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County's Bank Deposits Over 9 1/2 Million Dollars

Runnels county banks on December 31 had deposits of more than nine and a half millions dollars. Five national and state banks in the county had deposits of \$9,351,754.58 and the Bank of Wingate ran this to well over nine and a half millions, the largest total in the history of this county.

In addition to the above, the First State Bank of Paint Rock had deposits of \$920,055.91 as of December 31, almost a million.

John Q. McAdams, of the Winters State Bank, gave figures of preceding years showing the steady growth of this bank in the past four years. These figures were as follows:

December 31, 1941,	\$1,271,803.65
December 31, 1942,	\$1,921,160.79
December 31, 1943,	\$2,200,389.38
December 31, 1944,	\$2,812,988.77

Deposits in banks of the county on December 31, 1944, were as follows:

First National Bank, Ballinger, \$2,889,759.53

Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Ballinger, \$2,240,849.21

Winters State Bank, Winters, \$2,812,988.77

First National Bank, Rowena, \$832,148.19

Citizens State Bank, Miles, \$576,008.88

The precise deposits of the Security Bank, Wingate, were not known here but were believed to be well over a quarter of a million dollars.

RED CROSS CHAPTER WILL MAKE 432 HOUSEWIFE KITS FOR OVERSEAS SOLDIERS

Mrs. Alex Saunders, Red Cross production chairman, has issued a large amount of material to women in the county on the current quota. This quota calls for 432 kits of the housewife type for men going overseas. The work is to be finished and shipped within six weeks.

In Ballinger church organizations are assisting in the huge job and each group has a special committee to be in charge of the cutting and distributing of the materials. Other women's organizations at Wingate, Miles, Winters and Norton are helping.

GRINDSTAFF APPOINTED TO LEGISLATIVE GROUP

Judge E. C. Grindstaff has been named on the legislative committee of the County Judges' and Commissioners' Association of Texas to serve during 1945. The appointment was made by Gilbert Smith, president of the association, and he called attention to the fact that the 49th legislature would study many measures that would affect county government. The president called on Mr. Grindstaff to work diligently with the committee to safeguard the best interests of the county government.

A New Service

We now have an experienced electrician with our plumbing shop and can do washing machine repairs as well as any type of electric motor repair and other general electrical work.

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All new applications received before February 1st are good for the quarter ending May 1st. Provide yourself and family with this safe burial insurance and benefit by the extra time allowance made.

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Ballinger, Texas

Serving Uncle Sam

Ballinger Man with 36th Division Arrives in States

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Long received a message the past week-end that their son, Pfc. Jack Long, had landed in the United States and would be home this week on a rotation furlough. He has been in action with the 36th division for the past 20 months, doing combat duty in North Africa, Italy and France. Pfc. Long is expected to be at home about 30 days, after which he will be reassigned.

Notice has been received that T-3 Arthur J. Gottschalk will arrive at Fort Sam Houston about January 10 on a rotation furlough after serving 35 months in the Pacific area. Soon after reaching San Antonio he will come to Ballinger for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gottschalk.

A letter from Cicero Smith, CMC, informed that he was in a hospital with his seventh attack of malaria and thought he would be returned to the States when he had recovered sufficiently to travel. Smith has been in the Pacific war zone more than two years and has been with the invading forces on several occasions, seeing plenty of front line action against the Japs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Whitworth received letters from two sons last week. Pfc. William Whitworth wrote from Leyte that he was all right and was getting a rest period, his first in several months. He said the job on Leyte was about finished.

Cpl. Thurman Whitworth wrote from Italy that he was all right but said the nights were getting very cold. His letter was dated in January. Mr. and Mrs. Whitworth have another son with the American third army in France whom they have not heard from in some time.

T-Sgt. Cecil Poehls, who had been in training at Las Vegas, Nevada, has been transferred and is now getting his mail in care of the New York postmaster. Now in the 44th bomber group, it is believed he is stationed in England with the 8th air force.

Pvt. James Striplin, who recently left here for induction into the army, is now stationed at Camp Hood, Texas. He entered the army after attending A. & M. College two years.

Lt. Leonard Scales has left the United States and his address is in care of the New York postmaster. Pilot of a heavy bomber, Lt. Scales had been taking the final phase of his training in Mississippi before leaving for overseas duty.

S-Sgt. Luther Curbo, S-Sgt. Wilson Middleton, T-5 Alvin L. Bibrey, T-5 Clayton T. West and Cpl. Leonard Bell, all with the 36th division in France, send word that they have received their Christmas parcels from home. All these men have had 21 months in combat.

A letter from Mrs. J. E. Paxton this week informs that her husband, Joe Paxton, has been sent overseas but she has not been given his mailing address. The last letter from him, written in the States, was mailed on Christmas eve.

Pvt. Francis H. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Jones, arrived recently in San Francisco and has entered a hospital at Walla Walla, Washington. The telegram to his parents said he had entered the hospital for treatment, not serious. Pvt. Jones had been on duty in New Guinea for some time.

T-5 William R. Hopper writes his parents of his recent arrival in France and his trip through the battle areas to a position on the front line. Hopper is an army cook. He said he was OK and told something of the destruction he had seen en route to his present position.

A letter was received last week by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nevels from Pvt. Harvey B. Hilliard, who is serving in the Pacific area. Details were given of the invasion of the Philippines. Pvt. Hilliard said he was not as fat now as normally but was none the worse for the wear and tear. He told of seeing lots of dead Japs, some of whom had taken the suicide route, and closed by remarking: "They don't mind dying and we don't mind killing them."

Capt. and Mrs. Fred C. McClanahan left Sunday after a two weeks visit here for Miami, Fla., where he will be reassigned for duty. He arrived home from overseas shortly before Christmas and visited in Shreveport and Ballinger during his 21-day lay-over of travel time. They expect to be in Miami for about two weeks before receiving orders.

Mrs. T. J. McCaughan came in Friday from Colorado City, where she had been with Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Miller. Last week the family received two war department messages within twelve hours, the first telling of the death of their son, Lt. Bobby C. Miller, killed in action in Germany on December 10. The second message informed them that a younger son, Floyd Miller, a prisoner of the Japs since the fall of Manila, had been sent to another prison camp in Japan.

Lt. Miller was born at Norton in this county, attending the Winters high school and later John Tarleton College, Stephenville. He entered the army in 1942 and was commissioned at Ft. Benning, Ga., in 1943.

His wife, the former Dollie Cooper of Ballinger, was in Colorado City visiting his parents when the message came. His last letter was from Luxembourg, dated November 28.

Yeoman Miller sent a printed Christmas card from the prison camp last August. He joined the navy for a six-year term and was in the officers' quarters at Manila until the city surrendered to the Japs.

Mr. and Mrs. Felton T. Wright talked with their son, Pvt. Robert T. Wright, the past week-end. He was at alert at that time and expected to be shipped overseas within the next few days. He has

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Major Middleton Seriously Wounded Fighting in Europe

Letters arriving here last week reveal that Major Price Middleton was seriously wounded December 18 in the battle still raging in western Europe.

First information of the wounds came in a letter written by Major Middleton on December 26. Apparently other letters are missing and the data is not complete as to where, when or how severe the wounds were. In this letter the young officer disclosed his knee pained him considerably, that he had been given three blood transfusions and that doctors were continuing X-ray examinations but had not determined just what they would do.

A letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Middleton, from S-Sgt. Wilson Middleton, told of visiting Major Middleton and reaffirmed the information given above. Sgt. Middleton stated that his brother was in a good hospital about 60 miles behind the lines and was receiving good treatment. The sergeant wrote a letter to Major Middleton's wife, Mrs. Ann Middleton, who is now residing near Bradshaw, in which the opinion was expressed that his brother would never be sent back into combat and that he believed he would be returned to the United States as soon as possible.

Major Middleton sustained his first wound in the fighting in Italy but was only off duty a short time. Just a few days before his serious wound he was again awarded the purple heart following a fall from a cliff into a stream in a battle in eastern France. The date he sustained the knee wound is not known here but is believed to have been a few days before Christmas.

WASTE PAPER WILL BE PICKED UP SATURDAY

Arrangements have been made for trucks to cover the entire city Saturday to pick up bundles of paper in the campaign now underway.

All residents of Ballinger are asked to place their securely tied bundles on the front sidewalks early Saturday morning and Boy Scouts with trucks will call during the day to load and haul the paper to the concentration depot.

Girl Scouts of Ballinger are in charge of the drive here and will receive the proceeds from the sale of the waste paper, but the Boy Scouts are assisting by loading and hauling the paper.

Seventeen Directors Are Named for Youth Center

Seventeen directors for the new youth center were named this week and a meeting of the board has been called for Monday night at 8 o'clock in the Carnegie library building. At this meeting an administrative board to direct operation of the center will be named, a system of operation decided, and other business considered.

Efforts are being made to open the center as soon as possible, to raise funds for maintenance, hire a janitor, and name an administrative board. All members of the board of directors willingly accepted the appointments and are enthusiastic over the prospects for providing a place where young folk of the city can meet for various organizational work and for social affairs. The fact that it is called a youth center will not preclude use of the building and facilities by adult groups.

Those responsible for calling the first meeting declared it was imperative that all members attend the first board meeting. The directors and organizations they represent are as follows: F. M. Pearce, Rotary Club; W.

J. Hembree, Lions Club; Troy Simpson, American Legion; Harry Lynn, Board of Community Development; C. E. Maedgen, Boy Scouts; Mrs. J. D. Eoff, Girl Scouts; M. Morgan, Cubs; Nat Williams, city schools; Ernest Caskey, county schools; John A. Barton, 4-H club boys; Miss Ozzie Folkes, 4-H club girls; K. V. Northington, city of Ballinger; E. C. Grindstaff, Runnels county; O. H. Chandler, library board; Mrs. F. M. Pearce, Civic-Garden Club; Mrs. R. T. Williams, Shakespear Club; Mrs. H. G. Agnew, Fannie Stephens Club.

Naming of the board of directors following a joint meeting last week of members of the Army-Navy club council and the library board. Plans were discussed for the youth center whereby all the equipment of the service men's club and the building facilities could be utilized. It was voted to ask each of the above organizations to each name a director to serve a one-year term and as soon as possible to call a meeting of this board to plan operation of the center.

A Coming Day of Great Destruction

... WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN JESUS RETURNS?

... WHAT WILL BE THE END OF THESE THINGS?

"The Secret Weapon"

Sunday night, January 14, 1945, 8:00
Bible School 10 a. m.
Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

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Young People's Fellowship 7 p. m.
PAUL F. DONNELSON, Pastor

Mobilization Committee Is Named Here Tuesday

Tom Caudle Named To Directory Board First National Bank

Directors of the First National Bank of Ballinger held their annual meeting Tuesday afternoon and announced at the close of the session that one new director had been named. Tom Caudle was elected to a place on the governing board of the institution and will begin his service with the bank at once.

Mr. Caudle, local postmaster, has been associated with numerous businesses in the past and is qualified in every way to make the bank a valuable board member. He is active in veterans' organizations, being adjutant of the local American Legion post at this time and is much interested in work for veterans of the present war. In the past he has served on the school board, as an official of the Ballinger Board of Community Development, is a member of the Rotary Club, is active in church affairs, and has a first hand knowledge of farming and stock raising.

R. G. Erwin, president of the bank, stated that the past year had been very satisfactory in every respect, as evidenced by the fine statement issued on December 31.

Much work was done by the bank last year in connection with the war effort, including the selling of bonds as well as cashing many investors have been given advice on the type of bonds to buy and officials have cooperated with local groups in every way possible during wartime drives.

No other changes were made in either directors or officers. The complete board of directors is as follows: F. M. Pearce, C. L. Baker, J. G. Douglass, R. G. Erwin, Harry Lynn, Drury P. Hathaway and Tom Caudle. Officers re-elected at the meeting Tuesday are: R. G. Erwin, president; F. M. Pearce, vice-president and chairman of board; J. G. Douglass, vice-president; Harry Lynn, cashier; and J. G. Tuckey, assistant cashier.

F. & M. Directors, Officers Renamed At Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Ballinger was held Tuesday in the directory room of the bank. Officers and directors were renamed for the ensuing year, no changes being made in either group.

Wayne Bennett, active vice-president of the bank, stated that 1944 had been a good year for the institution, enabling an order to be made for payment of a dividend on business done the past twelve months.

In addition to carrying on the regular banking business, the institution has shouldered a large responsibility in the war effort here, conducting a war bond department for the benefit of customers and friends of the bank. This department handled a large amount of business during 1944. Officers and employees of the bank also have cooperated in all civic affairs of the city.

Directors elected are: Mrs. J. F. Currie, R. W. Bruce, Edward Sommer, Irvin McCreary, and Wayne Bennett. Officers are: Irvin McCreary, chairman of the board; Mrs. J. F. Currie, president; R. E. Bruce, vice-president; Wayne Bennett, vice-president; Edward Sommer, cashier; S. F. Price, assistant cashier.

Representatives of war manpower commission and the U. S. employment service were in Ballinger Tuesday to aid in forming a management-labor committee to deal with labor requirements during the present year. These committees are being set up all over the country in an effort to solve the present need without putting ceilings on each business in the matter of male employees. Similar committees are being organized in practically all counties in Texas, but a few cities have decided to operate under the male employee ceiling measure.

The Runnels county committee as named at the meeting here Monday is composed of E. C. Grindstaff, county judge; Troy Simpson, newspaper publicity; and O. C. Sykes, draft board representative. L. L. Ruttle, U. S. employment service agent, and H. W. Wester, of the war manpower commission, explained the needs for workers in vital war industries and the part the committee was to have in Runnels county.

One of the first steps will be the distribution of a letter to every business house manager in Ballinger which also contains a pledge not to hire any man who has been in war work and has come here to find other employment, and a pledge to aid in every way possible in the war effort by helping provide workers for plants engaged in turning out implements of war that are "must" items on the battlefronts.

As soon as manager receive the letters, which will be distributed by Boy Scouts, they are asked to read them carefully and if they will to sign the pledges and return them to the county chairman in the self-addressed envelopes. A roll of honor will be published of all firms signing the pledges. There are two copies of the pledges, one to be returned to the chairman and the other to be posted in the store at a conspicuous place where all can read it.

Canning Center Here To be Open to Public Five Days Each Week

Mrs. Ruth Clappitt, supervisor, stated today that the local canning center would be open from now on five days a week. The center will operate full time on school days and will be closed Saturdays and Sundays.

Assistance is being given those who want to can food as a method of conservation. Help also is being given in planning spring gardens and starting seed beds. Many people have been taking advantage of the helps offered by the local center and the extra days of operation will provide even more with this opportunity.

During recent weeks a large number have used the electric food chopper for grinding sausage and a considerable quantity of lard has been rendered at the center.

BALLINGERITES ATTEND FUNERAL OF RELATIVE

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stone and Mrs. Minnie Maud Alexander were called to Fort Worth Thursday last week on account of the death of a relative, Walter Abernathy, who passed away as the result of a heart attack. He had been in ill health for the past six years.

Mr. Abernathy had resided at Fort Worth since 1904 and was engaged in the commission business until his health failed six years ago. He and his family visited relatives here on numerous occasions and were well known in this part of the state.

Funeral services were held at Fort Worth Saturday afternoon.

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Sunday School Sunday 9:45 a. m.
Sunday 11:00 a. m. Sermons: "AN EVANGELISTIC CHURCH"
Baptist Training Union Sunday 4:30 p. m.
Sunday night 7:30 The People's Song Service
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Women's, Society and Club News

Rev. Gary Hoffius Guest Speaker for Shakespeare Club

Mrs. James W. Guynes presided for the routine business meeting of the Shakespeare Club held at the Army and Navy Club Thursday afternoon. It was voted to make a contribution to the Cancer Control in Texas, and Mrs. R. T. Williams was named to represent the club and be a director on the board for the Youth Center which is being planned. Mrs. W. J. Hembree announced that the following officers were nominated and elected: president, Mrs. R. T. Williams; vice-president, Mrs. H. Ravellette; recording secretary, Mrs. A. J. McDaniel; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Dorsey Read; treasurer, Mrs. C. P. Shepherd; critic, Mrs. J. B. Striplin; parliamentarian, Mrs. C. R. Stephens; historian, Mrs. B. C. Kirk; federation counselor, Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh.

Mrs. Stephens, program leader, presented the theme, "Bible Day," and introduced Rev. Gary Hoffius, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, who spoke on "Peace and Our Children." Outstanding points of his talk included peace at home and abroad.

Others present were: Mmes. E. M. Lynn, Ford Taylor, Bruce Creasy, Charles van de Putte, F. C. Miller, J. Y. Pearce, and J. F. Currie.

Tabu Members Entertained

Saturday evening Tabu members were entertained at the home of Charlotte Miller on Fifth Street.

At the short business session, plans were made for an "overall and apron" dance to be held in a few weeks, and also planned a variety show which will be staged in early spring. Orders have been given for Tabu pins, which will be key emblems. The time of meetings will be the third Tuesday of each month.

Charlotte was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Charles Miller, and Carolyn Cheatham, in serving cookies with coca-colas.

Others present were: Natilyne Williams, Pat Richards, Virginia Routh, June Wright, Gwen Morgan, Mary Brian Woody, Martha Saunders, Nancy Guynes, Dorothy Ann Holliday, Betty Jean Underwood, Elizabeth Wear, Betty Jean Lengefeld, Lillian Ruth Keithley, Anna Sue Hembree, and Louise Kinney.

Buxkemper-Pfuger Nuptial High Mass Read

Miss Edleen Pfuger became the bride of Mr. Weidon Buxkemper Thursday morning at nine o'clock in St. Joseph's Church at Rowena, Rev. F. M. Kaminsky performing the double ring ceremony.

The bride was attired in a beautiful white slipper satin gown made on princess lines with a long inserted train. Her elbow-length veil was held to her head

by a beaded crown. She carried an arm bouquet of calla lilies and fern from which fell a shower of white satin streamers. She wore a gold locket, a gift from the groom.

Miss Isolda Buxkemper, sister of the groom, was maid of honor. She wore a light blue taffeta gown and carried a bouquet of pink carnations and fern.

Bridesmaid was Miss Dorothy Engler, cousin of the bride. She wore a light blue chiffon gown and carried an arm bouquet of pink carnations.

Wilfred Buxkemper, brother of the groom was usher.

The bride was given in marriage by Jerome Buxkemper, brother of the groom.

Following the ceremony a dinner was held in the home of the bride's mother, with about thirty-five guests included.

The table was centered with a three-tiered white wedding cake topped with a miniature bridal couple.

A wedding dance was held at the community hall with Bernice and Calvin Schwartz leading the wedding grand march.

The couple will be at home in Ballinger, following a short wedding trip.

Volunteer Class Meets

Patricia Richards entertained members of the First Baptist Volunteer Class on Monday evening in her home on Eighth Street.

Claudia Burk, president, directed the business routine, and opened the meeting by giving the theme "Seek Those Things Which Are Above." Mary Green and Carolyn Cheatham were appointed as group captains, and the class was divided into two groups. Pal secrets will be revealed every third month. Gwen Morgan gave the treasurer's report.

The hostess was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Clarence Richards, and Joy Campbell in serving fruit cake with punch. Those present besides Mrs. E. F. Lawless, class teacher, were: Evelyn and Dorothy Jackson, Willamae Rudder, Doris Danford, June Wright, Carolyn Cheatham, Belle Graves, Claudia Burk, Mary Green, and Gwen Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Campbell and Sons Complimented

Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Campbell and sons, who have moved to the Old Runnels community to make their home, were complimented with a surprise gift shower Friday evening when close friends went to their home to honor them with a party.

After gifts were opened, games of forty-two were played. Mmes. Wesley Wood, Altus Stokes, Jack Ashton and Walter Duke assisted in serving a sandwich plate with cookies and coffee. Those included

were: Messrs. and Mmes. E. T. Branham, Hugh Campbell, Hamp Byler, Colburn of Winters, C. A. Matejowski, Levy Lee, Raymond McShan, J. H. Parrish, James E. Brewer, K. V. Northington, Paul Beard, Cam Blackmon, Raleigh Reese, Jim Hinkle, J. P. Flynn, Jr., Joe Furman; Mmes. W. E. Harvey, Lee Butler; Messrs. Wesley Wood, Altus Stokes, Jack Ashton, Walter Duke, Garland Nunn, and Wesley McCleery; and the children were: Louise and Allen Bruce Matejowski, Lucious, Francis and Nancy Stokes, Tipton Lee, Janet and Gary McShan, Eloise, Joan and Lucius Wood, Martha Kay Northington, Marvella and Patsy Lou Ashton, Jo Ann Blackman, Wilma, John and Nita Duke, Robert and Raleigh Reese, Jr., Jimbeth and Billy Flynn, and Mary Jo Forman.

SPECIAL SERVICES ARRANGED AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: WILL BEGIN NEXT MONDAY

The First Baptist Church will engage in an all-church week of prayer and school of evangelism, according to the pastor, Rev. Clarence A. Morton. The services will begin Monday, January 15, and continue through Friday, January 19, with a one-hour program each evening from 7:30 to 8:30 o'clock.

The programs will be in keeping with the Southern Baptist Convention centennial crusade for 1945.

The pastor will direct the activities for the week. R. E. White will be in charge of the music, and Mmes. E. Shepperd and C. J. Lynn will look after children brought by their parents who wish to attend the services.

The juniors will be directed by Mrs. Carl Black, the intermediates by R. E. White, the young people by Mrs. Taylor Henley, and the adults by Mrs. O. T. Toney.

Citation by Publication
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: (a) Maria Hoyt, Marie Hoyt, Edward C. Hoyt, C. Ida Hoyt, Theodore R. Hoyt, George S. Hoyt, Walter S. Hoyt, Lillian A. Hoyt, and Oliver Hoyt; and
(b) The Unknown Heirs and Legal Representatives of the following named persons, who are all deceased, to-wit: Maria Hoyt, Marie Hoyt, Edward C. Hoyt, C.

Ida Hoyt, Theodore R. Hoyt, George S. Hoyt, Walter S. Hoyt, Lillian A. Hoyt, and Oliver Hoyt; GREETING: You are hereby commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of the issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 19th day of February, A. D. 1945, at or before 10 o'clock a. m., before the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, Texas, at the Court House in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas. Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1945, at 9:30 o'clock a. m. The file number of said suit is No. 5042. The names of the parties to and in said suit are: W. W. Norris is plaintiff, and the defendants are the persons to whom this writ is addressed and hereinabove named in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this citation. The nature of said suit is substantially as follows: Suit in trespass to try title filed by said plaintiff W. W. Norris against said defendants to recover the title to and possession of 144 acres of land located partly in Runnels County, Texas, and partly in Coleman County, Texas, in the S. P. R. R. Co. Survey No. 13, patented to W. J. Hutchins, Assignee of S. P. R. R. Co., by Patent No. 430, Vol. 8, dated April 23rd, 1873, which said 144 acre tract of land is the same land conveyed to W. W. Norris by deed executed by J. W. Ellis and wife, Vera Ellis, dated September 4th, 1937, and recorded

in Volume 170, Page 566 of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, and also recorded in Volume 217, Page 491, of the Deed Records of Coleman County, Texas, to which reference is here made for all purposes; and plaintiff asserts and pleads title to said land to be in himself under the five, ten and twenty-five year statutes of limitations. The style of said suit is W. W. Norris vs. Maria Hoyt et al. If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this 4th day of January, A. D. 1945.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, on this the 4th day of January, A. D. 1945.

(Seal)
MRS. WINONA PARKER
District Clerk, Runnels County, Texas. 4-4t

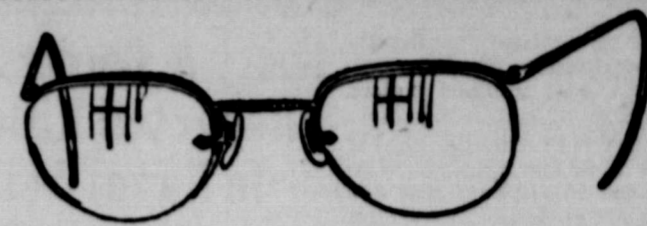
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Holiday guests of Mrs. Ben Allen, 508 Sixth Street, included Mrs. S. Wheeler and sons, Billy, Bobbie and Jimmie, of Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Ben J. Allen and sons, of Abilene.

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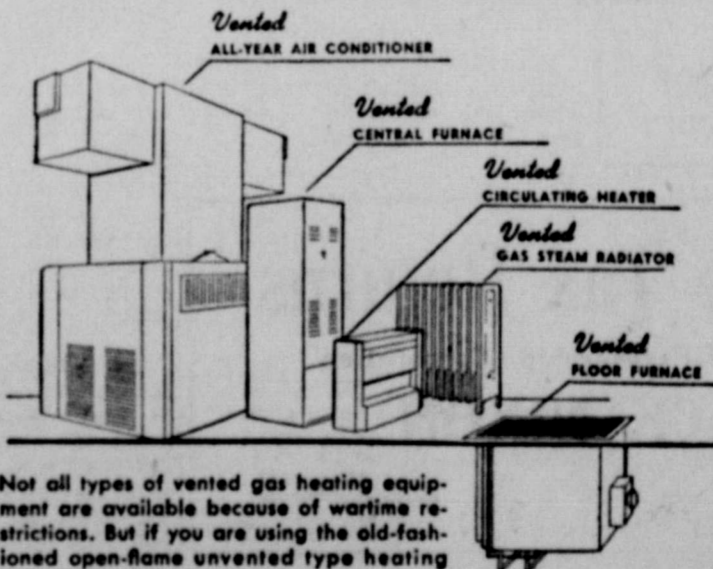
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Proper heating requires that appliances be vented to a flue. It is the healthful, modern way. You vent to prevent wall sweating. You vent to prevent stuffy air. In your modernizing or new home building plans, be sure the heating equipment you install can be vented. And make certain it is vented to a flue. Only in this way can you enjoy America's sought-after fuel—natural gas—at its best.

Types of modern gas heating appliances which are vented to a flue and are recommended by your gas company.



Not all types of vented gas heating equipment are available because of wartime restrictions. But if you are using the old-fashioned open-flame unvented type heating throughout your home be sure you provide plenty of ventilation. It will help some to reduce wall sweating and eliminate stuffy air.

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County Agent's '44 Report Shows Much Accomplished

Labor programs, eleven 4-H clubs and soil conservation took up the greatest part of County Agent John A. Barton's time in 1944. However, a number of other activities received special attention during the past year such as livestock and poultry work, field crops, gardens, horticulture, insect and rodent control, as well as special war programs.

Sixty farms were visited where terrace and contour lines were run on a total of 3,400 acres, bringing the grand total of 110,000 acres now under a system of terraces in Runnels county. An estimate shows that 70% or more of the land is farmed on the contour. Farm levels were loaned to 55 other farmers to do their own terracing and contouring.

The labor program, which is a new program, but nonetheless an important one, required 50 days. Records show that 928 farmers made application for laborers with a grand total of 5,230 placements during the year. Related labor activities were: Securing farm information on 809 registrants for the selective service and war board. Also 343 cotton picking crews were aided in getting gasoline.

Ninety-seven days of the year were spent working with 4-H club members in eleven clubs that had a total membership of 183. One hundred and seventy-one 4-H club demonstrations were completed by these boys which included 24 beef calves, 46 sheep, 178 hogs, and 461 head of poultry, making a

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TO THE CITIZENS OF BALLINGER AND RUNNELS COUNTY:

About five years ago I opened the Ritz Club in a building inhabited only by rats, waste paper and other things that go to make a first-class fire hazard. I opened the club with the idea that Ballinger needed a nice place where our local citizens as well as our country neighbors could come, get out of the rain, cold or heat. A place where everyone felt he could come, feel free to sit down, meet his friends, trade or discuss the situation of things in general.

I provided pool tables and if some of the less fortunate who are not financially able to play golf or find recreation otherwise, or the rich who maybe just don't go for the other amusements, might play. I haven't ever tried to force anyone to do anything or play anything they did not like.

People are different, personally I don't like golf, or ping pong, or croquet, but that doesn't cause me to try to legislate against it or hamper it in any way. We are fighting a war for freedom, freedom to select our church, speech, play and many other things so essential to all of us.

I have hundreds of men on the shady side of life who come to this club for a place to sit and rest a while, to get off their feet and especially to stay off a cold car fender. I know of many who never spent one dime, but who were always welcome to our fire and seats, the daily papers and other things too numerous to mention.

I have heard of a few bet being made in the club, but I'm thankful to say they were on football games, hog weights, rainfall or many other things you hear in every store, every day.

I'm venturing to say there is less wagering on pool than there is at that world wide tomorrow.

Now as for the children. Is a boy old enough to fight for his country too young? Remember our boys are hampered by the scarcity of cars and gas. They can't go to nearby cities as much as they would like. Maybe we have let some "big boy" in who was six months under age, but because he was with four or five other friends and who hated to hurt his feelings and turn him away from his crowd, and knowing too, it was as clean a place as a boy ever spent a short time in.

I believe in the Ritz Club. I know how it is being conducted and run. I see hundreds of soldiers back from the front, maimed, crippled, eyes out, legs off. Can the people of Ballinger refuse these boys a place to go and get out of the weather and visit with their buddies and neighbors unmolested.

Now let's don't strain at a gnat and swallow a camel. I venture to say fifty women, more or less, eat a big portion of their meals in this club. We appreciate these good women, knowing all the time it was such a "dive" they would not come, yet they know and well do they know how this place is being run.

I can quote and will if called upon to do so, no less than 100 fathers, whose boys are under age have insisted that we let them come in and play if they desired. Naturally an onlooker who sees these young fellows in the club don't know that the boy has his father's consent 100 per cent. We have had one man to say: "Stop my boy from coming there, but don't tell him I did it or had him stopped."

You know the funniest thing on earth besides people is "folks." I admit I have lots of faults and shortcomings, but for the life of me, why can't a class of people have a club just the same as the Lions Club, the Shakespeare Club, the Rotary Club and many other places of social life.

Down deep in my heart, I think the Ritz Club has its place in the social life of Ballinger. Maybe a real "thug" comes in now and then, but they also go in grocery stores, barber shops, drug stores and dry goods stores. Don't close your eyes to facts. Don't just come and say: "There's old man so-and-so, he ought to be home cutting weeds. Maybe he has them cut. Maybe it is his time for a little rest and relaxation. Look at the other fellow's side. There's always two sides. Don't say: "There's old so-and-so's boy. He ought to be plowing or baling hay." Maybe he just came from a California bomber plant and is waiting for his folks to come for him, or maybe he is waiting a plow welded. You don't always know both sides. Maybe after all we are not hampering the war effort. I think that if you know me at all, you know I would have closed it long ago if I thought for one minute it was hurting anything or anybody.

In closing I wish to say that I have had several calls from Texas towns trying to buy pool tables for youth centers they are sponsoring in their local towns. My equipment is not for sale. I'll pay the rent rather than see another vacant building in Ballinger.

Respectfully,
H. FORD TAYLOR
Adv. 11-11

per hen and his profit per hen varied from 13 cents per hen in September to 37 cents in March. Mrs. Henry Mitchell, of Baldwin community, on an annual average of 325 hens received an average of 147 eggs per hen. Total value of \$1,236.80 was received by Mrs. Mitchell for poultry during the year.

Programs against pests such as prairie dogs, rats and grasshoppers were carried on; 26,000 pounds of wet hopper bait was mixed and distributed to 65 farmers who protected crops estimated at a value of \$9,000. The hopper program was carried on through the cooperative efforts of the Ballinger Co-op Gin. Special renewed efforts on control of the cattle grub were made through the Runnels County Livestock Association and the 4-H club boys of the county.

Diversification has been the key on which the county agent's work has been based. This type of work in his belief as well as council leaders will lead to a greater Runnels county. It will tend toward a more satisfying farm life, and advance to a high standard of living. It is a step in the direction of land improvement, better roads, longer school terms, and probably create a more varied diet and healthy family life.

A statistical summary shows 217½ days spent in the field, 81 days in office. The agent visited 461 farms, and had 4,009 to visit his office, answered 749 phone calls, had 214 news articles published and distributed 5,139 bulletins. A total of 1,883 letters were written and 2,651 copies of circular letters were issued. Information was secured on 809 registrants for the selective service and the war board. A total of 340 meetings were held during the year, 11,182 attending.

For the year 1944 this office had the cooperation of the newspapers, commissioners' court, other government agencies, Ballinger B. C. D., Winters C. of C., service clubs, labor advisory committee, victory council, OPA, gins, West Texas Cotton Oil Co., banks, numbers of



First Presbyterian Church
10:00 a. m. Sunday school, Classes for all ages.
11:00 a. m., morning worship.
7:30 p. m., evening worship.
GARY HOFFIUS, 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, January 14:
9:45 a. m. Sunday school.
11:00 a. m., morning worship.
5:00 p. m., vesper service.
W. A. ERWIN, Pastor

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

First Baptist Church
(400 Eighth Street)
Sunday, January 14:
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m., W. J. Hembree, superintendent.
11 a. m., sermon by pastor, "An Evangelistic Church."
Baptist Training Union, 6:30 p. m., Miss Glenn Ridings, director.
7:30 p. m., sermon by pastor, "Chasing Chariots."

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

ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK:
Monday:
2:45 p. m., Sunbeam Band.
4:00 p. m., the Woman's Missionary Society in circles.

Tuesday:
4:45 p. m., Royal Ambassadors.
Special:
Monday night through Friday night—"All-Church Week of Prayer and Evangelism."
The public is cordially invited to worship 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

Zoar Evangelical and Reformed Church, Rowena
Church school, 10:15 a. m.
Divine worship, 11:30 a. m.
FRANK W. LAMBERT, 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, January 14:
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 "The Friendly Church"
(Ninth and Harris)
Sunday school, 10:00 a. m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.
Junior N. Y. P. S., 5:30 p. m.
N. Y. P. S., 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.
E. M. WALKER, Pastor

Church of God
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This vast American agricultural army doesn't know the meaning of defeat. These millions of American farm and ranch people are advancing along the road to final victory, shoulder to shoulder with the men and women in the armed services. No "E" flags fly from the ridge-poles of their barns... no medals are pinned on their shirt fronts. Their reward is the inner satisfaction of a job well done.

Look at their record of victories! In 1944, food production again reached an all-time high—158,-950,000 meat animals were slaughtered; 3,101,-000,000 bushels of corn, 1,115,000,000 bushels of wheat; dairy products, poultry, eggs, etc., in record or near-record quantities! And because they produced all this food, the meat packing industry was also able to process and distribute a record volume of meats—25 billion pounds.

Each year since the war started, what seemed to be "impossible" goals were set for food production. Each year these objectives have been reached and surpassed in spite of shortages of help and machinery. Farmers and ranchers have produced the staggering tonnages of foods required to feed millions in the armed services and the rest of the nation at home.

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Practical ideas which you have found helpful around your farm or ranch are worth money. We invite you to send in brief descriptions of any original idea or handy gadget that has helped you in your farm or ranch work of producing livestock, dairy and poultry products, soybeans, cotton or other crops. Selected ideas will be published on this page, and we will send you \$5 for any item of yours which we print. Items cannot be returned to the sender. Mail your ideas to Swift & Company, Agricultural "Good Ideas" Editor, Chicago 9, Illinois.

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CEILING PRICES ON LIVE HOGS

Under the present regulations, the ceiling price for all live barrows and gilts is \$14.75 per hundredweight and for all sows, stags and boars the ceiling is \$14.00 per hundredweight.

These ceiling prices are for Chicago only, and vary from market to market. The difference between the ceilings for sows, stags and boars and for barrows and gilts is 75c at all markets, however.

Present support prices are as follows: "Good" to "Choice" barrows and gilts that weigh between 200 and 270 pounds have a floor price of \$12.50, Chicago basis. At terminal and interior markets other than Chicago, the support price is \$2.25 below the ceiling price (as of Nov. 15, 1944) at that market for hogs within the 200 to 270 pound weight range.

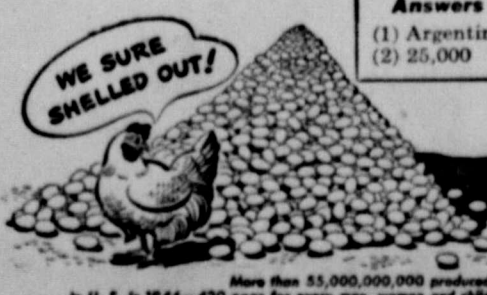
These support prices will remain in effect until June 1945.

What's Ahead for 1945?



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SODA BILL ALLOWS:
—If you use all the steam to blow the whistle, what'll you do for power to turn the wheels?
—A man is successful when his earnings catch up with his yearnings.



Another new year starts, full of promise, and questions for American agriculture. Will the war end in 1945? How much food will Europe need from us? Will rationing and price controls be relaxed? What about the feed situation? These are but a few of the "ifs" we are up against when we make plans for the coming year. To help livestock producers, we here condense opinions recently expressed by War Food Administration economists.

CATTLE: They foresee for '45 an increase in the number of cattle and calves slaughtered, partially as a result of the tendency to reduce the size of herds. They also expect an increase in the number of cattle fed for slaughter. From 1946 to 1949, they expect a gradual decline in slaughtering, with yearly slaughter around 28 to 29 million head.

HOGS: Their estimate of total 1945 hog slaughter is about 79 million, against approximately 100 million in '44. They expect hog production in 1946 to be close to 1945 levels, depending on the feed situation.

SHEEP, LAMBS: Slaughter in '45 will likely be the smallest since 1929, due to recent selling of breeding stock. By 1946, they see a demand far exceeding the supply, leading to possible expansion of flocks over the following five years. This trend may be upset by wool-factor uncertainties.

We have a pamphlet on "Beef Cattle Prospects for 1945," by C. W. Crickman, Economist of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. D. A. Want a copy free? Mail your request, attention F. M. Simpson, to Swift & Company, Chicago 9, Ill.

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THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

In nearly 20 years with Swift & Company, I have talked with thousands of farmers and ranchers in all sections of the United States, and have tried to bring about a better mutual understanding in the American livestock and meat industry. I have benefited greatly from these talks. But even in 20 years, a man can get the viewpoint of only a relatively few people. That is why this page has been born, so that we can talk things over with more of you than it is possible to do personally. We want your constructive ideas, views, and thoughts for the betterment of the livestock and meat industry. We will welcome your suggestions and fair criticism. Any questions you raise will be answered in these columns, or by letter.

Should you feel like writing me a letter about any agricultural matter, please do so. Or if you are in Chicago, drop in at my office at Swift & Company, Union Stock Yards. If you haven't time to visit, perhaps you can phone me at this number—Yards 4200, local 710.

May the new year bring to all of you good weather, good crops, good returns for your work, good health, and an end of war.

F. M. Simpson,
Agricultural Research Department

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

- 1) In what country do the people eat more meat per person—United States, Australia, Argentina?
 - 2) How many slaughterers compete in buying U. S. livestock—10, 1,000, 25,000, 800?
- Answers elsewhere on page.

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SOCIETY and CLUBS

Miss Bernice Simmons Bride of William B. Currie

Miss Bernice Simmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Simmons of Fort Stockton, became the bride of William B. Currie, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Currie of Paint Rock, in a ceremony performed Wednesday evening at seven o'clock the Rev. Clarence A. Morton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, reading the single ring service at his home on Broadway.

The bride wore a dressmaker suit of teal blue wool with matching hat, blouse and gloves were white, and other accessories were black. Her corsage was pink rosebuds.

Mrs. Currie has been employed by G. O. Woodroff & Son for the past seven years. Mr. Currie was reared in Paint Rock, and is now associated with his father, W. G. Currie, in the ranching business in Concho county.

The couple left immediately for a short honeymoon trip. They will be at home on their ranch near Paint Rock after January 15.

Naomi Class Meets in Chandler Home

Mmes. Owen Chandler, Homer Bibb, Cam Blackmon, and Earl Cope were hostesses to the First Baptist Naomi Class Tuesday evening, entertaining in the Chandler home on Broadway.

Mrs. Carl Black gave the opening prayer. Mrs. Wesley Whitman presided for officers' and committee reports. Mrs. Alton Underwood introduced a plan for promoting better attendance, in which the class was grouped into two teams, and the losing team will entertain the winners at the end of four weeks' contest. A contribution was donated by the class, to assist the Latin-American Baptist mission which is being promoted in Ballinger. Mrs. O. T. Toney gave the devotional and reviewed the book, "Life Beautiful," and also gave the closing prayer.

The hostesses served a salad plate with wafers and coffee. Others present were: Mmes. W. D. Davenport, W. A. McDonald, Joe Vaughan, Stanley Price, J. H. Endacott, Ed Lengfeld, Malcolm Morgan, Mark Davis, T. W. Cox, J. T. Hornberg, E. F. Lawless, W. A. Pippet, J. L. Byers, R. M. Bird, Naomi Keithley, J. F. Lee, and Vivian Marshall.

Two Are Hostesses to Conquest Class

Mmes. Aurelia Webb and Clarence J. Jennings were hostesses to the Eighth Street Presbyterian Conquest Class Tuesday evening, entertaining in the Webb home on

Seventh Street.

Potted plants and arrangements of nandina berries with foliage decorated rooms where Mrs. Una V. Dooze presided for the business period, and Mrs. Rufus Allen gave the devotional. New Year resolutions were given in answer to roll call.

First Presbyterian Business Woman's Circle Meets

Miss Winnie Trail was hostess to the First Presbyterian Business Woman's Circle Monday evening in her home on Fourth Street.

Garden Club Has January Meeting

Mrs. B. Frazier presided for the routine business meeting of the Civic-Garden Club Tuesday afternoon in City Hall auditorium, with nineteen members present and Mrs. J. R. McGraw a visitor.

Miss Mary Martin Marries J. D. Lunsford

Miss Mary Frances Martin, daughter of Henry Martin of this city, became the bride of J. D. Lunsford, in a double ring ceremony read at 8 p. m. on December 25. The ceremony was performed by Dr. George Baker, Jr., pastor of the First Methodist Church of San Angelo, in his home in that city, before a lighted Christmas tree.

The bride wore a black and white dress with blue coat. Her corsage was an orchid. For something old she wore a diamond necklace given to her mother by her father as an engagement present.

Mrs. Willie Mae Parker was bridesmaid and James Martin was best man. Others present were Mrs. James Martin, Harry Prager, Arlie V. Caffey, Mrs. Leslie Wanier and Miss Ollie Lunsford.

Mr. and Mrs. Lunsford are both employed at Goodfellow Field and will reside at 235 Pecan Street, San Angelo.

Eastern Star Holds Meeting

Ballinger Chapter No. 266, Order of the Eastern Star, met in regular session Monday evening, January 8, with the following officers and members present: Messrs. Paul Petty, Ruel Boswell and L. P. Largent; Mmes. Luna Mae Foy, Effie Hulse, Rachel Boswell, Frances Zeditz, Dale O'Neill, Ione Teague, Rama Saunders, Odlean Largent, Nellie Campbell, Kathryn Vinyard, Violet Williams, Halley Parker, Thelma Gabbert, and Misses Myrtle Ruth Hale and Marie Norwood.

Mrs. Bissett Sew Club Hostess

Mrs. Derwood Bissett entertained her sewing club Tuesday afternoon in her home on Fourteenth Street.

Vari-colored chrysanthemums gave added beauty to rooms where a sandwich plate was served with cookies and coffee after the sewing hour.

Landry-Helms

Pvt. Bert Landry and Miss Lucille Helms were married on December 22 at the court house in Atlanta, Georgia. Pvt. Landry was with the 36th division and trained at Camp Bowie, Brownwood, going overseas with the division in the invasion of North Africa. He also participated in the invasion of Italy and after ten months in combat was wounded and sent back to the United States and placed in Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, arriving there in September, 1944.

Double Daters' Name of New Girls' Club

"The Double Daters" has been organized by a group of girls in the Ballinger High School, who are planning a lot of teen age fun. The club met last Wednesday in the Ruel Boswell home.

The girls have chosen Miss Vera Taylor as their sponsor and every girl now holds an office. They are: president, Joyce Boswell; vice-president, Jean McAden; secretary, Fadine Baker; corresponding secretary, Beth Mapes; treasurer, Frances Weasels; program chairman, Margie Morgan.

The purpose of the club is to have more fun and to be helpful to the community. Colors are green and white and the flower is the white carnation. The girls have decided to be a club six only temporarily and will invite new members later. Cake and cookies were served to the girls and the sponsor.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Dr. W. B. Halley is still improving at the Bailey Clinic where he has been a patient for several months.

Mrs. J. A. Reese is doing as well as expected at the local clinic where she is still a patient.

Mrs. Ed Weidner, of Rowena was operated upon Friday at the Bailey Hospital and is doing nicely.

Mrs. J. M. Skinner, medical patient is still showing no signs of improvement and in a critical condition.

Mrs. Jim Hite, is a medical patient and doing satisfactory this week.

C. D. Mills, operated upon last week, is improving nicely and will soon be able to return home.

Clyde Goss, Maverick, a patient suffering from burns, is still improving satisfactory.

Mrs. Arthur Kirby, Talpa, was operated upon this morning and her condition was reported as satisfactory.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kvaapil are parents of a baby boy born Tuesday night at the Bailey Clinic. Mrs. Kvaapil and baby are doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Slaughter are parents of a boy born at the local clinic Sunday. The mother and baby are fine and the father is in the service.

Mrs. Barton's Brother Succumbs at Comanche

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Barton were called to Comanche Monday on account of the death of Mrs. Barton's brother, Walter M. Durham, who passed away Monday morning as the result of a heart attack. He had suffered an attack two weeks before and had been in a Ft. Worth hospital, returning home apparently improved when the second attack caused death. Decedent was born and reared at Comanche and for a number of years had been head of the pecan and peanut shelling plant in that city. He had also been associated with a number of other businesses at Comanche and was popular among his associates. The entire town closed for the funeral services held Tuesday afternoon at the First Baptist Church, Rev. E. C. Gregory, Jr., officiating. Interment followed in the Comanche cemetery.

Survivors besides the wife include a daughter, Mrs. Floyd Prather, Oceanside, California; a son, Sgt. W. M. Durham, Jr., Greenwood, Mississippi; five brothers and four sisters.

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No. 508 OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30 day of December, 1944, published in The Ballinger Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 11 day of January, 1945, in accordance with a call made by the Banking Commissioner of Texas pursuant to the provisions of the Banking Law of this State.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, including overdrafts—Schedule I	\$ 539,240.31
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed—Schedule II	699,980.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	66,803.72
Corporate stocks, including \$ none stock in Federal Reserve Bank	35,000.00
Bank premises owned	13,000.00
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	1.00
Other real estate owned	1.00
Cash on hand and due from approved reserve agents	1,041,038.22
Total Resources	\$2,395,064.25

LIABILITIES

Capital stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus: Certified \$4,500.00; not certified \$30,500.00	35,000.00
Undivided profits	19,215.04
Due to banks and bankers subject to check on demand	65,552.60
Cashier's checks, dividend checks and certified checks outstanding	6,126.32
Demand individual deposits	1,761,651.91
Demand public funds, including postal savings and U. S. Government deposits	397,886.63
Time individual deposits	9,631.75
Total all deposits (Items 6 through 12)	\$2,240,849.21
Total Liabilities	\$2,395,064.25

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF RUNNELS

I, Edward Sommer, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement of condition is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Edward Sommer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of January, 1945

(Seal) Thos. G. Pattenon, Notary Public, Runnels County, Texas.

CORRECT—Attest:
R. W. Bruce, Wayne Bennett, Mrs. J. F. Currie, Directors.

RECAPITULATION

Assets	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 466,222.62
Banking House	13,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1.00
Other Real Estate	1.00
Cash and due from Banks	\$1,041,038.22
Bonds, Warrants and Stocks	801,783.72
Commodity Credit Corp. Loans	22,496.00
Bills of Exchange	50,421.69
	1,915,739.63
	\$2,395,064.25
Liabilities	
Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	54,215.04
Deposits	2,240,849.21
	\$2,395,064.25



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DEATHS

E. F. Batts

E. F. Batts, 62, died at his home, 1008 Ninth Street, Wednesday at 3:25 a. m. after illness of several months' duration. A heart attack was responsible for his death.

Decedent was born in Springfield, Tennessee, coming to Runnels county in 1890 and making home here ever since. He was engaged in farming, banking and the automobile business and was active in business until his health failed a few years ago. He became president of the Security State Bank in 1932 and served in that capacity until the institution consolidated with the Farmers & Merchants State Bank a number of years later. He also owned and operated a large automobile house here for a number of years and engaged in farming and the real estate business until recently. He had been a member of the Primitive Baptist church since young manhood.

Survivors besides the wife include a son, Oscar Batts, assistant county superintendent; two daughters, Mrs. Cordelia Johnson, a member of the high school faculty; Miss Louise Batts, teller at the Farmers & Merchants State Bank; three brothers, Robert Batts,

Phoenix, Arizona; B. M. and J. M. Batts, Ballinger; two sisters, Mrs. May Betterton and Mrs. V. L. McShan, Ballinger.

Funeral services were conducted at the Newby-Davis chapel this (Thursday) afternoon at 3:30. Rev. Gary Hoffius of this city, and Rev. E. E. Mahurin, of Wingate, officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: M. B. Wardlaw, Gordon Hensley, F. M. Pearce, Ernest Caskey, Edward Sommer, Ross Murchison, Duncan Hensley and F. T. Wright. Honorary pallbearers were: E. M. Lynn, J. F. McMillan, Dr. J. W. Macune, T. J. Parrish, R. T. Williams, D. G. Posey, Chester Cherry, Stanley Price, Alex McGregor, Edwin Vogelsang, L. L. Stroble, Loyd Herring, H. W. Lynn, B. C. Grindstaff, Wayne Bennett, H. J. Zappe, Nat Williams, E. Shepperd, G. P. Teague, Pat Michaels, Willie Stephens, Jack Rudd, Rufus Allen, Ballinger; George Blackwell, A. L. Smith, Wingate; Otto Straach, Miles; Rothal O'Kelly, Sweetwater. Newby-Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Kittie B. Kellett

Mrs. Kittie B. Kellett died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Janie B. Hull, in Norton, Friday, Born on February 28, 1865, for the past three years decedent had

made home with her daughter at Norton. Before coming to Runnels county she had resided in Coleman, McCulloch and Midland counties.

Mrs. Kellett had been a member of the Baptist church for many years.

Funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church of Coleman Saturday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock and interment followed in the Coleman cemetery.

Survivors besides the daughter, Mrs. Hull, a teacher in the Norton school, include: three sons, J. H. Kellett, Abilene; James Kellett, U. S. navy; William Kellett, El Paso; two sisters, Mrs. G. G. Smith, Cuero; Mrs. Katie Gutherie, Electra; and grandchildren, Lt. David A. Parker, army air corps; Staff-Sergeant James Parker, Phillipping Islands; Sergeant Fred Parker, India; Pfc. J. B. Parker, with the American forces in France; Miss Clementine Parker, WAVE; Rosalie Kellett, Brooklyn, N. Y.; and one great grandchild. Newby-Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Zale Parker

Zale Parker, 33, was killed by electric charge on January 4 while operating a large shovel in a copper mine near Clifton, Arizona.

The body arrived at Novice Wednesday at 7 p. m. and the funeral service was held this afternoon at the graveside at the Midway Cemetery near Novice.

Survivors besides the wife, Mrs. Ester Parker, Novice, include a daughter, Betty June Parker; two brothers, J. A. Parker, Ballinger;

Robert C. Parker, Novice; a sister, Miss Martha E. Parker, Abilene; and decedent's mother, Mrs. Addie B. Parker, Novice. A brother, Edgar Parker, was captured by the Japs on Bataan and died in prison in July, 1943.

Newby-Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. J. J. Mueller

Mrs. J. J. Mueller, 78, died at a San Angelo hospital Tuesday after an illness of seventeen days caused by a broken shoulder received in a fall.

Decedent came to Rowena in 1941 to make her home and came to this country from Germany at the age of 9 months. She was married in 1886 and was a member of the St. Joseph's Church at Rowena.

Survivors include her husband, four sons, Anton J. and Joe T. Mueller, Gonzales; Walter F. Mueller, Ballinger; John A. Mueller, Houston; five daughters, Mrs. Mary Schraer Rowena; Mrs. Matilda Wilberg, Miles; Mrs. Elizabeth Pecheck, Eola; Mrs. Martha, Werner, Miles; Mrs. Jane Kleihege, Guy; twenty-eight grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Two brothers and two sisters also survive.

Services were held in Rowena this morning at 9:30 at St. Joseph's Church with Rev. W. F. Bosen and Rev. F. J. Pokluda officiating. Interment was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Rosary service was held at the home of Henry Schraer Wednesday evening. Pallbearers were: Arthur Wick,

H. C. Joe, Monroe, Otto and Norman Dierschke, Frank Lange and Hugo Braden. Honorary pallbearers were: Arnold and Henry Schraer, Harold W. Mueller, J. C. Werner, Leo Schwertner, Oscar Pecheck, Randolph Gergross, Felix Book. Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Abner Franklin McFarland

Abner Franklin McFarland, 65, died at the home of his brother, R. M. McFarland, 1207 Hutchings Avenue, Wednesday after seven days' illness and failing health for the past four months.

Decedent came to Ballinger in 1903 and had worked here and out of Ballinger ever since, being a brick and rock mason and plasterer. He had been a member of the Methodist church since the age of 17.

Survivors include two sons, Cpl. Billie McFarland, Brooks Field; T-Sgt. Ralph McFarland, in England; a daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Joseph, Dallas; three grandchildren, three brothers and a sister.

Funeral services are pending the arrival of relatives. Agnew Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

MRS. DAVID P. GEORGE, MOTHER OF LOCAL MAN, SUCCUMBS AT BURKETT

Mrs. David P. George, 77, died Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. D. Baker, in Burkett, after illness of about four years.

Decedent was born Mary Ellen Simpson at Lebanon, Mo., and moved to Greenville in 1875. She was married to David George there in December, 1884, and after several years the couple moved to Ixey, where they resided many years. Mr. George died in March, 1937. Mrs. George had been a member of the Christian church 55 years.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. George, four of whom survive and were present for the funeral services. They are: Mrs. Maud Baker, Burkett; R. E. George, Ballinger; Mrs. Lillie Mae Isbell, Albany; J. L. George, Wichita Falls. Other survivors are 11 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Six of the grandchildren are in the armed forces and three in foreign service at this time.

Last rites were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at the Burkett Methodist church. Rev. P. W. Lawhan, Methodist minister at Arlington, and Rev. Cole Jackson, Church of Christ minister at Moran officiated, assisted by Rev. Garner, Methodist minister

at Burkett, and the Methodist minister at Moran. Interment was made in the Burkett cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: J. C. Bowden, Ernest Harris, Burkett; Marvin Rich, Loyd Rich, Cross Plains; Stanley Gray and S. L. McElroy, Baird. Honorary pallbearers were: Silas Boyet, Albany; Jasper Boyet, Breckenridge; W. R. Roberts, Burkett; Sam DeBusk, Cross Plains; Wade Golson, Coleman.

School Officials Meet at Coleman To Set Schedules

School officials and coaches of schools in this district met at Coleman Monday night to arrange football and basketball schedules for the year and to attend to other business.

Joe Forrester, of Ballinger, was elected chairman of the basketball district, 8A, and D. B. Grounds, of Mozelle, secretary. It was decided to hold a basketball tournament in Ballinger February 17, at which time a district chairman will be determined. Schools to be represented in the matched play are: San Saba, Brady, Lake View, Cross Plains, Winters and Ballinger. A bracket for games was drawn and will be announced shortly before the dates of the tourney.

Proceeding the tourney the various school teams will match and play their own schedules of games to be ready for the day when the champion is to be decided.

For the football district, 9A, A. H. Avinger, of Coleman, was elected chairman, and J. A. McCuin, of Cross Plains, secretary.

Only five teams indicated they would participate in the 1945 schedule, as follows: Ballinger, Brady, Coleman, Lake View and Winters. Cross Plains officials said they probably would drop back to class B, and Santa Anna representatives said they would have a team if a coach could be obtained. With only five teams in the district each scheduled four conference games and officials will have to go outside their districts to make up full schedules. Ballinger officials announced the following games:

October 12, Lake View, here
October 26, Brady, there
November 9, Coleman, there
November 23, Winters, there.
Pay-day is bond-buying day.

BALLINGER POSTAL RECEIPTS INCREASE DURING PAST YEAR

Ballinger postal receipts gained almost three thousand dollars in 1944 and the year closed with a grand total of \$39,840.76. Each quarter except the last one had a gain. This was due to the fact that many Christmas parcels were mailed early this year to men overseas and the third quarter included much of the receipts usually credited to the fourth quarter.

A comparison of receipts for 1943 and 1944 follows:

	1943	1944
1st quarter	\$ 7,818.74	\$ 9,237.37
2nd quarter	8,833.92	9,620.34
3rd quarter	8,895.67	9,784.05
4th quarter	11,322.27	11,199.30
Total	\$36,870.60	\$39,840.76

CHERRY & KIDD, DALLAS, STAKE NEW LOCATION FOR FLAY BREVARD NO. 1

Location was staked Tuesday of this week by Cherry & Kidd, of Dallas, for an oil test approximately 2,000 feet east and 1,000 feet north of their No. 1 Gus M. Wood, Palo Pinto lime producer, in the Beddo field northeast of Ballinger.

Rhodes Drilling Co., of Abilene, will use the rotary rig recently in use in Tom Green county for the 5,500-foot test.

Cherry & Kidd's new test will be the No. 1 Flay Brevard, 2,324 feet north and 330 feet east of the southwest corner of subdivision 28, Domingo Diaz survey No. 532.

The same operators completed the No. 1 Wood in November at 3,559 feet, and on first tests was making 375.84 barrels daily. The pay topped at 3,540 feet was acidized with 2,500 gallons.

FOUR SQUARE CHURCH WILL HAVE FELLOWSHIP MEETING; PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND

The Foursquare Gospel Church district fellowship meeting will be held in Ballinger Monday, January 15. Sessions will be held in the local church, 104 Twelfth Street, and representatives of Miles and San Angelo churches will be present.

Rev. Parrish, of San Angelo, district superintendent, will be in charge of the meeting. Special musical numbers and special speakers will be heard in the various programs. The public is invited to attend.

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From now until March 15 citizens will be preparing government reports, tax forms and other records that must be filed with the various departments. Not only will these reports take much time and hard work but the final tabulations must be accompanied by sizeable sums of money to pay the government. Americans will realize more than ever this year that they are helping to pay for a war and that it is an expensive thing. Individuals should watch dates for filing reports carefully or they will be slipped up on and find that they are too late. Social security, withholding taxes, income estimates, income reports, manufacturers' reports, franchise tax returns, etc., as well as paying state, county, city and school district taxes are some of the burdens ahead for the next two months.

Ballinger starts the new year with few business changes and most firms expect to do business during 1945 as in the past. Few changes of location have been made and most local firms closed 1944 feeling they had done well during the twelve-month period. Inventories have been completed in most stores and business was back to normal operations this week.

Warnings have been issued by leaders, both civilian and military, that 1945 will be a hard year for all Americans. The war picture is none too bright and the optimistic have been made to realize there are many bloody battles ahead and many American lives will be

lost. Reverses in Europe have taken away some of the bright picture of that war and brought the realization that there will be no quick and easy victory. This has called for the sending of more troops and supplies to that battle area and during 1945 many American graves will be made in the soil of France, Belgium and Germany. Coincident with these reverses comes also the realization that the home front must accept war and all the bitter facts that accompany it and get a shoulder to the wheel and strive for victory. Many war plant jobs must be taken, food supplies and surpluses must be built up, and the people left at home are responsible for these efforts. This year must be the one when every person who claims to be a citizen of the United States accepts his job and performs it the same as a uniformed soldier.

ONE TEACHER RESIGNS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 19

Supt. Nat Williams stated Monday that Mrs. John Herrington, teacher of language arts in the Ballinger junior high school, had tendered her resignation, effective January 19. Mr. Williams said the position had not yet been filled but efforts are underway to employ a teacher for this place on the faculty.

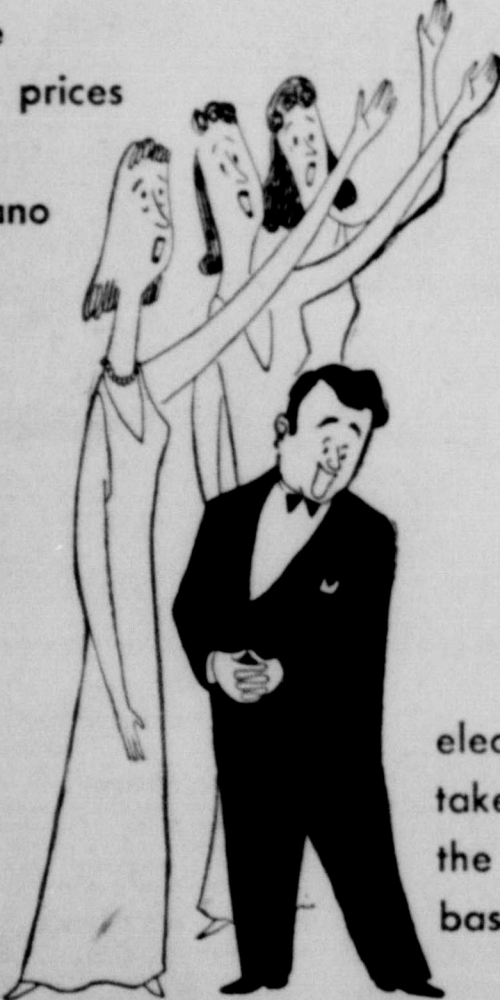
Notice to Banking Corporations, Associations or Individual Bankers

NOTICE is hereby given that applications will be received by the Commissioners' Court of Runnels County from Banking Corporations, Associations or Individual Bankers in said County desiring to be designated as County Depository. Such applications shall be filed with the County Judge not later than ten o'clock a. m. of the 12th of February, 1945, and each application shall state the amount of paid up capital stock and permanent surplus of said bank and there shall be furnished with said application a statement showing the financial condition of said bank at date of said application. Said application shall also be accompanied by a certified check for not less than Five Thousand Dollars as a guarantee that said bank, if accepted as County Depository, will enter into bond as provided by law.

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WEST TEXAS NOTES

A waste paper drive is to be held at Paint Rock Saturday and a large number of people are to assist. Boy Scouts, who are sponsoring the collection, will share in the proceeds. The men's Bible class will furnish pick-ups for gathering the bundles inside the city limits. Old rags also will be collected.

A. D. Starling, local manager of the Lone Star Gas Co., was elected president of the Winters Chamber of Commerce at a meeting on January 1. W. H. Rampy, who has served as secretary for some time, was granted a leave of absence in order that he might attend the next session of the legislature. Mr. Rampy is representative for this district.

Rising Star received the heaviest rainfall for a number of years in 1944, a total of 40 inches being recorded. Excellent crops resulted from the seasonable weather. Leading all crops in the area were peanuts, while fruit also made a fair yield. The heaviest precipitation of the year was in May when 6.54 inches fell.

Brownwood banks attained an all-time record in deposits as of January 1, a total of \$15,947,261. Business was good at Brownwood last year, Camp Bowie figuring largely in the picture as the army post was full most of the year. During the past five years bank deposits at Brownwood gained more than \$13,000,000.

Hotel Brady has been purchased by B. R. Sheffield and V. E. Jor-

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dan for a cash consideration of \$51,370. The deal was made with the Brady Hotel Co. which had been operating the hostelry since 1922. The three-story building was constructed 22 years ago as a civic project to give the city a first-class hotel.

Airport bonds were authorized in a special election in Menard county December 30. The result was close, 220 voting for and 186 against, but the election authorized the issuance of \$50,000 in bonds to be used in building a town-county airport. Work is expected to get underway soon on the location approved just north of the city of Menard.

Funeral services were held at Valera December 30 for Joseph Benjamin James, 88, pioneer citizen. He had lived in Coleman county 59 years and was one of the oldest residents of the county both in age and the length of time he had lived there. Rev. W. A. Todd, of Brownwood, officiated at the last rites, held in the Valera Baptist Church.

In a deal reported last week Ray Gilliam and Earle Smith purchased the Hotel Coleman from W. J. Couson and daughters, Mrs. Douglas Allen, of Coleman; and Mrs. George Wilkins, of Dallas. The consideration was \$100,000, of which \$35,000 was cash.

A youth center is to be opened at Sweetwater on February 1. The city commission and the county commissioners' court have both authorized appropriations for the project and a managing board has been named. The center will be used by youth organizations of Nolan county and for local social functions.

Three new county officials were sworn in at Comanche on January 1. All other officers, reelected for another term, presented their bonds and had them approved by the commissioners' court. Harris D. Lane is the new county judge.

The school lunch room at Melvin, operated by the Parent-Teacher association, finished its second week January 5, serving approximately 178 pupils and teachers each noon. The P-T.A. has the work well organized and supplies the cooks and kitchen assistants while high school girls help at the noon hour.

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Emergency Crop Loans Available Now to Farmers

Emergency crop loans, generally known as the "seed loans," are now available to Runnels county farmers who need assistance in financing the production of 1945 crops, according to W. E. Farwell, manager of the Dallas emergency crop loan office of the farm credit administration.

An early installment of the loan may be advanced at this time for the purchase of feed or fuel oil for preparing the land, as well as fertilizer, seed and supplies, which may be needed now, and the remainder of the funds will be disbursed as needed, Mr. Farwell stated. The loan manager also called attention to the fact that the war food administration is urging farmers who use fertilizer to purchase it early and store it on the farm to relieve congestion in warehouses.

Applications for loans in this county are being taken at the county school superintendent's office, court house, Ballinger, under the direction of D. H. Harrison, field supervisor.

These loans have been made here for many years and have proven of great benefit to farmers whose cash requirements are small. Security for the loans is a

first mortgage on the crops to be financed. As in the past, borrowers will be required to plant a large garden for home use and a balanced farm program of food, feed and cash crops is encouraged. Applicants who can secure loans from banks or other sources are not eligible for the "seed loans." The maximum loan to an individual is \$400.00.

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Think on These Things

by Richard Robbins Minister Eighth Street Church of Christ

"The fear of Jehovah is the beginning (chief part) of knowledge." Prov. 1:7 "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Ecc. 12:13. "But in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." Acts 10:35. A contrast of the blessings and curses of God certainly reveals the importance of choosing our course through life. The more horrible the curse of sin; the more appreciated is the salvation from sin. Therefore the chief thing in appreciating the blessings of God is a knowledge and fear of the curses. Peter says, "If ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear." Some are taught to have no fear of the curses, after they have accepted God as the Father, and His Son as their saviour. As a result they fail to deny ungodliness and worldly lust, and live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present world. The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit was sent to convict the world of righteousness.

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'Enter Arsene Lupin' Sparkles With Suspense, Fine Acting

Two feature pictures compose the program at the Ritz Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, January 14, 15, and 16, "Enter Arsene Lupin," and "Night Club Girl." In addition are several short subjects.

For too long a time that delightful, light-fingered gentleman of fiction—Arsene Lupin—has been absent from the screen, but Universal Studio has rectified that by making "Enter Arsene Lupin." The film brings Monsieur Lupin up to date in a story that will delight picture fans, as will the star who portrays him.

A newcomer to the screen, Charles Korvin, who plays Lupin, was brought to Hollywood after a highly successful Broadway run in the stage play, "Dark Eyes." Co-starred is Ella Raines, more attractive than ever as the girl who steals the famous thief's heart.

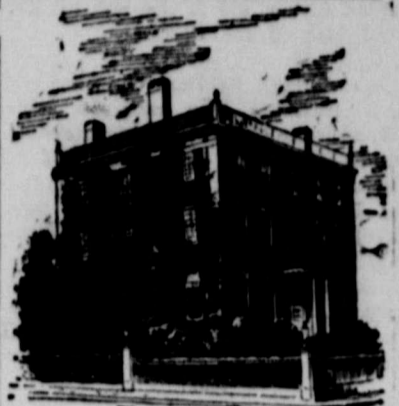
The story opens with Lupin stealing the Kenares emerald, but returning it when he discovers it is owned by the beautiful Miss Raines. Smitten, he follows her to England from France, and finds that her life is in danger through the plot of her impoverished uncle and aunt, portrayed by Miles Mander and Gale Sondergaard, who covet the jewel. He saves the girl, but is wounded by Ganymard, the French detective, cleverly characterized by J. Carrol Naish.

Lupin arranges to meet the girl in Paris, and she, unknown to him, slips the emerald in his pocket for safe-keeping. At the pier he is arrested by Ganymard, and when searched, the jewel is found in his possession. How he gets out of that fix is told with suspense and finesse.

In addition to the actors mentioned, George Dolenz as Lupin's

right hand man, gives an excellent performance.

Bonds Over America



PORTLAND MUSEUM

Hugh McLellan built the Sweet Mansion at Portland, Maine, in 1800. General Joshua Wingate, son-in-law of President Jefferson's Secretary of War, General Henry Dearborn, lived there. When Mrs. L. D. M. Sweet died, it became the property of the Portland Society of Art. In its Municipal Art Gallery hang Gilbert Stuart's portrait of General Wingate, Douglas Volk's portrait of President Lincoln and other notable works. Defenses set up by U. S. service men and supplies purchased with War Bond funds have kept these treasures unscarred through three years of war. More War Bond funds will insure their protection.

FDR says:

Payroll savings is our greatest single factor in protecting ourselves against inflation.

Congressmen Aboard Carrier



From the deck of a carrier, members of congress visiting the Pacific area observe the accuracy of navy gunners. In the center of the front row, peering through binoculars, is Adm. C. W. Nimitz. At his right is Congressman J. J. Heffernan of New York, and at his left is Congresswoman Margaret C. Smith of Maine.

Hedy Lamarr and Paul Henreid Are Leads in 'The Conspirators'

Warner Bros.' newest excursion into the field of romance and intrigue, "The Conspirators," is the principal attraction at the Texas Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, January 14, 15, 16. Hedy Lamarr and Paul Henreid are starred. The vehicle also serves to bring back that priceless trimmivamate of international knaves composed of Peter Lorre, Sydney Greenstreet and Victor Franzen.

Fredric Prokosch's widely-read novel of the same name provided the foundation for the film which depicts graphically the stirring account of the hidden war carried on against the nazis from the neutral city of Lisbon. Henreid and Miss Lamarr assume the burden of the film's sympathetic lovers. Lorre, Greenstreet, and Franzen portray furtive characters of frightening propensities and are surrounded by a competent supporting cast which includes Joseph Calleia, Edward G. Robinson, Carol Thurston, Monte Blue and Kurt Katch.

"Sweet and Low-Down," a 20th Century-Fox musical, and "The Great Mike," starring Robert Henry and Stuart Erwin, a PRC production, make up the double-feature program at the Texas tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday.

Ina Ray Hutton Tops Comic Cast In Gay Jamboree

With radio's most gorgeous band-leader, Ina Ray Hutton, leading the way in a jamboree of rhythm, romance and uproars, the movie capital grapevine predicts that Columbia's "Ever Since Venus," billed at the Texas Theatre next Wednesday and Thursday, January 17 and 18, will be one of the season's gayest laffilms. According to sneak preview audiences, it is jammed with jive, loaded with laughs, and gay with girls.

Just a peek at the cast is a tip-off for film fans, and brings many chuckles of past happy moments. Lovely Ann Savage and Ross Hunter, handsome new leading man who made his debut in "Louisiana Hayride," have the romantic leads, and the funsters include Hugh Herbert, woo-woo comedian; Billy Gilbert; Glenda Farrell, always popular wisecracking star; Alan Mowbray, who is cast as nature's gift to the ladies; and Marjorie Gateson, Thurston Hall and Fritz Feld, each capable of carrying a whole comedy individually.

Aiding the comedians is a gag-filled story of a beauty show put on by Mowbray, king of the New York cosmetic industry. Ina Ray Hutton and band are signed as an entertainment feature. Hugh Herbert enters the proceedings then, and there is a surprise hilarious climax. That tyrant Marjorie Gateson, who henpecks poor husband Mowbray throughout the picture, is finally outsmarted by that old smoothie, Herbert.

FDR says:

Curtail spending. Put your savings into war bonds every payday.

Story of Tire Racketeers, 'The Last Ride' And Western, 'Silver City Kid' to Palace

"The Last Ride," story of an exciting search for the illegal gangs which sell tires to citizens who themselves violate the law through their purchases, is the theme of the new Warner Bros. film, one of the two feature-length pictures at the Palace Theatre tomorrow (Friday), Saturday and Sunday, January 12, 13, 14.

Richard Travis is cast as a young police detective who sets out to break a powerful gang of tire racketeers who were responsible for several deaths caused by defective tires. Eleanor Parker, Charles Lang and Dolores Moran are also seen in important roles.

The other feature, a Republic western, "Silver City Kid," is said to be replete with daring action, expert riding and hard fighting. Allan Lane has the leading role, and the plot is concerned with the efforts of an unscrupulous attorney to secure a rich molybdenum mine from a girl ranch owner.

Murders are committed in an attempt to get the mine, until Lane, as the ranch foreman, succeeds in unmasking the villains and saving the valuable ore. Pretty Peggy Stewart is the mine owner, and Wally Vernon, ace comedian, is Lane's talkative helper.

In supporting parts are Frank Jaquet, Harry Woods, Bud Geary, Twinkle Watts, Glenn Strange, Tom Steele, Jack Kirk and Tom London.

OPA Starts Year With Many Items On Rationed List

The office of price administration starts 1945 with a number of radical changes and the desire to bring home to the American people the facts about the food situation and to emphasize that rationing works not on the principle of taking things away from people but to make it possible to share them.

Following are some of salient points emphasized in a recent

OPA memorandum: Processed foods: In the crop of 1944-45, unless the present moves had been made, the nation would face the prospect of running entirely out of many of the items by early spring. The only way everyone could have a fair share was to return certain items to the rationed list.

Butter stocks are now at an all-time low and will be much harder to get during the entire year. Some sections will not be so bad off where there is a surplus of country butter but areas depending on creamery butter will continue to have a difficult time.

Meat will be scarce during the first quarter of 1945 but may improve later in the year. Huge quantities of meat will go to the armed forces during the year and shipments will increase each month.

Sugar will remain in the scarce list. The removal of red tape on canning sugar last year caused

much more to be consumed than expected and much of the surplus was bought. This brought about the cancellation of unused stamps because civilians did not need them or they would have already spent them.

Head officials of OPA point out that Americans have expressed the desire to get the news first hand and they are assured that no crisis exists and will not under the current rationing system.

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LINDA DARNELL
LYNN BARI
JACK OAKIE

SWEET AND LOW-DOWN

FOR PUNCH
STUART ERWIN
in **"The Great Mike"**
with **ROBERT HENRY**
CARL SWITZER
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SUNDAY Thru TUESDAY

They KISSED... WHILE HISTORY WAITED!
HEDY LAMARR - PAUL HENREID
A STORY OF PULSATING EXCITEMENT FROM WARNERS!
THE CONSPIRATORS
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BIG DOUBLE FEATURE

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with **Vivian Austin**
Billy Dunn
Judy Clark
Maxie Rosenbloom
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Charles KORVIN **Ella RAINES**
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Big DOUBLE FEATURE Program

Allan LANE in **"Silver City Kid"**
with **PEGGY STEWART** **WALLY VERNON**

Palace FRI-SAT-SUN
"The LAST RIDE"
LIVES ARE CHEAP ON THE BLACK MARKET

PLUS
"DESERT HAWK" No. 9

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GOSH! SOMEBODY STRIKE OIL?!
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FOR RENT—Bedroom with private bath. See Mrs. Sam Behringer or call 259. 9-1f

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

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

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LOST—Between Winters and Abilene, one new mattress and other items on December 18. Write Ray W. Evans, Box 754, Hamlin, Texas. Reward. 28-31*

FOR SALE—Nortex seed oats, free of Johnson grass, germination test 99%, threshed, not combined, \$1.00 per bushel. Evertitt Witter, phone 7705. 28-31*

FOR SALE—182 acres, nice home and barns, 30 acres in irrigated farm, on main and school bus line, 1 1/2 miles of San Saba River front, 75 acres covered with pecan timber, six miles east of Menard. Priced for quick sale at \$75 per acre. See W. L. Puckett, Menard, Texas. 4-3t

FOR RENT—Furnished garage apartment, also 2-room apartment. Call after 2:00 p. m. 1306 Ninth Street. 4-2t

FOR SALE—One kitchen cabinet, in good condition. 1406 Winters Road. 4-2t*

FOR SALE—Natural gas water heater, good condition. Hubert Herring, Talpa. 4-3t*

FOR SALE—483 acres in Mason county, 65 acres in farm, fair house, two wells, Federal Land Bank loan of \$1,500. This place can be bought for \$23 per acre. See W. L. Puckett, Menard, Texas. 4-3t

20% Range Cubes
43% Sheep Pellets
Stock Salt
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FOR SALE—A few more all steel stalk cutters left; last ones this season and possibly for duration. Patterson Shop. 11-1f

FOR SALE—44 A.C. Tractor and equipment, thrifty tractor Plow. Mrs. A. N. Wiley. 11-2t*

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FOR SALE—Electric brooder, 200 chick capacity—come see it. Also trailer axle. T. A. Reese, Hillcrest. 11-2t*

WANT to keep two or three children in my home, 208 Fifth Street. 11-2t*

Alfalfa Meal
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32% Hen Supplement
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WANTED—Will pay cash for two used tires, 700-15; also late model electric radios. W. A. Nance. 11-1f-H

FOR SALE—Eight piece oak dining room suite. Call 152. 11-1t*

Colored woman wants half day job. Reference. No Sunday. 1008 Sealy Avenue. B. J. King. 11*

FOR SALE—Trumpet, in good condition. Apply at 208 Eighth St. 11-1t*

FOR SALE—Or Rent: Boardman & Gray upright piano, in good condition. Also two oak rockers, one upholstered. Phone 612. Mrs. Lela McAdams, 900 Broadway. 11-1t

FOR SALE—A large coal heating stove, in first class condition. Suitable for heating a large building. Can be seen at the Methodist parsonage, Norton, Texas. 11-2t

FOR SALE—300 acre stock farm, well improved, plenty water, possession now, \$37.50. A. M. King. 11-3t

WANT to buy nursery chair, in good condition. Call 1200. 11

FOR RENT—Small unfurnished house. Rent reasonable. Mrs. R. A. Nicholson, 1409 Broadway. Phone 89. 11-1t

FOR RENT—Furnished two room apartment, Frigidaire, inner-spring mattress, table top stove. 301 Thirteenth Street. 11*

FOR RENT—Bedrooms, 501 Sixth Street. Phone 523. Mrs. I. Vancil. 11-1t-H

Serving Uncle Sam (Continued from Page 1)

been stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia.

A letter from Pvt. J. D. ("Pug") Reneau informs that he has been transferred from his old outfit and is in a replacement pool in France. He had been with the 29th Infantry and in combat since the invasion of France on June 6. Previously he was stationed in Iceland and England.

William Bryan Caudle, seaman 2c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles M. Caudle, left Wednesday for San Diego, California, to report at the naval training station for assignment after spending a five-day leave with his parents.

Mrs. Minnie Brown has received two letters from her son, Pvt. Aubrey C. Brown, stationed in England, informing that he was well and hoped to be home soon. Pvt. Brown, who has been overseas 32 months, is serving with the army air corps. He wrote that he had received all his Christmas packages.

Sgt. Jimmie E. Brown, another son of Mrs. Minnie Brown, is attending an army school at Gainesville. He has been in the medical corps for the past four years.

Pvt. James Roland Dorsey, of San Angelo, formerly of Ballinger,

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has left for duty overseas. His mother received a card Monday advising that he had left the United States.

A letter was received Tuesday from Pfc. Sidney Dunn, written October 29 in a German prisoner of war camp. He said he was OK but had not received any mail recently and begged for more letters. His father stated they had been mailing letters regularly every week.

Letters were received this week from Lt. Charles Webb, a prisoner of war in Germany. The letters were dated in September, at which time he wrote he was all right.

Clyde Gabbert, who has been in the army air forces and stationed with the 331st bomber squadron at McCook, Nebraska, has been discharged and is back in Ballinger to make his home. Mr. Gabbert stated Monday that he would look around for a while before starting to work.

Pvt. Wallace E. Seipp, serving in France with the 318th Infantry, writes that he is back at a rest camp in France for a brief period. This regiment recently was cited for heroic accomplishments in battle and especially for an attack on December 4 in which a hard assignment was made to look easy. The special citation for the entire regiment was very complimentary for all its combat experience. Pvt. Seipp was awarded the combat badge on December 13.

Cpl. Bradley Pape, formerly of Santa Ana, California, and Kingman, Arizona, spent part of his recent furlough here, visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Pape, and his sister, Mrs. N. L. Faubion, of Crews. He left Monday for Tampa, Florida, where he will report for duty.

A NINTH AIR FORCE RECONNAISSANCE BASE, France—First Lieutenant Bernis Camp, of Norton, has been awarded the air medal and a first oak leaf cluster for "meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in the European theatre of operations."

Lt. Camp is a pilot of an A-20 photo reconnaissance plane of the

XIX tactical air command, taking pictures of German front lines, installations, movements and communications.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Camp of star route, Norton, Lt. Camp received his wings at La Junta, Colorado, and arrived in the ETC in the spring of 1944.

Death Message Received

Mrs. Vivian Berna was advised by the war department on January 5 that her husband, Pvt. Marion Berna, had been killed while in action with the third army in Germany on December 4. Mrs. Berna has been staying here with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Byers, while her husband was overseas.

On December 27, Mrs. Berna was informed that her husband was listed as missing in action as of December 4, but no further information was received until the death notice last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Byers have received letters from Lt. L. J. ("Pinky") Byers, informing that he had completed his missions as a bomber pilot but will remain in England a few months with the rescue service. Lt. Byers is flying with crews who rescue pilots and crew members from the English Channel and also on land missions where they can reach crews that are down. After about three months' service with this division he expects to return to the States for rest and reassignment.

E. J. Wilkey, seaman 3c, enjoyed the Christmas holidays at home with his family but has now gone back to his base in California. Now stationed at Port Hueneme, he is expecting to go across some time in February.

Elliott J. Kemp, stationed at St. Joseph, Mo., has been promoted from flight officer to second lieutenant. He is serving with the transport command as a pilot. Before entering the service he was a primary flight instructor at Bruce Field here.

Flight Officer Leon R. Phelps has written his wife, the former Miss Creola Henderson, that he has arrived safely overseas for duty there with the Eighth Air Force.

S-Sgt. Kyle B. Little, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Little of Stephenville, has been awarded the air medal for service against the enemy from a B-24 bomber base in England. Before entering the service he was an employee of the Harman Training Center here.

Dennis L. Paschal has been promoted to first-class private at his post in England, where he has been serving the past year as a truck driver. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Paschal.

Ballinger Soldier Wounded

A message was received here Wednesday from the war department stating that Sgt. Joe A. Broadstreet was slightly wounded in Belgium on December 20. Sgt. Broadstreet was with the First American army and a radio broadcast told of his injury on December 25. No other information has been received here by his relatives.

Lt. R. E. Bruce was here last week for a short visit with his parents. His stay was for only one and one-half hours as he was due back at the naval station at Corpus Christi. He recently received a promotion and is now a full lieutenant.

BEARCATS DEFEAT BOBCATS IN TWO BASKETBALL GAMES

Ballinger high school basketball teams handed two defeats to the San Angelo Bobcats here Tuesday evening at the high school gymnasium. The first warm-up affair was between the two B teams and called for extra time to decide. The game ended in a 10-10 tie and a short time later the Ballinger B players scored a goal to give them a 11 to 10 victory. In the first string game the score ended in a 31-31 tie and again extra time was taken during which Buford Chesney came through with a goal to give the Bearcat a lead at the close of the game, 35-33.

Mrs. George Dean has been seriously ill at the home of her son, Oren Dean, but is showing some improvement this week.

John Tasier, Lt. Larry Callahan and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. McDonough were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Englert. Lt. Callahan, formerly of Kentucky, is now stationed at the San Angelo army air field. Mr. and Mrs. McDonough, formerly of Iowa, now reside at Rowena.

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



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Lead's Chopped Ham
Eam Luncheon Meat
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3 Points Per Can

SYRUP
Singleton
Pure Cane
5-Lb. Glass 45¢

Nob Hill
Airway Coffee 2 1-Lb. Pkg. 23¢
2 1-Lb. Pkg. 41¢
Centerbury Tea 2 1-Lb. Pkg. 23¢
Krispy Crackers 2-Lb. Pkg. 35¢
Cherub Milk 1 1/2 Points Per Can 3 Tall Cans 25¢
Peanut Butter Severly 48-Oz. Pkg. 35¢
Rolled Oats Morning Glory 25-Oz. Pkg. 12¢
Rolled Oats Morning Glory 25-Oz. Pkg. 5¢
Table Salt Sea White Free Baking 26-Oz. Pkg. 7¢
Crisco Shortening Jar 69¢
Honey Beehive Strained 16-Oz. Jar 25¢
Bread Jello Lee Wright's Enriched-Derived 26-Oz. Loaf 10¢
Flour Elitacoe Crisp 10-Lb. Bag 55¢
Flour Harvest Blossom Guaranteed 25-Lb. Bag 1.10
P&G Soap 3 24-Oz. Bars 14¢
Ivory Soap 11 Florets Washing Powder 24-Oz. Pkg. 10¢
Oxydol 24-Oz. Pkg. 23¢

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Beans Pinto Beans Cello Pack	2-Lb. Pkg.	20¢
Beans Baby Lima Cello Pack	1-Lb. Pkg.	12¢
Rice Blue Rose Cello Pack	1-Lb. Pkg.	11¢
Dinner Luxury Macaroni (1/2 Red Point)	Reg. Pkg.	5¢
Pinto Beans	10-Lb. Bag	89¢
White Beans Small Size Cello Pack	2-Lb. Pkg.	22¢
Black-eyed Peas Dried	2-Lb. Cello	23¢
Beans Great Northern Cello Pack	1-Lb. Pkg.	12¢
Lima Beans Large Size Cello Pack	1-Lb. Pkg.	15¢
Pink Beans Cello Pack	1-Lb. Pkg.	12¢
Lentils Cello Pack	4-Oz. Pkg.	8¢
Raisins Seedless Cello Pack	1-Lb. Pkg.	14¢

Gooch's Best Macaroni or Spaghetti
1-Lb. Cello 11¢

Safeway Quality Meats

PURE PORK

Sausage

Type 2 In Bulk 2 Points Per Pound Lb. 35¢

Ocean Whiting

Lb. 21¢

Beef Roast

Grade AA & A Shoulder (3 Points) Lb. 26¢

Naturally Fresh Produce

Grapefruit Texas Marsh Seedless	Lb.	5¢
Apples Washington Delicious, Winesap, Jonathans	2 Lbs.	23¢
Yellow Onions	3 Lbs.	10¢
Temple ORANGES	5 Lbs.	48¢
Texas Yams 5/8 Dried	Lb.	9¢
Potatoes Idaho Besserts	5 Lbs.	23¢
Potatoes Colorado Triumph	5 Lbs.	22¢
Lettuce Crisp Fresh	Lb.	11¢
Celery California Well Bleached	Lb.	14¢
Lemons California	Lb.	12¢
Grapefruit Pink Jolly	Lb.	7¢
Texas Oranges Sweet Jolly	Lb.	7¢

California Navel
ORANGES
5 Lbs. 47¢

SAFEWAY

Don't Take Away His Gun

War Bonds that people bought largely equipped our fighting men who are doing a good job. But there is a serious shortage of some supplies, and many battles are yet to be fought. When you cash War Bonds, you are, in effect, taking away something needed by a fighting man. It was helpful to him when you bought War Bonds—it is doubly helpful when you hold them. In an emergency—or any time you need extra money—consult us regarding a loan, and keep your War Bonds until maturity. You will profit. It will also be a patriotic service. We make loans of many types to many people for many purposes. You are sure of fair and courteous treatment here.

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