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Local Men in Washington On Hospital Application

E. Shepperd and Tom Caudle are in Washington, D. C., this week pushing the application of Ballinger for the veterans' hospital to be located somewhere in this part of the state. Cards from the men written while in St. Louis stated they had reservations on to Washington and would be there ready to work Monday morning and will remain in the capital until they had contacted all authorities concerned with the location of the institution.

It was planned to contact heads of the veterans' bureau, congressmen from this region and other groups in Washington and to find out if there is anything more this city can do to foster the application.

A news dispatch from Washington last week listed a number of

cities seeking the hospital but did not name Ballinger. This item also revealed that approximately \$1,800,000 would be spent in construction of the 250-bed capacity hospital. It was further disclosed that later developments might increase the capacity of the hospital to 1,000 beds to care for World War II men being returned to the United States for treatment.

Bruce Field has been offered as a site and after an inspection it was stated that it met all requirements. The Ballinger representatives in Washington will secure all information possible regarding the location of the institution and if there is anything else necessary are in a position to include this in the official application.

Landing Barges Used by Marines at Iwo Jima



Loaded with Leatherneck fighting men, scores of Antracs churn the water into white foam as they speed to the beaches of Iwo Jima, the Japanese "Gibraltar," only 750 miles from Tokyo. In left background are some of the ships of the big navy armada that covered the invasion. This photo is from a coast guard motion picture flown to Washington.

Grindstaff Named County Chairman for War Loan

Pvt. James Schott Killed in Combat in Burma Theatre

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Schott received a message from the war department Tuesday morning informing that their son, Pvt. James W. Schott, was killed in action on February 4 in Burma. The telegram gave no other particulars but said a letter would follow.

Mr. and Mrs. Schott had been very anxious about their son as they had received no mail for the past two months and knew he had left India and gone into Burma with a combat group.

Pfc. Schott entered the army when he was 18 years of age and had served about two years. He was first sent to India with the medical corps after completing training in this country. Later he was transferred to a combat unit.

The young man graduated from the Ballinger high school in 1942, and attended the Texas School of Embalming, Dallas, being the youngest student ever admitted to this school. After finishing this course he was employed by the Agnew Funeral Home until he was inducted into the army July 8, 1943.

He received his first training in the medical corps at Camp Barkley. Next he was stationed at the O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Mo., where he graduated from a medical technical school. He then went to the Birmingham General Hospital, Van Nuys, California, and from there to Camp Beale, California. He left for duty overseas in May, 1944, first going to India.

After service in India he was sent into Burma with the Mars Task Force, 124th cavalry unit, in December, 1944. Since then his parents received no mail directly from him but the war department had kept them posted.

Survivors besides the parents include a brother, Oscar Schott, of Mason.

There will be a high requirement mass at St. Mary's Church as soon as it can be arranged.

Lockett Shelton, representative of the U. S. treasury and in charge of war bond sales in this area, was here Friday to assist in securing a county chairman for the seventh war loan drive.

In a meeting held at the city hall, Judge E. C. Grindstaff was named chairman for Runnels county and accepted the big responsibility. He conferred with Mr. Shelton Wednesday to obtain all possible information on the upcoming war loan and within a short time will appoint community chairman and other special workers for the campaign which officially opens May 14 and continues through June.

The national quota is the same asked for the sixth war loan, \$14,000,000,000, but the series E quota has been raised 60 per cent. County quotas have not been set but Mr. Shelton said Runnels countians could expect a substantial boost in the series E goal.

In the sixth war loan drive the series E quota for Runnels county was about \$385,000 and if this county is asked for 60 per cent more it will require over \$600,000 in E bonds. Mr. Shelton pointed out that this was a new year and that every purchaser could buy the maximum of E bonds, which is \$5,000 for each member of the family.

While the drive will officially open May 14, all E bonds bought in April, May and June will count on the quota.

Bond sales here since the last national campaign have lagged, it was stated, and at the same time bank deposits are expected to be the largest in the history of the county, even larger than the figures taken for determining community quotas in the sixth war loan drive.

Miss Johnnie R. Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jones, was here for a visit last week before reporting for assignment at Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Striplin returned this week from Memphis and Vernon and will be here for a few days.

More Money Still Needed to Reach Red Cross Goal

A check-up Wednesday afternoon on the Red Cross war fund campaign revealed much work still to be done in Runnels county. The \$17,100 quota is to be attained. Some community committees have completed their work and are well over the top. Ballinger citizens have subscribed a little more than half their quota and Saturday has been set as the date to call at every door in Ballinger and ask for a contribution. Girl Scouts will start early Saturday morning and continue throughout the day until all homes have been visited. Gary Hoffins, city chairman, urges that every resident be ready when the girls call and have a contribution for this cause.

No reports have been received from some communities but it is known committees have been at work and their full quotas are expected to be turned in this week-end. No report has been received this week from the northern portion of the county but the drive was well along last week and is believed to be about completed.

The following community reports from the southern half of the county were made here yesterday afternoon:

Ballinger, \$3,229; quota \$6,000
Groenwald, \$251.75; quota \$250
Runnels, \$163.25; quota \$200
Dry Ridge, \$105; quota \$150
Humble Pump Station, \$102.50; quota \$250

Bethel, \$308.68; quota \$250
Offen, \$260; quota \$250
Rowena, \$69.50; quota \$650
Blanton, \$292.50; quota \$250
Brookshier, \$132.50; quota \$100
Hagan-Barnett, \$302.55; quota \$250

Maverick, \$62.50; quota \$200
Spring Hill, \$177; quota \$150
Miles, with a quota of \$650, was over the top but the exact amount donated was not known here.

No reports were in from Norton, Kristoff, Millar, Benoit, Cross Roads or Sweet Home but committees are known to be working in each place and reports probably will come in this week-end. Several other towns with small totals reported are expected to be over on the week-end reports.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Bilbrey visited their son, S-Sgt. Charles Bilbrey, at the Harmon General Hospital, Longview, the past week-end and found him improving. His wife and baby are there with him at this time. Mr. Bilbrey said his two other sons are still in France and all right.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bryan have received a letter from their son, Ensign E. J. Baker, in which he stated he was now at Pearl Harbor.

22 Men Inducted; Physicals Passed By Large Number

The Runnels county draft board this week certified a large number of men who have been inducted and accepted by the army and navy and another list of men who have passed physical examinations and are awaiting calls.

Those accepted after passing all examinations are:

Army
J. W. Richards
James Marrion Mitchell
Willie Pape
Norman Jack Phillips
E. Vannoy Smith
Charlie Frank Davis
Malford D. Hurt
Jack Poindexter
Abelino Pena Prendez
Otis Dell McAllister
Troy Russell Wood
James Hilton Yarnell
Richard Dale Hembree
Weldon Scott Morris
Jack Howard Pritchard
Aivin Ernest Spreen

Navy
Robert Charles Simpson
Jim Carroll Smith
Joe Thomas Jones
Billie Joe Long
Leopoldo Garcia Pena
Wilson Lee Wright

Those in this county who have passed physicals for general military service are:

Joseph Kelly Chapman, Dalton
Lloyd Grissom, Elbert Glenn Parker, Charles Wilson Humphries, Monroe Wilson Boles, Edward Charles Kotrlak, William Riley Murphy, Jr., Alphy Roy Robinson, James L. Reed, Thomas Wesley Malone, Jr., Jose Carmona Alvarado, Curtis Lawrence Green, Jr., Arlie V. Caffey, Johnnie Doyle Hoffman, Arthur Willibald Gully, Marion Howard Williams, Jr., Jarrell Matthew Giles, Robert Wilker Evans, Randall E. White, James Durward Hamilton, Max Edward Fisher, Kenneth Glenn Gerard, John Kirksey McNeill, Virtus Ebans Gideon, Richard Terrell Woodrow, Gus Richard Redman, Jr., James Horace Sprott, Albert Ferdinand Rogge, Galo Alfaro, Iils B. Simpson, Foy E. Wayne Bryan, Bayne Miller, Fred Adolph Ernst, Robert Lawrence Herring, Harold Raymond Wright, Walter Henry Halfmann, Virgil Wayne Seals, Weldon Otto Buxkemper, Halley Chester Schwartz, Daniel Gresham, Jr., James Carroll Harrell, Robert Lee Holder, Henry Aloys Schraer, Richard Dan Proctor, Dayton Hicks Hoffman, Kenneth Ray Dewees, James Wilfred Willis, Herman Ray Virden, Jack Murrell Campbell, Jack Polk.

SERVING UNCLE SAM

Brother of Mrs. Paul Kirk Prisoner of War

Mrs. Paul Kirk received a telegram Tuesday from her mother, Mrs. N. L. Davis, who is doing war work in Portland, Oregon, as follows: "Information just received Dick German prisoner, letter follows." Staff Sergeant Earl L. (Dick) Davis was reported missing in action on November 15, 1944. He was a gunner on a B-17 but on this particular mission was an assistant radio operator. All other members of the crew had already been reported prisoners of war. It is now known that none was killed and only one injured in the crash when he sustained a broken ankle.

Lt.-Col. Williams in States

Lt.-Col. Glynn Elwin Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Williams, telephoned his parents Monday morning from New York city soon after he landed in this country. The call, at 5 a. m. here, came as a complete surprise to the parents who did not know he was being returned home. Lt.-Col. Williams had been with the 8th air force in England for a considerable time and is in the States for a three months' course at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. He told his parents he would have some time to visit them during his special training period. Upon completion of the course he will be sent back to foreign service in some area.

Good Conduct Medal to Ballinger Girl

GREAT FALLS, Montana, Mar. 14.—Private First Class Esperanza Lopez, daughter of Mrs. Paula B. Lopez, 403 Hutchings Avenue, Ballinger, attached to the 7th ferrying group, ferrying division, air transport command, Great Falls, Montana, was recently awarded the good conduct medal. The good conduct medal is awarded to enlisted personnel who demonstrate fidelity through faithful and exact performance of duty, efficiency through capacity to produce desired results and whose behavior has been such as to deserve emulation. Pfc. Lopez has been with the 7th ferrying group since February 4, 1944.

Mrs. Price Middleton and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Middleton left Tuesday morning for El Paso to be there when Major Price Middleton arrived Wednesday at Beaumont General Hospital. Major Middleton came home on a hospital ship last week and after a few days stay in North Carolina, telegraphed his wife that he was being sent to El Paso. He has been overseas 23 months and had much combat experience in Italy and France. He wears the silver star, purple heart with oak leaf clusters, and ribbons for Italian and French campaigns.

Cpl. and Mrs. Marion L. Tillery, of Abilene, are the parents of a daughter, born February 16. The young miss weighed 7½ pounds upon arrival and has been named Flora Ann. Cpl. Tillery is stationed at Camp Berkeley.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Adair received a letter this week from their son, Lt. Dillard Adair, informing them that he had been on a hospital ship for an operation but was better and ready to return to his ship.

EDITORIAL

Ballinger is falling far behind in the Red Cross war fund drive. With a quota of \$6,000 a total of \$3,229 had been collected to Wednesday afternoon. Most of the downtown committees have covered their territories and the residential section will be worked by Girl Scouts Saturday.

In the face of all the Red Cross has done for the men on battlefronts, for prisoners of war, for wounded through the blood banks and many other services, this drive should not drag and become bad publicity to go to the men from this county on front line jobs, in hospitals and elsewhere.

This week one Ballinger boy who has served a two-year stretch in the Pacific, in three major operations against the Japs, sent his check for \$5 and stated that he wanted to have a part with his home town in raising this fund. Other towns have even received checks from men who are prisoners of war for the Red Cross war fund.

Most of the ground has been covered in Ballinger and the job is little more than half finished. Some have given as little as 25 cents and many have given only one dollar to this great campaign. Such contributions will not get the job done. Back in the days of the Red Cross roll calls one dollar was all right, but with \$17,100 expected of this county to be used in helping our fighting men on foreign fields, the ante must go up. It should be a privilege to give at least one day's pay by every worker in this county and firms should feel that nothing short of a gift that could be termed a sacrifice would be enough.

So far Ballinger people have given only about \$2 per capita. Any soldier would be glad to trade places and give many times that amount. If you feel your contribution was too small, won't you raise it at once.

Saturday when Girl Scouts knock on the doors of Ballinger homes, let's have a contribution from every citizen. It will encourage these girls and will be a big boost in meeting the \$6,000 quota.

HEAR THESE MESSAGES SUNDAY

Morning Worship, 10:55 a. m. Subject: "War's Danger to the Home Front"
Evening Worship, 8:00 p. m. Subject: "Bearing the Cross Before Wearing the Crown."

Follow the Crowds to this

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Thursday evening, 8 o'clock, in his final service with the Second Baptist Church. At the request of friends, this service will be conducted in the uniform of an army chaplain. A cordial invitation to all.

SPECIAL SERVICE—FRIDAY NIGHT, 8 P. M. REV. L. T. GRANTHAM

of the Corinth Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas, will bring a message of interest to all. Bro. Grantham has been in Ballinger before and has many friends here. Special music by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stone.

Everyone Welcome

SUNDAY—PAUL F. DONNELSON, PASTOR

will speak at all services of the

Grace Baptist Church

10th and Phillips
10 a. m.—Sunday School, THE BIBLE ONLY
11 a. m.—WORSHIP SERVICE—"THE THIRD MEMBER OF THE BLESSED TRINITY"
8 p. m.—EVANGELISTIC SERVICE—Theme: "The Glory of God's Second Call"

You are invited to attend the services of our Revival Now In Progress

Hear the Gospel Duo, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Pritchett, Beaumont, Texas and the renowned Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Brownwood, Texas, preach the Gospel.

Friday night, 7:45, "The Feast of Besechazar"

Saturday night, 7:45, "The Fires of God"

Sunday, March 18, "Loyalty Sunday"



Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, Preacher, Pastor First Baptist Church, Brownwood, Texas

A. G. Pritchett, Gospel Singer, Beaumont, Texas

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.—Attendance Goal, 425

Sunday 10:45 a. m., Sermon, "How to Believe," Dr. Spencer

Baptist Training Union, 6:45 p. m.—Attendance Goal, 75

Sunday night, 7:45 p. m., Big Gospel Song Service by Bro. Pritchett

Sermon, "The Boiling Pot," Dr. Spencer

Services Twice Daily All Next Week

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Ballinger, Texas

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Women's, Society and Club News

Mrs. Schnable is Triple-Four Hostess
 Mrs. J. A. Schnable was hostess to the Triple-Four contract club on Thursday afternoon of last week, entertaining with a prettily-appointed Easter party in her Wilke Terrace home.
 Mixed blossoms graced rooms and the centerpiece for the dining table was of Easter bunnies and chicks with colored eggs. Mrs. John Weeks assisted in serving a plate of sandwiches and cookies with coffee. Mrs. Ross Murchison won high score award and Mrs. Tom Agnew binged.
 Others were: Mmes. Claude Stone, R. W. Earnshaw, Delbert Vancil, L. R. Tigner, Harry Lynn, E. W. Stansley, K. V. Northington, Alex McGregor, Marvin Davies, and Troy Simpson.

Hayride and Wiener Roast for Band
 Member of the Ballinger Bearcat Band spent a gala evening Friday when a hayride through the downtown and a few residential streets was concluded at the Ballinger Country Club. An outdoor wiener roast was followed by group games and dancing.
 Band mascots, Barbara Joiner and Louise Miller, also were included. Chaperones were Mr.

and Mrs. O. G. Joiner and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Forester.
First Baptist Ruth Class in Ayers Home
 Mrs. Dick Ayers, Mrs. Ross Bartlett, and Mrs. Franklin Heath were hostesses to the First Baptist Ruth Class on Thursday evening of last week, entertaining in the Ayers home on Eighth Street.
 Purple lilies gave floral beauty to rooms where Mrs. Robert Estus presided for the business meeting after the devotional by Mrs. Fred Moncrief. After officers and committee reports plans were made for visitation during the revival and an attendance goal was set. Scrapbooks are being made for veterans' hospitals.
 Pie was served with coffee. Others present were Mmes. Jack Jobe, Malcolm Morgan, Wix Currie, Jr., Arthur Crockett, Paul Kirk, Doyle Condra, A. W. Brunson, Charles Hambrick, Taylor Henley, Bill Duncan, M. F. Patton, W. R. Murphy, Jr., O. G. Joiner, Barnett Frank, and Bernis Camp.

Presbyterian Business Woman's Auxiliary Elects Officers
 The First Presbyterian Business Woman's Auxiliary met Monday evening in the home of Mrs. C. R.

Stephens on Eleventh Street with Mrs. J. M. Pyburn presiding.
 Annual reports were made as this was the last meeting of the Auxiliary year and plans were discussed for the new year's program and activities and officers re-elected. Mrs. Pyburn will continue as chairman and Mrs. John Purifoy as secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Stephens directed the last in the series of studies on First Corinthians.
 At the social hour frosted punch was served with cookies. Others present were: Mmes. Elma Mann, Fred Vetterlein, Misses Virginia Holman, Winnie Trail, Maggie Underwood, and Olga Schawe.

Eastern Star Meeting
 Ballinger Chapter No. 266, Order of the Eastern Star met in regular session Monday evening, March 12th with the following officers and members present: Messrs. H. P. Largent, Clyde Gabbert, H. O. Campbell, and Ruel Boswell; Mmes. Lune Mae Foy, Frances Zedlitz, Effie Hulsey, Rachel Boswell, Rama Saunders, Velma B. Halley, Odean Largent, Kathryn Vineyard, Ione Teague, Violet Williams, Halley Parker, Thelma Gabbert, Nellie Campbell, Lucy Black, Edrie Petty, and Mary Midgley; and Misses Agnes Globler and Marie Norwood.
 The hall was decorated with spring flowers, and among other business transacted, it was voted to donate \$10.00 to the Red Cross. After the chapter was closed, memorial services were held for all members of the local chapter, and all past and present grand officers who passed away within the past year. Refreshments of coffee and doughnuts were served.

daily through the next week, revival services conducted by the gospel duo, Bro. and Mrs. A. G. Pritchett, Beaumont, and Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, pastor First Baptist Church, Brownwood.
Activities of the Week
 Monday, 2:45 p. m.—Sunbeam Band
 Monday, 4:00 p. m.—Woman's Missionary Society in circles
 Monday, 5:00 p. m.—Junior choir
 Tuesday, 4:15 p. m.—Junior Royal Ambassadors; also Junior Girls' Auxiliary.
 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 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 Christ
 (1100 Ninth Street)
Services:
 Sunday, 11 a. m., and 8:00 p. m.
 Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.
 Friday, 8:00 p. m.
 Always welcome.

First Methodist Church
 Sunday, March 18:
 Church school, 9:45 a. m.
 Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.
 Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.
H. B. LOYD, 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

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 11:00 a. m., morning worship.
 6:00 p. m., evening worship.
GARY HOFFIUS, Pastor

First Christian Church
 (Broadway and Murrell)
 Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
 Worship service, 11 a. m.
 Evening service, 7:00 p. m.
 Come and join the fellowship.
J. T. SIMMONS, Minister

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.
 Sunday, March 18:
 9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
 11:00 a. m., morning worship.
 5:00 p. m., vesper service.
W. A. ERWIN, Pastor

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

First Baptist Church
 (400 Eighth Street)
 Sunday, March 18, 1945
 Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
 Baptist Training Union, 6:45 p. m.
 Sunday morning, 10:45, and Sunday night, 7:45, and twice

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 Bargain sales look as exciting as ever these days, but this ancient sport isn't what it used to be. So much merchandise is up in price or down in quality.
 However, there's at least one real bargain that still provides high prewar quality at low prewar prices. That's the electric service you enjoy in your home.
 Actually you're getting about twice as much electricity for your money today as you did 15 years ago. If your total electric bill is no less today, it's because you have more electric conveniences now and use them more. But the cost per kilowatt-hour average is much less.
 The credit for this wartime bargain belongs to your friends and neighbors in this company. Their hard work, plus sound business management, made it possible. You can count on them to continue to furnish cheap, dependable electricity for still finer electric living after the war.
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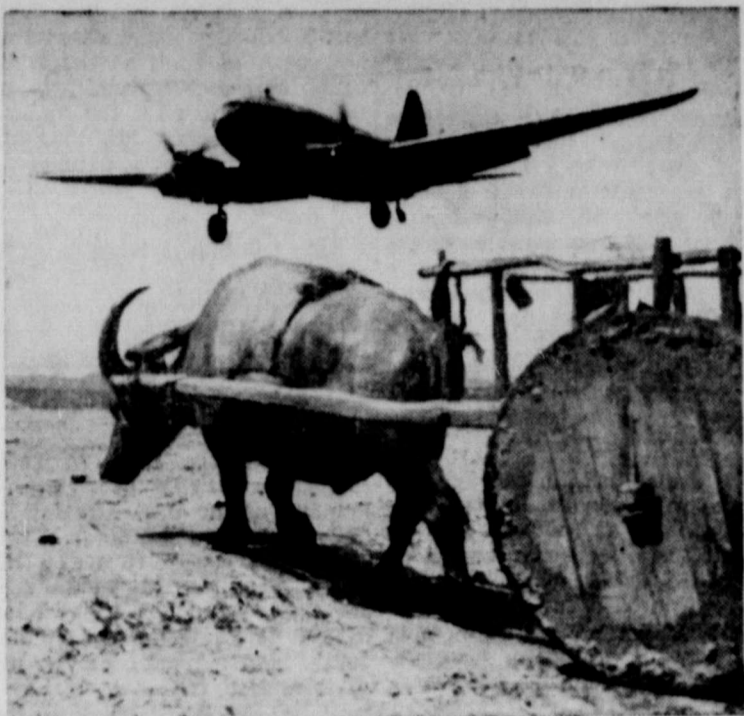
Miss Folkes Gives Schedule of Work For Rest of Month

Miss Ozzie Folkes, county home demonstration agent, has arranged her schedule for the last half of March and will make a large number of calls during that 15-day period. Days not listed on the schedule will be devoted to special demonstrations and visits to demonstrators.

- The schedule follows:
- Monday, March 12—Crews 4-H club and demonstrators visit.
 - Tuesday, March 13—Visit with demonstrators in the morning and meeting with Dale home demonstration club in the afternoon.
 - Wednesday, March 14—Hagan-Barnett 4-H club meeting and Norton school.
 - Thursday, March 15—Winters home demonstration club meeting.
 - Friday, March 16—4-H club meetings at Bethel and Olfen.
 - Saturday, March 17—Home demonstration council meeting in office.
 - Monday, March 19—Office in morning, Hatchel 4-H club in afternoon.
 - Tuesday, March 20—Victory home demonstration club meeting.
 - Thursday, March 22—Norton home demonstration club.
 - Friday, March 23—4-H club meetings at Mazeland, Pumphrey

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REV. POSTERT PRESIDENT BALLINGER LIONS CLUB

Rev. Edward B. Postert will finish the year as president of the Ballinger Lions Club. He was promoted to this position when W. J. Hembree resigned to move to Sonora for service there with the West Texas Utilities Co.

J. A. Killough, first vice-president of the club, recently moved to Vernon to become secretary-manager of the chamber of commerce. Wesley Whitman, second

and Independence schools. Wednesday, March 28—Rowena home demonstration club meeting.

vice-president, is now employed in an oil field and is unable to attend club meetings. This automatically made Rev. Postert president. The club year ends on June 30, new officers assuming their posts at the first meeting in July.

TRUSTEE ELECTION TO BE HELD HERE ON APRIL 7

A petition has been filed at the Ballinger school board office, signed by a number of qualified voters asking that the names of Tom Agnew and C. E. Maedgen be printed on the ballot for the election of trustees on April 7. The election will be held on this date at the board's downtown office.

Mr. Agnew is for reelection, being one of the number who are completing a three-year term. Mr. Maedgen, if elected, will succeed Henry Doss. Mr. Doss did not want his name to be printed on the ballot for another term. No other names have been filed for places on the ticket to date.

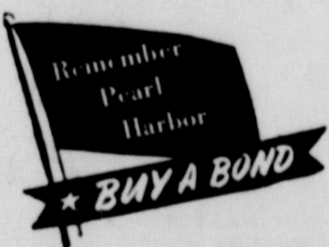
Mrs. John Loveless is here from Houston to attend to business and visit friends.

Mrs. Myrta Harshaw, of Long Beach, California, came in Saturday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Agnew.

Mrs. H. Ravellette and Mrs. Charles van de Putte have returned home from Temple, where they had been on business and to visit.

Card of Thanks
We wish to express our deep appreciation to neighbors and friends for the kindness shown us in the recent death of our loved one, Delon Snow. The expressions of sympathy and everything done to help us in this sad hour will long be remembered by each of us. For the many comforting words we are grateful and we only hope you will get as much comfort when great sorrow comes to you.

Mrs. Emma Snow
Children and grandchildren
Day Snow
Thad Snow 1t-*



Baptist Evangelist Speaks at Meeting of Local Rotarians

The revival team from the First Baptist Church was present at the meeting of the Ballinger Rotary Club Tuesday noon and provided the program. Members made it Rotaryann day and the attendance was enlarged by guests.

Opening the program, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Pritchett, gospel singers, of Beaumont, rendered a number with Mrs. Charles Hambrick at the piano.

Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Brownwood, evangelist for the revival at the local church, brought a fine message. After his opening remarks he stated that America's greatest contribution to civilization was that of religious freedom. He told how it had its birth in this country and added that it was something worth fighting for and defending.

He called the American soldier the greatest fighting man in the world. He attributed this to two facts, first that he was born free, and second that he was bred to fight.

Preserving our ideals, Dr. Spencer declared, was a great responsibility, and he urged those left at home to hold fast to the things for which our young men fight on battlefronts of the world.

The speaker asserted that Christianity was the roots of democracy and civilization and added that the church may be full of imperfections but that it is the hope of the world.

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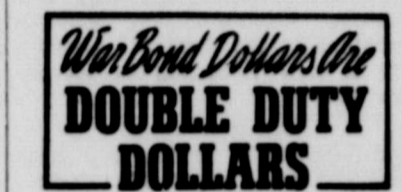


COTTON INSURANCE AGAIN TO BE AVAILABLE TO FARMERS

The federal crop insurance corporation has informed M. W. McShan, chairman of the Runnels county AAA committee, that cotton crop insurance will be available to Runnels county growers again in 1945, provided the producer signs an application for crop insurance prior to the closing date, which is April 10, 1945.

There are some changes in the insurance program for 1945, and the rates have been reduced considerably, Mr. McShan said, pointing out that all cotton producers interested in crop insurance should see their community committee or call at the AAA office before the closing date for signing an application, which is April 10, 1945. Mr. McShan stated that in order to have cotton crop insurance in Runnels county it would be necessary for as many as 50 cotton farmers to sign an application.

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COTTON INSURANCE BROADCAST SUBJECT

Joe W. Williams, Runnels county administrative officer for the AAA, and the Tom Green county administrative officer, will be heard on station KGKL, San Angelo, Friday, March 16, from 6:45 to 7:00 a. m., explaining the cotton crop insurance program.

On Monday, March 26, Mr. Williams and the Nolan county administrative officer will be heard on station KXOX, Sweetwater, from 1:30 to 1:45 p. m.

Runnels county cotton farmers are invited to listen to these broadcasts for information on the insurance plan.

Essential industry needs rags—bring to Ballinger Printing Co.

WILSON RESIGNS PASTORATE OF SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

The membership of the Second Baptist Church voted last Sunday to accept the resignation of Rev. Raymond C. Wilson, who will leave this week for the chaplain's school at Harvard University. Mrs. Wilson and son will remain here for the duration.

A successor has not been named by the church board to fill the pastorate of the local church. A revival will be started at the church on April 20 with Rev. John R. Ferguson, of Bridgeport, leading. J. E. Jones, W. C. Dodson, and J. M. Jones are deacons and Mr. Dodson is superintendent of the Sunday school.

Pay-day is bond-buying day.

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Since flues are required, heating should be planned as part of house and flues installed when remodeling or building.

NOTE

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

LONE STAR GAS COMPANY

36 Men on Venire Called for Jurors in Slander Case

A special venire of thirty-six men has been summoned to report here Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock to serve as jurors in the case alleging slander and styled Mrs. Opal Richards vs. Ballinger Produce Co. et al, in 119th district court.

The venire follows:
 Charles Dankworth, Ballinger
 J. L. Roach, Miles
 E. H. Smith, Miles

George Lloyd, Wingate
 J. M. Shelburne, Ballinger
 LeRoy Seidel, Rt. 1, Ballinger
 C. S. Treadway, Miles
 H. A. Mills, Rt. 4, Winters
 C. A. Hill, Rt. 4, Winters
 W. L. Killemeier, Miles
 C. O. Rodgers, Rt. 4, Winters
 J. W. Jackson, Miles
 James Mitchell, Rt. 4, Winters
 J. Earl Jones, Ballinger
 B. F. Thornton, Miles
 Harrell Hudgins, Rt. 4, Winters
 Fred Middleton, Ballinger
 C. V. Waldron, Miles
 R. F. Meadows, Miles
 W. E. Moss, Ballinger
 T. S. Jordan, Winters
 W. C. Harkins, Wingate
 L. A. Faubion, Ballinger

Joe J. Simmons, Miles
 A. W. Hancock, Rt. 1, Winters
 Dan Eckert, Miles
 H. F. Mills, Rt. 4, Winters
 A. C. Toungett, Ballinger
 W. D. Wheelless, Rt. 1, Winters
 J. H. Ganaway, Wingate
 Paul Gordon, Miles
 Fred P. Holliday, Ballinger
 M. L. Dobbins, Rt. 4, Winters
 J. R. Nelson, Miles
 Jim Duncan, Ballinger
 A. C. Wendland, Miles

Barton Suggests Treating Seeds For '45 Gardens

A proclamation has been issued by Governor Coke R. Stevenson and by practically all county judges in Texas asking citizens to meet the 1945 goal of one million victory gardens. John A. Barton, Runnels county farm agent, said this week that with all-out production needed in 1945 gardeners would get better results by treating their seeds before planting with a mercury dust, such as Ceresan or other brands. For legume-type plants such as beans, English peas and black-eyed peas, the inoculation to use is that of nitrogen, such as Nitragin. For non-legume plants, such as beets, carrots, watermelons, etc., Ceresan or some other mercury dust is advised.

Nitragin, an inoculation for legume plants will pay well. This chemical will enable the plant to draw nitrogen from the air and store it in the roots as well as make use of it by the plant. The treatment is inexpensive and easy to apply. A 10-cent can is all that is necessary.

Mr. Barton stated that an important crop for this area is beans, a number of varieties doing well here. Planting should be timed so they will be up just after the last killing frost. He suggests the latter part of March or the first part of April as the best time for planting. Varieties which produce well here include the bountiful, pintos, golden wax, stringless green pod. For later production a running bean such as the crease back, is favored.

SINGING SLATED AT GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY
 There will be a singing at the Grace Baptist Church Sunday, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Singers from Abilene, San Angelo, Winters and Drasco are to be present. The public is invited.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. J. D. Self, of Norton, underwent major surgery at the Bailey Clinic-Hospital Monday and her condition today was good.

Miss Mary Reese, who was operated on Monday, is doing nicely.

Mrs. John Weeks, who underwent minor surgery Tuesday, is resting well this afternoon.

Bill Baldwin, of Paint Rock, operated on last week, is improving satisfactorily.

Mrs. Sid Jones, who underwent a major operation a week ago, is doing nicely and was dismissed this afternoon to return to her home.

Miss Nita Taylor, of Norton, who was operated on last Friday, is doing nicely this week.

Mrs. E. A. Hennig, a medical patient in the Bailey clinic, is reported improving.

Mrs. R. W. Ueckert, injured several weeks ago in a bus crash, is improving nicely and able to be up some in a wheel chair.

Mrs. A. J. Thorp's condition was considered fair this morning. She has been a medical patient in the Bailey clinic for the past several weeks.

The condition of Mrs. Arthur Underwood, medical patient in the local hospital, is improved.

Mrs. G. B. Fandlin, of Corpus Christi, is a medical patient in the Bailey Clinic-Hospital, and her condition today was fair.

Mrs. Ruth Estus underwent minor surgery Tuesday and is doing nicely today.

Mrs. K. V. Northington, pneumonia patient, was considered slightly improved this morning but her condition remains serious.

JUNIOR CLASS SPONSORS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The junior class of the Ballinger high school is sponsoring a basketball tournament commencing tonight and continuing March 16 and 22. Two games will be played each evening, the first starting at 7 p. m. Season tickets will be sold at 35 cents each and tickets for each evening at 15

cents each. The class is sponsoring the tourney as a means of raising money for its activities. The public is urged to attend and is promised some fast games.

CREWS

Bro. J. H. Hallford filed his regular appointments at the Baptist church Saturday night and Sunday.

Runnels and Coleman counties sub-district Epworth League meeting will be held in the local Methodist church Tuesday evening, March 20, at 8 o'clock.

Pvt. and Mrs. Sam Faubion, of Camp Hood, were in Ballinger Sunday Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Hallford and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Toungett met them there for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Schwartz visited Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Schwartz, of Drasco, Wednesday of the previous week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Faubion, of Ballinger, attended church services here Sunday night.

(Received Too Late for Publication Last Week)

Bro. J. D. Ramsey filed his regular appointments at the Methodist church Sunday.

We are glad to report Mrs. R. L. Pumphrey is improving. She spent last Friday with Mrs. Will Lloyd at Winters.

Edwin Young, of Ozona, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. A. J. Young, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Phipps are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Smith, of Iowa Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr, of Merkel, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Quincey Traylor.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Toungett spent Sunday with his brother, John Toungett, and family, of Miles.

Mrs. Joe Irvin and son, Jerry, were recent guests of her brother, Chester McBeth, and family.

Mrs. Edd Hardegree, of Megargel, is visiting her brother, E. W. Rainwater, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Thea Lucas and Willie Jo Lucas visited his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lucas, in Ballinger Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, of New Central, visited his sister, Mrs.

Edgar Jayroe, and Mr. Jayroe Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brooker are visiting their sons and families, Buck at Odessa, and Carroll at McCamey.

NORTH NORTON HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

(Omitted for Lack of Space Last Week)

The North Norton home demonstration club met last week in the home of Mrs. Tom Crockett. A program on the Texas Home Demonstration Association was given in a round table discussion. Members pieced a quilt for the hostess. Cherry pie and coffee was served to the members. The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Kirby Robinson on March 15. A program on the art of good manners will be presented.

Following the first meeting of this club in February, a number of the members spent a day at the Ballinger canning center, where they put up 100 pints of hominy.

Texas' highest county, judged by average elevation, is Jeff Davis, a little less than a mile above sea level.

The highest temperature ever recorded at a Texas weather station was 120 degrees F. at Seymour, August 12, 1936.

After pine, oak is the most important timber produced in Texas, from a commercial standpoint.

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High School Gym TONIGHT

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Beginning March 19

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NIGHT SHOWS start at 7:15. Box Office closes at 9:30; complete show thereafter.
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The best plan for all concerned is to send the change of address in advance.

One of the most important calls to come before our people since the beginning of the war is the 1945 Red Cross war fund. Workers have been busy for more than a week, however, and so far the quota is not in sight. Too many people made small contributions, far below their part of the \$17,100 asked of this county. With thousands and thousands more troops entering combat and new lands being conquered the job ahead of the Red Cross is growing by leaps and bounds. This is the one link between American boys and home and every dollar given in this drive will make it easier for some soldier, sailor or marine, or war prisoner. Many West Texas towns went over the top the first day of the campaign and we should not be less patriotic than other West Texans. Let's get this over quickly so our boys will never know that the job dragged along and the money was hard to get.

The seventh war loan drive is another reminder that we are in an expensive war. Many of our people have been made to realize this with the receipt of messages from the war department telling of the loss of relatives. This is a cost that cannot be dodged in war. Others are asked to pay by doing their part to continue production for the men still fighting our enemies. Buying bonds is more than a patriotic investment, it lends the government money at a fair rate of interest, thereby making a saving and at the same time assuring the fighting men that the guns, tanks, planes and other materiel will be supplied in an ever increasing stream until the war is won. Get ready to do your best during April, May and June, when another quota of war bonds must be purchased.

Many Runnels county ranchmen

are in the midst of the lambing season and so far have had very good luck. The weather has been excellent and the lamb crop on most ranches is around the 100 per cent mark, in some instances higher. Ewes are in fine condition and if the weather remains good the season will be one of the most successful in several years.

MANY APARTMENTS HERE RENTED PAST WEEK-END

A large number of apartments and room were rented in Ballinger the past week-end and other tenants were here Monday searching for furnished apartments. Most of the renters were service men from San Angelo where an overcrowded condition exists and where more military men are being reassigned.

A number of army officers were here Monday seeking apartments but the list had dwindled to almost none. Arrangements are underway to open the federal housing administration units here and if government approval can be obtained would open about 40-odd apartments to service men.

A number of times this week The Ledger office was filled with people seeking leads to apartments.

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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:

Suit 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)
Attest:
MRS. WINONA PARKER, Clerk,
District Court, Runnels County,
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Buy War Bonds TODAY For Future Needs.

Americans Return From German Prison Camps



Lt. Ross B. Lehman of Pottsville, Pa., left, was one of the American heroes who came back on the Swedish exchange liner Gripsholm recently. Center, wounded heroes, many with limbs gone, get their first view in many months of the New York City skyline. Lower right shows some of the repatriated American civilians, most of whom were women and children. The ship carried 1,209 repatriates, of whom 463 were sick and wounded American soldiers.

WEST TEXAS NOTES

Fire resulting from an explosion in the home of A. D. Lane near Rising Star last week caused the death of the Lanes' 10-year-old son. Mrs. Lane was severely burned about the face and hands. The boy was starting a fire in a heater with kerosene.

The Coleman city commission has ordered a survey and work has been started on the Hord's Creek project. As soon as the survey is completed a report will be made to the commission and it is hoped that a go signal may be given in the near future to relieve the present water shortage.

Members of the Winters Future Farmers of America chapter took eleven fat calves to the Ft. Worth livestock show last week. These calves made a good showing in the Abilene show recently and are said to be some of the best ever raised by Winters F. F. A. boys.

The Melvin section recently received an inch and a half rain, one of the best of the year. Many acres of small grain in the area were benefitted by the moisture which also put a good "season" in the ground. Excellent weather has been reported by ranchmen during the lambing period.

Miles Cemetery Association officials have proclaimed a "work day" for next week and urged all citizens interested to be on hand to help in the spring clean-up at the burial grounds. In previous years much beautification work of a permanent nature has been accomplished in "work days."

More than 500 school children visited the Brown county youth center the evening it was opened March 2. A gymnasium at Daniel Baker College has been leased for the project, which is under the sponsorship of the Brownwood Parent-Teacher Association.

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Scouts Will Collect Waste Paper, Rags Saturday, March 31

H. J. Zappe, county salvage chairman, stated today that the next waste paper drive would be held Saturday, March 31. Ballinger Boy Scouts will again cover the entire town to pick up all bundled paper and trucks of the Gregory Wrecking Co., Brady, will be here to pick up the paper and take it to the concentration point. Purchase will be made here, immediately after the collection.

The salvage campaign this month also includes rags. All citizens are asked to gather all rags of any kind, tie them in bundles or put them in sacks and place them on the front sidewalks with the bundles of waste paper.

The Scouts will have limited transportation and must start the citywide collection early Saturday. They will be able to cover the town only one time so local people are asked to put their bundles on the front sidewalks early and they will be picked up and hauled to the waiting trucks downtown.

Mrs. C. R. Stone is visiting relatives and friends at Fort Worth.

Supt. Nat Williams returned Saturday from Gladewater and Dallas, where he had been to transact business.

Hoard your dollars in war bonds.

Complete Abstracts to Land in Runnels County GUARANTY TITLE CO. Ballinger, Texas Office in Old Security State Bank Building

During February a total of seventeen couples obtained marriage license from the office of County Clerk John B. Rayburn. The list follows:

- Walter A. Thomasson and Miss Eva Pearl Cook
- Raymond E. Fowler and Miss Jean Young
- E. L. Wagoner and Mrs. Vera Mitchell
- Sam T. Ballist and Miss Doris Shelton
- Henry Halfmann and Miss Leona Gully
- J. C. Lee and Miss Velma Landers
- George C. Heleman and Miss Louise McKelny
- George Howard Rosser and Miss Elizabeth Dodson
- Joe Anton Berger and Miss Zella Massey
- William Travis King and Miss Marge Mozelle Boatright
- Ray Moore and Miss Bessie Mae Brown
- Otto Saige and Miss Emma Lucille Presly
- Seiwyn M. Jackson and Miss Lois F. Buchanan
- Jim Bates and Miss Virginia Smith
- Turner Clarence Ruhmann and Miss Addie Lou Rees
- George W. Oetzel and Mrs. Tena Meek
- Herman Ray Virden and Miss Beaulita Tappee.

B. C. D. DIRECTORS WILL MEET TONIGHT AT 8:00

The regular March meeting of the board of directors of Ballinger Board of Community Development will be held tonight at the offices in the city hall. The session is to begin at 8:00 o'clock. A number of committee reports are to be heard and several new items of business will be presented.

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ST. JOSEPH'S 4-H CLUB

A large number attended the meeting of the St. Joseph's 4-H club at Rowena on Monday of last week. County Agent John A. Barton asked each boy present to write his name, address, and the kind of demonstration he desired next year and turn it in to him. He then talked on the qualities of a good milk cow and the proper feed for a cow to give the best production.

Mr. Barton congratulated Johnny Kohutek, who raised the grand champion boar, and Kenneth Fuchs, who placed first with his gilt in the swine show. Both boys are members of the St. Joseph's club.

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Former Ledger Carrier Tells Of Past Year in Pacific Area

The following letter from Steve Bryan, seaman 2c, tells of some of his experiences in the Pacific during the past year, and is the first time he has been permitted to reveal his activities with the navy and his ship, the U. S. S. Biloxi. Steve attended the Ballinger schools and at one time was a carrier boy for The Ledger. The letter follows:

"Now that the navy has made it possible for me to give you an idea of what has been going on aboard the Biloxi, I hardly know where to begin. So much has happened, we've come so far, that it's really hard to think back on it all.

"Since the Biloxi went to sea, we've taken a big part in every major operation since that time. Our baptism of fire came when we bombed Wotje. ***** The next day we moved in on Roi Island in the Marshalls. In a two-day bombardment we helped to flatten the island. When the Japs landed they reported that the few Japs left were still dazed from the heavy shelling.

"After the raid on Truk, followed by raids on the Marianas, Saipan, Tinian and Guam, we hit our first air attack which kept us up all night. Don't know how many planes were shot down but I counted five burning on the water at one time. Three of these were shot down by our planes in dog fights.

"A few weeks later there were raids on Yap, Wolei, Palau and Ulithi. We had hardly caught our breath when General MacArthur began moving up the coast of New Guinea. This time the Biloxi took part in a night bombardment that would make a firework at home look like a Sunday school wiener roast.

"A month later we returned to help with the invasion of Saipan, Guam and Tinian. We then took part in the first battle of the Philippines and our fliers were really hot that day. The Japs launched every plane they could muster and our pilots were knocking them down right and left and few got through to us. The air was filled with AA fire and we saw a number of planes hit the water.

"From there we hit the Bonins and the Carolines and one night ran into a Jap convoy and had a field day, helping sink two ships for sure.

"Soon after that we hit the Palaus and then into our biggest venture in a prelude to MacArthur's return to the Philippines we hit Formosa and Luzon. The most exciting day was off Formosa when Jap planes hit us. ***

"The second battle of the Philippines came next. You have read about this in the papers. ***** About two weeks later we hardly knew what hit us, I mean that typhoon in November. ***** The Biloxi was under way 54 straight days. Some stepping.

"MacArthur decided to go into Luzon and we were there to help, this when we were not hitting Formosa. Following that we were in on raids in the South China Sea, HongKong, Saigon and Camran Bay.

"All in all I would say it has been quite a year. Nine bombardments, three ships sunk for sure, and I've lost count of the air attacks.*****

"The last white woman any of us has seen was last March."

SOUTH BALLINGER HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

"Know your labels," said Miss Ozzie Folkes, county home demonstration agent, at the meeting of the South Ballinger home demonstration club held in the home of Mrs. Newman Smith, and gave an instructive talk on the study of labels. When buying canned food, in order that we may buy wisely.

After a business meeting, a social hour followed; some doing handwork.

The hostess served a refreshment plate to the following: Mmes. Harold Routh, Melvin Patton, R. R. Halstead, C. D. Harris, Fred Moncrief, George McMillan, B. M. Batts, J. P. Boothe, Ed Farley, V. L. McShan, and Miss Folkes.

Plants were exchanged after adjournment.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. V. L. McShan March 20.

GABBERT OPENS MARKET AT HENKELL GROCERY

Clyde Gabbert has taken charge of the market in the Henkell Grocery on Strong Avenue between Seventh and Eighth streets and will operate this part of the store. It will be known as Gabbert's Market and he will handle a complete line of fresh meats and other market products.

Buy 'em and Keep 'em WAR BONDS

Lessons on Diapers



Diaper service operators, represented by George Garland, left, explain to Rep. Margaret Chase Smith (Maine), and Rep. Mary T. Norton (N. J.), that present material for diapers is not suitable for needs.

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

ROUTINE BUSINESS ATTENDED TO BY COMMISSIONERS COURT

The Runnels county commissioners' court met here Monday to attend to routine business, approve bills and consider other items. The Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Ballinger was approved as the county depository for another year and papers were filed Tuesday morning to this effect.

Wedding announcements, wedding invitations, Ballinger Printing Co.

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

Rotary Institute Lecturer Tells of Life in Australia

The first speaker of the Rotary Institute of International Understanding was heard by a large audience at the Ballinger high school auditorium Tuesday evening. The program was delayed on account of the revival at the First Baptist Church, the high school band playing a concert from 8:30 to 9:00 o'clock and the speaker being introduced at 9:00.

Canon William J. Edwards, of Canberra, Australia, delivered an interesting lecture on 'Australia, New Zealand and the Islands of the Pacific. The speaker gave a description of the sub-continent of Australia, whose land area is comparable to that of the United States and explained why it has only about 7,500,000 population while there are 132,000,000 inhabitants on this country.

An accurate picture was given of the government, a large part



Cheng Pao-Nan

of which is similar to that of the United States, and enlarged on the differences.

Canon Edwards praised the United States for saving Australia

from invasion and told of the part the Aussies are now playing in the war. He pointed out that 90 per cent of all food consumed by soldiers in the Pacific area is furnished by Australia under reverse lend lease. Shortages are much more severe "down under," the speaker asserted, and said he had been enjoying bacon for breakfast and the juicy steaks which were almost unheard of for civilians in Australia.

Concluding with a discussion of issues in countries bordering the Pacific, the speaker begged for the cooperation of the United States in these matters after the war. Without the aid of this nation, he said, any wise plan was doomed to failure.

The second lecturer in the series will be heard here next Tuesday, at the same hour, in the high school auditorium.

Cheng Pao-nan, the next speaker, will discuss "The New China in the New Pacific." Pao-nan is director of the mid-west branch of the Chinese News Service at Chicago. Born at Nanking, China,

he was educated in China, England and the United States. He served as vice-consul in the Chinese consulate-general in New York from 1936 to 1941, then went back to his native land to serve two years in the war against the Japs. Returning to the United States in 1943, he took charge of the Chicago office of the Chinese News Service.

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Women's, Society and Club News

Girl Scout News

Girl Scout troops throughout the nation are celebrating their national birthday week of March 12-18. The more than 100 Ballinger girls in seven troops already registered with the national organization on soon to do so, with their 15 leaders, are putting forth increased efforts to learn more about scouting in its many varied phases.

The Girl Scouts was founded by Mrs. Juliet Low in Savannah, Ga., on March 12, 1912. Useful service is the main purpose. During the past year Girl Scouts gave hours and hours of volunteer service to their communities and country. They have collected tons of scrap material; they have rounded up thousands of books, magazines and phonograph records; they have knitted miles of yarn and rolled acres of bandages. One reason they have been able to do this is that their program gives them training and opens up opportunities for service which they can do well.

The President of the United States, the Office of Defense Health and Welfare, the Children's Bureau, educators and religious leaders all urge that Girl Scouting be extended at once to include every girl who is asking for it.

A leaders meeting was held last Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Jack Malone presiding. Leaders agreed that the official Girl Scout dress of chambray, the yellow blouse, and belt would be the uniform for Girl Scouts. Brownies will wear brown and white checks with brown beanie. Both are adorned with the Brownie emblem. Names were suggested for unnamed troops and the public investiture service was set for the fourth Friday evening in April. Older intermediates and seniors will assist in the residential solicitation for Red Cross this week.

Busy Bee Brownies held their regular weekly meeting last Thursday with Mrs. W. A. Jacob assisting girls in making work boxes, using attractive wallpaper to cover shoe boxes. Joan Watkins



Think on These Things

by Richard Robbins, Minister, Eighth Street Church of Christ

Nothing is more appropriate than using the vine and the branches to indicate the relationship of Christ and his disciples. Nothing more touchingly explains the relationship, or more strikingly shows the necessity of being "in Christ" as the source of spiritual life. Jesus probably refers to himself as the "true vine" because he fulfilled the old covenant types and was, therefore, the real Messiah that was to come. By saying, "My Father is the husbandman," Jesus represents God as related to the church as the owner to the vineyard, with the natural right to have it cared for in any way needed. This is indicated in the New Testament use of the expression "church of God." Care of a vineyard involves removing dead branches, and pruning others to increase the quantity and quality of fruit. The word "clean" in verse 3, must be understood in the sense of pruning. The dead branches are cut off, but the fruit-bearing ones are pruned to make them bear more fruit. During his ministry they had been with him, heard his teaching, and by it prepared themselves like pruned branches to bear the fruit required when the proper season arrived. As they were prepared for their fruit bearing through Christ's words so are we.

served refreshments. Lo-Ki-Wo Brownies met at the Elementary School last Thursday. The girl scout laws and promise were reviewed and Mrs. J. G. Harwell, Jr., directed the bird study. After the Magic Circle, games were played.

Meadow Lark Troop of Girl Scouts met Monday afternoon at the Youth Center with Mrs. W. O. Middleton and Mrs. M. E. McClenney leaders. The meeting day was changed from Tuesday to Thursday afternoon.

The Clover Troop reviewed laws and discussed the purchase of uniforms at their meeting Tuesday at the Youth Center with Janet Blanton serving refreshments. Leaders, Mmes. W. C. Bryan and L. M. Bowden, were present.

Yucca girl scouts made a tour of inspection of their future quarters, a basement room at the Youth Center. They were accompanied by Mrs. Hoyle McMurtry. Miss Dorothy Crawford is leader of this troop.

Bluebonnet members discussed uniforms and enjoyed a series of quizzes patterned on the Dr. I. Q. radio programs. Leaders, Mrs. Jack Malone and Miss Betty Jean Harper, were present.

Thistle Troop members continued work on their second class badges last Wednesday afternoon with Miss Myrtle Ruth Hale and Mrs. Ray Vineyard directing the meeting.

Civic-Garden Club Has Program on Gardening and Food Preservation

Thirty members of the Civic-Garden Club heard a very practical discussion of vegetable gardening and food preservation given by Mrs. Ruth Clampitt Tuesday afternoon at the meeting in City Hall auditorium.

Mrs. F. M. Pearce directed the business meeting and made the following committee appointments: program, Mmes. Estes Lynn, H. Ravellette, K. V. Northington and Miss Olga Schawe; civic, Mmes. R. M. Lowry, Chester Cherry, C. R. Stephens, and O. R. Laasater; membership, Mmes. J. L. Davis, Victor Miller, Warren Lynn, and T. J. McCaughan; publicity, Mrs. Alex Saunders; lending library, Mrs. B. Frazier; exhibit, Mmes. E. A. Sommer, C. R. Stone, L. R. Tigner, and J. B. Striplin; plant exchange, Mmes. Tom Caudie, O. C. Sykes, E. P. Talbott, and James Wear; flower show, Mmes. R. T. Williams, R. L. Sutphen, E. Shepperd, A. B. Stobaugh, George Holman, E. E. King, Oscar Pearson, and D. R. Hall; and telephone, Mmes. W. O. Irby, Joe Flynt, M. A. Foy, and Cecil Jones.

Mrs. Caudie urged cooperation with the plant exchange to be held at the meeting April 10.

Mmes. Laasater, Sommer, and Miss Schawe displayed arrangements of purple and white irises; Mrs. Caudie of stocks, and Mrs. Estes Lynn showed daffodils, and a lovely potted camellia.

Conquest Class in Teague Home

Mrs. G. P. Teague and Mrs. Carroll Bell were hostesses to the Eighth Street Presbyterian Conquest Class Tuesday evening in the Teague home on Eighth Street.

White and purple irises and yellow narcissuses decorated rooms where Mrs. Una V. Doose presided for the business session after the devotional by Mrs. Oia McMillan.

Mrs. Roy Hill directed a program of Bible quizzes and Mrs. Doose and Mrs. Bell gave musical selections.

Small Sue Bishop assisted hostesses in serving individual mince pies topped with whipped cream, salted nuts, and coffee. Others present were: Mmes. E. B.

Malone, A. H. Wiesepape, B. H. Erwin, and Rufus Allen.

Mrs. Davis Entertains Know Your Neighbors

Mrs. George Davis was hostess to Know Your Neighbors Wednesday afternoon in her home on Broadway.

White irises were used about rooms where members enjoyed sewing and Red Cross knitting. A sandwich plate was served with cake and coffee.

Included were: Mmes. R. V. Pinson, Royal Bishop, J. H. Endacott, Bill Clark, Jack Nixon, Sr., L. C. Adair, John Barton, Dee Saylors, LeRoy McAulay, Cecil Jones, Malcolm Morgan, John Castor, and Joe Flynt.

Announcement of Engagement of Miss Ellen Jo Early to Duane E. Davidson

Mrs. Bill Pagels was hostess at a dinner party Tuesday evening in her home on Eighth Street to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Miss Ellen Jo Early, to Aviation Cadet Duane E. Davidson of Greenville, Michigan, who is now taking advanced pilot training at the Pampa Army Air Base.

A low green pottery bowl filled with yellow and white daffodils centered the dining table laid in white damask where the two-course chop suey menu was served in colorful fiesta pottery. Place cards were fashioned to simulate small booklets with names on the outside and the words "Ellen Jo and Duke, April 7" on the inside pages.

Included were: Misses Mary Lynn, Marjorie McGregor, Louise Batts, Patsy McGregor, Dorothy Miller, Mmes. David Caudie, and Loyd Johnson.

Joanne Glover is Hostess to Tabu

Joanne Glover was hostess to Tabu members Tuesday evening in her home on Sixth Street. During the business session March 29 was set as the date for an apron and overall program dance at the Youth Center. All committee appointments were made and the price set at 25 cents per couple. Girls volunteered their services in any Red Cross work they could do and made plans to write letters to former Ballinger High School students of the past few years who are in the service.

Charlotte Miller assisted in serving a salad course with

cookies, hot rolls and iced tea. Others were: Natilyne Williams, Patricia Richards, Gwen Morgan, Carolyn Cheatham, June Wright, Lillian Keithley, Louise Kinney, Anna Sue Hembree, Mary Brian Woody, Elizabeth Wear, Dorothy Ann Holliday, Betty Jean Lengefeld, Martha Saunders, Nancy Gaynes, Betty Jean Underwood, and Virginia Baker.

Mrs. Davies is Club Hostess

Mrs. Marvin Davies entertained her contract club Wednesday afternoon following a no-hostess luncheon at the Central Hotel.

A formal arrangement of purple irises centered the luncheon table and varied spring blossoms were used in living rooms of the Davies home in Wilke Terrace where coca colas were served with salted nuts during games. Mrs. W. E. Moss won high score prize and bingo awards went to Mmes. Carl Poteet and R. D. Midgley. Others were Mmes. W. O. Irby, Edward Sommer, Alton Underwood, and H. G. Agnew.

Grace Baptist Young People Have Wiener Roast

The young people's class of the Grace Baptist Church enjoyed a wiener roast at City Park Thurs-

Crowds Increasing At Baptist Revival; Subjects Announced

The revival at the First Baptist Church had a good beginning Sunday with large attendance, a total of 415 being recorded at Sunday school and 65 at the young people's meeting in the evening. The gospel musicians, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Pritchett, of Beaumont, won the hearts of the congregation with their singing and special numbers.

Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, of Brownwood, the evangelist, also was greeted by large audiences Monday night and Tuesday morning with his messages on the book of Revelations and his great gospel messages at the evening services.

Rev. Clarence A. Morton, pastor, announced that there would be no morning service Saturday but the usual 7:45 o'clock evening day evening of last week, about forty attending. Games were played before and after the serving of the supper.

Sunday has been designated as "Loyalty Day," with an attendance goal of 425 in Sunday school and 75 in the young people's meeting.

The Sunday morning service will begin at 10:45. Mr. and Mrs. Pritchett will sing "My Home Sweet Home," and Dr. Spencer will speak on "How to Believe." In this sermon he will give three visual demonstrations of his subject.

Sunday evening Dr. Spencer will speak on "The Boiling Pot," and the gospel duet will be "Rounded up in Glory."

The meeting will continue all next week and Rev. Morton and the membership extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our most sincere thanks and appreciation to our many kind friends who have shown their kindness and sympathy to us in the loss of our dear son and brother, and we pray God's blessing on each one and hope that sorrow will not come to you at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Robinson and daughters
Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard Robinson
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee.



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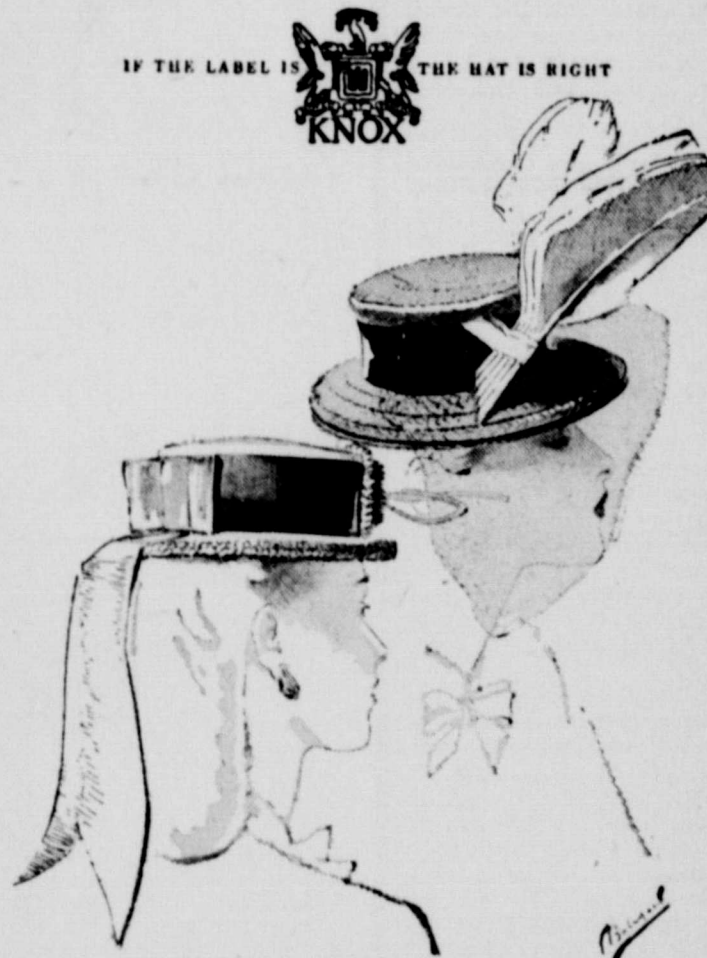
A new look! See it first in these abbreviated boaters... buoyant bits of felt and straw a-sailing in from the Knox de Luxe collection to greet spring.

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Eyes will turn on you Easter morning in one of these new dresses now arriving daily from America's Fashion Centers. In new sleeve treatment, hip peplums and draped styles. Also lots of basic classic styles. Smart black, navy and pastels in all the new spring and summer clothes

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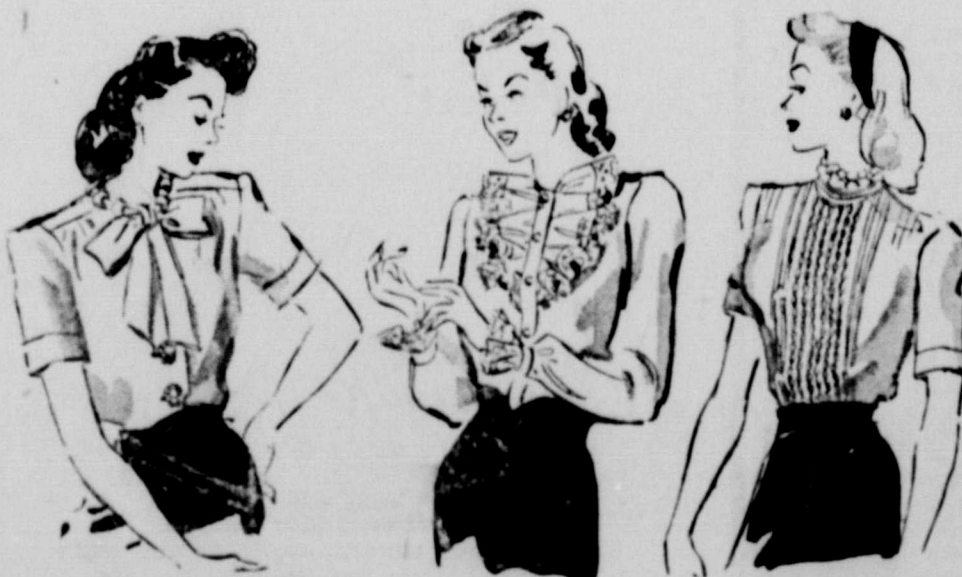
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- Just received a new shipment of seeds. We have a full line of bulk garden seed, also a complete line of field seeds, including
- Certified Arizona Bonita
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 - Certified Arizona Double Dwarf Milo Maize
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 - Certified Hybrid No. 8 Corn
 - Certified Hybrid No. 12 Corn
 - Certified Texas Milo Maize
 - Certified Red Top Cane
 - Certified Sweet Sudan
 - State Tested Regular Sudan

In a proclamation Gov. Coke R. Stevenson calls on Texans for a million Victory Gardens in 1945. Victory Garden Week has been set for March 12 to 17. Our Governor stated that the increased needs of our Fighting Men and that of our Allies make it necessary that gardens be greatly increased this year. Texas as the greatest farming state, has a great responsibility. Make plans now to raise your part of this goal.

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BALLINGER, TEXAS

Deanna Durbin Star in Film With West of 1849 Setting

The largest outdoor set built in Hollywood since the beginning of the war was used by Universal for some of the scenes in Deanna Durbin's new technicolor musical, "Can't Help Singing," billed at the Ritz Theatre Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 17, 18, 19, 20.

The set represents a portion of Sonora, California, in 1849, and includes three large two-story buildings, half a dozen one-story buildings, a chapel, a large patio constructed around a practical fountain, and a sizeable market place.

"Can't Help Singing," produced by Felix Jackson and directed by Frank Ryan, is a romantic film laid in the colorful west of '49. Supporting Deanna Durbin are Robert Paige, Akim Tamiroff, David Bruce, Leonid Kinskey, Ray Collins, June Vincent, Miss Tombs and Thomas Gomez. Miss Durbin will be heard singing Jerome Kern melodies, written especially for the picture, which is the star's first in color.

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

Lt. Rezzle Writes About Leave Spent In Calcutta, India

Lt. Genevieve Rezzle, a nurse, stationed at the general hospital, Assam, India, recently wrote a very interesting letter to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Rezzle. She told of living conditions and work in far-off India and admitted she had been homesick, declaring that if she ever got home there would be no more overseas work for her. She recently has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant.

Lt. Rezzle stated that the hospital was busy but that there was always the chance that activities might increase. Referring to the climate she said: "At the present time it is cool enough to need a jacket to keep warm. It won't be too long now before the monsoons start again, and they are awful."

In another section of the letter she told of a recent leave: "Well, I will tell you something of my two weeks' trip to Calcutta. I spent most of the time being homesick. I went out to eat most every night and they had some nice places where you can get most anything you want. Saw some interesting sights, such as the zoo, Burning Gates (where Hindus burn their dead), Jane's Temple, a sacred temple, and other such places. People were very nice to us. The first week we stayed at the general hospital and the second week at one of the government owned hotels."

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'For Whom the Bell Tolls'



Scene from "For Whom the Bell Tolls" at Texas Theatre, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday

Gary Cooper, Ingrid Bergman In Superb 'For Whom Bell Tolls'

From time to time a picture with the mark of greatness comes out of Hollywood to thrill and inspire the moviegoing world. Such a picture seems to be Paramount's long-awaited technicolor film version of the celebrated Ernest Hemingway novel, "For Whom the Bell Tolls," co-starring Gary Cooper and Ingrid Bergman and to be presented at the Texas Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 18, 19, 20.

The love story of Robert Jordan and Maria—the three days and nights in which a lifetime was lived—set against the background of the Spanish revolution, is said to rank in tenderness and passion with the greatest romances ever filmed. Oddly enough, it was another Hemingway love story, "Farewell to Arms," that became one of the outstanding film romances about the last war, and it is expected by leading critics that "For Whom the Bell Tolls" will live in the hearts and memories of the moviegoing public, just as "Farewell to Arms" has, through the years.

Cooper and Miss Bergman who play Robert Jordan and Maria are exactly the people Hemingway himself wanted for the parts. Their performances have elicited the highest praise not only from the author, but from critics everywhere the picture has played.

Filmed in technicolor, "For Whom the Bell Tolls" is primarily the story of the American dynamiter, Robert Jordan, and the Spanish girl, Maria, victim of the revolution's barbarism. It is Jordan's job to blow up a strategically placed bridge, which, if properly timed and executed, will aid the Loyalists in stemming the Fascist advance. To accomplish this, Jordan enlists the help of a guerrilla

band led by Pablo (Akim Tamiroff), and Pilar, his wife (Katina Paxinou). It is with the guerrillas that Jordan finds the crop-headed Maria.

The difficulties encountered in carrying out Jordan's assignment, the development of the romance between Jordan and Maria, are transformed to the screen with the same attention to detail and characterization that Hemingway gave them in his great book.

Others in the case who contribute to the greatness of "For Whom the Bell Tolls" are Arturo de Cordova, Joseph Calleia, Vladimir Sokoloff, Mikhail Rasmun, Fortunio Bonanova, Eric Feldary and Victor Varconi.

Thriller Adapted from Radio Skit and Musicomedy at Texas Tomorrow, Saturday

"The Mark of the Whistler," second thriller in Columbia Pictures' adaptation to the screen of radio's tense series, and "She's a Sweetheart," most recent addition to the comedy with music field of films, comprise the double-feature program at the Texas Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday, March 16, 17.

Richard Dix is once again the star in "The Mark of the Whistler," with the glamorous Janis Carter playing opposite him. The rest of the cast includes Porter Hall, Paul Guilfoyle, John Calvert

Humphrey Bogart, Sylvia Sidney and Joel McCrea Featured in 'Dead End'

"Dead End," Samuel Goldwyn's film production based on the Broadway stage hit by Sidney Kingsley, comes to the Texas Theatre Wednesday and Thursday of next week, March 21, 22, with Humphrey Bogart, Sylvia Sidney and Joel McCrea in leading roles.

Sylvia is seen as the slum girl who is battling desperately to raise herself and her small brother to a better life; McCrea is the poor architect she loves, who, in turn, loves Kay (Wendy Barrie), who has found a way out of the slums into luxury and won't return even for love; Humphrey Bogart is seen as "Baby Face" Martin, who braves death in the slum where he was spawned only to find that his own mother hates him and that Franey (Claire Trevor), his boyhood sweetheart, has taken life the easiest way. Allen Jenkins is seen as "Hunk," "Baby Face's" henchman, and the Dead End Kids from the original New York stage cast, Billy Halop, Gabriel Dell, Bobby Jordan, Hunt Hall, Leo Gorcey and Bernard Punnsley, relive their famous characterizations.

Jimmy Wakely Film Of West Has Songs As Well as Action

A PRC production, "Kid Sister," and a musical western, "Song of the Range," are the two features at the Palace Theatre tomorrow (Friday), Saturday and Sunday, March 16, 17, 18. In addition, the same program contains several shorts and a serial play.

In the "western" business, the action film and the song production are usually two different kinds of motion pictures. An exception is "Song of the Range." Although it stars the voice of Jimmy Wakely, it has even more than the usual allotment of fights and chases—plus some of the most beautiful outdoor scenes ever photographed.

"Song of the Range" features Dennis Moore and Lee "Lasses" White. Also important in the large cast are Cay Forester as the mystery girl, Pierre Watkin, Hugh Prosser, George Eldridge and Steve Clark.

and Matt Willis. Jane Frazee, Jane Darwell, Nina Foch, Larry Parks, Ross Hunter, Jimmy Lloyd, Loren Tindall and Carole Matthews are featured in "She's a Sweetheart."

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Track Team Works For District Meet; 50 Boys Participate

Coaches Felton T. Wright and W. E. Elkins are getting into full track training with a crew of about fifty boys taking part in the various events. The boys have been hitting it light for the past two weeks and are now being assigned to the events in which they show the best chance of winning and will train hard until the district meet is held at San Angelo.

There will be no county meet this year and all schools will participate in the district meet, winners there going on to the regional and from there to the state. Most of the track work will be completed within a short time and out of the way for spring football practice which will start here about April 1 and continue for thirty days.

Coach Wright is expecting a fine football squad to report for

spring work this year. He will retain a number of players from last year's squad and also will receive a fair number from junior high.

The most worrisome thing at the present is the matter of completing a full schedule of games for the 1945 season. A number of schools in district 9-A will not play football in the fall and to date only five games have been definitely slated. These include games with teams in the district and one with the class AA team at Abilene. The regular season opened with San Angelo was not booked this year. Efforts are being made to secure other games, either class A or class AA to complete the 1945 schedule of ten games.

COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICTS WILL ELECT TRUSTEES SOON

County Superintendent Ernest Caskey is getting supplies ready for trustee elections in all common school districts of Runnels county. Mr. Caskey said supplies had already been given to a number of districts along with the order for the election and others were being mailed this week.

With one or more trustees to be named this year each district will hold an election.

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Wanted! Waste Paper and Rags. Boy Scouts will Pick Up SATURDAY, MARCH 31

ROSES AND PECANS. Just received shipment Climbing and Bush Roses. Boyd's Nursery

DEATHS

H. L. Chapman. H. L. Chapman, 82, died at his home in Winters Wednesday morning after illness of over a year.

Decedent came to Runnels county in 1896 and to Winters in 1909 where he made home ever since.

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Catholic cemetery. Newby-Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

A new fly spray has been developed by U. S. department of agriculture scientists which is odorless, non-irritating, but deadly to flies.

Denman White, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. White, is at home this week in civilian clothes after serving in the army more than four years.

Francisco Chaviere, 80, died here Monday of last week at his home on Strong Avenue.

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