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Annual Livestock Show Slated Next Thursday

The annual livestock show for 4-H club boys and Future Farmers of America will be held here next Thursday, March 1. Arrangements for the show have about been completed, the agriculture and livestock committee of the Ballinger Board of Community Development cooperating with John A. Barton, county agent, and F. C. Shillingburg, vocational agriculture teacher, in all the details.

The 1945 show will be the biggest ever staged here by these groups. About 44 fat calves, 40 head of sheep, 50 to 60 head of hogs, and capons will be exhibited.

The boys will begin bringing their animals in about 9 a. m. and by 10 a. m. all will be in the pens ready for the judges' inspection. In the morning session hogs and sheep are to be judged and calves will be judged at 1:30 p. m. The auction sale will start at 2:30 p. m.

Judges for the 1945 show are A. A. Allen, of the Fort Worth Livestock Commission; and Tommie Stewart, of Menard county. Dub Clark, of Winters, will assist in the auction.

Pens will be set up on the Santa Fe right-of-way, between Eighth

and Ninth streets. The public is cordially invited to visit the show any time during the day and all especially urged to attend the sale in the afternoon.

A B. C. D. committee is raising approximately \$300 prize money to be paid the winners. It was stated that calves would be shown in a heavy and a light class, the dividing line to be determined after the exhibitors arrive here next Thursday. Hogs will also be shown in heavy and light classes, the lightweights ranging from 170 to 220 pounds.

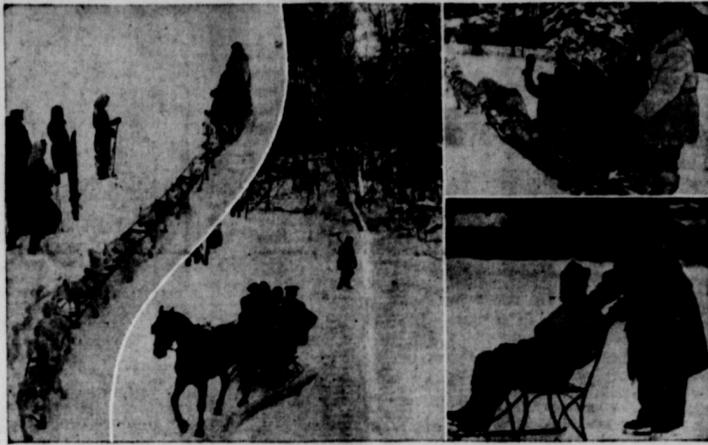
Prizes will be paid for firsts, second and thirds, and others judged for classification.

Sheep will be judged in groups of three and singles. In the swine division breeding gilts also will be included.

Careful selections of animals to be fed were made this year and both groups of boys have been preparing their stock for some time. F. F. A. boys entered ten calves in the Houston show two weeks ago and made a good showing in that competition.

Leaders of both groups and the B. C. D. committee urge local people to visit the local show.

Exclusive Lake Placid Now Army Rest Home



Mushing is one of the sports now enjoyed at the army's Lake Placid club, New York, left, which has been turned into an army redistribution station, where returned fighting men may relax. Center, two G.I. couples are having fun riding on a one-horse open sleigh. Lower right, no transportation problem when a skate chair is at hand. Upper right, the G.I.s have a spin behind a team of sled dogs.

Serving Uncle Sam

Hash Gets Bronze Star

For distinguishing himself by heroic achievement in an attack across an airstrip against a strong force of Jap parachutists, T-5 James C. Hash, Ballinger, has been awarded the bronze star medal at his base in Leyte, P. I.

During the attack a member of Hash's battalion was wounded while attempting to silence an enemy machine-gun. Hash proceeded under heavy cross-fire to the wounded soldier, treated him, and helped to evacuate him.

Hash was inducted into the army February 16, 1943, at Abilene, and assigned to a medical detachment of the 11th airborne division at Camp Mackall, N. C. He volunteered for the paratroopers and won his wings on June 19, 1944.

He is married to the former Opal I. Thomas, who is residing with her parents at Odessa. He formerly lived at 709 Fifteenth Street, Ballinger.

Sgt. Hubert M. Pospichal, son of Mrs. Francis Pospichal, is now at redistribution station No. 4, Santa Ana, Calif., awaiting new assignment in the army air forces. Sgt. Pospichal served with the air forces in the Asiatic theatre and wears that ribbon with two battle stars. He entered the service on January 1, 1942, and went overseas in May of the same year.

Ballinger Soldier Wounded
Mr. and Mrs. Horace Murphy have been notified by the war department that their son, Lt. Warren Murphy, was slightly wounded in Belgium. The telegram gave no other details.

Local Man Wounded Second Time
Jesus Silva, Ballinger Mexican, sustained his second wound of the present war recently, according to information received this week by relatives here. Silva was reported wounded in the invasion of Luzon, P. I. His first wound was sustained in an engagement on New Guinea.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Piel have received a card from their son, Pfc. Elgin Piel, written in a German prison camp and dated January 1. He stated that he was well. The card was mailed from Stalag IIB.

Maurice Nixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nixon, Sr., of Ballinger, has been promoted to the rank of private first class at his base in England. Pfc. Nixon is a member of the army airways communications system of the army air forces.

Mrs. J. J. Hauser received a letter this week from her husband, Lt. Hauser, in which he said he was stationed in southern France and was all right. He added that he expected to move on soon to a combat area. Lt. Hauser is a P-47 pilot.

Douglas A. Black, seaman 1c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Black, was here the past week-end for a visit with his parents and Ballinger friends. After a ten-day leave at home he has reported back at his coast guard base at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Mrs. Clyde King, the former Miss Louise Dahmann, spent the week-end with her husband, Pvt. Clyde E. King, now stationed at Fort Sill, Okla. Pvt. King is with

the field artillery.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Crockett have received a letter dated February 8 from their son, C/W/O Ralph Crockett, informing he had landed safely in the Philippine Islands. Ralph is civilian personnel officer for his base and has 96 natives under him. He says he was never in better health and pointed out that the dry season was due and the mud would dry up soon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Lowry received a letter last week from their son, Cadet Robert Lowry, informing that he and 92 other West Point cadets would be sent to Brady in April to begin training in the air forces. Some time ago he wrote his parents that he would be given air training and thought there was a chance he would be sent to Texas.

M-Sgt. Victor B. Matthiesen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matthiesen, has been awarded the bronze star with the following citation: "For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from March 1 to June 20, 1944, in the United Kingdom." Sgt. Matthiesen recently sent home a German officer's cap, like the one Der Fuehrer wears. With the 113th anti-aircraft group, Sgt. Matthiesen is somewhere in Belgium.

Pvt. Joel R. Reese has been at home for a visit with relatives and friends. He left the past week-end to return to Port Benning, Ga., where he is getting training.

S-Sgt. and Mrs. C. R. Richardson, Jr. are here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Richardson. After his thirty-day furlough he will report back to Hammond General Hospital, at Modesto, Calif., for further treatment.

S-Sgt. Delbert Richardson has finished his course on the B-29 at Seattle, Wash. He has been sent to Cuba to complete his training and serve as a member of a ground crew.

Technician 4th Grade Joe F. Bacon, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Bacon of Wingate, has been assigned to the AAF redistribution center at Santa Ana, Calif. Sgt. Bacon entered the service in January, 1942, and went overseas in July, 1942. He wears the ETO ribbons.

Pvt. Buford Goode, formerly stationed at Camp Wolters and recently at Sheppard Field, has been transferred to Tyndall Field, Fla. His wife and baby are residing here at present with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Faubion.

Pvt. Sammie D. Faubion, of Camp Hood, and family visited Saturday and Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Faubion of Ballinger, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Robinson of Norton.

Mrs. Dave Van Winkle received a letter this week from her husband, T-Sgt. Dave Van Winkle, informing that he had landed somewhere in England and that he served as special N.C.O. on the boat going over.

Ballinger Soldier Is Reported Killed On French Front

Mr. and Mrs. Seth S. Robinson, of Ballinger, received two messages Sunday from the war department, the first advising that their son, Pvt. James P. Robinson, had been seriously wounded in France on February 5, and the second that their son had died of the wounds on the same date. Both messages were relayed here at the same time by the San Angelo Western Union Telegraph Co. office and were delivered to the parents shortly after noon.

Pvt. Robinson, 24, entered the army on June 5, 1942, and went overseas in March, 1943, first seeing service in North Africa. From there he was sent to Italy and later landed in France about September, 1944. He had been engaged in combat most of the time since going overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have received no other details on the death of their son, but are expecting letters soon from the war department disclosing additional facts about the wounds and action which caused his death.

Another son, Sgt. Douglas G. Robinson, was wounded in France last August and as a result of a stomach wound his left leg was removed above the knee. He was sent home, arriving in New York in September and from there was sent to McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, where he is still a patient.

WAR HERO BROADCAST SCHEDULED AT 6:30 P. M.

Pvt. James Edwards, known as "the human booby trap," will be heard in a statewide network program this (Thursday) evening at 6:30. The program will originate at McCloskey General Hospital, Temple. One the same program will be Mrs. Buck Carlisle, member of Gene Carlisle, a member of company C, 142nd Infantry, who was captured by the Germans in Italy and who is still with other Ballinger boys in Germany.

Mrs. M. A. Wheelon is here for a visit with friends this week. She has been residing at Fort Worth since the couple left Ballinger when Bruce Field was closed. Mr. Wheelon, an instructor here, has recently completed his instrument training and will be a pilot for an airline. They will make home at Midland, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rhone, of Coleman, visited friends here Tuesday.

Capt. Harold Davis, of Chanute Field, Illinois, is here for a visit with relatives and friends. He is a nephew of Mrs. W. A. Forgy.

Billy Jack Williams, seaman 2c, with the seabees, is here from Rhode Island on a few days leave to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Williams, Cpl. and Mrs. Robert Williams, of Randolph Field, where here the past week-end for a short visit.

T-Sgt. and Mrs. Gerald Henderson, stationed at La Junta, Colo., are here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Henderson. They arrived just a few days after J. L. Henderson, seaman 2c, came home after overseas duty, and a sister, Mrs. Roy Phelps, returned home from San Angelo.

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Bruce Field is Offered As Veteran Hospital Site

L. A. Warren, engineer and inspector for the U. S. veterans' administration, was in Ballinger Monday afternoon to meet with the local committee and view a proposed site for the erection of a government hospital.

The site submitted to the inspector was that of Bruce Field and the visitor spent several hours in a very complete look at the buildings and grounds, water system, sewerage system, utility lines and every other item required by the administration for hospitals.

Fred Harman was here Monday afternoon and spent the several hours with Mr. Warren at the field, showing him through every building and over the grounds. Blueprints of the water and sewer systems and utility lines were presented as part of the official application of the Ballinger committee.

Mr. Warren has been in West Texas several weeks to inspect sites for a \$2,000,000 veterans' hospital. Applications have been received from a number of other cities in this part of the state. A second hospital will be located in

East Texas and Mr. Warren will go there soon to look over sites. Sites have been offered in some ten or twelve West Texas cities which have had army camps, air fields or other government installations.

Mr. Warren was invited to Ballinger last week by committees of the Ballinger Board of Community Development and other business men. Telephone conversations with officials in Washington resulted in Mr. Warren being sent here while he was in this part of Texas.

Following the inspection here the visitor was taken to Brownwood, where he was to make an inspection Tuesday. Harry Lynn, K. V. Northington, Joe Forman and Tom Caudle accompanied Mr. Warren to Brownwood Monday evening. Mr. Warren made no comment on the Ballinger location, but those who accompanied him on the tour of the field think he was pleased with the site in every particular and that it met all requirements.

The engineer-inspector has been with the veterans' administration ever since World War 1.

United Nations Clothing Drive to be Conducted

Ballinger service clubs have been called on to direct the collection of clothing for the United Nations relief organization and plans are to be made by a joint committee for a city-wide drive to get every bundle possible. Both the Ballinger Lions and Rotary clubs have named committeemen who are to meet and perfect plans for the campaign.

The drive will be underway all through April and next week places where clothing may be left will be made public.

Lions Club representatives are Rev. Edward B. Postert, H. G. Agnew and J. A. Schnable. Rotary committeemen are Troy Simpson, Rev. H. B. Loyd and D. G. Posey. A city-wide organization with every church in the city represented probably will be formed for the campaign.

The nation-wide campaign is to be pushed for several months. It was pointed out that many of the countries which had been occupied by the enemy and are now liberated are practically without clothing and although some have money, raw materials cannot be obtained to make apparel. They also cannot purchase new clothing in this country for some time and it is necessary that some immediate relief be given.

Leaders directing the local campaign state that any kind of good clothing is needed for men, women and children, and especially for infants. Cast-offs that are suitable only for rags are not wanted, only clothing that is wearable without repair is needed.

A number of organizations that usually hold rummage sales in the spring have called off these events in order to have clothing ready for the United Nations

relief. Runnels countians are urged to go through their wardrobes and lay out what can be spared for this cause, and be ready to bring in the bundles as soon as depots are arranged for.

Henderson Garage Moved to Strong; Crockett Partner

The Henderson Garage is being moved from its location at the corner of Eighth Street and Railroad Avenue to the Lankford building on Strong Avenue between Eighth and Seventh streets. C. C. Henderson, co-owner, stated that all equipment would be set up in the new location and that they would be ready at once to continue a general garage service to patrons.

T. H. Crockett has recently purchased an interest in this business and will assist in operating the garage.

The Eighth Street building housing this garage was recently sold, necessitating the move.

RUDDER TO BROWNWOOD FOR FUNERAL OF UNCLE

L. B. Rudder went to Brownwood today to attend the funeral of an uncle, who died at Temple Wednesday from injuries sustained in an auto accident. The relative, Major Orville H. Turner, was post exchange officer at Camp Hood and had been a reserve army officer since World War 1.

Mr. Rudder had just returned from El Campo, where he was at the bedside of his father, who is seriously ill.

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Sunday 11:00 a. m. Sermon, "THE SPACE OF REPENTANCE"
Baptist Training Union Sunday 4:30 p. m.
Sunday night 7:30 THE PEOPLE'S GOSPEL HYMN HOUR.
Sermon: "THE UNCEASING PAIN."

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'45 Red Cross War Funds Drive Will Start March 5

Plans for the annual Red Cross war fund campaign here are all complete and the "kick-off" in Ballinger is set for Monday morning, March 5. Every effort will be made to finish the job the first week.

County Chairman Sam Behringer has announced that all community chairmen will assemble in Ballinger on Saturday of this week, at which time supplies will be issued and final instructions given for the 1945 campaign. A chairman has been appointed for each community in southern portion of Runnels county and quotas have been assigned. These chairmen, in turn, will appoint other workers to help in making the drive not later than the second week in March.

Runnels county is asked for \$17,100 for this cause and of this amount Ballinger has a quota of \$6,000. Leaders pointed out that the local quota is more than in 1944 and with Bruce Field closed and that support lost. This means contributors must give from 20 to 25 per cent more than they did last year to reach the quota.

Workers will have figures for each downtown firm, showing what was contributed a year ago. If the managers desire to know, and will also be told how much they need to increase their contributions to meet the 1945 goal.

Red Cross national officials have

advised that the program for 1945 is much larger and that more funds are necessary. Prisoner-of-war activities alone cause much of this added cost and people on the home front must realize that every letter, food package, all medicine, cigarettes and comfort items go through the Red Cross. The Red Cross has also supplied practically all the clothing and blankets these men have received.

In addition the entire blood plasma program has been carried on by the organization. This has saved thousands of lives and will save countless others. Overseas entertainment and many other items, including rest areas for combat troops, are furnished by the Red Cross.

Mr. Behringer stated that every community chairmanship appointment had been accepted, and that all had cheerfully agreed to work in the drive.

A chairman has been named for Winters and he will organize and direct the campaign in the north end of the county.

KNITTING TO BE RESUMED; WILL ISSUE YARN FRIDAY

The Red Cross knitting program will be resumed at once in Runnels county. Fifty pounds of olive drab yarn arrived here this week and will be made up into sleeveless, slip-over sweaters for soldiers. Garments are to be completed by April.

Knitters who will assist in making this quota are asked to call at the home of Mrs. Troy Simpson in Wilke Terrace tomorrow (Friday) and secure their yarn and instructions.

Clyde Goss, a patient in the Bailey Clinic-Hospital several months, was taken in a Newby-Davis ambulance to the Scottish Rite Hospital, Dallas, this week to receive treatment for burns.

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10:55 a. m.—"An Evaluation of Christianity by Soldiers of World War II"

8:30 p. m.—"The Man Who Built His Own Scaffold."

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A collection of used clothing for United Nations Relief will be made shortly in Ballinger. Start preparing your bundles and be ready to help in this worthy cause.

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SOCIETY and CLUBS

World Day of Prayer Observance Held at Eighth Street Presbyterian Church

Mrs. C. R. Stephens, president of the City Federation of Ballinger Churchwomen, presided for the short business meeting preceding the program given in observance of World Day of Prayer Friday afternoon at the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church. She reported the details of the organization meeting of the federation and announced regular inspirational meetings for each fifth Monday. The next one will be April 30. Mrs. Paul Petty gave the financial report from 1944.

Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh was program leader and Miss Carmen Demmer was at the organ for the prelude, offertory, and hymn

accompaniments. The Rev. H. B. Loyd gave an inspiring address on the theme "Why Pray," and the Rev. W. A. Erwin gave the concluding prayer. About 50 were in attendance.

Mrs. Simpson Compliments Mrs. Jaros

Mrs. Troy Simpson was hostess on Thursday evening of last week with an informal after-supper tea in her home in Wilke Terrace with Mrs. O. J. Jaros, Jr., as surprise guest of honor.

Violets and jonquils were used about the living room while a mixed floral arrangement in the soft pastels centered the dining table laid in Normandy lace where Mrs. John Weeks presided at the silver service and Mrs. Tom Agnew

served individual cake squares iced in white and decorated in the pastels. Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw, Mrs. Claude Stone and Mrs. J. A. Schnable assisted.

Mrs. Arthur Giesecke was at the piano to play the Brahms and Schubert lullabies as gifts were presented.

Others included: Mmes. Aurelia Webb, Ruth Bankston, J. C. Sturges, Fred McClanahan, T. J. Mansell, L. C. Adair, Douglas Cox, W. T. Campbell of Coleman, W. A. Nance, Clarence Morton, Carroll Bell, Homer L. Price, G. P. Teague, Doyle Pumphrey of Winters, H. F. Demmer, Sam Malone, Ola McMillan, Mary Spreen, Rufus Allen, Harper McFarland, E. C. Grindstaff, Bruce Creasy, R. G. Erwin, Margaret Evans, Harmon Buckley, Philip Evans, Lymie Harris, Lee Moreland, Sim Cottle, Lee Sykes, J. W. Black, J. D. Coulter, Jim Golden, J. Stubbiefield, Misses Grace Jo Bonduant, Mae Stubbiefield, Marie Norwood, Ann Morton, Zelda Spreen, Carmen Demmer, and Tommye Mansell.

Eighth Street Auxiliary Has Missions Program

The theme of Christian Brotherhood was developed by discussions of mission work in Africa and among the American negro when the Eighth Street Presbyterian Auxiliary met Monday afternoon in the church parlors for the monthly national and foreign program led by Mrs. J. D. Coulter.

Arrangements of japonica blossoms, snap dragons, forsythia, and potted ferns gave a pretty floral decoration. Mrs. Roy Hill gave the devotional and Mrs. E. S. Malone read the names in the Yearbook of Prayer. Topic discussions were "Diamonds, Gold, and Orchids," by Mrs. B. H. Erwin; "Brotherhood," by Mrs. Rufus Allen; and "The New World Being Born," by Mrs. W. A. Erwin.

Hostesses, Mrs. J. Stubbiefield and Miss Mae Stubbiefield, served cherry a la mode with coffee. Others were: Mmes. Carroll Bell, A. W. Sledge, Kenneth Kevil, A. H. Wiesepape; Miss Nell Mackey, and Bobby Bell.

First Baptist Companions Class in Forester Home

First Baptist Companions Class members met in the Seventh Street home of their teacher, Mrs. Joe Forester, last Thursday evening.

The patriotic tri-colors, suggestive of George Washington's Birthday, were featured in all party details. A cleverly fashioned gum drop cherry tree centered the dining table and favors for the

refreshment plate of marshmallow nut sundaes and cookies were miniature figures of the Father of Our Country also made of gum drops.

Betty Jean Lengefeld, vice-president, directed the business session during which secret pal names were drawn. Table games gave diversion. Others present were: Lillian Keithley, Gena Faye Duke, Dorothy Holliday, Anna Sue Hembree, Willa Fay Wood, Betty Jean Underwood, Earlene Morris, Helen Clark, and Betty Parrish.

Naomi Class Meets in Elmer Curry Home

The losing team in the attendance contest, with Mrs. Naomi Keithley as captain, was hostess to the winning team on Thursday evening, entertaining in the home



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

There are two basic relationships which furnish the occasions and demands for all man's duties—that to God as a Creator; that to man as a fellow creature. Jesus says the two fundamental commands are these: to love God with all our capacity and to love our neighbors as ourselves. (Matt. 22:37-49) Anything that is purely devotional or worship to God is required by our relationship to him; it rests upon the fact that he is Supreme. The feeling that we must pray arises from two facts: the first is that we consider ourselves children of God—belong to the divine family; the other is that we often realize we need things which only an infinite Being can supply. In times of dire need, it is just as natural to ask God for help as to breathe. Even rebellious sinners, with no moral or legal right to God's favors, will cry for help when in some great danger. This fact alone should teach all that man should put himself in such spiritual relationship to the Father that prayer would be his inalienable right. "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be an abomination." Prov. 28:9.

of Mrs. Elmer Curry on Eighth Street.

Mrs. Wesley Whitman presided for the officers and group captains reports. Mrs. J. T. Hornburg gave the opening prayer and Mrs. Malcolm Morgan brought the devotional on "My Bible and What it Means to Me." Plans were discussed for class duties for the month of February.

Mrs. Alton Underwood, social

chairman, was in charge of the social hour, and Mrs. Carl Black directed games.

Ice cream and cake were served to: Mmes. Delbert Davenport, Ted Whitehead, Homer Bibb, Vivian Marshall, Earl Cope, Joe Vaughan, Martha Weathers, W. A. Jacob, W. A. Phippen, James Parrish, J. H. Endavott, Woodrow Cox, R. M. Bird, O. H. Chandler, Stanley

Price, Clyde Gabbert, Jesse Lee, and those on the program.

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Texas County and Municipal Bonds	12,478,790.79	11,793,322.43
Public Utility and Corporation Bonds	3,394,648.47	3,698,085.82
First Mortgage Loans on Texas Real Estate	15,271,149.61	13,798,933.35
Home Office Building	1,470,000.00	1,445,000.00
Other Real Estate	752,912.00	445,113.45
Preferred and Common Stocks	3,168,279.94	3,684,912.87
Cash	3,865,282.45	2,249,933.14
Reinsurance Premiums Paid in Advance	167,368.00	285,472.00
Accrued Interest on Investments	553,251.88	588,249.61
Unpaid Interest	12,663.37	7,509.78
Loans Against Cash Value of Policies	13,839,236.96	13,011,536.37
	\$98,188,742.98	\$108,940,511.97

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Policy Reserves	\$85,602,697.79	\$ 95,536,659.08
Interest and Premiums Paid in Advance	2,413,510.11	2,621,634.02
Reserve for Taxes and Other Liabilities	922,535.08	1,032,218.87
Total Liabilities	\$88,938,742.98	\$ 99,190,511.97
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Capital Stock	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00
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Bearcats Win District Basketball Tournament

The Ballinger Bearcats emerged from the district 8A basketball tournament here Saturday as champions and will represent this district in the regional tournament at Abilene Saturday, March 3. The contests here began last Saturday morning with six teams competing, and the Cross Plains boys soon established themselves as favorites, remaining so until the final whistle Saturday night when the Bearcats nudged them out by a score of 39 to 38.

The locals won their way into the finals by defeating Winters in the morning period by a score of 37 to 28, and Lakeview in the afternoon 36 to 25. Cross Plains defeated Mozelle 42 to 23 in the morning game, and in the afternoon beat back Brady 39-23.

In the evening games Lakeview conquered Brady to take third place.

In the championship tilt Cross Plains took a first quarter lead of 14 to 4 over the Bearcats and it looked like the visitors were on their way to an easy win. Here the Bearcats began fighting and hitting the baskets with their shots, the half closing with the score Cross Plains 22, Ballinger 17.

In the last two quarters the Ballingerites kept going and the third quarter ended 30-29 in their favor. They held a one point lead until the final whistle.

Herman Moore, of Cross Plains, was outstanding in the finals, being responsible for many of his team's points, especially in hitting

the basket after fouls. Eighteen of the Cross Plains 38 points were made on goals after fouls. Moore also was high scoring man in the tourney. In the finals he ran up 17 points while Flint of Ballinger tallied 15, and Robert Evans 12.

Bob Sykes, replacing Burger in the Bearcat line-up, was an outstanding star. He performed well on both offense and defense and was the turning point of the final game.

Coach W. E. Elkins will continue to give the local cagers hard work during the period before the regional games and will have them in the best of condition when they head for Abilene. Johnny Earnshaw was lost to the squad Saturday night when he went out with a badly sprained ankle which will keep him out of games the rest of the season.

At the close of the tournament the all-tournament team was chosen, as follows: Moore, Piliars, Cross Plains; Moore, Winters; Evans and Chesney, Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Caskey visited relatives and friends at Rising Star the past week-end.

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SOUTHWESTERN LIFE CO. SUBMITS ANNUAL REPORT TO ITS POLICYHOLDERS

A record investment in savings on the part of Texans is indicated in the forty-second annual report to policyholders of Southwestern Life Insurance Company released here today by C. F. O'Donnell, president, showing the largest business gains in the company's history since 1928.

Insurance in force at the close of 1944 gained \$31,709,407 for a



Jack Nix Local Representative

total of \$481,718,273. Assets now total \$108,940,511, a gain of \$10,751,769 over assets reported at the close of 1943.

Mr. O'Donnell said the company had invested more than \$50,000,000 in United States government securities since Pearl Harbor. This, he said, was pursuant to the policy of investing all new premium money in such bonds adopted by Southwestern Life Co. at the start of the war.

Mr. O'Donnell's report noted an expanding interest in pension plans in Texas, through which both large and small business enterprises are providing retirement income for their permanent employees. In this connection, he said that since entering this field, the Southwestern Life Insurance Co. has underwritten pension business on more than 60 of the 104 plans adopted in Texas.

While military deaths were high, overall statistics compared favorably with the company's five-year record, due to lower civilian mortality. Mr. O'Donnell said. Death claims paid during the year under policies on persons in the armed forces of the nation amounted to \$474,858 and the company has \$65,000 insurance in force on persons reported missing in action, and \$25,500 on persons reported as prisoners of war.

Mr. O'Donnell expressed satisfaction with the 1944 production of the local agency, and said that more than 140 members of the company's agency organization and home office personnel are in

Rotary Club to Present Four Famous Speakers

The Ballinger Rotary Club is starting an advertising campaign this week for the Institute of International Understanding which is to be presented here on March 13 and 20 and April 17 and 24. Speakers representing Australia and the islands of the Pacific, China, North America, and Russia will be heard.

It was stated this week that the Ballinger club will take care of the cost of the four speakers and that season tickets will be given free. Requirements are that those who attend have tickets, and these may be obtained soon from any Rotarian or at the Pearce and Weeks drug stores.

The club feels fortunate in securing the notable roster of speakers booked for the Ballinger appearances. Canon William J. Edwards will be the speaker on Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific islands. An educator and lecturer, he was born and educated in Australia and served in World War I. The principal of Canberra Boys' School, he also is a member of the Canberra University council. He formerly was director of education for the diocese of Sydney and headmaster of the Monaro school. He represented his country at the Institute of Pacific Relations Conference in Hot Springs, W. Va., in January.

Chen Pao-nan, speaker on the Chinese Republic, is director of the midwest branch of the Chinese News Service, Chicago. Born at Nanking, he was educated at Reading, England; Manchester, Indiana; Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.; and George Washington University, Washington. He was a vice-consul in the Chinese consulate-general in New York, 1936 to 1941. The next two years he spent in the service at the Chinese wartime capital, Chungking; first as representative of the American bureau for medical aid to China and then for the ministry of foreign affairs of the Chinese government. In June, 1943, he returned to the United States to take charge of the Chicago office of the Chinese News Service.

Major H. G. Scott, North American speaker, was born and educated in Scotland. Coming to Alberta, he practiced law, and for

the armed service of the United States. Of the original number entering the armed service, three have been reported missing in action, and two have lost their lives while in training. "The company," he said, "is conscious of the great sacrifice they are making, and is deeply proud of them."

LUTHERAN SERVICES AT BETHEL SUNDAY

Rev. R. Weiser will conduct Lutheran divine services at the Bethel community church Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. The sermon, theme is "Abounding in Sanctification."

Sunday school and instruction classes will meet at 2:15 p. m. The public is cordially invited to come and worship and hear "a gospel of a changeless Christ for a changing world."

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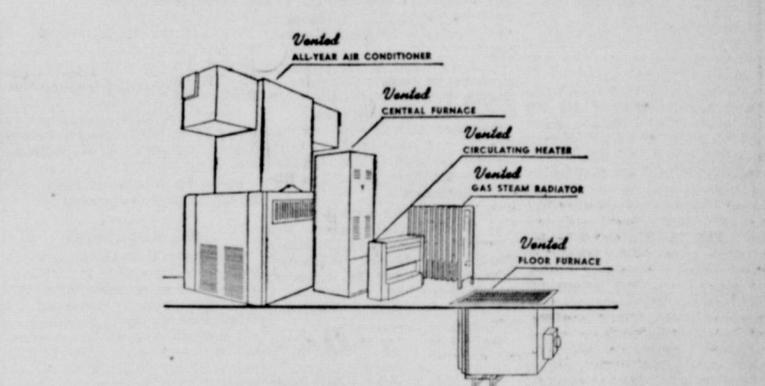
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DEATHS

Mrs. Mary Elinor Lusk

Mrs. Mary Elinor Lusk, 90, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. C. Kirk, 801 Seventh Street, Monday evening at 10:30 o'clock after long illness.

A pioneer citizen of Ballinger, Mrs. Lusk came here to make her continuous home 38 years ago, when Ballinger was only three years old. She was married to J. F. Lusk in Bell county in 1876 and the couple lived together more than 60 years. Mr. Lusk passing on in 1936.

Decedent was a life-long member of the Baptist church and was one of the charter members of this faith in Ballinger. During her more active life she was a leader in religious and civic affairs of the town and church and until a few years ago was a faithful attendant at all church services.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. B. C. Kirk, Ballinger, three sons, Robert and Bryan Lusk, Ballinger; George Lusk, Coleman; a sister, Mrs. A. Abbott, Sulphur, Oklahoma; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Newby-Davis chapel Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. Rev. Clarence A. Morton officiating. Interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery.

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Newby-Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Religh Richard Price

Religh Richard Price, 48, was killed by a hit-and-run driver in Corpus Christi Sunday. He had been residing in that city for some years and was following the carpenter's trade.

Decedent lived in Ballinger for a number of years before going to Corpus Christi. The body was brought here for interment.

Survivors include two brothers, Jim Price, Ballinger; R. V. Price, Waco; two sisters, Mrs. Hallie Speight, Hankamer; Mrs. E. L. Hilliard, Beaumont.

Funeral services were held at the Newby-Davis chapel this (Thursday) morning at 10:30. Rev. Clarence A. Morton officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Newby-Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

S. Patton

S. Patton, 88, died at his home in Paint Rock Monday after illness of several weeks' duration.

Decedent was born at Watertown, Tennessee, and was married to Miss Nannie Jane Lisle, at Denton, Texas, September 3, 1884. He had been a long time member of the Baptist church and a member of the Masonic lodge 49 years.

Funeral services were held at the Newby-Davis chapel Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. Rev. Clarence A. Morton officiating. Interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery.

Survivors besides the wife include three sons, J. M. Patton, Paint Rock; R. B. Patton, Mineral Wells; S. W. Patton, Fort Worth; three daughters, Mrs. M. C. Kemp and Mrs. O. V. West, Paint Rock; Mrs. C. R. Porter, Artesia, New Mexico; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Paint Rock Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. Rev. C. K. Roberts, Baptist minister, and Rev. Marcus Williamson, Methodist minister, officiating. Interment was made in the Paint Rock cemetery.

Funeral services were held at the Mt. Pleasant Church Sunday afternoon at 3:30. Rev. John Mack officiating. Interment followed in the colored section of Evergreen Cemetery.

Newby-Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Mary E. Kelly

Mrs. Mary E. Kelly, 89, died at the state hospital in Abilene Wednesday after being there the past four years for treatment.

Decedent was a pioneer Ballinger resident and for many years operated a boarding house in this city until her health failed. In her younger days she was very active in church and civic affairs. A member of St. Mary's Church, she was the organizer of the Altar Society here and was always a faithful worker in religious affairs.

There are no living relatives and local friends are looking after the final rites.

The rosary service will be held

at the Newby-Davis chapel this evening at 8:30 and funeral services will be held at St. Mary's Church tomorrow (Friday) morning at 9:00 o'clock. Rev. Edward B. Postert, O. M. I., officiating. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

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Red Cross Chapter Shipping 432 Kits For Overseas Men

The production group of the Runnels county Red Cross chapter has completed 432 kits for the use of soldiers going overseas and these are being prepared for shipment. Mrs. Alex Saunders, chairman of the county unit, stated that many women had helped in the recent sewing program and that good progress had been made in making the kits and the small housewives which go inside them. Mrs. Saunders has been assisted by Mrs. J. B. Striplin, Mrs. R. F. Zedits and Miss Demma Barron in putting the articles in the kits and preparing shipments. Cooperating in the sewing pro-

SOCIETY

Mrs. Shultz Hartgrove Gives Review for Fannie Stephens Club and Guests

Shakespeare Club members and a few added guests were included by Fannie Stephens Study Club members Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. Shultz Hartgrove, of Paint Rock, presented a book review.

Jonquils and potted hydrangeas decorated the club room at the Army and Navy Club where Mrs.

W. O. Irby was presiding officer for the roll call to which names of current novels were given in answer. Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff introduced Mrs. Hartgrove, who gave an interesting and entertaining review of the January top seller, "Green Dolphin Street," by Elizabeth Goudge.

Others present were: Mmes. O. L. Sims and Scott Hartgrove of Paint Rock, J. G. Douglass, W. C. Bryan, Taylor Henley, F. C. Miller, Alex Saunders, J. R. McGraw, J. W. Guynes, C. R. Stephens, J. B. Striplin, Lela McAdams, Bruce Creasy, E. C. King, Charles van de Putte, A. J. McDaniel, T. J. McCaughan, Chester Afflerbach, F. C. Shillingburg, Drury Hathaway, Marvin Davies, W. A. McDonald, H. G. Agnew, Carl Black, J. H. Endacott, J. Dexter Eoff, M. E. McClenney, R. D. Midgley, Alton Underwood, Dee Saylor, J. M. Williams, W. E. Moss, and Miss Carmen Demmer.

Mrs. Underwood Entertains Club

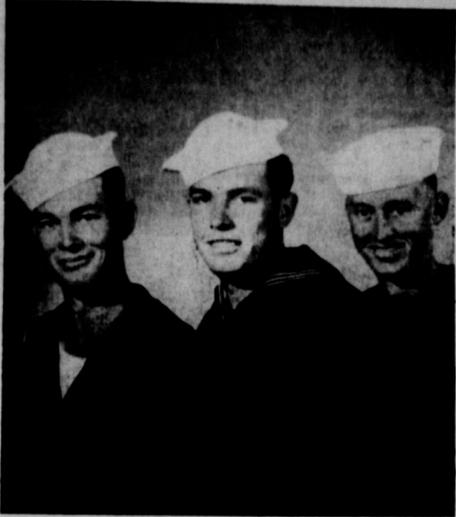
Mrs. Alton Underwood entertained her contract club Tuesday afternoon in her home on Eighth Street.

Mrs. Jack Sillman won high score prize and bingo awards went to Mrs. W. E. Moss and Mrs. W. O. Irby.

The hostess was assisted by her daughter, Betty Jean, and Dava June Woodson, in serving a salad plate with hot rolls, cake and coffee. Others were: Mmes. H. G. Agnew, Edward Sommer, Marvin Davies, and J. H. Endacott.

First 1945 Meeting Held by Directors Of B.C.D. Thursday

Directors of the Ballinger Board of Community Development held their first meeting of 1945 last Thursday



Cousins Meet First Time

Sons of three brothers met for the first time recently at the naval training station, San Diego, California. All three boys received boot training there, having been inducted about the same time.

They are, left to right; William Bryan Caudle, seaman 2c, son of Miles M. Caudle, Ballinger; Cecil Burdette Caudle, seaman 2c, son of W. B. Caudle, Modesto, Calif.; and John E. Caudle, seaman 2c, son of J. E. Caudle, Lamesa. The meeting was a thrill for the boys and their parents.

Camp Hood, expects to be here this week-end for a short visit with his mother, Mrs. J. B. Striplin, and other relatives and friends.

A letter was received this week from Pvt. Marvin F. Leck stationed at Williams Field, Chandler, Ariz., by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Leck. He stated he was OK and asked his parents to tell friends hello. A mechanic and crew chief for three B-17s, Pvt. Leck expects a furlough in about three months so he can visit home.

A V-mail cartoon received Tuesday from C. Frank Holliday, CCM, U.S.N.R., 18th naval construction battalion, reveals he is stationed at post 5, somewhere in the Pacific war zone. The local seabee states he and his faithful scotty are carrying out general orders 4, 5 and 6.

Cadet Nurse Norma Harris has resumed her training at the Hendricks Memorial Hospital, Abilene, after a few months' treatment by physicians at Dallas. Miss Harris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton J. Harris, of the Bethel community.

Cicero H. Smith, CMic, who has been in the South Pacific with the seabees and marines about two years, will arrive here tomorrow (Friday) on leave, a telegram to his mother, Mrs. Ethel Smith, stated Tuesday. Mrs. Cicero Smith and daughter, Barbara, of Mission, are expected here Saturday to join their husband and father. Smith has been in some rough spots in the struggle against the Japs, including the Augusta Bay clean-up.

Claude R. Stone, A.E.M.3c, has arrived at Key West, Fla., for assignment in the navy. He has been assigned to headquarters squadron, fleet air wing, after finishing a course at Jacksonville, Fla., two weeks ago.

J. L. Henderson, A.O.M.2c, came in Sunday night on a thirty-day leave to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Henderson. J. L. has been in the Pacific with a navy patrol bomber squadron, serving as a gunner. This group has been stationed on Morotal Island and took part in the vasion of Leyte and at Luzon. In addition the group has flown cover on the navy's battles off the China coast and Formosa. After his leave Henderson will go to Jacksonville, Fla., where he will take a course preparatory to being assigned to a crew of a PB4Y2, a new type of navy bomber.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Bilbrey have heard from their sons recently. Sgt. Charles Bilbrey stated in a letter and telegram that he was feeling better following his sixteenth operation at the Harmon General Hospital, Longview. Cpl. Alvin Bilbrey, in a letter from France, stated he was well but would like to be at home. He is still in the 36th division in France. Pfc. Dee Bilbrey, Jr., also in France, informed that he had a new A.P.O. number and ribbons with three battle stars. He told his parents where Arlon Singleton was buried and said he would visit his grave soon.

Pfc. Joe Denham, with the M.P. force in Hawaii, was here last week and visited Sgt. Charles Bilbrey in the hospital at Longview. Pfc. Denham was with the 36th division for some time and after his furlough will report back for overseas duty.

Otis Jacob, storekeeper 2c, has reported at the naval air station, Dallas, for his new work after a leave at home. He had been in the South Pacific 18 months and will be stationed near Dallas for some time. Mrs. Jacob accompanied him to his new location.

Mrs. Carl Fouts left Wednesday for Galveston, where she will join her husband, Lt. Carl Fouts, who is in training there.



M-Sgt. Ben Thornton

M-Sgt. Ben Thornton, with the finance department of the army in the Panama Canal Zone, came back to the United States recently on a 30-day leave. He enlisted in July, 1935, with the first cavalry division for four and a half years. In January, 1941, he went into the recruiting service for the army and remained in that branch until June, 1942, when he reported at the finance department, Fort Clark, for duty. From there he went to Fort Benning, Ga., for a school and later was assigned to the canal zone.



Jess Stacy

U. S. Merchant Marine Jess Stacy had to come back to get another taste of Colorado River water, and visit his school-day friends and sister, Mrs. C. A. Doose, Sr.

Jess is just in from Antwerp, Belgium. He states the buzz bombs are plentiful. His convoy of ships was among the first to enter the locks after driving the nazis out.

Having sailed on the army transport ship George Washington, one of the largest transports afloat, and being the same ship that carried Woodrow Wilson to Europe at the end of World War I.

Sailing on tankers in the South Pacific and being torpedoed twice, as well as going thru with the experience of a life raft . . . in the Coral Sea.

Texas, his home Lone Star state, looks best to him, and he does not worry that he will not be back after the war.

Lt. J. C. Johnson, stationed with the army air forces in Missouri, and his wife and baby are here to visit relatives and friends. Lt. Johnson is instructing in C-46s after completing a hitch overseas.

Pvt. James Striplin, stationed at



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The Ballinger Board of Community Development is doing everything possible to get Ballinger considered as a site for the location of a veterans' hospital. At this time the veterans administration has inspectors in this area of West Texas viewing sites after it was announced that a \$2,000,000 hospital is to be located soon and construction to follow immediately. Ballinger would submit the site of Bruce Field where suitable grounds, water, sanitary facilities and a paved road are already available. This would be one of the best uses which could be made of the local field. It would benefit Ballinger nearly as much as the flying school and would bring large numbers of people to this city as well as the patients who would be housed in the hospital buildings. A number of new veterans' facilities must be constructed in the near future to take care of our war casualties as present hospitals are filling fast and many other wounded service men are to be returned to this country shortly. Numerous contacts have been made with Washington officials in an effort to get the Ballinger site considered.

Ballinger city officials recently inspected engineering data on water projects but have decided to do nothing at the present because of the labor shortage, high cost of materials, etc. at this time. It was pointed out that the closing of Bruce Field relieved the city waterworks of much of its peak load makes the present supply go much further. The Wardlaw well also is now available to boost the municipal supply if needed as lines are already laid to the well. In a report on the project it was pointed out that labor costs are double or more and that concrete and other materials cost three times as much as formerly.

The cold wave of the past weekend is expected to retard the budding of trees and possible save much fruit from frost and freezing weather later. Many fruit trees were about to bloom, a few had already blossomed, and others were beginning to show leaves. Little damage is thought to have occurred so far and the cold wave probably will delay growth and prove beneficial.

George Washington Theme of Program For Local Rotarians

Mrs. Leonard Stallings was guest speaker for the Ballinger Rotary Club Tuesday noon, delivering a talk on George Washington. Mrs. Stallings' discourse, different from most talks on the great leader, omitted much of the commonly known facts of his life, and gave more interesting data. In prefatory remarks Mrs. Stallings quoted Calvin Coolidge's tribute to "the father of our country," who stated he was an inspiration to the pulpit, editorial room and the teacher.

In a series of pictures of the early and late life of Washington, the speaker told human interest stories which plainly proved the greatness of the first president. In closing Mrs. Stallings asserted that in these days of trials we would do well to look to the spiritual values which Washington made part of his life. To open the meeting, F. M. Pearce reviewed the February issue of the Rotary magazine. This is a monthly feature designed to stimulate interest in reading the articles in the national publication.

BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD VENISON SUPPER TONIGHT

The annual venison supper for men and boys of the First Baptist Church and a number of special guests will be held tonight in the dining room of the church. Dr. Thomas H. Taylor, president of Howard Payne College, will be the principal speaker and musical numbers will be rendered by the local Baptist quartet and a male quartet from Howard Payne College.

E. C. Grindstaff spent the weekend at San Antonio, attending a council meeting for Lions clubs of this area. He stated that it was voted not to have the Lions convention this year, complying with the recent government request to cancel all meetings of more than fifty people.

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WEST TEXAS NOTES

The Red Cross war fund campaign was launched at Comanche Monday, the committee getting an early start on this "must" program. All organization work has been completed in the county and the quota of \$8,200 is expected to be reached by the end of this week. Roy W. Brannan is county chairman for the 1945 drive.

Brady citizens joined in an appreciation banquet Tuesday evening to honor G. R. White and M. J. Benefield. Mr. White, long-time resident of Brady, was recently elected president of the board of regents of A. & M. College after serving several years on the board. Mr. Benefield recently moved from Brady to Odessa to become secretary of the chamber of commerce at the latter place.

Citizens of Melvin as well as other communities in McCulloch county are looking forward to benefits from a farm-to-market road program to be started as soon as possible and continued into the post-war period. Preliminary work is being done so the county can share in federal appropriations already made.

The Erath county commissioners' court last week let a contract for installation of electrical parts in the clock in the court house at Stephenville. The clock was put in the building in 1891 when the court house was built and served well until recently.

The "March of Dimes" was completed at Winters last week and a total of \$545.73 was collected for infantile paralysis fund. Bottles in business houses collected \$116.60, \$216.50 was taken up at the State Theatre and a special school carnival netted \$209.50. The remainder was donated through the Baptist church.

The Eastland county livestock show is to be held at Cisco on March 24 and some of the most noted authorities in the state will judge the animals in the various

divisions. Among the judges will be Clay Atchison, of Tom Green county, who will look over entries in the cattle division.

Coleman voters favored the issuing of \$60,000 in bonds to construct a war memorial in the city. In a movement launched some months ago plans for a municipal auditorium were submitted to the citizens shortly before the date of the election. The vote was 235 in favor of the issue and 118 against.

Sweetwater parents are receiving letters from members of the municipal youth center council, asking them for advice in regard to operation of the center. The program will be started about March 15 and a budget of \$3,600 has been set up for the first year's operation.

The annual Mitchell county livestock show will be held at Colorado City next Monday and Tuesday. More than 300 entries have been made by 4-H and F. F. A. boys which guarantees one of the biggest exhibits in many years. Heretofore breeders of adjoining counties also will have animals in the show.

Pfc. Erwin Agnew, of Rising Star, has been reported slightly wounded while on combat in Germany. His wife, employed in Eastland, was notified by the war department last week. The message said Pfc. Agnew sustained the wounds on January 20.

The Brown county commissioners' court is studying a proposal for a county home for the aged. The suggestion was presented to the court by members of a Brownwood Sunday school class, who pointed out that the county owned a house in the city that would be suitable for this purpose. A committee composed of the four commissioners and members of the Sunday school class was named to investigate and make a report.

A Cross Plains delegation was in Austin last week to ask the state highway commission to improve the Cross Plains-Brownwood road. Previously the project had been discussed with the Brown county commissioners' court and it is hoped to get this extension of highway No. 279 hard-surfaced.

Mrs. D. C. Hornburg and son, John Carrol, of Fort Worth, are visiting relatives and friends here.

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

Contractors' Notice of Texas Highway Construction

Sealed proposals for constructing 33.148 miles of Flexible Base and Asphaltic Concrete Pavement from Ballinger to San Angelo on Highway No. US 67 and 277, covered by C 158-1&2-8&7, in Runnels and Tom Green County, will be received at the Highway Department, Austin, until 10:00 a. m., February 28, 1945, and then publicly opened and read. The wage rates generally prevailing in this locality, which are listed below, shall apply as minimum wage rates for those employees employed and paid by the Contractor, on this project.

Title of "Laborer," "Workman" or "Mechanic"	Prevailing Minimum (Based on Eight Hour Working Day)
Shovel or Crane Operator	\$8.00
Mechanic	8.00
Crushing Plant Operator	8.00
Roller, Tractor or Blade Operator	6.00
Distributor Driver or Operator	6.00
Broom or Spreader Box Operator	4.80
Truck Driver (over 1 1/2 tons)	4.80
Truck Driver (1 1/2 tons and less)	4.40
Fireman	4.00
Weighter	4.00
Unskilled Laborer	3.60
Flagman	3.20
Watchman	3.20
Water Boy	2.40

Legal holiday work shall be paid for at the regular governing rates. Plans and specifications available at the office of Earl Beavers, Resident Engineer, San Angelo, Texas, and Highway Department, Austin. Usual rights reserved. 15-2t

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness during the illness in our family. Your interest, the beautiful flowers, cards and gifts have all been deeply appreciated and we express our appreciation to each one who had any part in sharing our anxiety. Especially do we wish to thank Dr. C. F. Bailey, Miss Alice Smith and the nurses of the Bailey Clinic-Hospital. We will never forget any of you for your many expressions of interest. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Woody and Mary Brian. It



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The midnight curfew promulgated by War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, effective February 26, will not apply to local amusement centers it is believed here. The curfew calls for most entertainment spots to be closed by midnight, their doors locked at that time. The war mobilizer said ceilings on employees would be denied those who do not cooperate with the closing regulation. Mr. Byrnes also asked the aid of the OPA, ODT and other federal agencies in enforcing the order.

Places of entertainment were defined as night clubs, theatres, sports arenas, dance halls, road houses, saloons, bars and other similar enterprises whether operated publicly or privately. Restaurants engaged exclusively in serving food were excluded from the list. There are no places in Ballinger which are open beyond this hour which come under the curfew. Heretofore midnight shows have been presented by theatres but due to the labor shortage this practice was discontinued some time ago.

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To: John Green, Defendant, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court of Runnels County at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 2nd day of April, A. D. 1945, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said

Court, on the 1st day of February, A. D. 1945, in this cause, numbered 5060 on the docket of said court and styled Laura Green, Plaintiff, vs. John Green, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Sult for divorce and restoration of name, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this 13th day of February, A. D. 1945. (Seal)

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SOCIETY

Mrs. L. Afflerbach is hostess to St. Mary's Society

Mrs. L. Afflerbach was hostess to the Altar Society of St. Mary's Catholic Church Tuesday afternoon in her home on Broadway. Fragrant daffodils graced rooms where defense stamps contributions were made during the business period and eighteen Red Cross kits complete with housewives were turned in. Mrs. Chester Afflerbach taught the Bible study. After sewing on altar linens at the social hour, a salad plate was served with cookies and coffee. Others present were: Mmes. E. C. Scholt, Walter Mueller, Tom Egan, Sr.; Misses Mary Krc, Annie B. Mapes, and the Rev. Edward B. Postert.

Current Book Club in Nixon Home

Days were combined with acad prayers to give a pretty floral ornament to the home of Mrs. Dick Nixon, Sr. Tuesday afternoon when she was hostess to the Current Book Club in her home on Eighth Street.

An interesting health program was presented with Mrs. O. R. Leary and Mrs. Tom Caudle giving articles on the latest findings regarding diseases of the blood, cancer, tuberculosis, and nervous disorders.

After the book exchange fruit cake was served with coffee. Others included were: Mmes. A. J. McDaniel, R. E. Jones, Clifton Glover, Paul Petty, O. C. Sykes, Sam Behringer, John Barton, Chester Cherry, J. Dexter Eoff, O. R. O'Neill, Alex Saunders, and Gertrude Woods.

Tabus Meet

Carolyn Cheatham, vice-president of Tabus, was hostess to the group last Saturday afternoon in her Wilke Terrace home.

After a short business meeting, during which plans were made to go ahead with the apron and overall dance, which had been postponed because of the illness of two members, Mary Brian Woody and Elizabeth Wear, refreshments were served at a down-town drug store.

Others included: Joanne Glover, Louise Kinney, Gwen Morgan, Patricia Richards, Virginia Routh, Charlotte Miller, Natilyne Williams, June Wright, Betty Jean Lengfeld, Lillian Keithley, Betty Jean Underwood, Anna Sue Hemlock, Dorothy Holliday, Martha Saunders, Nancy Guynes, and Virginia Baker.

Mrs. Harry Lynn is Guest Speaker at Comanche Auxiliary Meeting

Mrs. Harry Lynn, Brownwood Presbyterian president, was in Comanche Monday for the regular meeting of the Comanche auxiliary. She was guest speaker and gave an inspirational address.

Farewell Party for John Smith

A farewell party for John Smith was held Sunday with a group of friends present to bid him the best of luck as he enters the army soon, leaving here next Sunday. His wife and daughter, Barbara

will make their home here for the duration.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Wood and Willa Faye, Mrs. Maxine Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Tyne Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lange, Virginia Lou and Ferdinand, Mr. and Mrs. Crayton Stanley and Betty, Chester Wood and Harlan, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Taylor, Jerry and Jo Ann, of Brownwood.

National Thespian Organized

The highest honor which can be attained by a high school student interested in dramatics has been bestowed on nine members of the Cue and Curtain Club. The air of the troupe is "to create a spirit of active and intelligent interest in dramatics among boys and girls in our secondary schools."

There are two double-star members—Gwen Morgan and Elizabeth Routh; and two one-star members—June Wright and Leon King. The other members are: Natilyne Williams, Charlotte Miller, Joanne Glover, Joy Campbell, and Roger Jones.

Officers have been elected and plans are being made for the formal initiation. The officers are: Gwen Morgan, president; Elizabeth Routh, vice-president; June Wright, secretary; and Natilyne Williams, treasurer. Miss Katherine Freeman, the troupe sponsor, deserves full credit for the success of the club.

Luncheon for Junior Group

A valentine luncheon was served members of the La Petite Mademoiselle Club of Junior High School Friday, in the room of the club teacher, Mrs. Lee Parker.

Sandwiches, pickles, potato chips, cookies and drinks were served to: Willie Faye Seipp, Bobby Marie Eoff, Charlene Parrish, Betty Jean Mounce, Doris McClelland, Marlene Tegel, Opal Fikes, Quaba Rae Ferguson, Dorothy Ann Kresta, Fannie Lois Long, Arlette Whitworth, Mildred Hallmark, Blanche Collins, Nancy McKay, Hilda Faye Owens, and Doris McLeod.



First Presbyterian Church

Sunday: 10:00 a. m., Sunday school. Classes for all ages. 11:00 a. m., morning 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, February 25: 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) (A Southern Baptist Church) Sunday, February 25: 9:45 a. m., a standard Sunday school. 11 a. m., sermon by the pastor.

Fifty-Thousand-Dollar Bulls Sold



The world's top priced bulls, \$50,000 each, were sold at the National Western Stock show, Denver, Colo. Richard C. Riggs, Cantonville, Md., buyer of T. T. Triumphant, 29th, the Hereford at left, is shown between the two valuable bulls. E. F. Fisher, auto magnate, purchased the Hereford shown on right for his Hi-Point farm in Michigan.

"The Space of Repentance." 6:30 p. m., Baptist Training Union.

7:30 p. m., the people's gospel hymn hour. Sermon, "The Unceasing Pain."

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.

Wednesday: 7:30 p. m., "All Church Night." The public is cordially invited to worship with us. CLARENCE A. MORTON, Pastor

Zoar Evangelical and Reformed Church, Rowena

Church school, 10:15 a. m. Divine worship, 11:30 a. m. FRANK W. LAMMERT, Pastor

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

REGULAR SERVICES AND DEVOTIONS: Sunday mass: 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of month at 8:30 a. m.; 2nd and 4th Sundays of month at 11:00 a. m. Daily mass at 7:00 a. m. Rosary and Benediction of Blessed Sacrament every Sunday at 7:30 p. m.

Holy Hour with our Eucharistic Lord for our boys and girls (Catholic and non-Catholic) in the service of our country on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 p. m. Devotion of the First Friday in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus after mass on 1st Friday of the month at 7:00 a. m. Confessions: 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays of month, 5:00 to 6:00 p. m., and 7:30 to 8:30 p. m. Before the early mass on Sunday, 7:30 to 8:20 a. m., and before daily mass. Our non-Catholic friends and neighbors are cordially invited to

assist at the above services and devotions. EDW. B. POSTERT, O.M.I., Pastor

Foursquare Gospel Church (104 N. Twelfth Street)

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Worship service at 11 a. m. Junior Crusaders at 7 p. m. Evangelistic service at 8 p. m. Tuesday at 8 p. m., Bible study and prayer service. Friday at 8 p. m., Crusader service.

All are cordially invited to our services. A stranger but once. CARL POOL, Pastor

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.

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

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 God (519 Strong Avenue)

Sunday: 10 a. m., Sunday school. 11 a. m., preaching. 7 p. m., Junior young people. 7 p. m., Senior young people. 7:45 p. m., evening service.

Wednesday: 7:45 p. m., mid-week prayer meeting.

Each Morning: 10 a. m., prayer service. T. N. MINIX, JR., Pastor

First Methodist Church

Sunday, February 25: Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11:00 a. m. Evening worship, 7:30 p. m. H. B. LOYD, Pastor

TEXANS EXCEED GOAL IN VICTORY GARDENS IN PRECEDING YEAR

COLLEGE STATION, Feb. 21.—Texas gardeners met and exceeded their goal of one million victory gardens in 1944 by 143 per cent.

Reports gathered by C. R. Heaton, horticulturist, through county extension service agents show that white and negro farm and urban families, and members of 4-H clubs grew a total of 1,142,679 spring, summer, and fall and winter gardens over the state. This was slightly more than six per cent of the estimated 18,500,000 gardens produced throughout the nation.

According to figures assembled, white families alone hurred the goal with 1,051,983 gardens, and negro families with 90,696 completed the grand total. The total indicates that the number of gardens grown in Texas during the year was three times the average for the other 47 states. But the food resource and mone-

tary value of these vegetable plots raised on farms, and in yards and back lots of town and city dwellers represent staggering amounts. Heaton estimates that the gardens of white families yielded 800,349,685 pounds of food stuffs with a marketable value of \$109,718,227.65, while the estimated yield of those grown by negroes totaled 42,448,112 pounds valued at \$3,302,579. The overall average value per garden was \$98.91.

While no breakdown of production by rural and urban people is available, Heaton estimates that 88 per cent of farm families had gardens in 1944. A survey of the period, January through July, however, indicates the trend of the spring garden program. In the first seven months, victory gardens on farms numbered 328,430 against 327,370 in urban areas. But due perhaps to greater acreage and experience the yield of the farm gardens was four times that of those in towns and cities, with the value of the former more than ten times greater than the latter. In the same period members of 4-H clubs produced 34,812 gardens, having more than 75 per cent of the monetary value of the adult urban production.

Heaton believes there will be no falling off in the number of gardens planted in 1945. One favorable factor is a plentiful supply of seed.

Pay-day is bond-buying day.

SHORT COURSE ON POULTRY IS NETWORK RADIO FEATURE

County Agent John A. Barton calls attention of all poultry raisers to the radio short course originating at A. & M. College and to be presented over a number of Texas stations.

Stations broadcasting the program are KPRC, WBAP, WOAI and WTAW. A feature of the Texas farm and home program, it will be heard at 6 a. m.

The schedule of broadcasts is February 26, 27, 28, and March 1 and 2.

Enrollment blanks are available at the county agent's office for those who wish to enroll in the short course, listen to as many as four broadcasts, and receive a certificate from the extension service. Prominent authorities on poultry will speak on each of the five programs.

A similar short course on "Growing a Spring Garden" will be held from March 12 through March 17 and will cover practically every phase of gardening. Enrollment blanks also are available for this short course.



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Youth Center Operation To Commence at Once

Directors of the youth center and the library board held a joint meeting Sunday afternoon to hear reports of the finance committee and other details in connection with the youth center.

Following the adoption of a constitution and by-laws, the hearing of reports and a general discussion, it was voted to employ a hostess and proceed with operation of the youth center at once.

The finance committee report revealed funds still lacking for full-time operation of both the library and center, and it was voted to accept contributions on a sustaining fund. Most of those present made monthly contributions to be drawn each first through a local bank and a drive is to be conducted to raise the additional money required to provide a full-time program for the youths of this section.

It also was voted to call for donations on a fund to be used in making repairs and improvements on the building. The first work is to be completion of the basement so that space can be used by the Girl Scouts for their regular meetings. There are already a number

of active troops who have no regular meeting place.

The house committee held a meeting to schedule meetings at the youth center to prevent conflicts and it was thought that the center would be kept open three nights a week for the present. Several stoves are being added to utilize the entire building.

A number of changes will be made on the interior of the building as soon as the required money can be raised. The library will be cut off from the rest of the building, a kitchen equipped, and numerous games provided in certain sections.

The entertainment committee is planning an open house soon after March 1, at which time the public will be invited to visit the center and see what is being provided and planned to give the young people of the community in the way of organization and social gatherings.

Any parents who is willing to donate to the sustaining fund for this work is urged to notify some member of the committee composed of F. M. Pearce, C. E.

Maedgen and Troy Simpson. About \$100 a month is needed to provide a full-time program.

The new arrangements will not affect the library in any particular and regular hours and service will be maintained. Women's clubs who have a room there for their regular meetings will continue to meet there. Activities will be scheduled so no conflicts will occur.

Dr. O. H. Chandler, chairman of the building committee, estimated that about \$1,500 is needed to properly repair the building and add the necessary improvements. This money, it was agreed, must come from public subscriptions.

Election Managers For Boxes in County Appointed by Court

The Runnels county commissioners' court has named election managers and judges for all the boxes in the county to serve during 1945. These officials will have charge of all regular elections (excepting the Democratic primaries) held in this county.

The appointments, with managers named first, are as follows:

Ballinger No. 1, Nat Williams, Ed Sommer

Hatchel, A. B. Davis, Earl Caudle

Benoit, J. Milton Clayton, J. L. Green

Crews, E. W. Rainwater, Noble Faubion

Takeen, J. W. Bright, Warren Aldridge

Harmony, Bryant Bishop, W. T. Billups

Winters No. 7, Buford Owens, R. B. Osborne, Miss Loyle Kornegay

Victory, Jim Eoff, Ernest Marks

Pumphrey, W. O. Hudson, Howard Mitchell

Wingate, W. L. Burns, Ed Dean

Baldwin, Henry Mitchell, W. J. Gardner

Wilmet, E. E. Berryman, Elgin Davidson

Cochran, Wayne Roberts, Earl Chapman

North Norton, Kirby Robinson, L. B. Hambricht

Marie, G. W. Shelton, Henry Pruitt

Maverick, J. M. Slaughter, Alto Lee

South Norton, Roy Roper, D. E. Compton

Hagan, John Duke, L. Nunn

Brookshier, M. L. Nixon, Herbert Holland

Miles, B. F. Moore, N. S. Wright, E. J. Schwartz

Rowena, Henry Teplicek, H. A. Braden

Offen, Ed Hoelscher, Wm. Halfmann

Bethel, M. W. McShan, Claude Simmons

Ballinger No. 24, Joe Forman, Ralph Ballew

Dale, J. S. Brown, Jim Phelps

Winters No. 26, H. Baldwin, W. B. Oliver, J. D. Sowell

Oak Creek, J. H. Clark, George Cope

Ballinger No. 28, J. A. Schnable, Roy Pinson

Ballinger No. 29, Marvin Williams, A. J. Thorp, R. M. Lowry.

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Methodist Revival Interest Increases; Will Close March 4

The revival at the First Methodist Church has been growing in interest and attendance during the week and the pastor, Rev. H. B. Loyd, announces that services will be continued each evening through next week, beginning at 8:00 p. m.

The weather cut attendance the first three nights but many members of the church are assisting the pastor in visitation and inviting people to attend during the remaining days of this special campaign.

Musical programs with special numbers are featured each evening and all singers in the congregation are invited to assist the chorus.

Rev. Loyd is bringing stirring gospel messages each night and will lead up to the Crusade for Christ campaign during the second week of the revival.

Sunday afternoon a large number of members of the local church cooperating with three other Ballinger churches made a religious survey of the city. Territories were assigned workers and all homes in each section were visited. From this information systematic visitation is being done this week in an effort to increase church membership and attendance.

G. Is Offered Help In Return to Farm When Firing Stops

COLLEGE STATION, Feb. 21.—Looking ahead to the post-war years, the Eastland county agricultural victory council recently wrote to all the men in the armed service who had gone for their county. They asked the G. Is if they had any plans for the future and offered assistance to those who expressed an interest in farming. From their answers, the committee now can devise plans for helping these veterans get established, once demobilization gets under way.

Floyd Lynch, Eastland county agricultural agent, says without exception the men welcome news from home and the knowledge that organized volunteer groups are interested in their welfare. While some plan to remain in the armed services for a while and others want to continue their education, a few still have no definite plans, the replies show.

A corporal expressed an interest to "own my own farm after the war if there is any plan whereby I can borrow money to get started." This word came from a sergeant: "I'd prefer a large portion of my land in grass for cattle raising. It doesn't have to be in any certain community, just so it is in Eastland county." A private said he hoped to take a course at A. & M. College and then do dairy farming.

One zealous G. I. wrote: "When I get out of the army I would like to buy a farm and get dairy cattle and some beef cattle and swine, and turkeys, too. I'd also like to work with 4-H boys and girls and help them have one of the biggest clubs in the United States."

The veterans' assistance committee of the Rusk county agricultural victory council sent off a similar questionnaire. About 45 per cent of the men replying expressed a wish to engage in farming.

Sheriff's Sale
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF RUNNELS
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Arthur Schantz and Ernest Schantz, dba Electric Service Company, Plaintiffs,

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Part of Block No. 31 of the Original Town of Hatchel, Runnels County, Texas, being the East 50 feet of Block 31, original townsite of Hatchel, Runnels County, Texas, and a tract of land 50x300 feet immediately adjoining same on East side thereof and being the 50 feet East and West by 300 feet North and South on the East side of Block

31; also a tract of 50 feet East and West by 300 feet North and South immediately adjoining the above described lot, and on the East side of the same; together with all property thereon situated and to be constructed thereon, specifically including the gas, seed house, boiler room and all other structures located thereon, and including and covering all machinery and equipment used in connection with said land, among others, but not exclusively being:

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- 1—Murray double bos cotton press
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Also all electrical wiring and accessories thereon and connected therewith; and on the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1945, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said J. T. Browning and R. L. Browning in and to said property.

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Abbott & Costello are Lost in a Harem. And, when these clown princes of screen and radio cut

loose among the cuties of the harem, there are no gags barred! They're out to set a new high in fun-making, and the stratosphere is the limit in the film, which is to be shown at the Ritz Theatre next Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, February 24, 25, 26 and 27.

It is against this colorful background, the most lavish of any Abbott & Costello laughfest, that the comedy team returns to the screen after a year's absence, caused by the illness of Costello.

A spectacular musical setting, highlighted by Jimmy Dorsey's band, serves as the ideal stepping stone to stardom for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's new pin-up favorite and glamour queen, Marilyn Maxwell. The former dance band songstress, seen recently as Van Johnson's sweetheart in the "Dr. Gillespie" pictures, sings five popular love ballads, and dances for the first time on the screen.

Opposite her, as Hollywood's newest find among young leading men, is John Conte, famed radio partner of Frank Morgan's air show. He teams with Marilyn in two of her musical numbers as a romantic prince in a mythical Far Eastern land.

Abbott & Costello find the perfect situation for their infectious brand of comic capers as a pair of prop men with a theatrical troupe stranded in the mystic country. Besides harem lovelies and desert cutthroats, the comic duo meet up with dancing camels, talking skeletons, a nine-foot giant, as well as tangling with dancers, fire eaters, magicians, jugglers and other entertainers in a great oriental festival.

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'Together Again'



Scene from "Together Again" at Texas Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday

Dunne and Boyer Together Again in 'Together Again'

The words "together again" have always had a magical effect on the movie-goer. They have always meant that two or more of their favorite stars were once more to gaze into each other's eyes with that look. The news, therefore, that one of the most popular teams of all times, Irene Dunne and Charles Boyer, will return in Columbia Pictures' "Together Again," at the Texas Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, February 25, 26, 27, will be greeted with enthusiasm.

First captivating audiences as a team in "Love Affairs" and later in "When Tomorrow Comes," Boyer and Dunne have been separated for some time. But movie fans have a way of expressing their desires and getting them heard by the film powers. So here are Boyer and Dunne together again, but with an additional something—Charles Coburn.

"Together Again," according to advance reports, is a gay, romantic comedy about the mayor (Irene Dunne) of a small town in Vermont and a sculptor from the big city. When lightning strikes the statue of her dead husband, former mayor of the same town, Irene decides to go to New York and contract for another one. She is advised by her crotchety father-in-law (Coburn) to have a good time besides, buy a gay hat and get away from the confining influences of civic virtue.

Since the sculptor turns out to be Boyer, it can be imagined quite easily that said instructions from Coburn are not difficult to follow. Besides the two stars, the cast includes: Mona Freeman, young actress making her Columbia debut; Jerome Courtland, Elizabeth Patterson, Charles Dingle.

East Side Kids in Newspaper Yarn and Jinx Falkenberg in Giddy Musicalulu Coming to Texas "Bowery Champs," featuring the East Side Kids, and "Tahiti Nights," starring beautiful Jinx Falkenberg, are the two films in the double-feature program at the Texas Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday. A newsreel and a "Popeye" cartoon also are to be presented on these dates. Newspaper methods are jolted to a violent shake-up in "Bowery Champs," action drama of city life. The usual popular combination of Leo Gorcey, Huntz Hall, Gabriel Dell, Billy Benedict and Bobby Jordan have their own ideas about how to acquire scoops and even routine news, and their

'A Wave, a Wac and a Marine' Plus 'Stagecoach to Monterey' to Palace

"A Wave, a Wac and a Marine," comedy with music, and "Stagecoach to Monterey," exciting western, make up the feature portion of the program at the Palace tomorrow (Friday), Saturday and Sunday, February 23, 24 and 25. In addition are several short subjects and a serial episode.

An amazing galaxy of screen stars appears in "A Wave, a Wac and a Marine," lavishly staged Monogram film. The long list of favorites includes Elyse Knox, Sally Eilers, Richard Lane, Anne Gilles, Ramsay Ames, Marjorie Woodworth, Henry Youngman, Charles "Red" Marshall and Alan Dinehart.

Much of the story is laid behind the scenes in a motion picture studio, and there are many interesting glimpses of the activities in these forbidden precincts of Hollywood, as well as backstage at a New York musical show.

Another in the series of exciting westerns produced by Republic and starring tall athletic Allan Lane, is "Stagecoach to Monterey." Gun battles, chases on horseback

and an exciting buckboard race keep the picture's action moving rapidly, while Wally Vernon supplies the comedy. Peggy Stewart has the top feminine role and Roy Barcroft and LeRoy Mason are seen as the "heavies" who try to bilk the minters in a small western town out of their earnings, but the issuance of fraudulent mint certificates.



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'Shadows in Night' Based on Thrilling 'Crime Doctor' Bits

For more than three years before Columbia Pictures began its thrilling "Crime Doctor" series, the third of which "Shadows in the Night," starring Warner Baxter, is to be shown at the Texas Theatre Wednesday and Thursday of next week, February 28, March 1. These dramatic episodes about the unerring crime psychologist, Dr. Ordway, are one of radio's most popular programs. A network of 114 stations carried them across the country to a listening audience of 11,000,000 people.

According to advance reports on "Shadows in the Night," "Crime Doctor" fans have something special in store for them. We are told that it not only has a thrilling story, packed with deceptive clues, human and believable characteristics, but an overall eerie atmosphere which will make the sterner spine quiver, the most hardened skin prickle with goose pimples.

Murder is said to stalk in the wake of a live ghost as Dr. Ordway is called upon to solve the mystery of a lovely girl's nightmares which are not only driving her mad but to the brink of a cliff by the sea over which waits certain death. Nina Foch, that young Columbia contract player who is proving herself to be a great dramatic find plays the haunted girl. She is reported to make another firm step forward in the career everyone expects to become so brilliant.

Others in the cast include Ben Welden, George Zucco, Edward Norris, Lester Matthews, and Jeanne Bates.

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13,093 miles of track serving the Southwest Santa Fe, as the map above shows, is an important lap on the "Route to Tokyo." That's why, during the past several months, travelers have seen armies of "Men at Work" all along our lines. Capacity of our yards has been increased.

Curves have been ironed out so trains may get around them faster. New Diesel "head ends" are pulling bigger loads up mountain grades. Ingenious Centralized Traffic Control Systems have been installed at important points so the same rails can carry 50 per cent more traffic. A new Santa Fe bridge is now being built across the Colorado River. We have enlarged our capacity to meet the increasing loads of war. There will be no slackening of our job until the war is completely won.



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30% Range Cubes
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Cow Feed
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Alfalfa Meal
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32% Hen Supplement
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FOR SALE—One Allis-Chalmers tractor and equipment. R. W. Bruce. 25-1f

Incubator running. Place your order for baby chicks and custom hatching. Reese's Hatchery. 25-1f

FOR SALE—O-P John Deere tractor with 2-row planter and cultivator, two 6-ply 900 by 36 tires, prewar tubes. Jeff Haines, Box 64, Maverick. 1-3f

FOR SALE—Trade: the Ballinger Courts, 6 units, furnished or unfurnished. H. B. Boyd, Coleman, Texas. 8-1f

BOOK WANTED—Will pay \$25.00 for good copy "The Cattle Industry of Texas and Adjacent Territory," 743 pages, printed 1896. Describe exact condition of contents and binding. H. Sender, 712 East 47th, Kansas City, Missouri. 22-2f

FOR SALE—Small home, reasonably close in, for cash, at a bargain, located at the corner of 11th Street and Sargent Ave. in Ballinger. For price see C. P. Shepherd, Administrator of the Estate of John Abner Turner, Deceased. 22-1f

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FOR SALE—100 acres close to Miles, well water, possession, \$45 per acre. 150 acres close to Lowake, well improved, fine water, \$55 per acre. W. Gallia, Rowena, Texas. 11-1f

Will be in Ballinger, Monday, Feb. 26, to take special orders for Venetian Blinds. Leave calls at Central Hotel.
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FOR RENT—Bedroom with private bath. 302 Fifth Street. Telephone 5. 8-1f

FOR SALE:
Small farm near Ballinger. Two farms near Norton. One farm near Maverick. Priced to Sell. Possession arranged.
A. M. King 8-3*

For J. R. Watkins Products: Liniment, Flavorings, Cosmetics, etc., see or write Mrs. Walter McDorman, Box 634, Ballinger city dealer. 15-3f*

WANTED—Three unfurnished rooms, permanent. S. A. Mathis, phone 145. 15-2f*

FOR SALE—Two guaranteed milk cows, fresh in April. 600 foot Masonite. Boy's bicycle. No. 1 used lumber. Clay W. Barbee, South Ballinger. 15-2f*

FOR SALE—By owner. One six and one eight room residence, close in. Phone 585. 500 Park Avenue. 15-3f*

Sand and gravel or dirt for sale. See L. H. Bounds at the filling station, Tenth and Hutchings. 15-2f*

FOR SALE—Farmall, regular, with or without 2 row planter and cultivator. John J. Zak, route 1. 15-2f*

FOR SALE—Simmons baby bed. 405 Sixth Street. 15-2f*

FOR RENT—Furnished two room apartment. Call after 2:00 o'clock. 1306 Ninth St. 15-2f

FOR RENT—Nice, light upstairs office room. Talbot Bldg. Price reasonable. E. P. Talbot. 15-1f

FOR SALE—Sudan seed, free of Johnson grass. E. P. Talbot. 15-1f

FOR SALE—Three hogs for \$100, two gilts and one barrow. J. A. Patterson, route 2, Ballinger. 22-1f*

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John Deere engine, ten horsepower.
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Four all-purpose tractors and equipment
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WANTED—Elderly woman for companion. Mrs. W. C. Barrett, Norton. Phone 3702. 22-3f*

FOR SALE—Burroughs nine-column adding machine. See Roy L. Hill. 22-1f*

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Health Baths, Scientific Massage
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Nitroglycerine and other vital national defense needs are extracted from greases from dead livestock. We'll pick up unskinned dead animals within 50 miles of San Angelo. We buy old greases, hides, old horses and mules. Call collect, day or night.
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Cold Exterminator as directed

Boyd's Nursery

has plenty Pecan, Shade and Fruit trees, Roses and Flowering Shrubs.
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FOR RENT—Furnished south apartment. 304 Fourth Street, phone 98. 1f

FOR SALE—Either heifer with small heifer calf or a cow. Also electric brooder, truck axle, and boat. J. W. Reese, Route 2. 22-2f*

FOR SALE—Two wheel trailer house, 8x12 H. G. Bradley, Ballinger Rt. 2. 22-2f*

See me about your real estate needs. Have some good listings, but badly in need of more. If reasonably priced, I'll sell it.
J. FRANK SMITH
Office in Bakery Bldg. Eighth Street. 1f

Robert Holliday, of Houston, visited relatives here the past week-end.
Mrs. M. H. Watson, of Lufkin, is here this week to visit relatives.

Don't Waste Feed—Have your grinding done now. Will call for your feed, grind and deliver. Aubrey Brunson, Headstream Gin. 15-1f

JOB WANTED—Typing and general office work; married woman. Box 111, Ballinger Ledger. 22-1f*

STRAYED—Black Boston female bulldog. Scar on top of head. Answers to "Pug." Phone 495. Reward. 1f*

LOST—Lady's wrist watch, "Grant," yellow gold. Return to Morgan's Wrecking Shop. 1f*

FOR SALE—Bedroom suite, springs and mattress. See Mrs. Jim Duke at Holland's. 1f

FOR SALE—One double sulky, with power life for tractor, double disc harrow and honey extractor. Victor Mika, Rt. 2. 22-3f*

FOR SALE—One Clark Jewel gas range stove, and other household articles. Mrs. A. F. Brock, 1009 Broadway. 22-1f

FOR RENT—Five room apartment, private bath, entire upper floor. Frigidaire; concrete floor garage, servants' quarters with gas. 404 Broadway. 1f

FOR RENT—Small two room apartment, to one or a couple; Frigidaire and garage, furnished, bills paid. 301 Thirteenth Street. 22-1f

FOR SALE—Ford Seal Complete Change-Over—35, 36, 37, 38, 39 models. Frank Flynt Motor Co. 1f-H

FOR SALE—Ford 1 1/2 ton copper radiators. Frank Flynt Motor Co. 1f-H

FOR RENT—Four room duplex apartment, call 288, after six 284. 22-1f

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Ballingerites Oppose Judicial Districting Bill Offered in House

County Judge E. C. Grindstaff and Drury P. Hathaway were in Austin Wednesday to oppose a judicial redistricting bill introduced in the House by Rep. C. M. McFarland, of Wichita Falls, which if passed, would abolish 26 district courts in Texas.
Opposition was voiced here because the 119th judicial district would be eliminated by the bill and Runnels county would be put in a district with Coke, Sterling, Nolan, Mitchell and Scurry counties. It is believed here that such a district would not be to the best interests of this county and that the size would be too great for adequate court service.

At present the 119th district serves Concho and Runnels counties exclusively and overlaps in Coleman county with the 35th district and in San Angelo with the 51st district. O. L. Parish is judge of the 119th judicial district.

A number of other county delegations were in Austin on the same mission. It was declared that the bill also would eliminate the 104th district which serves Abilene and protesting delegations from that district also were in Austin.

Other Ballinger men going to Austin Wednesday were F. M. Pearce and D. G. Posey, on veterans' business, and Nat Williams on school business.

Coach Felton T. Wright went to Breckenridge Tuesday to attend to business and confer with school officials.

Rural News

HERRING
We are having some very cold, disagreeable weather after such nice, spring-like weather last week.

We had 34 in Sunday school last Sunday, which was a large crowd considering the cold, misty weather. We are still without a pastor, but have hopes of having preaching the next two Sundays and urge all members of the church to be there and hear these preachers.

The F. F. A. stock show was held at Talpa Saturday despite the cold. We did not attend but are sure the boys of our community took their share of prizes for they have good animals.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fuller, of San Angelo, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Fuller and Sue. They all visited Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Belcher and family, of Barnett, Sunday.

Miss Ida May Day, of Brownwood, spent the week-end in the Lonnie Allcorn home.

Pfc. Chester Simpson has finished his basic training at Camp Hood, Texas, and is visiting relatives on a delay en route to Fort Hoard, California.

Randall White went to Ft. Sam Houston the first of this week for a pre-induction examination.

Mrs. Rube Whitley spent Saturday with Mrs. A. E. Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McWilliams entertained with a forty-two party Saturday night.

CREWS
The attendance at church services Sunday were slight, due to the inclement weather. Only light showers fell Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Woodrow Worthington and children, of Levelland, are spending a few days in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Fuller. Mrs. Worthington believes Pvt. Worthington has sailed.

Two local boys, Cpl. Billie Mathis and Bradley Pape, met recently on the East Coast. They had only a 45-minute visit.

Sgt. and Mrs. Leon Pumphrey and family, of San Antonio, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pumphrey, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Robinson, of Ballinger, recently heard from the war department that their son, J. P., of the infantry, was wounded and died later that day. He was fighting on the western front. He died in an army hospital in France. J. P. was reared in this community, and enlisted some three years ago. His parents later moved to their present home in Ballinger. His sister, Mrs. Roy Lee, resides in this community.

Survivors besides the parents include three sisters, Miss Dorothy Jean, Miss Mary Eta, of Ballinger; Mrs. Roy Lee, of Crews; three brothers, Sgt. Gordon Robinson, of McCloskey Hospital, Temple; Sheppard Robinson, and little W. E. of Ballinger.

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To Our Patrons

We are starting to move our equipment Saturday morning, but will continue to render service in our present location until our new plant is ready to go.

In this way we will not in the least inconvenience our customers and you are invited to call for your clothing at the old location at least until Tuesday morning when we will try to be ready in our new building to render a better service than at any time in the past.

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Hi Ho Crackers 1-Lb. Pkg. 21¢
Plum Preserves Tok-A-Taste 16-Oz. Jar 25¢
Catsup Red Hill (12 Points) 12 1/2-Oz. Bot. 15¢

Peaches Highway Sliced or Halves (40 Pts.) 5-Lb. Jar 24¢
Golden Syrup A. B. 5-Lb. Jar 39¢
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Tomatoes Highway Extra No. 2 1/2 12-Oz. Can 17¢
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DISCOVER... delicious... juicy meats.
Grade B Beef
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Steak Sirloin 11 Points Lb. 35c
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GROUND VEAL Fresh Ground Lb. 27¢

Young Hens Dressed and Drawn Lb. 48¢
Stew Meat Short Rib (1 Point) Lb. 17¢

Standard Oysters Eastern Pt. 90c
Frankfurters Large Size (17 Points) Lb. 32¢

Assorted LUNCH MEATS Lb. 29¢
Sliced BEEF LIVER Lb. 35¢

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Butter Fresh Creamery (24 Points) Lb. 49¢
Margarine Sunbuck (3 Points) Lb. 17¢
Fresh Eggs Select in Cartons Doz. 33¢

Flour Kitchen Craft Finest Quality 10-Lb. Bag 56¢
Flour Gold Medal or Pillsbury's Best 10-Lb. Bag 56¢

Dinner Luxury Macaroni (1 1/2 Red Points) 6-Oz. Pkg. 5¢
Rice Blue Base Cello Pack 1-Lb. Pkg. 11¢

Baby Foods Clippis 4 1/4-Oz. Can 8¢
Raisins Sun-Maid Seedless 16-Oz. Pkg. 15¢

Beverages
Airway Coffee 2 1-Lb. Pkg. 41¢
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Oranges California Navel 5 Lb. 47¢

Texas Carrots 5¢
Sunkist Lemons 11¢

Oranges Texas Valencia Lb. 7¢
Grapefruit Texas Seedless Lb. 6¢
Grapefruit Florida Lb. 7¢

Potatoes Idaho Russet or Cal. Triumph 5 Lb. 21¢
Lettuce California Lb. 9¢
Celery Spanish Blended Lb. 13¢
Rutabagas Wood Turbigo Lb. 5¢
Cauliflower Texas Lb. 9¢