, Patricia Davies, Wayne Irby, Jon Schnable, Nancy Pinson, Donald Howard Davis, Della Glover, and Judy Farren.

Annual Xmas Party for Needle Workers Club. The Needle Workers Club held its annual Christmas dinner and tree on Wednesday of last week in the home of Mrs. E. P. Talbot on Sixth Street.

The dining table centerpiece of Santa with his reindeers, and poinsettias was lighted by tall red tapers and a pretty arrangement of fruit centered the buffet.

After the three-course chicken dinner, Santa Claus distributed gifts from the pretty decorated tree and games of forty-two were played. Others present were: Mmes. Mary Spreen, O. B. Corbett, J. W. Blasdel, A. F. Brock, W. A. Nance, O. R. Lasater, and D. R. Hall.

Officers Installed for Methodist W. S. C. S. Mrs. J. G. Douglass presided for the last meeting of the year held by the First Methodist W. S. C. S. Monday afternoon in the church parlors on Tenth Street where a small lighted tree and clusters of mistletoe were placed at vantage points. Contributions were made to the orphanage at Waco, toward transportation expenses for the Youth Fellowship, and for the purchase of a scholarship for a Chinese girl, and small Suzanne van de Putte was given a baby life membership. Mrs. Douglass expressed her appreciation for cooperation of officers and members and presented Mrs. Joe Forman who directed the program. Mrs. Charles van de Putte played Christmas carols and hymn accom-

paniments. Mrs. J. A. Schnable read two poems, one dedicated to the society and one to Mrs. Douglass, who was given a remembrance from the society by Mrs. W. O. Irby.

Mrs. Forman used a candlelight service to install the following: president, Mrs. Troy Simpson; vice-president, Mrs. Douglass; recording secretary, Mrs. H. G. Agnew; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. L. Davis; local treasurer, Mrs. C. P. Shepherd; treasurer, Mrs. W. R. Clark; secretaries of supplies, Mrs. Irby; missionary education, Mrs. M. E. McClenney; Christian social relations and local church activities, Mrs. O. R. O'Neill; student work, Mrs. Forman; young women, girls and children, Mrs. Som Behringer; literature and publications, Mrs. R. D. Midgley; spiritual life, Mrs. J. W. Guynes; and circle chairmen, Mmes. Davis and Elma Mann. Mrs. Simpson named standing committee members. The Sally Odom Circle was the hostess group and served sandwiches and cookies with coffee. Others present were: Mmes. L. C. Adair, Marvin Davies, H. Ravellette, Ford Taylor, Tom Caudle, T. J. Forgey, R. W. Bruce, H. B. Loyd, John A. Weeks, B. F. Guin, Nichols, E. L. Rappy, A. B. Legate, W. W. Chastain, and R. W. Earnshaw.

Eighth Street Society in McMillan Home

Eighth Street Presbyterian Auxiliary members were guests in the Fifth Street home of Mrs. Ola McMillan Monday afternoon for the monthly foreign and national missions program.

Elaborate use of Christmas symbols gave added charm and color to rooms where Mrs. Paul Petty was leader for the program "Good Will to All Men." After the devotional by Mrs. W. A. Erwin, discussions on the topics "The Third Watch," "Vengaria at Christmas," and "Our Return to Syria," were given by Mrs. Roy Hill, Mrs. E. S. Malone, and Mrs. Rufus Allen. Mrs. J. D. Coulter read the names in the Yearbook of Prayer and gave the prayer.

Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. Dee Oliver, and Mrs. Ed Killingsworth were social hour hostesses and served cake with coffee with novelty Xmas tree favors. Others present were: Mmes. B. H. Erwin, A. H. Wiesepape, J. W. Black, Mary Spreen, Una V. Dooze, G. P. Teague, and H. T. Russell.

Mmes. Lasater and Agnew Entertain Methodist Philathea Class

Mmes. O. R. Lasater and Tom Agnew were hostesses to the Methodist Philathea Class Monday evening, entertaining in the Lasater home on Sixth Street.

A large lighted tree, mistletoe clusters, potted poinsettias and other emblems of the holiday season were used lavishly about spacious reception rooms where Mrs. Ford Taylor directed the business period after a Christmas devotional by Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw. A box of individual gifts as well as a gift of money from the class will be sent Marshall Benner, the adopted son of the class who is somewhere in the Pacific with the U. S. Navy, gifts were brought for a veterans' hospital and for a needy family. Cards will be sent former members, who are away.

Birthday celebrants were Mrs. L. M. Setser, Mrs. L. T. Allen, Mrs. George Clements, and Miss Theima Midgley. Date pudding was served with salted pecans and hot chocolate. Small Barbara Medien served as Santa Claus and distributed exchange gifts. Others present were: Mmes. Paul Richardson, H. B. Loyd, Gordon McGiffin of Brookville, Pa., M. B. Webb, Clinton A. Glover, R. D. Midgley, Tom Caudle, Troy Simpson, Claude Stone, John Barton, E. E. Avey, O. R. O'Neill, and Tom Medien.

Joy Campbell and Gwen Morgan Entertain Volunteer Class

Gwen Morgan and Joy Campbell entertained the First Baptist Volunteer Class with a Christmas party Monday evening in the Morgan home on Sixth Street. As guests were welcomed into rooms, gay and bright in the season's colors and symbols, hostesses pinned on mistletoe corsages. Joy Campbell, vice-president, directed the business session and June Wright gave the Christmas devotional. At the social hour, pairs were revealed by the gift exchange from the lighted tree, and new names were drawn. Mrs. E. F. Lawless, teacher of the class, received a gift and one is to be sent to Claudia Burk, the class president, who is ill. After the group singing of Xmas carols with June Wright at the piano, fruit cake was served with hot spiced tea by the hostesses assisted by Mrs. Malcolm Morgan. Others present were: Mary Green, Dorothy Jackson, William Rudder, Jean Young, Evelyn Jack-

son, and Bell Graves. Camilla Caffey is a new member.

Christmas Breakfast for First Baptist Young People

The lunch room was the scene of a prettily-appointed Christmas breakfast last Sunday morning with members of the First Baptist young people's department included as guests.

Tables laid in white damask were decorated with tall blue candles spaced at intervals with greenery and red Xmas bells between. Place cards were Christmas angels and program folders were in blue and white.

J. H. Parrish, Jr., was toastmaster for the program which opened with the invocation by Melvin Patterson and the singing of "Joy to the World." Bell Graves responded to the welcome given by Mrs. Taylor Henley, and W. E. Elkins gave the Christmas message. A girls' trio, Lavinia Faubion, Joy Campbell, and William Rudder sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem" with Miss Tommie Mansell, accompanist. W. J. Hembree, general superintendent, spoke the benediction.

Mrs. Henley was assisted by Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff and E. P. Talbot in planning the affair. Others present were: Mmes. Hembree, Talbot, E. F. Lawless, Bill Williams, Janie Barnett; Misses Melba Bankston, Katie Lee Glibreath, Billie Howell, Gladys Kemp, Mary Lou Ridings, Jewel O'Neal, Helen Speer, Carolyn Cheatham, Mary Green, Dorothy Jackson, Bell Graves, Laverell Lee, Gwen Morgan, Evelyn Jackson, June Wright, and Jean Young, James Ashton, and Bill Parrish.

Methodist Virginia Douglass Class in Moss Home

Mmes. W. E. Moss, Jack Hampton, and H. B. Dempsey were hostesses to the First Methodist Virginia Douglass Class Monday evening in the Moss home on Fourth Street.

A profusion of holly and an elaborately decorated tree gave an unusually lovely adornment to rooms lighted by the glow from many tapers where Mrs. R. V. Pinson read the Biblical story of Christmas and Mrs. Carl Poteet presided for the brief business session. Mrs. Allen Davis told of Christmas customs of other lands and the group sang carols with Mrs. Charles van de Putte playing accompaniments.

At the social hour gifts were exchanged and a gift box packed for a veterans' hospital. Holly

corsages were favored for the plate of fruit cake and coffee. Others present were: Mmes. Bill Bell, J. W. Guynes, Lynn Candler, H. B. Fronkier, Paul Farren, W. O. Irby, E. B. Underwood, J. G. Douglass, Bill Clark, Fred Pierce, J. W. Little, Edward Sommer, M. E. McClenney, Truman Brown, George Davis, Lewis Brown, E. L. Rappy, George Newby, Marvin Davies, and L. M. Bowden.

B. & M. Grocery

THE PERFECT PICTURE



City Cafe

Large advertisement for Weeks Drug Store featuring 'Merry Christmas AND MANY OF 'EM!' with a stack of greeting cards and promotional text.

### Local Rotarians Celebrate Xmas; Gifts Exchanged

The Ballinger Rotary Club celebrated Christmas at its meeting Tuesday with a tree, the exchange of gifts and a program. Perfect attendance marked the Yule program and at the end of the meal Santa Claus visited the club men and handed out gifts to all present.

Members exchanged gifts and from President James A. Wear each received a small booklet dealing with international matters and a card containing favorite Christmas carols.

Rev. H. B. Loyd, pastor of the First Methodist Church, was introduced as a new member and given a big hand. Mrs. Frances van de Putte was presented as pianist for the club and to conclude the program played Christmas carols, led by O. C. Sykes, with all members taking part in the sing-song.

Several visitors were present including some from San Angelo and one service man.

The club's last meeting of the year is scheduled next Tuesday, December 26. During 1944 the club

has enjoyed a good growth in membership and the activities have been numerous and worthwhile.

### 25 AMERICAN DIVISIONS FIGHTING NAZI FORCES ON WESTERN FRONT

LONDON, Dec. 20.—These are the American army forces engaged against Germany, as recapitulated recently by "Yank," the army newspaper:

Twelfth Army Group, Lt.-Gen. Omar N. Bradley  
Sixth Army Group, Lt.-Gen. Jacob Devers

#### Armies

First, Lt.-Gen. Courtney H. Hodges  
Third, Lt.-Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.

Seventh, Lt.-Gen. Alexander M. Patch  
Ninth, Lt.-Gen. William H. Simpson

First Airborne, Lt.-Gen. Lewis H. Brereton

#### Corps

Fifth, Maj.-Gen. Leonard Geron  
Sixth, Maj.-Gen. Lucian K. Truscott, Jr.

Seventh, Maj.-Gen. J. Lawton Collins  
Eighth, Maj.-Gen. Troy H. Middleton

Twelfth, Maj.-Gen. Manton S. Eddy

### They Return to Philippines



Left: Gen. Douglas MacArthur as he broadcasts to the Philippines that the Americans landed on Leyte island and that he has returned. Right: Vice Adm. Thomas Kinkaid (right), and Lieut. Gen. Walter Krueger (center), as they discuss Philippine invasion operations aboard the flagship in Philippine waters.

Fifteenth, Maj.-Gen. Wade H. Haislip

Nineteenth, Maj.-Gen. Charles H. Corlett  
Twentieth, Maj.-Gen. Walton H. Walker

Airborne Divisions  
82nd, Brig.-Gen. James N. Gavin  
101st, Maj.-Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor

Armored Divisions  
Second, Maj.-Gen. E. N. Harmon

Third, Maj.-Gen. Maurice Rose  
Fourth, Maj.-Gen. John S. Wood

Fifth, Maj.-Gen. Luncford Oliver

Sixth, Maj.-Gen. Robert W. Grow

Seventh, commander unannounced  
(The 10th armored division also has been activated, but the commander is not known.)

Infantry Divisions  
First, Maj.-Gen. Clarence H. Huebner

Second, Maj.-Gen. Walter M. Robertson

Third, Maj.-Gen. John W. O'Daniel

Fourth, Maj.-Gen. Raymond O. Barton

Fifth, commander, unannounced

Eighth (motorized), Maj.-Gen. Donald A. Stroh

(A dispatch dated November 14 but delayed, identified the 19th infantry division also as in action on the western front.)

26th, Maj.-Gen. Willard Paul

28th, Maj.-Gen. Norman D. Cota

29th, Maj.-Gen. Charles H. Gerhardt

30th, commander, unannounced

35th, Maj.-Gen. Paul W. Beade

36th, Major.-Gen. John E. Dahlquist

45th, Maj.-Gen. William W. Eagles

79th, Maj.-Gen. Ira T. Wyche

80th, commander unannounced  
83rd, Maj.-Gen. Robert C. Macon  
90th, Brig.-Gen. James A. Van Fleet

These are all that have been announced by the war department and therefore the only ones that can be mentioned.

#### Card of Thanks

In appreciation of the many words of condolence, the beautiful floral offering, and the many kind deeds rendered following the sad accident and loss of John Cassidy, we wish to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to all. Especially do we thank Malcolm Morgan and his staff of boys who worked with John, Mr. Newby and helper, Dr. Bailey and his staff of helpers, Mr. Agnew and helpers, and the Presbyterian preacher.

W. P. Vaughn  
Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Roskos  
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### CEDARS USED TO DECORATE WALKS IN BUSINESS DISTRICT

The Ballinger Board of Community Development has had native cedar trees set up along the downtown sidewalks this week to give the town a little atmosphere of Christmas. The trees were placed in flagholes near the edge of the sidewalks and will be left there until after Christmas.

Each year previously, the B. C. D. has had a committee to look after decorations in the business district and arrange Christmas

programs. A fund left from last year was used to have the small trees brought here and set up on the sidewalks.

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



Valiantly and courageously, let's make this a good Christmas, one that will shine out for all the world to see. Let's make this our pledge because it is in times like the present that we need the encouragement and strength so necessary to meet the trials of the future.

To our customers, our former customers and our future customers, and to those whom we have never had the privilege of serving, we wish to express our warmest Christmas greetings and a word of encouragement.

We are proud of the things you have done toward making this a better world and we are sure that you will have the faith and determination to carry on in the best possible manner in the future.

### COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

Farmers and Merchants State Bank

# CHRISTMAS

## AMERICAN STYLE

The aroma of Yule logs burning . . . gay holly wreaths . . . tinsel Christmas tree by the fire place . . . beribboned gifts and whispered conferences . . . Christmas stockings . . . the eager anticipation of children awaiting Santa . . . the Christmas dinner in all its traditional glory . . . the associations of loved ones . . . the greetings of friends and the goodwill of all . . . the feeling of deep contentment and satisfaction brought about by the combination of these pleasing thoughts . . . that's Christmas, American style.

May it forever be so and may this Christmas be the type of Christmas you treasure so precious, this is our Yuletide wish.

## Bettis & Sturges

"Ballinger's Exclusive Ladies' Store"

Mama's Sugar Says:

# Merry Christmas

To Texans and Friends Everywhere

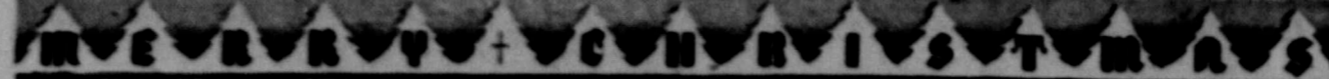
## TEXAS

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# SOCIETY and CLUBS

## South Ballinger Club Has Annual Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party for the South Ballinger home demonstration club was held last Thursday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moncrief. The party

was for all members and their families.

Games of 42 were played during the evening and the members exchanged gifts from the lighted tree. Christmas candy and apples were served.

Attending were: Messrs. and Mrs. George McMillan, R. M. Batta, J. C. Reese, Victor Parr, Neuman Smith, R. R. Holstead, Mmes. C. D. Harris, Buddy Pullin, and Harold Routh; Gene, Bill, and Linda Kay Moncrief.

## Annual Xmas Supper and Party for Club in Adair Home

Know Your Neighbors were hostesses at their annual Christmas supper Wednesday evening with their husbands as honored guests.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Adair, which was decorated throughout in the season's motifs and colors, was the scene of the affair. Carnations and candles were used to center the dining table where the menu was served buffet style. Games of forty-two and the gift exchange from the tree gave happy entertainment.

Others included were: Messrs. and Mrs. Malcolm Morgan, Dee Saylor, John Castor, LeRoy McAnlay, George Davis, Bill Clark, J. H. Endacott, Joe Flynt, John Barton, Jack Nixon, Sr., and Cecil Jones.

## Holiday Party for First Baptist Alatheans

Mmes. R. T. Williams, R. B. Thomas, A. O. Bartlett, L. A. Faubion, and C. W. Jennings were hostesses to the First Baptist Alathean Class Tuesday evening in the Williams home on Broadway.

Lovely Christmas bells and tall candles were the Yule emblems chosen for the artistic decoration of the entire reception suite where Mrs. Bartlett presided after the Christmas devotional by Mrs. W. E. Ekkins, and the group singing of carols with Mrs. Clarence A. Morton at the piano.

At the social hour, exchange gifts were exchanged from the tree and Mrs. Ekkins was presented a gift from the class. A salad plate was served with cookies and Xmas candies. Others present were: Mmes. R. M. Lowry, R. P. Canady, J. B. Arterburn, S. M. Jones, O. L. Britton, E. P. Talbot, Fred Holliday, L. B. Rudder, Paul Best, R. D. Jackson, J. H. Parrish, O. C. Sykes, C. E. Lowry, Austin Harper, R. E. White, Weldon Howell, Elmer Shepperd, Drury Hathaway, Ruth Bankston, R. E. Truly, Mollie Morgan, James Wear, and L. R. Tigner.

## Methodist Youth Fellowship to Santa Anna

The monthly meeting of the Runnels-Coleman sub-district Methodist Youth Fellowship met in Santa Anna Tuesday evening with the Santa Anna group presenting an inspiring Christmas program. The January meeting will be held in Wingate.

Those attending from Runnels

county were: Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Loyd, Mrs. Joe Furman, Mrs. M. E. McClenny, Bill Clark, Marilyn Bowden, Pat Caudie, Carolyn McClenny, Janet Rae McShan, Betty Morrison, Mary Jean Martin, Dorothy and Paul Harrell, Jackie Hampton, Catherine Sensabaugh, Cordie Lou Forgye, Margaret and Sue Hampton, Neal Loyd, Mary Jo Forman, Kenneth Landers, Patty and Janie Morrison, and Billy Jack Middleton, of Ballinger; Rev. and Mrs. Frank Turner, Jr., Vernon Compton, Danny West, Billy Phillips and Truman Harkins, of Wingate.

## Book Club Has Xmas Party in Hoff Home

Current Book Club members entertained their husbands at their annual Christmas party Tuesday evening in the Eighth Street home of Dr. and Mrs. J. Dexter Hoff.

Beautiful appointments of the holiday season were used in room decorations, in table and game accessories, and in the two-course turkey dinner served preceding games of forty-two. Exchange gifts were distributed from the large decorated tree.

Guests were: Mrs. Roberta Jones, Mrs. Tom Medlen, Mrs. Gertrude Woods, Dr. and Mrs. O. R. Lasater, Messrs. and Mrs. Sam Behringer, A. B. Legale, Chester Cherry, John Barton, C. A. Glover, Jack Nixon, Sr., O. R. O'Neill, Tom Caudie, O. C. Sykes, Alex Saunders, and Paul Petty.

## Tabus Have Presentation Dance

New Tabu members were formally presented at a dance Wednesday evening in the Army and Navy Club. Included also were parents of members and a large group of added friends.

A large red bow and the large letters TABU, which were outlined with sprays of cedar, decorated the balcony at the entrance to the auditorium. Other decorative features suggestive of Christmas were window draperies of red crepe paper and cedar and clusters of mistletoe at other points.

A pretty rose entwined arbor on the stage provided the background for the presentation with girls being introduced by Joanne Glover. Pat Richards, Tabu president, and George McCorstin led the grand march. Punch was served with cookies.

Girls presented were: Martha Saunders, Anna Sue Hembree, Elizabeth Wear, Nancy Guynes, Mary Brian Woody, Betty Jean Underwood, Virginia Baker, Lillian Keithley, Dorothy Holliday, Betty Jean Longefeld, and Louise Kinney. Other members are: Natlyne Williams, Gwen Morgan, Virginia Routh, Charlotte Miller, Carolyn Cheatham, and June Wright.

## BALLINGER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Natlyne Williams

## Choral Club News

Three members of the sextette journeyed to Moran Thursday night to sing at a football banquet. The trio, composed of Joy Campbell, Lanetha Arrant, and Willa Mae Rudder, was accompanied by Miss Stowe.

The sextette, which is the above trio supplemented by Gwen Morgan, Janella Gentry, and Bertha Holland, has made many appearances this year. Their talents have been enjoyed by many organizations other than those in B. H. S.

## June Wright District F. F. A. Sweetheart

June Wright, sweetheart of the local F. F. A. chapter, has been voted sweetheart of Ballinger dis-

trict. Each town in the district nominated a local girl and votes were one cent each. June won the title after receiving more votes than any other nominee.

## Supper for Cast and Crew

The cast and back stage crew of "Little Women" were feted with a steak supper at Weeks Drug Store. The climax of the night came when Miss Freeman was presented a beautiful gift by those present.

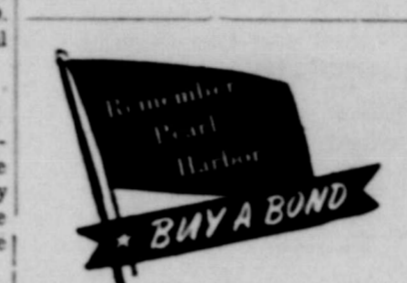
## Christmas Holidays

Ballinger public schools dismissed December 21 for the Christmas holidays. Classes will be resumed January 1.

## Organ Concert

B. H. S. students and teachers were held spell-bound Wednesday morning while listening to the organ music of Mrs. Frances van de Putte at the First Methodist Church. Her numbers were divided into three groups. First was a group of classical music; second was a group of Latin-American selections; third was a medley of familiar Christmas carols. For an encore, Mrs. van de Putte played Hallelujah Chorus.

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### Think on These Things

by Richard Robbins, Minister, Eighth Street Church of Christ

—For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isa. 55:8-9. Those who claim to be so interested in bringing about Christian unity, should realize that Christianity is the way of God. God gave us a way for unity and it is higher and better than the ways of man. In Eph. 4:4-6 Paul, a man of God, gives us an outline for unity. "There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is above all and through all, and in all." Man's outline leaves out the "one body, one faith, and one baptism." Is that a better plan than God's? Isn't man trying to direct his own steps when he ignores God's way and sets up his own? Surely it would be better to quit trying to be so broadminded, and teach people the one faith (doctrine); encourage them to obey the one baptism (a burial, which is for the remission of sins, Rom. 6:4; Acts 2:38, and thus help them become members of the one body (the church), Col. 1:18.



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### Baptists Observe Christmas Sunday And During Week

Christmas programs at the First Baptist Church started Sunday morning and will continue through the week. At the Sunday school hour last Sunday the annual white Christmas for the Buckner Orphans' Home was held with a program and offering in cash and other gifts.

tree and star. All departments assembled in the main auditorium for a program under the direction of Mrs. Carl Black. After numbers from the children's departments, Miss Betty Jean Lenefeld played the bell lyre while all the children marched by the tree to leave their cash offerings and white gifts for children in the home.

Sunday evening the church choir presented its annual Christmas cantata. A beautiful setting and lighting effects added to the music and was appreciated by a large audience.

Wednesday night pupils of the elementary department enjoyed a

Christmas tree and program at the club and Friday night the intermediate department will have its tree program including the exchange of gifts.

A grand gifts were also provided the Mexican Baptist Church whose program is to be held Friday night.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the pastor, Rev. Clarence A. Morton, will deliver a Christmas sermon, then the Clock of Eternity Struck. Regular services will be held today evening.

#### 14TH NORTON HOME MONSTRATION CLUB

The North Norton home demonstration club met last Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Ken Shelburne. Ideas for homemade Christmas gifts were exchanged and Mrs. W. W. Milt had a number on display. A member, Mrs. Dee Allen, was added to the list of the club. Mrs. Shelburne served a delicious Christmas plate to all those attending.

The next regular meeting will be held January 11 in the home of Mrs. W. W. Mitchell. A committee named to help serve the turkey dinner for the West Texas Utes Co. in Ballinger December 26.

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### GIs Build Bamboo Water Line



Bamboo water line is supported across a ravine by trestle also made of bamboo. This improvised line, in Yunnan province of China, the end of the lines for American army supplies, released hundreds of Chinese coolies from carrying water in order that they could handle other essential war supplies for American and Chinese forces.

#### CAMERON EMPLOYEES TO GET CASH GIFTS

More than 800 employees of Wm. Cameron & Co. will receive cash as their Christmas gifts this year. E. R. Bolton, president of the company, announced this week. Each will receive 12 1/2 percent of his total salary for the year, or the equivalent of one and a half months' salary.

Cameron employees who entered the military services during the year will be included. This method of Christmas remembrance has been used by the Cameron company for the past five years.

War Bonds should mean something more to you than just "a good sound investment." Figure it out yourself.

#### BRECKENRIDGE GROUP VISITS LOCAL SCHOOLS

Supt. John Bailey, of Breckenridge, two teachers and the manager of the school lunch room

there, spent Tuesday in Ballinger, observing school administration and the operation of the local lunch room.

Read the grocery ads and save.



Best Wishes For

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May this Christmas season be the beginning of a new era of peace on earth and good will toward all men. May the New Year bring victory, along with new opportunities to enjoy the scenic grandeur of our land and new chances to enjoy its tremendous resources.

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Let's make it our express purpose to enjoy a season of happiness on a par with those happy occasions of the past. Let's make this possible by being considerate to those near us and by being thoughtful of those far away. Let's strive to forget the heartaches, keeping foremost in our thoughts the reunion of loved ones and friends at some future date.

When we express our Season's Greetings, we are thinking of you and your loved ones.

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### THE PEACE AND CONTENTMENT OF Christmas



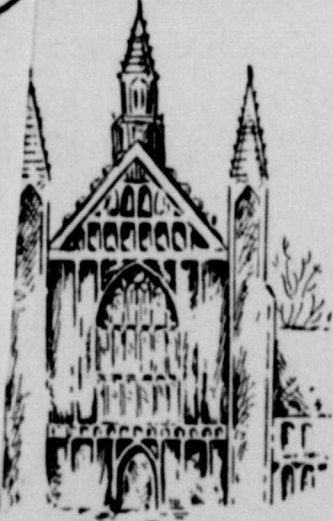
Would that the spirit of Christmas remain with each of us throughout the days of the coming year. What joy and happiness would be in store for all. It would lead to a better world, a more complete understanding of the problems of our loved ones and friends, a happier life.

May each of us, in our own way, resolve to carry the spirit of the Nativity in our hearts, maintaining the cheer of Christmas all through the year.

City Bakery

C. W. SLOAN, Owner

### The Christmas Spirit FINDS ITS SHRINE IN America



Christmas this year in America has been made doubly significant by the glorious sacrifice of the youth of our Nation. Somehow we believe it fitting and appropriate to remember them especially, in our Christmas Greetings. Without their efforts Christmas this year would be empty indeed. Because of their sacrifice and their willingness, an American Christmas is again possible.

Season's Greetings to the youth office, and to their loved ones and friends. May the coming bring Peace and contentment for all.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Donlevy, always well known as a "man's man," emerges in addition as a "he-man woman's man" in the film.

"An American Romance" is the stirring story of an immigrant to the United States who, through

the opportunity offered by the American way of life, rises to become an industrial giant.

A superb supporting cast, including John Qualen, little Jackie Jennings, Walter Abel and Horace McNally, does an outstanding job under the masterful direction of King Vidor.

Murder and Mystery Solved by the Falcon In Mexican Locale

Murder and mystery set in the picturesque locale of Old Mexico pervade in RKO Radio's latest detective thriller, "The Falcon in Mexico," featuring Tom Conway...

Ever ready to help beauty in distress, "The Falcon" is persuaded by the daughter of a noted artist, supposedly dead for many years, to clear up the mystery of her father's death.

Together they go to Mexico where the artist lived and worked. Here "The Falcon" weaves his way through a web of mysteries and murders and narrowly escapes with his life before he clears everything up and earns the gratitude of the girl.

The exotic backgrounds of Old Mexico considerably enhance the atmosphere of the story.

Chief among the supporting players are Mona Maris, Martha MacVicar, Nestor Paiva, Cecelia Callejo, Mary Currier, Emory Parnell and Joseph Vitale.

'Greenwich Village'



Scene from "Greenwich Village," at Texas Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 24, 25, 26.

Carmen Miranda, Don Ameche Starred in 'Greenwich Village'

Reaching back into colorful post-war music, "Greenwich Village," 20th Century-Fox's newest technicolor excursion into another exciting period of America's past, is the attraction at the Texas Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 24, 25 and 26.

With Carmen Miranda, Don Ameche, William Bendix and Vivian Blaine, "the cherry blonde," involved in its tuneful story, "Greenwich Village" rolls back 20 years to the riotous heyday of America's world-famous artists' colony.

Don Ameche essays another intriguing role as a young composer who came out of Kansas to win a reputation in the Arabian Nights atmosphere of Greenwich Village.

Red-headed Vivian Blaine makes her bow as Ameche's romantic interest, and sings three new hit songs in her introductory role which preview critics say will send her far along the path cut out by Betty Grable and Alice Faye.

"Greenwich Village" offers Carmen Miranda increasing opportunity to display her newly discovered talents as a comedienne, and provides her with songs streamlined to her unique singing-dancing interpretations.

Besides William Bendix, others in the cast of this gay extravaganza are Felix Bressart, the dancing DeMarco, and a sophisticated comedy quartet which first gained attention in the Village and became the rage of cafe society—The Revuers.

Exciting Western with Smiley Burnette And Horror Film Twin-Bill at Palace

"The Laramie Trail," an exciting western, and "Cry of the Werewolf," a chiller-thriller are the two features at the Palace Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday, December 22, 23.

Suspense, action and comedy are interwoven to produce Republic's "The Laramie Trail," starring two top favorites of movie fans, Smiley Burnette and Bob Livingston.

Republic is producing a series known as the Smiley Burnette pictures, of which "The Laramie Trail" is the first. Burnette introduces one of his own songs, "Dish Rag Blues" in the present film, and his ease in handling the comedy part of the act adds much to the picture's entertainment value.

The cast, besides Livingston and Burnette, includes lovely Eda Brent and a long list of able players.

Columbia's "Cry of the Werewolf," promises to shock even the most inveterate mystery fan. Nina Foch, Stephen Crane, Masses, Blanche Yurka and Tom MacLane appear in this drama of a lady werewolf's vengeance.

Poor Weeping Ad



Members of the Belgian "White Army" laughingly point to a poster of a weeping Adolf Hitler which is displayed in the window of their headquarters in the now liberated city of Liege, Belgium. No Nazis to say the poster was not there during German occupancy.

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DOUBLE HOLIDAY TO BE TAKEN FOR CHRISTMAS; STORES OPEN TUESDAY

All Ballinger stores will be closed Saturday night of this week and are to remain closed until Tuesday, December 26, taking Sunday and Christmas day, Monday. This will give another double-holiday for clerks and other downtown workers and will be one of the few times in many years when there was a holiday on Christmas eve. Usually this is one of the busiest days of the year.

The usual Christmas eve business, plus the Saturday trade will be taken care on Saturday of this week.

There has been some talk of closing for New Year's day on January 1. If this is done it will give another holiday, and a number of local managers have expressed a desire to do so. It was pointed out that few workers have had vacations this year and also that other West Texas cities are to be closed on this date.

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# SOCIETY and CLUBS

**Companions Class Entertained by Teacher**  
 Mrs. Joe Forester, teacher of the First Baptist Companions Class, was hostess to members with a Christmas party on Thursday evening of last week in her home on Seventh Street.

After a short business period, directed by Elizabeth Wear, the group went carol singing, visiting shut-ins and friends. Bell lyre accompaniments were played by Betty Jean Lengefeld and Elizabeth Wear.

Returning to the Forester home, guests exchanged gifts from the lighted tree and Betty Jean Lengefelds rewarded for her November per cent record. Mistletoeages were favors for the desslate served with hot chocolate.

Othersent were: Betty Jean Underw, Anna Sue Hembree, Willa F Wood, Jean McAden, Earlene fris, Lillian Keithley, Betty fish, and Gena Faye Duke.

**Xmas and Program for First Baptist Children and Parents**  
 Mem of the First Baptist Junior, nary, beginners, and cradle departments with their teachesd parents enjoyed a Christoprogram and tree in the ci auditorium Wednesday e.

After singing of "Joy to the World" by Jo Woodson of the beginigave the welcome and Sarahandler a reading. Primary bers were readings by Rogerckmon and Sue Ann Jacobiano solo "Silent Night, Holy it," by Billy Crockett; and lo, "O Little Town of Beths," by James Lee Underwood junior department presentee playlets, "A Changed Chri" by Arabella Toney, Mae Marshall, Vicki Hill, Patsrk, Neida Faubion, Dora Jearless, Theresa Jon Elkins, andis Killough; "The Birthday," by Norma Pearl Wallaceora Joiner, Dian Tuckey, Viri Weathers, Joyce Brookshierginia Koen, Bobbie Piend Mrs. W. A. McDonald; and Reason Why," by Jimmy Leed, Tommy Buchanan, Jindacott, James Marshall, Jurduder, Raleigh Reese, Jirfish, and Jackie Fulcher.

er in Honor of Soldiers  
 icious dinner was served in the of Mr. and Mrs. Alex sner Sunday, November 26, for of Sgt. Lee Hennecke at Andrew Hennecke, who both at home on 15-day ghs.

iding the affair were: Mr. s. Ed Hennecke, Mr. and Ben Schwertner, Mr. and idam Hennecke, Pearl, Mary and Beth Jo Hennecke, and Eleanor Block, Dinah Hennecke, the honor guests, he host and hostess.

Hennecke has reported back camp in Massachusetts, and Hennecke, who had been ned at Fort Ord, California, to Tyler.

**Christmas Party for Children**  
 Lee Roy Muller and Mrs. Wilde entertained a group of ren with a Christmas party Wednesday of last week at Muller's home on Hutchings ue.

Herbert Sledge and A. B. Lankd, of Abilene, were here Friday d Saturday, at attende the ral of Mrs. C. S. Miller and attend to business.

## Salt Water Sailor on Leave

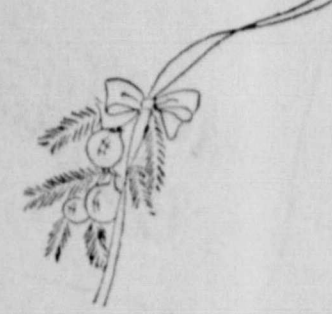


Back to the sea goes this sailor, visiting Manhattan during shore leave. He spends his time ashore watching a miniature sailboat race in the Central park pond, in New York city. Among the sea-going men, the miniature boats in the pond prove one of the biggest drawing cards for Uncle Sam's tar when visiting the city. Many of the boats entered in races are sailor-owned.

**FDR says:**  
 Curtail spending. Put your savings into war bonds every payday.

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## ANOTHER CHRISTMAS



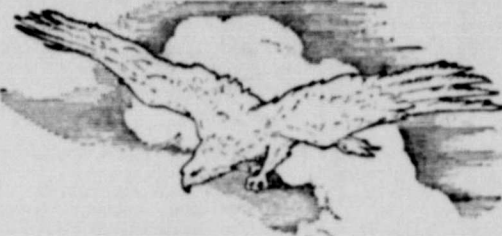
Once again we welcome the Christmas season. This year, however, the occasion takes on added importance because of the trying times each of us have experienced since last Christmastime.

Gratefully we acknowledge the courtesies you have extended us these past twelve months, and we know of no better time to express our appreciation than on this, the happiest occasion of them all.

May Christmas hold for you and yours all the good things possible.

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## THE AMERICAN EAGLE



## WATCHES OVER AN AMERICAN CHRISTMAS

Without the watchfulness and protection afforded by America, Christmas would fall far short this year. But because Americans everywhere have fought so courageously, Christmas in America will continue to be traditional.

Forsen Barber Shop

## SEASON'S

We believe in observing Christmas. Come what may, Christmas is the one occasion of the year when a feeling of good fellowship predominates the thinking of everyone. That's why we like Christmas.

It gives us an opportunity of a better understanding with those whom we serve. What joy and happiness would be manifest if each of us would carry this feeling of goodwill and cheerfulness throughout the year.

Let us be proud that we may enjoy the greatness of America—the freedom which is our heritage. Let us be proud of the achievements of those who have made it possible for us to continue enjoying this freedom. Without their efforts and sacrifices it would be an unhappy Christmas, indeed.

But because of them, America continues to celebrate Christmas. We are truly grateful.



Sykes Motor Co.

## ANOTHER American CHRISTMAS

No American Christmas is complete without the expressions of good fellowship and Christmas greetings from one friend to another. So, here's our message—and may you understand the true feeling of appreciation we have for your kindnesses in the past.

Perhaps the coming year will see a happier time for all and may the heartaches and tribulations of months past be overshadowed by the good fortune of all.

L. R. Tigner  
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# CHRISTMAS



*In the Twilight of Another Year*

Arising magnificently from the problems and difficulties that have been the experiences of each of us the past year, is the tolerance we have for the shortcomings of others. We see more clearly our own faults, consequently we are more sympathetic of the other fellow.

The old years fades into history. Many, many important events have taken place and we find ourselves with mixed emotions. We ponder the next twelve months, yet we face it with the same determination that has carried America thus far.

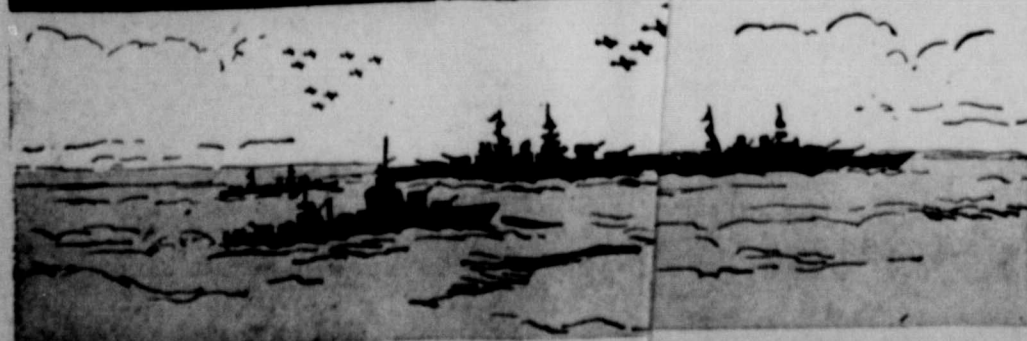
We do not fear the new year. We welcome it, with all its possibilities and the promise of happier days. Grant that we may continue to be tolerant one with another and as the dawn of the new year approaches, we say, "Season's Greetings to You. Our Friends."

Especially do we say thanks to our Ballinger friends for favors during 1944

Spill Brothers

Winters, Texas

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS  
 MAY THE NEW HOLD FOR YOU  
 ☆ ☆ THE BEST EVERYTHING ☆ ☆  
 THAT PEACE FREEDOM BRING



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**BALLINGER ARTIST WILL SHOW AT CORPUS CHRISTI**

Work of a Ballinger artist has been accepted for the Callertimes art exhibit and sale at Corpus Christi and is on exhibit at the Robert Driscoll Hotel in the

coast city. The annual show is held each year for one month preceding Christmas and this year will be open until December 23.

Accepted work of the Ballinger artist, Hazel Fulton McGraw, is: "Most Anywhere in Texas," mono-

type: "Santa Claus," lithograph; and "Shorty's Woodyard," lithograph.

Eleanor Onderdonk, curator of the Witte Museum, San Antonio, served on the jury which selected the works to be hung. Other members of the jury were James Chillum, Jr., director of the Houston Museum of Fine Arts; and Lt. M. F. Pollock, formerly of the faculty of the Chicago Art Institute, who is now stationed at Kingsville.



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**T**O ALL who live beneath the shining light of freedom, we extend our sincerest wishes for a joyous Christmas. We sincerely and affectionately dedicate our efforts in the coming year toward a better service to our fellow man.

May Peace and Freedom bless the earth and all its peoples.

**Frozen Land Lacks Snow for Yuletide**

Those people who think of Alaska as a land of ice and snow are mistaken!

It seems that several of the Far North communities were noticeably—even embarrassingly—lacking in snow last Christmas, and many Alaskan boys and girls who got new sleds from Santa were very disappointed.

In Seward, citizens were making plans to haul in several loads of snow from the mountains to pile around the Christmas trees on Fourth avenue as a reminder that it really was the holiday season in the "bleak and frozen north." A slight fall of snow came just in time to save them the trouble, however.

In Ketchikan, a snowless Christmas was celebrated, but this is not unusual for Ketchikan, where December 25, 1940, was the eighteenth snowless Christmas since 1917.

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**L**AST Christmas our local jewelry store added two new departments we never had carried before. One was a toy counter, where a selection of movie dolls was featured. The other—an optical department—catered to the trade who could not afford glasses unless they could arrange to pay for them on credit.

Visiting the shop the night before Christmas, I watched a tiny little girl . . . I'm sure she couldn't have been more than six . . . standing before the already sadly depleted doll counter. Her eyes were big as she looked up at the one doll still unsold, and there was a child's longing in them as she tugged at the tattered overall jacket of her father, busy talking to the optometrist.

"Daddy," she called, her voice shrill with excitement, "look! Isn't it the darlinest thing? Do you think Santa will bring it to me?"

The man's tired face turned toward her, and a hurt expression flashed across it settling hopelessly in the gray eyes. "I'm afraid not, Mary," he answered. "I saw Santa in a store down the street a while ago, and he said that he'd be about

"Uh-huh?" the little answered, bewildered.

"Then I guess Santa me you. He was here just a few minutes ago, and said he had a doll for the girl named Mary, but he said he wouldn't have the time to bring it. Then he remembered the little girl's father said he wanted to keep the doll and give it to her. That's it, up on the counter. It and run away, because I'm shy. I haven't time to talk."

Shyly, Mary reached up the proffered treasure, and hugged it close.

Mary was speechless while benefactor busied herself behind the counter. Suddenly the girl tugged at her skirt, and Mary, on her side, looking up at her, believe you're Mrs. Santa Claus, child whispered, awe in her eyes. As the door closed behind her, the girl took her purse and looked inside.

"Mrs. Santa Claus, indeed heard her mutter. "Lucky for this is pay day, or Mrs. S wouldn't eat tomorrow."

**Christmas Party Held by Scouts, Singing Feature**

Members of Boy Scout troop enjoyed their Christmas party Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 9:30. Arrangements for the party were made by the green bar patrol who set up and decorated the tree Monday evening. John Reed, acting senior patrol leader, assisted by Duane Carter, Jack Keel, and Bobby Bryan, patrol leaders, was responsible for the work. At meeting of the patrol two weeks ago it was decided that each should bring one gallon of cocoa, cookies and cake for the refreshments. Early Tuesday evening the boys began arriving with hot water bottle filled with cocoa and rolls of cookies, far too much for the troop's eighteen members.

The meeting was opened with the singing of "America" and followed by a meeting of patrols to check attendance and to make plans for the fun program to follow. In this there was a series of songs, including "Jingle Bells" and other Christmas carols, led by Jack Keel. After forty-five minutes of games the refreshments were served after being arranged by Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Wilkey, two of the Scouts' mothers, with Tom Egan and Marvin Clark, committeemen, assisting.

Gifts were handed from the tree and the laugh of the evening came when R. L. Wheels received a pretty cut-out book from Bill Warren.

It was the hope of the scout-



**S**he turned to make one last appeal! out of everything by the time he reached our house. Reckon he might have some sweets, or maybe a rag doll, though. And he's promised for some to bring those glasses.

"Oh!" Tears were in her eyes, but she fought them back bravely, and her worn coat sleeve wiped the last trace of them away.

"I did so want one of them," she whispered. "But I'm glad Santa isn't going to bring it to me. It means that he's found someone else who wants it even worse than I do, don't it, Daddy?"

"Come on, Mary," the optometrist called, taking the little girl by the hand. "Santa told me to see what kind of glasses you should have, so's to be sure he'd get it right. Now just sit in this chair and do as I say."

The examination didn't last long, and I was still there when it was completed. The optometrist turned to the father. "I'll make a special effort to finish them tonight," he said.

He was back soon, a slip in his hand. "I've fixed it with the management. A dollar now, and a dollar a month until the balance of five dollars is paid."

Mary had returned for a final look at the toy. "Don't you think, Daddy, that the glasses could come as a birthday present, and . . . oh, I did want a doll so badly! But . . . but I won't cry."

Her father hadn't heard. He was busy feeling in his pockets for the dollar needed for the down payment. He found a lean wallet, and from it pulled a quarter and seven dimes. He counted them over twice, a scared look on his face, then began a renewed search. Triumphant, he finally produced an eighth dime, and handed the silver to the optometrist.

As the man in overalls and his elfin daughter started toward the door, the girl behind the doll counter looked at the optometrist, then at me, a tear in her eye. Then she ran after the pair. "Wait a moment—isn't your name Mary?" she asked.

**THE SEASON OF GOOD CHEER IS HERE!**

As you gather with friends and loved ones for a festive Christmastime, please be mindful that our thoughts are for you and yours. We wish you a season of happiness, mingled with the many blessings you so richly deserve.

**Broadway Food Market**

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**at Christmastime!**

is one of the reasons we are fighting today. It is a tradition that our soldiers want to preserve, and here at home, even in times of worry, sorrow and distress, let's make it the happiest event possible.

**May We Wish for Each of You the Best Christmas Possible in a War Torn America.**

- J. L. MORELAND
- OZZIE FOLKES
- E. C. GRINDSTAFF
- ROY L. HILL
- MRS AURELIA WEBB
- W. A. FORGEY
- ERNEST CASKEY
- J. A. BARTON
- MRS. WINONA PARKER

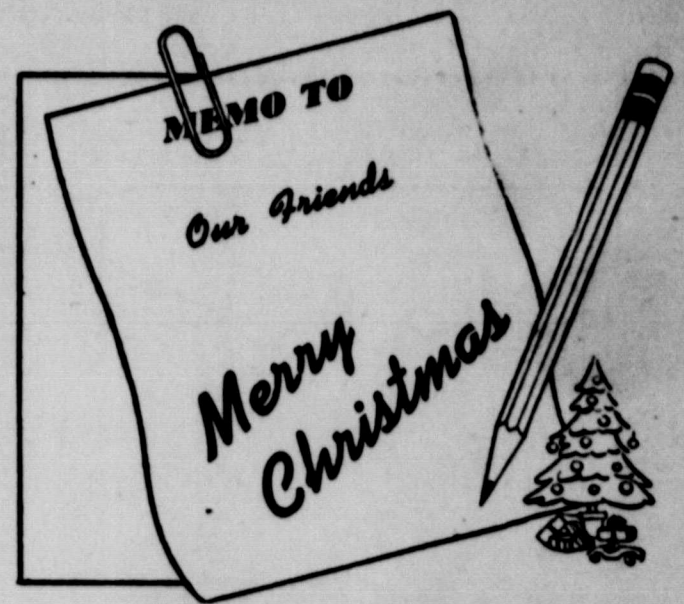
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**For A GENUINE American Christmas**

To each of you with an added expression of gratitude for your friendship and patronage during the past. We invite your consideration in the coming months.

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Leopold & Duval Boot Shop

**THIS Holiday SEASON**

This Holiday season—may it be filled with high hopes and spirit of confidence. The future looks brighter.

Justice, freedom and unity prevail and from this will come a happier world. We are indeed grateful.

We extend heartfelt greetings and good wishes to all our friends in this area. And, come what may, we renew our pledge to continue to serve you to the best of our ability in the months to come.

Best wishes to you and yours.

Atnipp's Tailor Shop

**'s Another American Christmas**

—and time tends to exchange greetings. For as never before we are happy because we are Americans, to enjoy the life of this nation and the real friendship of people who are free.

For the fineness of the past year, we say thank you to every one of you and wish for each

**A Merry Christmas and the best of the NEWEAR**

MR. & MRS. C. TINSLEY  
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