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KILLED . . . Quentin Roosevelt, grandson of President Theodore Roosevelt, was killed recently in the crash of a Chinese DC-4 airliner. Roosevelt was vice-president of a Chinese aviation corporation.

stands, the dug-outs will be recovered, the diamond will remain in the same place and the fence will be approximately on the same location. In the deal the new owners will receive the ticket booth, concession house, popcorn room and all underground plumbing.

Charlie English has been employed as player-manager. English is an infielder and has played baseball for a number of years. He started with Galveston in the old Texas League and from there went to the majors. He is engaged to assist in several training schools in the spring and expects to be able to bring some 15 to 20 top players to Ballinger from these camps.

In the purchase of the Del Rio franchise the Ballinger group obtained eleven players. Some of these saw service with the Cowboys last season and a few were signed at the end of the 1949 flag chase. One of the most promising of these is Ray McAteer, shortstop. He was with the Del Rioans about 30 days near the end of the season and proved a fine defensive man and hit around 300. Felipe Luna, regular catcher for the Cowboys, also comes in on the deal. James Jacquot, outfielder for the entire season, a holdover, is expected here for spring training. Others include: Paul Baker, outfielder; Lamar Fidler, regular infielder the entire '48 season; Servando Capetillo, first baseman; Walter Fisher, outfielder. Four

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Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight	14,500 lbs.	12,500 lbs.	14,000 lbs.	13,500 lbs.
Maximum Horsepower	109	93	100	93
Turning Circle*—Left	50 1/2 ft.	61 1/2 ft.	60 1/2 ft.	54 1/2 ft.
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Wide-Tread Front Axles	62 in.	56 in.	60.03 in.	58 3/4 in.
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Windshield Glass Area*	901 sq. in.	713 sq. in.	638 sq. in.	545 sq. in.

*To outside of tire (curb clearance). Computed from data based on tests or computations obtained from usually reliable sources. †All four springs. ‡Measured from production models. * Computed from width and depth measurements; no allowance for contours.

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SPORTS

The "hot stove league" got into full operation the past week-end after it was definitely decided to keep Ballinger in the Longhorn League.

Directors and officers to direct the Ballinger Cats are T. J. Mansell, president; Ray Fuqua, vice-president; and Henry Carder, secretary-treasurer and business manager. These men will appoint others for special work and plan to meet with a group soon to discuss the handling of concessions, ticket sales, sale of box seats, fence signs, etc.

has been started for incorporating the club and this will be rushed as fast as possible. Approximately \$1,100 more is needed to attain the estimated goal for opening the season. Solicitors are working to get in the stock subscriptions and hope to have all money collected by the end of this week.

A contract has been made with Bill Moore for 83 acres of land where the local park has been located for the past two years. Plans are to build back on the same location, making use of material left there. Concrete foundations will be used for the

pitchers were left on the Del Rio roster including Roberto Rodriguez, an 18-year-old who stands 6 feet 2 inches and weighed 180 pounds last year. Others are Jim Mills, signed at the end of the season; Edward Norton, right-hander, 20 years of age, 6 feet 3, and weight 180; Philip Blake, right-hander, 6 feet 5, who has plenty of speed.

Rumors have also been current that several fellows who have played baseball in Ballinger are trying to secure releases in order to report here for spring training.

Manager English left Friday for his home at Dallas and will start at once making contacts in an

effort to line up players. He anticipates no trouble in getting plenty of rookies and hopes to sign classmen and limited servicemen to make a fast, well-balanced club.

Edwin C. Grimm, Jr., of Ballinger, junior business administration student at Texas Technological College, Lubbock, was recently initiated into Delta Sigma Pi, international business administration and commerce fraternity.

Richard Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Patterson, a physical education major at McMurry College, Abilene, will complete his studies at the end of the fall semester and will receive his bachelor of science degree at commencement on May 24, 1949. Patterson is a track and football letterman and a member of the all-Texas conference team this year.

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DR. DOUGLASS' NAME OMITTED FROM BANK DIRECTORY LIST

In reporting the annual bank meetings here last week the name of Dr. J. G. Douglass was unintentionally omitted from the list of officers of the First National Bank. Dr. Douglass is vice-president of the institution as well as a member of the directory board, serving in these capacities for a number of years.

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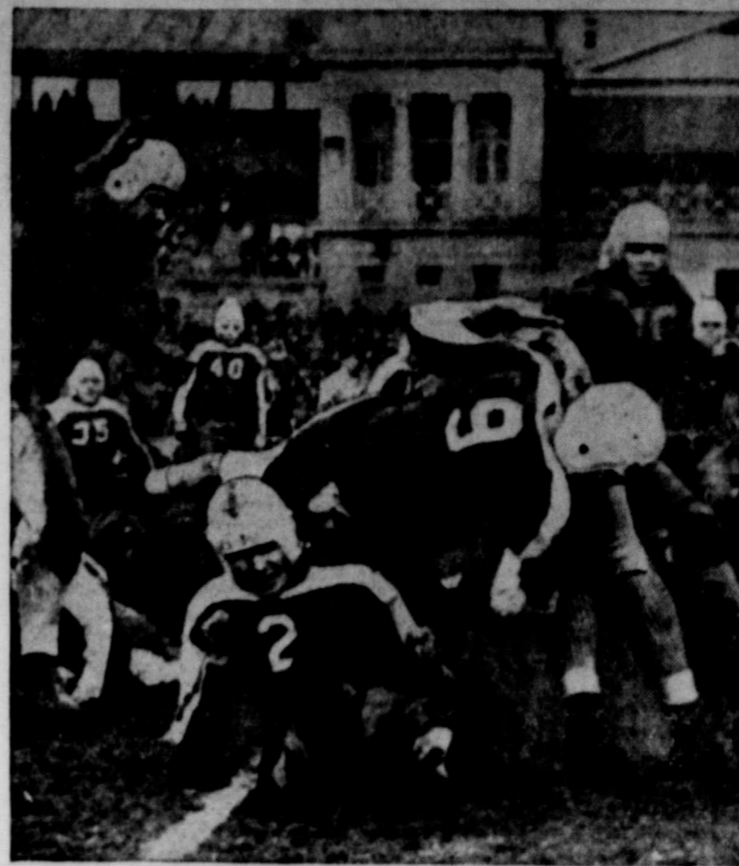
8-Club League Assured At Longhorn Meeting

At the regular meeting of the Longhorn League held at Abilene Sunday, eight clubs were assured for the 1949 season. T. J. Mansell represented the Ballinger club and answered a flock of questions shot at him by A. D. Ensey, of Odessa. Mr. Mansell assured league members that Ballinger would be ready to start and finish the 1949 season.

Sweetwater was the only original club in the league which was not ready. City bonds were recently voted there for the construction of a park, but representatives stated they were not ready and would turn over the franchise and physical property to anyone wishing to continue baseball in that city or in some other town. O. O. Hollingsworth,

Sweetwater business man and baseball fan, asked for a week to give him time to try and promote a baseball set-up. It was announced the Carlsbad, New Mexico, interests wanted a berth in the league and if Sweetwater fans fail to organize, Carlsbad will be invited to join at another meeting called for next Sunday. Howard Green, president of the Longhorn League since it was organized, resigned as president and announced he would become business manager of the Pueblo club in the class A Western League, an affiliate of the Brooklyn Dodgers organization.

Hal Sayles, of Abilene, was elected president but did not accept the assignment at the meeting Sunday. He asked for a week in which to think the proposal over and in the meantime, Mr. Green will remain in office and preside at the meeting next Sunday. The making up of a schedule and other business usually transacted at the January meeting was postponed until Sunday when the eight-club circuit is set up definitely. San Angelo representatives reported work on their new park and said it would be finished before the opening of the season.



SAUERKRAUT BOWL . . . An exotic transplant is American football, "thrilling" onlookers in the "Sauerkraut Bowl" clash at Frankfurt, Germany. The Rheinmain "Rockets" and the "Red Raiders" of the 14th constabulary are shown tangling in the Frankfurt stadium November 14, with a Raider ball-carrier getting dumped. German youth is rapidly taking to this new sport taught them by occupation forces.

wife to Louis Jansa, now of record in Vol. 113, Page 583, Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, and

SECOND TRACT: 154 acres of land in the Northeast corner of the W. C. Ry. Co. Survey No. 163, Abstract No. 546, subject to the mineral conveyance to F. M. Pearce, et al, by deed now of record in Vol. 131, Page 103, Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, and being the same land less said mineral rights described in the deed executed by Lucille Stokes Massey and husband to Louis Jansa, now of record in Vol. 179, Page 496, Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas; and that the Judge of the County Court of Runnels County, Texas, on the 18th day of January, A. D. 1949, entered his order designating the 31st day of January, A. D. 1949, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. in the County Court Room in the County Courthouse of said County at Ballinger, Texas, as the time and place when and where such application will be heard.

Mrs. Mollie Lange
Guardian of the Estate of Gertrude Jansa, Paul Jansa and Andrew Jansa, minors. It

FILM, "BEYOND OUR OWN" WILL BE PRESENTED AT METHODIST CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT

Rev. E. L. Craig, pastor, stated today that a film, "Beyond Our Own," would be presented at the First Methodist Church Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock, in lieu of the regular evening service. He said publicity listed the picture one of the greatest religious films of the day and he extended an invitation to the public to see it.

At the morning hour the pastor will preach, taking for his subject "When Progress is Backward."

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Sam Harshaney was recently signed as player-manager and spring training will be started in March.

Roswell, Vernon, Big Spring, Midland and Odessa club owners all reported ready and each indicated he would have a good club from the start.

BRADY BEATS BEARCATS IN EDEN TOURNEY FINALS

The Ballinger Bearcats were defeated by the Brady team in the finals of the Eden invitation basketball tournament Saturday. The Bearcats failed to hit the basket in the pinches and the Bulldogs pulled ahead at the finish, 28 to 21.

The Ballinger quintet will go to McCamey for a week-end tournament and is scheduled to meet the Mertzson five in the first tilt tomorrow morning.

Hill and Davenport were chosen on the all-tournament team at the conclusion of play at Eden. Roland Bell was the high point Bearcat in the final game with the Brady team, scoring 13 points.

TWO CONFERENCE CAGE GAMES SET FOR LOCAL HIGH TEAM NEXT WEEK

The Ballinger Bearcats will be seen in action in the high school gym twice next week in conference basketball games. There are only three home conference games left on the Ballinger schedule for this year and local fans are urged to see these.

Tuesday night, January 25, the Bearcats will meet the fast Brady team.

Friday night, January 28, the defending champions, the Coleman Bluecats, will be the opposition in the local gym.

On February 4, the Lake View Indians will be here for their one appearance on the local court this season.

Each night the A and B teams will be seen in games, the first starting at 7 p. m. and the A teams meeting about 8 p. m.

Admission has been set at 15 cents for students and 30 cents for adults.

Notice
Guardianship of Gertrude Jansa, et al, Minors
No. 2285
In the County Court of Runnels County, Texas.
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You are hereby notified that I have on the 18th day of January, A. D. 1949, filed with the County Clerk of Runnels County, Texas, an application under oath for authority to make an oil, gas and mineral lease on an undivided three-sevenths interest belonging to said minors in and to that cer-

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Club, entertaining in her home in Wilke Terrace.

Arrangements of Garza mums gave added beauty to party rooms where games were played and the bingo award went to Mrs. Landreth. The hostess served a sandwich plate with fruit cake topped with whipped cream and spiced tea.

Others were: Mmes. John Barton, Naomi Keithley, Marie Carter, George Newby, Sim Cottelle; Misses Ollie Chenoweth, Lillian Knowles and Mary Jane Kiechle.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebrated by Woodfins

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodfin celebrated their golden (fiftieth) wedding anniversary Saturday, January 15, when they held open house at their home on Strong Avenue.

The following friends called during the afternoon: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reese, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allamon, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Tounget, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Boothe, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Gallant and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smith and Billy, Mrs. J. L. King, Mrs. Paul Winchester, Mrs. Mattie James, Mrs. R. B. Gully, Mrs. O. L. Britton, Mrs. O. H. Rezzlie, Mrs. Lynn Canady and Jackie, and Miss Loys Livermon.

Junior Music Club Meets in Duke Home

Members of the Junior Music Club held their regular monthly meeting Friday evening with John and Nita Duke in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Duke, on Fourth Street.

The following were heard in instrumental numbers: "My Happiness," piano solo, Joan Whitman; "In a Persian Market," piano solo, Billy John Whitehead; "Sundown Waltz," piano solo, Dee Ann Saylor; "Mutual Waltz," cornet solo, George McAulay; "Drums from a Distance," piano solo, Joe Van Petty; "Swaying Treetops," piano solo, Patricia Davis; "Hawaiian Love Song," piano solo, Jimmy Hamner; "The Water Sprite," piano solo, Sally Underwood; "Winter Wonderland," piano solo, Gary Joiner; clarinet solo, "Old Black Joe," Peggy Virden; "The Sailing Ship," piano duo, John and Nita Duke. "Rosemary," piano solo, was played by Rebecca Davis, a visitor.

Following the program, Mrs. Duke, assisted by Mrs. Rube Virden, served a sandwich plate with cookies and hot chocolate to members and a group of mothers.

Mrs. Flippan Leads Presbyterian Auxiliary Program

The Eighth Street Presbyterian Auxiliary held its inspirational program in the home of Mrs. Rufus Allen on Tenth Street Monday afternoon with Mrs. Pearson Corder as co-hostess.

Winter greenery and red berries and blooming pot plants decorated living rooms where Mrs. T. J. Flippan was leader for the program theme, "Presbyterian Life Goes to College." Mrs. E. S. Malone was at the piano for soft music while Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Corder presented a Radio Skit; Mrs. B. H. Erwin's topic was "Where the Winds Blow"; and Mrs. Roy Hill's topic was "Station XIAR," and Mrs. J. R. Mackey's discussion was "One Word." The Mizpah benediction was repeated in unison.

At the social hour, hostesses served a salad plate with date pudding and coffee. Others present were: Mmes. John Reese, R. W. Balke, A. W. Sledge, H. T. Russell, J. W. Black, J. D. Coulter, Mary Spreen; and Mrs. Paul Maulding of Borger was a visitor.

Young Matrons Sewing Circle Elects Officers

Mrs. Clements Taylor was hostess to members of the newly organized Young Matrons' Sewing Circle last week when she entertained in her home on Sixth Street.

The following officers were elected and installed: president, Mrs. Panel Legg; vice-president, Mrs. Pat Underwood; secretary, Mrs. Kelly Chapman; and reporter, Mrs. Vernon Lewis.

The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Underwood in serving a sandwich plate with pie and coffee to Mmes. M. E. Sweeney,

Mrs. Castor Hostess to Thursday Contract Club

Mrs. Curtis Bryan was welcomed as a new member and Mrs. C. W. Cheatham and Mrs. Murrell Landreth were included as added guests when Mrs. John Castor was hostess to the Thursday Contract

HONOR WRIGHT PLANE . . . General view of the celebrity-studded gathering at the formal presentation of the Wright brothers' "Kitty Hawk" at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington. The ceremony opened a day of tribute to the first men to fly 45 years ago. In the right background is Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson, chancellor of the Smithsonian, as he addressed the crowd after acceptance ceremonies.

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Miss McElroy Hostess to Christian Woman's Council

Miss Lela McElroy was hostess to members of the Woman's Council of the First Christian Church Monday afternoon, entertaining in the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. George on Broadway.

Mrs. W. F. Atwell and Mrs. N. D. Hoover were leaders for two programs, one program having been postponed last week because of the inclement weather. Mrs. Marvin Clark presided for the business and led the group in singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Both programs were based on the Church magazine, "World Call."

Mrs. Atwell gave the opening prayer and was assisted by Mrs. M. A. Foy, when she gave the devotional, "The Master Said;" Mrs. Joe Satterwhite's topic was "Return From Russia;" and Mrs. Clark gave a discussion on "The Communion;" followed by a prayer by Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh.

Mrs. Hoover brought the devotional on her program, which was "I Love to Tell the Story." Mrs. Horace Murphy gave a very interesting talk on China. The programs were concluded with the missionary prayer.

Living rooms were given added beauty by arrangements of winter greenery. Others present were: Mmes. O. P. Dorsey, R. R. Williams, C. F. Bailey, Herman Price, Miss Agnes Glover and Miss Nan Kevel.

Mrs. Pat Underwood Hostess to Young Matrons Sewing Club

Winter greenery and pot plants decorated the home of Mrs. Pat Underwood on Fifth Street when the Young Matrons' Sewing Club met for their regular meeting Monday afternoon.

After some time was spent in individual handwork and conver-

sation the hostess was assisted by Mrs. Dalton Crockett in serving a salad plate with sandwiches and coffee to Mmes. Kelly Chapman, Clements Taylor, Zane McWilliams, Panel Legg, and M. E. Sweeney.

ABILENE YOUNG PEOPLE TO PRESENT PROGRAM

High school age young people from the Church of Christ at

Abilene will be in Ballinger Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. to present a program at the Eighth Street Church of Christ.

The visitors will feature their chorus and several talks by members of the group. The program is said to be interesting and entertaining and all citizens of Ballinger are invited to attend.

Rags wanted at Ledger office.

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Talpa Lions Club Presented Charter; Members Total 48

A large number of Ballinger Lions attended the charter night program of the Talpa club Tuesday evening...

The Talpa club has 42 original members and since the charter was closed six members have been added, bringing the total to 48.

A quartet composed of Mrs. Jack Nixon, Jr., Alfred Dallinger and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Simpson provided musical numbers with Mrs. Wylie Hearne at the piano.

J. E. Williamson is president of the Talpa club for the first year and other officers are: Herman Mercer, first vice-president; A. W. Kennedy, second vice-president...

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION TO MEET ON JANUARY 25

The annual meeting of the Ballinger Cemetery Association will be held at the city hall at 3:00 p. m. January 25.

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Special crews of linemen and electricians have been rushed into this region to repair damaged telephone, electric and telegraph lines.

Practically all wire in the Talpa area were on the ground last week and little progress had been made the first of the week other than on a temporary basis.

The West Texas Utilities Co. has arranged for a short wave radio station here and is carrying on communications in its district through this medium.

In the vicinity of Talpa telephone lines are on the ground between every pole and many of the poles and cross-arms are damaged.

Farmers and ranchmen of this area have been hard hit in the loss of REA service. While current has been supplied at a few places most customers will be without service for some weeks due to practically every line in this section being broken or otherwise damaged.

NO. 2 FIRE TRUCK TO BE DRIVEN BY McENTIRE

T. W. McEntire has been employed by the city commission as driver of the No. 2 truck for the Ballinger fire department.

RAYMOND HASH HAS MADE DRIVER OF THE NO. 1 TRUCK

Raymond Hash has been made driver of the No. 1 truck and Mr. McEntire takes the position formerly held by Mr. Hash.

They say that the darkest hour comes just before dawn, but there aren't many folks who can prove it.



"OPERATION SANTA" . . . It's all over now, but eager hands reached out toward one of St. Nick's major assistants, shown standing in the "Operation Santa Claus" plane at Tempelhof airport in Berlin.

Juniors Will Stage Cake Walk and Sale At Library Tonight

The junior class of the Ballinger high school will present its annual show tonight to raise funds for the senior-junior banquet.

A cake walk and cake auction will be held at the Army-Navy Club in the library building to which the public and all students are invited.

The queen of the Ballinger high school will be elected during the program and votes can be cast by patrons and pupils up to 10:00 p. m.

Containers have been placed downtown to receive votes at one cent each. Provisions will be made for votes to be cast tonight for any of the girls in the race.

Pictures of Texas Penitentiary Plant Shown to Jaycees

Special representatives of the Jaycees were here Wednesday for a visit with the Ballinger organization and to show motion pictures of the Texas penal system.

The films revealed badly rundown buildings and shops, obsolete methods of farming and manufacturing and other conditions which have been termed a disgrace to the state.

Speakers stated that under the Ellis plan, the prisons would be largely self-sustaining, after the initial cost of modernizing plants and methods.

Jaycees expect to bring the pictures back to Ballinger and present them to other service and civic clubs and ask support of the plan.

The meeting Wednesday was well attended and a number of visitors were present.

NORTON HOME DEMONSTRATION STATION CLUB

The Norton home demonstration club met Tuesday in the home of Mrs. J. D. Crockett. Five members and a visitor, Mrs. Jean Hope, were present.

Mrs. Clarence Lee presented the yearbook and Mrs. Crockett, president, outlined the program for the club year.

Mrs. Lawrence Bryan, retiring president, was presented a gift from the club.

"Pollyannas" were revealed and gifts were exchanged.

The hostess served refreshments at the social hour.

SHEPPARD FUNERAL RITES HELD IN AUSTIN CHURCH

Funeral services for George H. Sheppard, state comptroller, were held at the First Methodist Church, Austin, this afternoon.

Mr. Sheppard died of a heart ailment Tuesday at 11 p. m. He entered an Austin hospital December 13 but his condition was not considered serious until a short time before death.

Mr. Sheppard had just started his tenth term as state comptroller. Before seeking office he had resided in West Texas, once teaching school in Ballinger back in the 1890s.

Petit Jury Venire Called for District Court Trials Here

A petit jury venire has been summoned to appear here next Monday for work in the current term of 119th district court.

Called on the venire are: Horace Murphy, Ballinger; Clarence Ledbetter, Bradshaw; E. H. Crawford, Ballinger; Alois Gerngross, Olfen; Burnie Cervinka, Rowena; W. H. Kornegay, Winters; J. W. Crockett, Winters; H. R. Wiesepape, Ballinger; Arnold Fuchs, Olfen; Lee Jost, Olfen; C. N. Landers, Bronte; H. J. Hoelscher, Norton; Charles Ocker, Ballinger; D. C. Bissett, Ballinger; Earl Caudle, Ballinger; J. S. Fletcher, Miles; Arthur Giesecke, Ballinger; Fred Sturm, Rowena; Milton Clayton, Talpa; Raymond Berryhill, Ballinger; Herbert Holland, Bronte; C. G. Richards, Ballinger; Paul Pieper, Rowena; Raymond Storey, Miles; I. W. Conway, Hatchel; D. J. Goetz, Winters; John Castor, Ballinger; Arthur Crockett, Ballinger; Harry Lynn, Ballinger; Virgil Holley, Ballinger; Otis Jacob, Ballinger; Jim C. Smith, Winters; Ben Schwertner, Miles; C. N. Mansell, Ballinger; J. B. Lacey, Miles; H. E. Halfmann, Olfen.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. at the Norton Baptist Church for S-Sgt. Woodrow B. Murphy, who was killed in England on November 18, 1942.

Decedent was born at Norton and graduated from the high school there. He worked as a mechanic and on a farm until entering military service in World War II.

He was sent overseas with the air forces and was stationed in England. Death resulted when he was returning from a mission over Germany and his plane crashed near London.

His body was buried at Brook Wart, England, before being returned to the United States for final interment.

Rev. G. K. Corley officiated at the services in the Norton church and American Legion members had charge of military rites at the graveside.

Survivors include his father, R. H. Murphy; a brother, Clifford Murphy; Knott; two sisters, Mrs. T. Jennings, Norton; and Mrs. Marion Brown, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Pallbearers were: Bud Inman, Neal Stewart, Scott Barrett, David Crockett, Sonny Patton and Ralph Martin.

CLUB MEMBERS ATTEND SEWING MACHINE CLINIC

Nineteen members, representing ten home demonstration clubs in Runnels county, met in the office of Miss Ollie Chenoweth, county home demonstration agent, last Monday afternoon for a demonstration on the care of sewing machines and the use of various attachments.

Mrs. D. W. Scott, of San Angelo, was the demonstrator, having been sent here by the company. The ten clubs represented were: Bethel, Drasco, East Ballinger, South Ballinger, Norton, Olfen, Winters, Friendly Neighbors, Victory and Rowena. The leaders receiving these instructions will give demonstrations in their clubs' February meetings.

Correct this sentence: "We want you to be chairman; you won't have much to do."

Truth is best understood by those who have experienced its value.

FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Friendly Neighbors home demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Eugene Baker Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Lee Parks conducted the business routine and announced that the Hagan-Barnett school house had been offered as a meeting place for the club.

Members were named to attend the sewing machine demonstration which was held in the office of Miss Ollie Chenoweth, county home demonstration agent, on January 17.

Pal names were drawn and will be revealed every three months. The 1940 yearbooks were discussed.

Mrs. Chenoweth will demonstrate how to modernize living rooms at the next meeting, to be held in the home of Mrs. Raymond Berryhill, 1302 Eighth Street, Ballinger.

Pecan pie and cookies were served with orange punch. Small U. S. flags were plate favors. Present were: Mmes. Chester

Barnett, D. H. Dunlap, Berryhill, Beulah Frazier, J. A. McClelland, Parks, Leon Russell, Bertis Jones, Ellis Stubbefeld, Roy Tyree, C. T. Moonen, Charles Stubbefeld, Ralph Russell and Andy Riddle.

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WEST TEXAS
NOTES

The Ballinger Chamber of Commerce has launched its 1949 program. President W. B. May outlined a number of the approved projects at the annual banquet last Friday evening and urged all citizens to aid in putting them over. A continuation of the agricultural program, increased recreational facilities, close cooperation with oil development, cooperation with churches, cooperation with school authorities in the general education program and other items were set as goals. The organization is starting the year with much enthusiasm and a strong directory board plus many interested committees, which gives promise of many accomplishments.

Runnels county received a small amount of moisture from the drizzles and ice of last week. The moisture will be worth much to the range and small grain, but there was much damage done over a wide area. Utilities sustained heavy losses and telephone, telegraph and electric wires are still down in some places. Practically every city in West Texas has been without long distance telephone and telegraph service. While private utilities electric service has been restored, those served by REA lines are still without current. Many farmers on these lines were caught with deep freeze units filled with fresh meats and were forced to take their stored food to town for cold storage until poles and wires are replaced. A number of farmers operating commercial dairies and using electric milkers had to milk

The Coleman county commissioners' court last week set salaries for all county officials and attended to other business. While several requests had been filed with the court asking for pay increases, all salaries were set at the same as for 1948. The court heard a petition from the American Legion post and employed a county service officer to look after veterans' affairs. The court also authorized the purchase of two heavy duty motor graders at a cost of \$24,042 less the trade-in of old graders.

The Santa Anna annual livestock show, held Friday and Saturday, was the largest in recent years. This was the first year that a full two-day program was held in connection with the annual show and sale. Officials stated that 70 per cent of the animals were put in the auction. Featured were several classes of lambs and a herd of registered Brahma breeding cattle.

The Brownwood Chamber of Commerce last week exercised its priority as a former land owner, to buy back 3,514 acres maneuver area. The organization purchased the land in 1940 to complete its plan to secure the location of an army camp at that city. The ranch land is in Mills county and on the Pecan Bayou. The chamber purchased the land when owners refused to lease to the government.

Brady citizens have been given hope for final completion of the by hand. Runnels county still needs a general rain and while small grain was given a new lease on life, more moisture is needed to give an underground "season."

flood control project on Brady Creek. President Harry Truman gave approval last week to the project with a recommendation that \$1,320,000 be spent in completing the job. The project has been up for several years and every effort has been put forth by the Brady businessmen who want to correct the hazards which have damaged the city in recent years.

The annual meeting of the Winters Sportsman Club was held Friday night. The club is sponsoring improvements in the park at Lake Winters and the stocking of the lake with fish. It is planned to affiliate with the state association and to commence several other projects in 1949. The club was organized in 1948 and its accomplishments during the past twelve months were worth considerable to the city.

A delegation of Comanche citizens, members of the county Better Roads Association, have been promised a hearing by the state highway commission on January 20, when requests will be made to eliminate several dangerous curves on highways in the county. A good roads association with 1,000 members has been formed in Comanche county and a drive is underway to secure 2,000 by the end of January.

Bob Hendricks, chairman for the March of Dimes at Miles, launched the drive in his community the past week-end. Miles churches have agreed to assist in the campaign.

The Bronte Lions Club last week launched a move to establish a community center. A committee was named to investigate the possibility of securing a

building from Mathis Field to be moved to Bronte and converted into a meeting place for youths and for other gatherings. Contacts have already been made and the committee will give a full report on its progress at the next club meeting.

Mrs. and Mrs. E. R. Whitale arrived in Paint Rock January 1 to make their home. Mr. Whitale, the new Concho county agricultural agent, began his work last week. He was formerly assistant agent at El Paso. He started by visiting clubs and individuals in the county last week.

A new Lions Club has been organized at Melvin and the charter night program was presented Monday. A special program had been arranged, including musical numbers by the Brady club, and Rev. Walter Dever, of Paint Rock, was the principal speaker. H. L. Thomas, Jr., has been elected president of the club, which has a full complement of officers and directors.

The Stephenville Chamber of Commerce issued an urgent appeal last week for rooms and apartments. Officials of the organization stated that many calls were being received from oil field workers who desired accommodations and that only a very few were able to find suitable living quarters. A survey of the city was made and citizens were encouraged to provide rooms and apartments for the workers.

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A large number of 4-H club and P. F. A. boys who have livestock projects are getting their animals ready for the livestock show to be held here on February 25. A place for the 1948 show is being prepared in the Fields & Johnson warehouse at the site of the former West Texas Cottonoil Co. mill and lights and heat will be provided for the one-day exhibit. This show will be one of the best ever held in the county and a number of the youths are expected to set good records at the larger expositions in the state. An auction will conclude the 1949 county show and many calves, sheep, hogs and capons will be offered to highest bidders. Ballinger merchants are asked to do their part by attending the sale and buying the choice animals.

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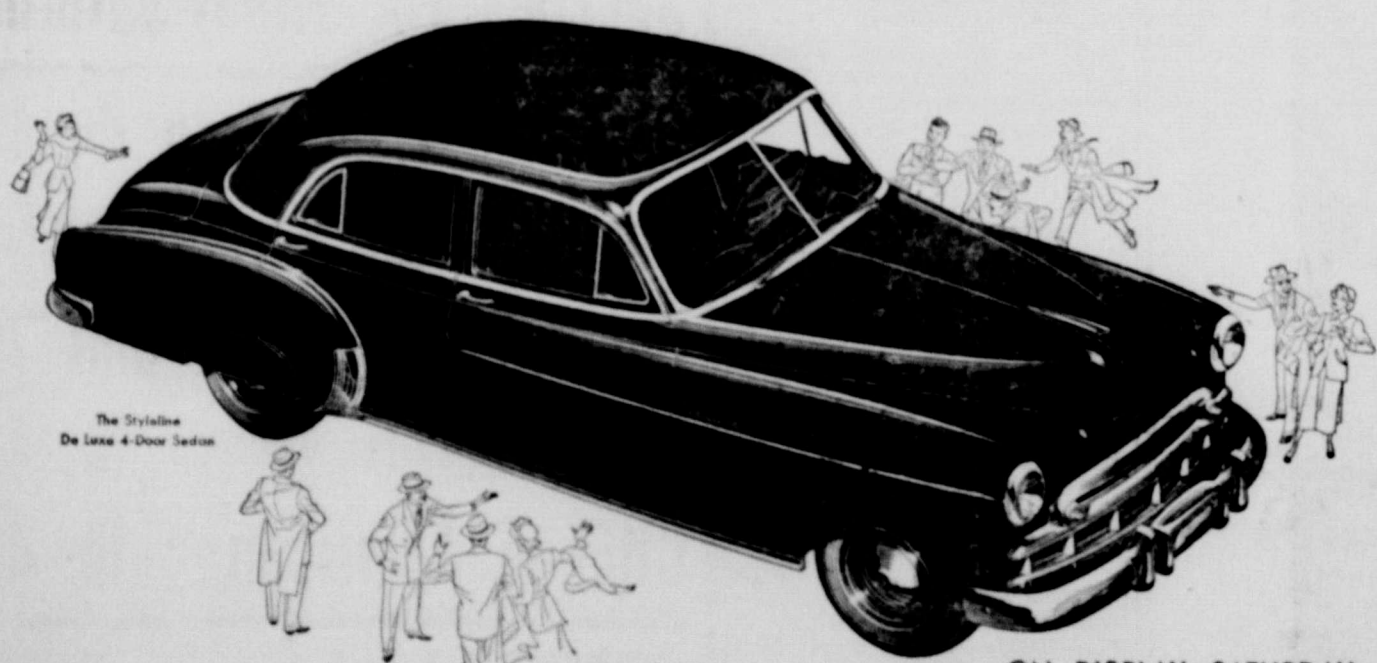
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Teacher Shortage In Texas Schools Cause for Alarm

The overcrowded condition in the Ballinger schools is no different from in other schools all over the state. Surveys made recently by the Texas State Teachers' Association reveal that 51,772 additional teachers will be required in Texas schools during more than are teaching at this

time and many of these will retire or become ineligible during the ten-year period.

Replacement of teachers is causing educators grave concern. There is already a tremendous shortage of teachers and the profession is not providing sufficiently attractive salaries to induce young people to prepare themselves to teach.

Texas now short several thousand qualified teachers and part of this trouble is caused by teachers entering other work.

The birth rate, rapidly accelerated during the war, will soon be

reflected in huge increases in attendance in all schools. Attendance already has been greatly increased in the lower grades of the Ballinger schools and at present there are five first grade rooms in the elementary school. This is the largest number in the history of this school and surveys show the peak load will not be reached until 1953.

Ballinger trustees and other school officials are doing a fine job in taking care of the local attendance. However, they want

all school patrons and citizens to become informed in regard to the prospects for growth in years to come and be ready to help take care of the situation.

All departments are being continued here, the increase in attendance is well handled and the big loads of bus students have not interfered with carrying out the daily program.

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Cal Shrum

Cal Shrum, Astor Pictures singing star, will be here in person at the Ford Theatre Friday and Saturday, January 21, 22. Simultaneous with Shrum's appearance in Ballinger, the picture, "Swing, Cowboy Swing," in which he stars, will be shown at the Ford. Admission will be 40 cents for adults and 9 cents for children.

Roger Wheeler, assistant secretary of the Sherman Chamber of Commerce, was here the past week-end to visit his wife and attend the local chamber's annual meeting.

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All local accountants have been busy since before Christmas and have many forms to be completed this week.

Those not required to make estimates of income have until March 15 to file returns on money made in 1948.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schnable and son, of Mexia, spent the week-end here, visiting friends and attending the annual chamber of commerce banquet.

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H. D. Council Holds First Meeting of '49 And Hears Reports

The Runnels county home demonstration council held its first meeting of the year January 14 in the office of Miss Ollie Chenoweth, county home demonstration agent. Mrs. Bernard Batts, chairman, presided for the business session, which began at 1:30 p. m., and Mrs. Calton Smith, secretary-treasurer, called the roll, read the minutes and the council's standing rules. Members voted to contribute \$10 to the "March of Dimes." Miss Chenoweth called attention to two important training schools scheduled this month. The first is on January 17, and the second on January 24, when County Agent John A. Barton will give a demon-

stration on "Killing and Dressing Poultry." This meeting will be held in the Winters home demonstration club room, beginning at 1:30 p. m. Miss Myrtle Murray, marketing specialist of the A. & M. extension service, will conduct a committee training course for council officers in Miss Chenoweth's office on January 26. It was announced that 305 cans of food had been shipped overseas by clubs of this county through CROP. The next council meeting will be held on February 11.

SOUTH BALLINGER HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The South Ballinger home demonstration club met Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Fred Moncrief on Ninth Street. Roll call was answered with "My greatest ambition." Members voted to make a \$5.00



HONORED . . . President Truman is shown presenting the medal for merit, highest U. S. civilian award, to Myron C. Taylor, emissary to the Vatican since 1939. In the picture, the President is congratulating the 74-year-old ex-U. S. steel executive following a presentation ceremony at the White House. Taylor was appointed emissary to the Vatican by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The appointment caused considerable discussion and disagreement among prominent church leaders, some objecting that Roosevelt had violated the policy of separation of church and state.

donation to the March of Dimes. Mrs. J. W. Jones presented the 1949 year books and Mrs. Ray Holstead, council delegate, gave a report of the recent council meeting. Mrs. Neuman Smith brought a report from the T. H. D. A. After games were played, the hostess served a salad plate with hot chocolate to fifteen members. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Carlton Smith February 1 and Mrs. Newman Smith will give a poultry demonstration.

BALLINGER MEN ATTEND COLEMAN STOCK SHOW
John A. Barton, Lloyd Rumsey and Hugh Campbell went to Coleman Monday to attend the opening of the livestock show in that city. They reported a good show with many sheep exhibited. Some of the Coleman animals and some from Runnels county will be in competition at the Fort Worth exposition next week.

According to a book publisher, only a person who has suffered can write a modern novel. If that's true then we'd say that anyone who has read a modern novel can write one.

Hugo Braden, Jr. 4-H Gold Star Boy Of Runnels County

Hugo Braden, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Braden, of Rowena, was awarded the 1948 gold star pin for his fine record in 4-H club work. Young Braden has been a 4-H club member for six years and during this time completed eight projects. His records show that in his eight projects he has sold and valued his swine and poultry at a grand total of \$2,183.80 and of this amount his profits were \$875. He has exhibited swine at Ballinger, San Angelo, and for the past three years has taken 15 hogs to the Dallas fair, winning third places on his litters in 1947 and 1948. His banner year was in 1947 when with ten pigs farrowed in a litter he raised them all and sold at a total of \$988 and in addition won prizes of \$19. In his report, Hugo states that he has learned much in the raising of hogs, in that certain practices, when carried out will bring results. He listed the value of starting with the right kind of hogs, having the necessary equip-

ment such as farrowing house and green pasture for summer feeding, well ventilated shade, plenty of fresh, clean water and plenty of feeder space along with balanced rations and minerals. He also advises keeping animals free of parasites such as flies, worms and lice. In summer he has found a cement hog wallow one of his best investments. This keeps hogs from getting too hot and they eat more and gain faster. Hugo now has an extra fine gilt-bred and he hopes to raise a litter of six or more hogs which will be entered in the Dallas fair in the fall. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Behringer and Mr. and Mrs. John Purifoy are in Washington this week to attend the inauguration of President Truman. Mrs. Purifoy has been in the nation's capital the past two weeks, visiting relatives, and the others left here Saturday in order to be on hand for the parade and other festivities Tuesday. W. B. May was in Abilene Sunday to visit relatives and attend to business. Lt. and Mrs. Ira B. West and son, Tommy, formerly of Adak, Alaska, will arrive tomorrow for

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