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32 Families are Adopted; 22 Others in Need of Aid

To today (Thursday) noon a total of 32 families had been "adopted" here and 22 remained on the list who will need the help of someone if Santa Claus visits their homes Christmas Day. The response has been very gratifying. Most of the large families have been taken by Sunday school classes or other organizations and will be looked after in an excellent manner.

Leaders in this movement hope that every family listed will be checked off before next Tuesday. There are some families in which if the children are remembered with a few toys, and possibly some food and clothes, it will be a great relief, the committee said.

A complete list of the families reported in need can be found at The Ledger office.

The plan to "adopt" a family this Christmas has been launched to a fine start and there is hope that most of the worthy cases will be taken care of. A number of Sunday school classes and other organizations and a few individuals have already checked families from the list, have visited the homes to learn their exact needs and are getting their Christmas baskets and packages ready. Some of these will distribute their gifts next Sunday so that members of the classes may go to the homes and see the good accomplished.

There are still many on the list and every one is in dire need. Most of these families will spend Christmas like any other day unless some person or group comes to the rescue. Local leaders who made a survey of the destitute stated that in every instance it would not take much to make the family happy.

In most of the cases where families are in need, sickness has played a part in their condition. Some are ill at this time and others have been sick and have lost time from jobs they held.

All the families "adopted" have been dropped from the list. Those named below have still not been cared for:

Carl Freeman went to Cross Plains Wednesday to attend funeral rites for Bera Maud Forte, a relative, who died Tuesday night at Santa Anna.

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Bus Schedules Will Determine Holidays For Rural Schools

County Superintendent E. C. Grindstaff stated this week that rural schools of the county will begin closing this week for the Christmas holidays. Most of the schools near Winters will close Friday, December 18, and studies will be resumed Wednesday, December 30, which will allow the teachers and students eleven days for Christmas.

Ballinger schools and those near Ballinger will close December 23 for eleven days, resuming on January 4. The date for closing of the rural schools will be determined by the bus schedules which serve each district. If the bus serves the rural school and at the same time brings pupils to Ballinger to attend the high school, the rural school will close for the holidays on December 23 and if the bus serves the Winters school and those surrounding Winters the holidays will commence December 18.

GRANDMOTHER A BRIDESMAID

STOCKPORT, England, Dec. 15.—Miss Frances Brimelow, a 20-year-old bride, had as bridesmaid her 72-year-old grandmother. Her grandfather, who is 77, was best man. The bridegroom, Alexander M. Sinclair, of Ayr, is an official of Warrington.

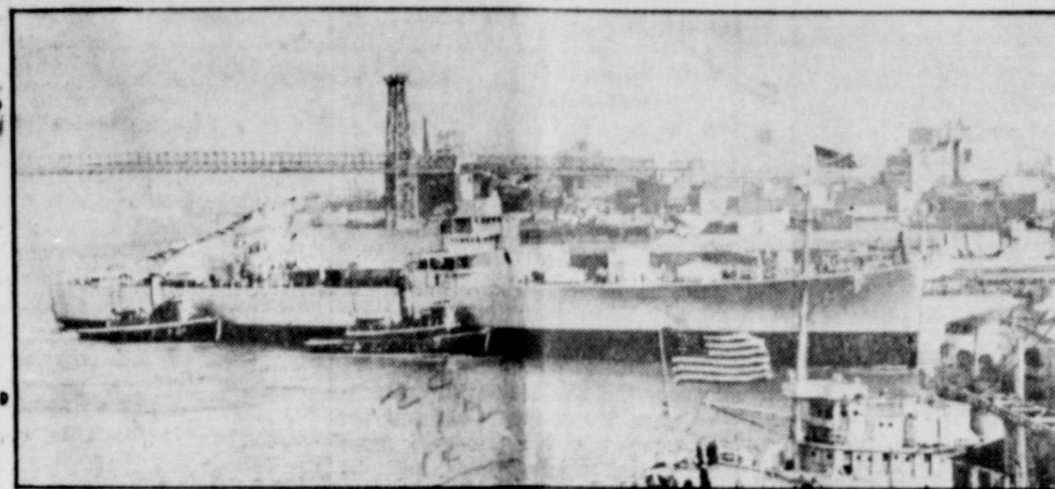
WHOLE CITY SAYS "HELLO"

BENONI, Union of South Africa, Dec. 1.—All subscribers 60f the telephone system in Benoni said "hello" at once. Owing to a faulty fuse the exchange was thrown out of commission. When the service was restored, the current caused all phones to ring together.

HORSE TO FLY OCEAN

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—On one of the early flights of the new zeppelin LZ129 it will carry a valuable race horse from Germany to South America. A special stable will be built on the airship.

When \$15,000,000 Ship Put Out to Sea



Commissioned to protect America's shores, the navy's new \$15,000,000 cruiser, Brooklyn, is shown here after it was launched at the Brooklyn navy yards, Brooklyn, N. Y. The cruiser, second of a revolutionary 10,000-ton type, will be armed with 15 fast-firing six-inch guns, now standard on most light cruisers. The cruiser was being towed into dry dock for finishing touches when this photo was taken. The U. S. S. New Orleans is in the foreground and the Williamsburgh bridge is in the background.

Compress Receipts 40,815 Bales; Mill Starts Final Run Monday

11 Cars Turkeys Shipped from Here On Xmas Market

Eleven carloads of turkeys were shipped from Ballinger during the Christmas market by local produce houses. Fourteen cars were shipped during the Thanksgiving season, making a grand total of 25 cars for the year.

There are still many turkeys left in this section and there will be no shortage of the favorite meat for Christmas dinners in Ballinger and Runnels county.

A number of producers held back small birds which would not grade No. 1. These will be fattened and sold later for consumption locally.

There is a good supply of dressed birds in the vaults here which will be sold by markets and food dealers during the holidays.

Hatton Laxson is confined to his home with pneumonia and his condition is regarded as serious.

W. B. Woody, who has been seriously ill in the Halley & Love Sanitarium for two weeks, has been removed to his home. His condition is reported to be considerably improved.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schnable spent the week-end in Sweetwater, visiting relatives.

During the holiday season there will be many visitors in Ballinger homes and many Ballingerites will visit elsewhere. The HELP US GET NEWS Ledger would like to have a personal about each person leaving and arriving, and we ask our readers to assist us in this. Please telephone No. 27 and report any news that occurs at your home during the Christmas season. We will appreciate greatly this cooperation and will endeavor, as always, to give you a better paper.

LEDGER TO BE ISSUED WEDNESDAY

The Ledger will be published a day early next week on account of Christmas. The paper will be printed Wednesday in order to "make" the mails and be delivered to all parts of the trade territory before Christmas.

Ledger solicitors will be on the streets this week-end and the first part of next week offering merchants attractive Christmas greetings for this edition.

Merchants are requested to assist in this early publication by turning in "copy" as early as possible and persons with announcements and news items are also requested to give them in before the issue date.

Content F.F.A.'s Hold Father-Son Banquet at School

Members of the Content Future Farmers of America chapter held their annual father-and-son banquet last Friday night. About 50 members, their fathers and other guests were present for the occasion, which was presided over by Orvel Luckett, who acted as toastmaster.

County Agent John A. Barton and County Superintendent E. C. Grindstaff were the principal speakers. Members of the club had various parts on the program.

The Content boys' club has been organized for four years and is now under the leadership of G. C. Moore, vocational agriculture teacher at the school. He is assisted by local farm leaders and the county agent. During the four years the achievements of the club have been many and most of the boys report increased earnings and better products since its organization.

Goodfellows

There are a number of families who lack necessities and children who will not be visited by Santa Claus this Christmas unless the Goodfellows help.

A few contributions have already been received and a committee will make the money go as far as possible relieving distress of families not "adopted," and to provide for the kiddies not included on the regular list.

Donations of any size will be accepted at The Ledger office and all the money will be spent for this purpose.

Previously reported \$10.00
Miss Nell Alexander 1.00
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First Information On '37 Farm Plan Given by Barton

General plans for the 1937 agricultural conservation program have been approved by Secretary Wallace after conference of representative farmers and extension staff members had gone over the 1936 work and suggested needed changes, it was announced Tuesday by County Agent John A. Barton.

Cotton and wheat, the crops listed as soil-depleting in which Texas is most interested, have been subject to very few changes in the revision.

Cotton is again rated at 5 cents a pound, and the base will be determined in about the same manner as in 1936. The maximum cotton acreage will be 35% of the base.

Reduction from the general soil-depleting base will be approximately the same; with the 15% limit still applying.

Before a farmer can receive payment on a general soil-depleting base he must make adequate provision for growing enough food and feed crops for his own use, then the rest of the soil-depleting base can be used for a soil-depleting payment.

Secretary Wallace stated that in the main all farmers who have taken part in the 1936 program approve its principles; that hundreds of meetings have been held over the United States where growers discussed the merits and demerits of the present program, and made suggestions for a better one, and that they had used all these suggestions as near as they could. The modifications are intended, for the most part, to adapt the program more closely to the needs of the various regions.

For the 1937 program, additional emphasis has been placed on soil building and more money will be available for soil-building practices.

The new program should not only improve the soil but it also should protect the interest of consumers and help to preserve the economic gains which farmers have made during the past four years, it was pointed out.

The soil conservation and domestic allotment act was passed in 1936 by congress, which authorized an annual appropriation of \$500,000,000 for carrying out this program. The actual appropriation for 1937 remains to be made; this program, therefore, is dependent upon the action of congress.

Drew Dickson and Drew Dickson, Jr. left Sunday for St. Louis to attend a meeting of Brown Shoe Company salesmen. They will return home the last of this week.

Resettlement Head Announces Plans For Aiding Tenants

Floyd L. Stainback, supervisor of rural rehabilitation in Runnels county, has returned from a state-wide conference of resettlement administration employees held at Dallas.

"Reports from all over the state and nation showed that rehabilitation activities have grown steadily in efficiency and in public favor," the supervisor said. He pointed out that land ownership is the final goal of resettlement work, but that there are 286,000 tenant farmers in Texas alone, and providing land for these is a program of many years.

The most ambitious plan yet suggested would appropriate fifty million dollars of federal funds each year, the supervisor said, and Texas' share would be only around one thousand farms a year. In the meanwhile, he said, we must help the other low-income tenant farmers to improve their present status.

Means of improving the tenant's situation, the supervisor said, include longer terms of leasing, in order that the tenant may become more closely attached to a specific piece of land, in the care and improvement of which he will take a personal interest. Another step, which has been taken in Texas for more than 32,000 tenants, is to assist them in purchasing teams and tools, thus removing them from the class of sharecroppers dependent upon their landlord for "furnishing."

Only the highest type of tenants are now being selected for purchase of farms, the supervisor said. Fifty have been nominated for the whole state, out of 588 to be provided with farms under this year's allocations. "These fifty nominees have been located on their present farms an average of six years, as compared with the fact that less than half of Texas' tenant farmers have been on their present farm more than one year," Mr. Stainback said. "These nominees have average assets of \$1,421, mostly in teams and tools. Their average age is 40 years, and the average family includes two or three children."



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DEATHS

M. L. Forgey
Martin Luther Forgey, 35, died at his home, 309 Ninth Street, Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock after illness of about ten days' duration. He had been afflicted with influenza and other complications, and for several days was in a serious condition.

Mr. Forgey moved to Runnels county from Dallas county in 1908 and made this home ever since. He engaged in the grocery business here several years ago and was operating the Forgey Grocery on Seventh Street at the time of his death. He was a member of the Methodist church.

Survivors include the wife; three children, Dorothy M. L., Jr., and Cordie Lou; his mother, Mrs. S. E. Forgey, Fort Worth; six brothers, T. J., W. A., D. H., and D. E. Forgey, Ballinger; J. H. Forgey, Brownwood; W. M. Forgey, Lubbock; and a sister, Mrs. M. D. Brooks, Fort Worth.

Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church this (Thursday) morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. Homer Vanderpool officiating. Interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery following the rites at the church.

Active pallbearers were: D. E. Camp, Cal Adair, Troy Laxton, Claude Powers, Albert Fryar and H. J. Zappe. Honorary pallbearers were: Jess Jones, Lottie Faria, Oscar Harber, Hubert Parrish, Joe Forman, Bill Tyree, E. R. Griffin, Dr. F. M. Hale, Dr. A. S. Love and Dr. George Nearsta. Members of Mrs. Forgey's Sunday school class were in charge of the flowers.

Jennings Funeral Home undertakers were in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Mary M. Guin
Mrs. Mary M. Guin, 74, died at the Halley & Love Sanitarium at 9:15 Friday night, December 11, following illness of brief duration. Decedent had been a resident of the Hatchel community for over 30 years. Her husband, W. A. Guin, preceded her in death 14 years ago.

Survivors include three sons, Ben, of Ballinger; Scott and Mack Guin, of Hatchel; five daughters, Mrs. W. E. Blair, of Ballinger; Mrs. E. Graves, of Hatchel; Mrs. W. H. Schleyer, of San Angelo, and Misses Edna and Ruby Guin, of Hatchel; two brothers who reside in Alabama, and a sister-in-law, Miss Braska Guin, who has made home with the family for 40 years. Four granddaughters and two grandsons also survive.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the graveside in Fairview Cemetery, Winters, Rev. J. H. McClain, pastor of the Ballinger Baptist Church, officiating.

Pallbearers were Austin Williams, L. M. Bales, A. B. Davis, Charlie Michaelis, E. M. Moore and L. H. Voelker.

King-Holt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Bombs Shatter Homes in Madrid



Thousands of Madrid's citizens were left homeless as rebel planes made repeated attacks on the capital, bombing streets, public buildings, and homes. In this picture the victims are huddling amid the debris preparatory to salvaging what is left of their possessions. Like other homeless thousands, they may seek refuge outside their native city.

'37 Motor License Plates Received; Issue February 1

Automobile and truck license plates for 1937 were received here by County Tax Assessor-Collector W. A. Forgey last Saturday. The plates were brought to Ballinger by Bud Russell, agent of the Texas prison system.

The 1937 license plates for passenger cars are black and yellow, black background with yellow figures. The only wording on the plates are at the top, "Texas 1937." Passenger car numbers in this county begin with number 894-851 this year; commercial plates with 134-351 and farm vehicle licenses with 73-401.

The first shipment of the licenses included 4,500 for passenger cars; 550 commercials and 350 for farm vehicles. In case more plates are needed they will be shipped here by the prison system.

New licenses will be issued by the collector's office beginning February 1 and the plates must be affixed to cars not later than April 1, which allows two full months for purchasing them.

PERUVIANS BUY MORE RADIOS

LIMA, Dec. 16.—Sales of radio have registered marked improvement in Peru, where more than ninety per cent of the recent purchases were all-wave receiving sets.

Big Crowd Expected For Xmas Charity Ball at Local Armory

The Goodfellow charity ball, slated for next Tuesday night, will get underway about 9 o'clock, according to the advertising distributed this week. Large attendance is expected with representatives from several nearby towns promising to be here.

Ray Maddox and his orchestra were contracted for the dance. Special decorations will be put in the armory hall and a real charity ball will be held.

This affair is being held primarily for the benefit of the Goodfellow charity fund and all the profits will be given to this committee to take care of the needs of Ballinger children who will not be visited by Santa Claus unless the Goodfellows come to the fore.

The Caddo Club, sponsor of the entertainment, plans to make it an annual event. Advance ticket sales have been pushed and good response received by those selling the ducats.

He Slayed Her

At dinner, Dr. Jones took in, as his partner, a gushing young lady.

"It is true, doctor," she said "That you are a lady killer?" "Madam," he replied gravely, "I make no distinction between the sexes."

WITH THE SICK

Miss Frances Fryar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fryar, was taken to San Angelo in a King-Holt ambulance this (Thursday) morning, suffering severely with influenza and complications. She has been ill for several days and her condition today was reported much worse.

Hutton Laxton is reported to have pneumonia at his home on Eighth Street. He has been confined to bed several days.

W. B. Woody has been taken home from the Halley & Love Sanitarium and is improving steadily.

Dr. C. F. Bailey was able to be back in his office this week after a siege of influenza.

Miss Norma Jean Bankston is confined to her home on Tenth Street, suffering with influenza. She was improved yesterday and returned to school but had a relapse.

Miss Lola Henniger is receiving treatment at the Halley & Love Sanitarium.

Cliff Smith, of Dallas, and Albert Smith, of Miles, were here today to attend the funeral of M. L. Forgey.

SAN ANGELO COUPLE ARE MARRIED HERE

Jack O. Wilkins and Miss Helen Henderson, of San Angelo, were married at the First Methodist Church here Sunday evening, the officiating clergyman, Rev. Homer Vanderpool, reading the single ring ceremony.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Henderson, Crockett county ranch couple, who yesterday announced the marriage.

After graduation from Westmoorland College in San Antonio, she attended Sophie Newcomb College, New Orleans.

Mr. Wilkins, who is connected with the Household Furniture Company, is a son of Mrs. Alice Wilkins.

CAR ADDED BY SANTA FE DURING HOLIDAY RUSH

The Santa Fe Railroad will add an extra chair car between Fort Worth and San Angelo, through Ballinger, commencing tomorrow, it was announced here today. The additional coach will provide for more passengers during the Christmas travel rush. Teachers and students comprise the bulk of this travel, with other vacationists helping to swell railroad ticket sales.

The canistel tree of Latin-America bears a fruit which tastes like a five-minute egg.

Save At..... Sam Behringer's SPECIALS FRIDAY and SATURDAY

Fancy Fruits and Vegetables

Another full truck load just arrived from winter gardens.

Grapefruit bu. 98c

Texas Oranges bu. \$1.59

Lemons Fancy 2 doz. 25c Calif

Apples -- Apples

See us for prices on Apples and Oranges in boxes or by the dozen for your Christmas needs.

Bananas 1b. 4c

Celery large bleached 10c

Lettuce fresh, crisp 2 for 7c

Potatoes 10 lbs. 25c

Yams 10 lbs. 25c

Onions Spanish sweets lb. 3c

Candy The Largest Assortment in Ballinger. Too many kinds to price. Come and see it.

Open Late Evenings Until Christmas

Howell's Market Xmas Specials

Bakers Dressed, ready to bake 1b. 22c

Picnic Hams 1b. 18c

Country Pork Sausage lb. 23c

Fryers Dressed and drawn Nice and fat 1b. 28c

Hens Something nice for pre-Christmas dinners 1b. 25c

Turkeys Strictly No. 1 Birds, dressed and drawn, Fat and appetizing. See them to believe they are the nicest in town. A size for every requirement. **Turkeys**

R. I. MAYFIELD EXPIRES AT HOME NEAR TALPA

R. I. Mayfield, 81, died at his place near Talpa Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock following a heart attack. He had been about as usual during the day and was en route from town to his home when he suffered the stroke. He was dead when friends reached his side after seeing him fall some distance from the house.

Survivors include the wife, three sons, Leo Mayfield, Monahans; Ivey and Everett Mayfield, Talpa; three daughters, Mrs. H. S. Seales, Houston; Mrs. O. D. West, Talpa; Mrs. L. H. Laughlin, Brady. Other relatives include one brother and one sister.

Funeral services were held at the Talpa Presbyterian church

Sunday afternoon, with the pastor of the Methodist church in charge.

Jennings Funeral Home undertakers were in charge of arrangements.

FARM HOES DODGE TAXES

MELBOURNE, Victoria, Dec. 16.—Class distinction has been raised between agricultural and gardening implements in Australia, and implement dealers of Melbourne have trouble in explaining it. By a new sales tax a person wishing to buy a hoe for his garden must pay tax, but a hoe for farming purposes can be had tax free.

No wood commonly used in buildings and other structural fields is strictly "fireproof."

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Genuine OIL and PARTS SERVICE and REPAIR

Will call for and deliver your washer for general overhaul.

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FORGET your gift worries... give beautiful gifts... distinctive gifts... and do it economically at Pearce's. Here you'll find unusual suggestions... every one in perfect taste... and all of them within the budget you've set for yourself.

Drugs
Hinds Honey and Almond Cream 39c and 89c
Kleenex 15c and 29c
Aspirin 100s 49c
Kotex 20c

Pickard
• Give her Pickard
Salt and pepper 60c
Sugar and Creamers \$3.50
Bon Bons \$2.50
Olives \$2.00

Dresser Sets
• Three, four, five and more pieces in these modern dresser sets, up from \$1.95

Perfumes
• Wife, sweetheart or daughter will thank you for perfumes by
COTY-CORDAY'S
YARDLEY'S-BOURJOIS

Cosmetics
• Fine cosmetics will please the woman's heart
Yardley's Bourjois Coty's Corday's

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• Pangburn's and Whitman's 1 lb. to 5 lbs. 50c to \$5

Leather Gifts

• Lasting gifts for men and women. Traveling sets of various kinds in black and brown leather—up from

\$1 to \$18

Cigars

• Boxes—
El Roi Tan \$1.25 and \$2.50
Y-B 50c, \$1.25 and \$2.50
Chancellor \$2.25
Cremo \$1.65

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• For the smoker of pipes you can find his favorite type here. Also cigar and cigarette holders, lighters and supplies.

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IN SOCIETY

Junior High Football Team Entertained... The pep squad members of junior high school were hostesses last Friday evening to the football squad...

Vancil, Rothal O'Kelly, E. S. Cox, C. L. Armstrong, and Miss Thelma Midgley... A surprise shower of gifts was presented Miss Royalty...

Winters, R. T. Williams, R. W. Brule, C. R. Stephens, Trail, U. E. Hartman, J. Y. Pearce, Paul Trimmer and Minnie Maude Alexander... Presbyterian W. M. S. Meets With Mrs. Miller...

Swann, George Stowe, Annie Gillespie, O. T. Toney, Bob Hubbard, Hornburg and McClain... Wednesday Study Club Announces Change of Meeting...

boughs, sprigs of holly and red tapers in silver holders... Following the dinner, gifts were exchanged and ping-pong and other group games were played...

Included were: Mmes. J. A. Schnable, R. W. Earnshaw, C. R. Stone, L. R. Tigner, Harry Lynn, J. B. Striplin, Alex McGregor, Arthur Giesecke, E. W. Stasney, Ross Murchison, K. V. Northington, E. H. Boelsche, Ford Taylor, Ralph Payette, Clinton Glover, M. S. Patrick, Robert Bruce, Horace Sessions, Ralph Vancil, E. C. Baskin, John Barton, H. J. Zappe, Lane Moreland and Troy Simpson...

FRUIT CAKE - - Fit for a King! For several years we have been baking the FRUIT CAKES for the finest hosts in Ballinger and this territory... Connelly's Fruit Cakes are "REAL FRUIT"...

Miss Cathleen Connelly was hostess to the Bachelor Girls Club Tuesday evening in her home on Eighth Street... Mistletoe and holly were used to decorate the living room...

No-Hostess Affair for Needle Workers... The Needle Workers Club entertained with a beautiful no-hostess Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Chester Cherry...

Two Organizations in McClain Home... The Baptist Young Woman's Auxiliary and the Fidelis Sunday School Class were guests in the home of Mrs. J. H. McClain...

What can it do for me? Most men and women measure the worth of a bank, not by intangible values, but by specific instances of assistance given and services rendered... The First National Bank of Ballinger

Notice to all car owners... The Christmas holidays are near and many of you will need your cars tuned up and inspected so your trip Christmas will be trouble-free... The Patrick Chevrolet Co. SUPER CHEVROLET SERVICE

Baptist Circles in Boelsche Home... The two circles of the Baptist W. M. U. of which Mrs. Edgar Boelsche and Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff are chairmen met in the home of Mrs. Boelsche...

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Popcorn Ball Decorations
Popcorn balls, wrapped in red and green tissue paper, silver paper or glistening cellophane, and piled in a decorated basket, make attractive centerpieces for Christmas dinner or party tables. A small favor may be placed in each ball, to add interest at a party. Hung on the Christmas tree, the balls make pretty ornaments for the strong lower branches that always seem to be neglected when the tree is decorated.

RITZ
"Ballinger's Finest Entertainment"

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10c and 15c
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Gene Autry
in
"Oh Susanna"
with
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Monday and Tuesday Matinee
10c and 15c
Monday and Tuesday Night
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HUMAN DRAMA!
The DEVIL
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CONSI!
You'll thrill to this gripping and dramatic picture of lawless men and wanted women!

Parole!

with
HENRY HUNTER, ANN PRESTON, ALAN BISHOP, ALAN BAXTER, ALAN HALE, GRANT HITCHELL, BERTON CHURCHILL, HENRY HUNTER, JR., BERNADINE HAYES, WALTER CLARK, JOHN HILTON, CHARLES BOHANN, FRANK MILLS, SELMAR JACKSON, CLIFF JONES, ANTHONY QUINN.

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Robert Frazer, Associate Producer
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Matinee Every Day 1:45

"Anthony Adverse," Great Epic Drama, Stars Frederic March

The long awaited Warner Bros. production of "Anthony Adverse," filmed from Hervey Allen's cyclopoean novel, which boasts of 3,000,000 readers, opens its engagement at the Texas Theatre in a special midnight prelude Saturday, December 19, and remains for regular performances on the Sunday, Monday and Tuesday following, December 20-21-22. Frederic March has the stellar role and Olivia de Havilland plays opposite in the feminine lead.

In its panoramic story sweep through five centuries and three continents, the magnitude of its 131 sets, the picturesqueness of its backgrounds, the gigantic scale on which it was produced and the vast number of talented players in its cast, "Anthony Adverse" surpasses any picture filmed by Warner Bros., and is said by some reviewers to be the most pretentious piece of entertainment ever attempted in Hollywood.

The novel, which took Hervey Allen four years to write, was finally whipped into its finished screen form after more than two years of arduous labor on the part of nearly 3,000 technicians, in addition to more than 2,500 players who portray the many characters seen in the film.

"The Devil is a Sissy" Brings Three Youthful Stars to Ritz

For the first time, three of the most famous boys in motion pictures are teamed in the same screen story. They are Freddie Bartholomew, Jackie Cooper and Mickey Rooney.

The new picture, "The Devil is a Sissy," based on an original story by Roland Brown, will be shown at the Ritz Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 20-21-22.

"The Devil is a Sissy" is the story of three boys who become inseparable pals and, strangely enough, features three boys who are boon companions in real life. Freddie Bartholomew plays a rich English lad who meets his unusual companions by visiting his father's studio on New York's East Side.

Jackie Cooper's role is that of the son of an executed convict, while Mickey Rooney portrays another juvenile product of the sidewalks of New York.

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Friday - Saturday

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THE UNKNOWN RANGER
with
MARSHA HUNT
Directed by
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A COLUMBIA PICTURE

Also
Chapter 2 of
"Fighting Marines"
Broadway Brevity

Sunday - Monday
Tuesday
ZANE GREY'S
"Arizona Raiders"
Starring
Larry "Buster" Crabbe
Raymond Hatton
also
Sports Musical

being ninety-eight speaking parts, with 2,500 bit players and extras appearing. Besides March and Miss de Havilland, some of the more important players include Edmund Gwenn, Claude Rains, Anita Louise, Louis Hayward, Gale Sondergaard, Steffi Duna, Billy Mauch, Donald Woods, Akim Tamiroff, Ralph Morgan, Henry O'Neill, Pedro De Cordoba, George E. Stone and Luis Alberni.

Thrills and Fun Seen in Radio Romance, "Here Comes Carter!"
"Here Comes Carter!" First National's new screen drama that probes behind the scenes of both radio broadcasting stations and moving picture studios, comes to the Texas tomorrow (Friday) for two-day showing, December 18-19, with Ross Alexander, Glenda Farrell and Anne Nagel in the featured roles.

The picture is said to be packed with thrills and rollicking humor from start to finish. The action centers around the activities of an ex-press agent of a film company who uses his knowledge of the movies to broadcast scandal and gossip about the stars. For his attacks on a matinee idol who had caused his dismissal because he refused to help the actor out of one of his many disgraceful escapades, he is given a terrific beating by a band of gangsters. An amazing episode entailing a deadly gun-fight—which unknowningly is broadcast on the air—winds up the story in a smashing climax.

Others in the cast include Craig Reynolds, Hobart Cavanaugh, George E. Stone, John Sheehan, Joseph Crehan and Dennis Moore.

Stampedes Add Thrills in Zane Grey's "The Arizona Raiders"

Two thrilling stampedes, one of frightened, maddened cattle and one of a herd of untamed range horses, are a part of the action-filled story of "The Arizona Raiders," Zane Grey film with Larry Crabbe and Marsha Hunt in leading roles, to be shown at the Palace Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 20-21-22.

The picture presents Crabbe as a hard-riding, straight-shooting cowpuncher, roaming the old West in search of adventure. As the yarn opens, Crabbe makes a last minute escape from a sheriff's posse, about to hang him on a false charge of horse theft.

A short time later he comes across Raymond Hatton, also in the hands of a posse and also about to be hanged. He effects Hatton's escape and together they ride across the Arizona border to comparative safety.

In the first town they enter, Hatton is thrown into jail for starting a shooting scrape. Inside he meets a youth, Johnny Downs, who wins his promise of help in an elopement.

Crabbe releases the pair by stampeding a herd of cattle into the town, where they smash the jail, and then all three ride to the Hunt ranch. Hatton and Crabbe get jobs, immediately discover that a plot is under way to steal the girl's valuable herd of horses.

How the two balk plans of the rustlers, best them in a gun battle, and clear the way for two romances at once makes the fast-moving plot Jane Rhodes and Grant Withers are among other featured players.

"The Unknown Ranger," Starring Handsome Bob Allen, at the Palace Tomorrow
The Texas rangers will take possession of the Palace Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday, December 18-19, when Columbia's "The Unknown Ranger" will be shown. Bob Allen, handsome new western star, heads the cast with Marsha Tibbets in the leading feminine role.

Allen is seen as a state ranger detailed to round up a band of horse rustlers. Posing as a wandering cowpuncher, Bob rides into the small cow town, rescues a little boy from the hoofs of a runaway team and gets a job as puncher.

on the ranch of the lad's father. Bob meets the rancher's daughter, Martha Tibbets, and immediately the two fall in love. But Martha's suitor, a neighboring ranchman and head of the rustlers, played by Harry Woods, warns Bob to stay away from the girl and for his health's sake to leave the country.

Bob soon learns, however, that Woods is the real brains behind the rustling band. In a thrilling gun battle in the path of a stampeding herd of horses and cattle Bob finally captures Woods and forces him to confess his misdeeds.

In addition to the leading players, Hal Tulliaferro, as a comedy character named Chueker, has an important role. He makes the most of an uproarious musical sequence which is indicated as a highlight in this exciting adventure film.

"SAY, Jen, where's the star for the top?"
Dick Dartmouth smiled down at the girl who stood at the foot of the ladder. "How does it look?" he asked.
"Fine, Dick. It's almost like being home," she exclaimed, and then her face sobered.

"Here!" said Dick, and descended. "Don't you dare let me down. It's a darn shame that the whole school piled off for the holidays and left you behind with me, but still, if you hadn't stayed, what would I have done?"
"And if you hadn't stayed, what would I? I couldn't nearly afford the trip home."

"But at least, Jen, you have a home," he said wistfully.
"I know. I'd been thinking of that." She straightened. "Come on, let's get through. What shall we do with the mistletoe?"
"I'll take it." He began twining it around a lamp fixture. "Do you know, Jen," he said musingly, "I'm surprised some of the other girls didn't invite you to visit them."
"She was silent for a moment. "They did, Dick. But I preferred to stay here with you."
"Honestly, darling?" He laughed happily. "And I turned down three chances just to stay with you."
"And quite naturally he discovered what to do with the mistletoe."
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Her Happiest Christmas
 FOR many years Marelu had not been exactly happy on Christmas; somehow she had never received the pretty things bestowed upon other girls. "If they all only knew how I have secretly longed for those soft, dainty luxuries," thought Marelu, as she sat before the fireplace, just three days before Christmas.

"There are those kitchen aprons, for instance, from dear old aunt Lucia. Every year, as far back as I can remember, I have always been aproned. I must have almost a dozen by now. Then there is cousin Marie, who has been sending the inevitable handkerchiefs right along, year after year. There must be quite a collection of them, too."

While she had been grateful and thankful for these kind remembrances, she had not been exactly thrilled. A happy Christmas thought suggested itself to Marelu as she gazed out at the slender, slender shimmering like silver in the moonlight. "I know what I'll do. I'll start right now and wrap up all these things into pretty Christmas parcels and give them to someone who really needs them."

When Christmas day arrived Marelu started out with her basket brimming full of beautifully wrapped and tied Christmas gifts. Every step she took over the holiday carpet of snow represented a kindly thought of cheer.

"Merry Christmas," she cried, as she handed a bright colored parcel to dear old Linda Larsen. "The very same to you," said she, with a questioning look of surprise. The next moment she was proudly unwrapping a pair of pretty bath towels. Marlene and Dolly, two little girls around the corner, danced up and down with joy when they saw the snowy handkerchiefs with colored borders. Marelu smiled happily as she left the little girls and proceeded to her next stop. Ellie Lynn was overwhelmed with surprise when a gift was handed her. She explained that it had been years since she had received a Christmas present.

After several other interesting calls Marelu started for home. The street lights flashed on and the glimmering Christmas trees joined in the ceremony on all sides of her. As she drew near her own home she stood still a moment and admired the grandeur of the dark pines encircling the house under a white burden of snow. The variations of colors gleaming from the windows seemed to be stretching out to meet the pines.

Inside the house was warmth and joy and Christmas cheer as the family gathered about the Christmas tree, pointed with the star of Bethlehem. Marelu was just in time for the celebration. Bobby had been chosen to read off the names upon the gifts and all eyes were centered upon the huge basket containing them.

"First on the program," shouted Bobby, "is for mother." All wondered what it could be.

"A gorgeous lamp shade," cried mother, as she held it up for all to see.

While still admiring this thing of beauty, Bobby shouted louder than ever, "Something for the governor, himself. Get ready, pop, for your surprise."

"What can the strange package be, for goodness sake?" said father, his eyes peeping with interest. "Well, I do declare, if it isn't a golf set. Just what I have wanted for a long time," as he started to examine it.

"Oh boy, hold out your hands and catch, Dot, a ducky package for you, all tied with silver cord. What is it? Open it quick!"

Dot removed the bright red tissue and disclosed a white wool skating outfit.

Marelu had been so absorbed in what the others were receiving that she had forgotten all about herself. For the first time in many years she had received the things she really adored. With a heart full of appreciation and joy, she suddenly shouted, "Merry Christmas!" The others did not quite comprehend the extent of Marelu's enthusiasm, but she, herself, felt, somehow, that this had been the very happiest, merriest Christmas she had ever had.

WOMAN KILLS ADDER
 EVANSTON, Scotland, Dec. 16.—Meeting a twenty-six inen adder, the most poisonous of all reptiles, Mrs. M. Pettigrew, of Evanston, calmly dismounted from her bicycle and killed the spitting crawler with a tree branch.

Mrs. Mary Garvin, 64, of San Francisco, is official scorer of the Golden Gate Baseball League.

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Luke's Christmas Money
by Martha B. Thomas

LITTLE LUKE, watching his father splice rope, was suddenly struck with an idea. "It's just one strand after another, isn't it dad?" "Yes, just one strand after another that makes the rope that holds the ship. It's the way most things are accomplished, boy, when you come to think of it."

A cold wind blew around the fish shed back of the wharves. Other men were busy, too, tying snood-knots on trawls, hoping a good day would come for fishing tomorrow.

Luke walked away and up the hill. Christmas coming in a week! He knew his father and mother had been busy planning something for his happiness then. But what had he done? Nothing at all. He stood stock still, his thoughts all mixed up in a queer way, with the strands of rope that made the line, the hundreds of snood-knots the fishermen were tying. "Just one thing done, and then another to make the whole," he reflected.

Then, walking slowly again he seemed to see two one-dollar bills folded away in his pocket-book. And trailing back from the money a row of different pictures of himself, working hard to earn those two dollars. Planting seed potatoes in the spring, hoeing them, weeding in the hot sun, even watering his own plot when the weather was dry. Then, in the fall digging them up. Selling them . . . for two dollars. One bit of work after another. What next? He took more steps. Money was earned by the work of one person to buy something which was the work of another. Luke smiled. He knew "what next," very well indeed.

So, on Christmas morning, though Luke was delighted with his own gifts, he had an almost dizzy pleasure in watching his father and mother unwrap a pair of bedroom slippers and an apron he had given them. "My potato money!" he shrieked. "I got it by doing one thing after another . . . just the way the rope grows, strand after strand."

Luke's father looked puzzled, but his mother kissed him and said "Merry Christmas, dear!"

The Mistletoe Hunt
By FRANCES GRINSTEAD

"Eve-O Baby Bunting, Daddy's gone a-bunting!"

WHEN the mothers of young children in the east, Oklahoma countryside sing this nursery song to their little ones they may out of loyalty to Mother Goose add the next two lines:

"For to find a rabbit skin,
To wrap the baby Bunting in."

But that isn't exactly what daddy does down there. When it comes the time of year that the baby needs warmer covering, daddy takes his gun and goes out to shoot down mistletoe! This he sells for the Christmas trade and buys Baby Bunting a different kind of raiment. For mistletoe, with its well-known holiday meaning, grows in abundance there and is always found high among the bare winter branches of the native elm. Little boys climb for it, of course, but the quickest way to gather it for commercial use is to shoot it down.

"Open season" for mistletoe hunting begins about the last of November and the demand increases steadily until Christmas. Truck loads of the green sprigs with their wax-white berries are driven to the cities of the north for the holiday trade. As the mistletoe is not always uniformly ripe at the time it is wanted, much "hunting" is required to find sprigs whose berries are at a stage to suit the demands of the buyers. At such times the roadsides may be strewn with discarded mistletoe, for the condition of the berries cannot be seen until the sprig has been shot down. But such waste is not lamented, for mistletoe is a parasite that reappears in abundance each year, however ruthlessly it may be treated.

MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

THE first meaning of Christmas is that of generosity, inspired by the great gift of God to mankind. The selfish sway of the world is broken at least for a time, and the Christ spirit is born in our hearts. Sometimes the exchange of presents is carried too far and becomes a burden instead of a pleasure; but anything that makes the world unselfish is beautiful and good.

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In Denmark on Christmas morning they "blow in the Jul" at dawn from church towers, playing Christmas hymns to the four points of the compass.

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VICTORIA, Southern Rhodesia, Dec. 1.—While Victoria city officials were debating whether to cut down the water supply because of a drought three inches of rain fell in an hour.

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HERRING HOURGLASS

There was an increase in the attendance at Sunday school last Sunday. Everyone remember our services this next week-end.

Miss Sammie Bragg and Ted Linderman, accompanied by Miss Della Bragg and Carl Bull, motored to Winters and were married at 3 o'clock December 8. Rev. Roth performed the ceremony. We wish them much happiness.

Miss Naomi Brevard and Miss Mildred Kerby attended the tournament at Divide this week-end and helped Talpa win the tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fuller were honored with a dinner Sunday. They celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary Saturday. A delicious dinner was served to the honorees, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. O'Dell and daughters, of Winters; Mr. and Mrs. Lucian King, of Talpa; Mr. and Mrs. Welby Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fuller and son, J. C. and Rena Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hale, Mrs. Jettie Gamble, and Miss Evelyn O'Dell, of Winters. Sunday afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. Berry Matthews and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fuller and family, and Pete Preus.

Misses Donella and Betty Kelly were Sunday night guests of Misses Sybie and Flora Belle Simpson.

Several of the women met in the J. P. Brevard home Monday and quilted a friendship quilt for Miss Mertha Kerby.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Matthews, Odie and Arval, Mrs. Vara Simpson, Fred and Lucille motored to San Angelo on business Saturday. The Matthews are sporting a new car.

Misses Sybie and Flora Belle Simpson and Chester Simpson attended the tournament at Buffalo Saturday.

Miss Louise Foreman spent Saturday night with Misses Marie and Billie Gene White.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Henderson motored to San Angelo Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Avant left Friday morning for McCamey to visit their daughter, Mrs. Kerby Todd.

Arthur Alcorn and Tom Brandon were Talpa business visitors Monday.

Arthur Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. John Rosford and Dorothy Mae, Mary and Roy Fuller, Mrs. Welby Fuller and Grady Miller attended the singing at Crews Sunday afternoon.

Miss June Hill spent Saturday night with Mrs. Feeler, of Blanton.

Mildred Kerby, Dorothy Mae Rosford, Naomi Brevard, Ewing Fuller, Lawton Brevard and Lyndon Rosford attended the F. F. A. and economics Christmas tree at Talpa Monday night.

BARNETT BELL RINGERS

There was not a large attendance at Sunday school Sunday on account of sickness. We hope there will be a large attendance next Sunday.

We are sorry to report that John Duke underwent an operation at San Angelo last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Newsome were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tyree Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Howell and daughter visited in the G. W. Landers home Sunday night.

Mrs. A. N. Wiley and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Charley Ashton went on a business trip to Bronte last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Norman and daughter, Lorene, of Ballinger, and Mr. and Mrs. Burtus Jones and son, Billie Don, visited in the E. A. Norman home Sunday.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Tyree Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. George Overton, of Big Spring; Leona Helwig and children, of Miles; Mrs. Modesta Paddock and children, of Winters; Troy Laxton, of Ballinger; Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Forgy, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Tyree and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Laxton and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tyree and

son, Miss Zelma Lea Evans, and Bobby Tyree.

Mr. and Mrs. Red Branham and baby, of San Angelo, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sides.

Mr. and Mrs. Buena Camp and daughter moved to South Ballinger last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones are visiting relations here part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tyree and son and Mr. and Mrs. George Overton visited Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Tyree and son Sunday night.

Miss Dot Norman spent Friday night with Miss Hollis Camp.

Dave Forgy and Mrs. John Hughes have been at the bedside of their brother and brother-in-law, Luke Forgy, of Ballinger, who was very sick the past week. Mr. Forgy is well known in this community.

Truman Moore is visiting his mother, Mrs. Aaron Burks, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Landers were callers in the Charlie Ashton home Tuesday night.

Acclaimed Opera Find at 15



Offers from three movie companies and a New York talent scout greeted 15-year-old Betty Jaynes, above, Chicago school girl, after she scored a success as Mimi in "La Boheme," a Chicago Civic Opera production with Giovanni Martinelli as Rodolfo. Betty Jaynes Schultz is the young singer's real name.

Rupert Clayton, who was severely injured when thrown from his horse three or four weeks ago, is now well on his way to recovery to the delight of his many friends. Mrs. Andy Spreen returned home Tuesday from Santa Anna

after several days in the hospital at that place.

Mrs. C. M. Gibson, after a tussle of several days with the flu, is convalescing.

Thos. Curry killed a big rattlesnake in the J. L. Green pasture last week. The reptile, measuring almost 5 feet, had 10 rattles and several were broken off.

Mrs. Annie Cox and Mrs. Maud Brookshier were Christmas shopping in Ballinger Wednesday.

Those attending the turkey dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Brookshier Sunday were: Tom Gibson and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Martin, and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Brookshier have an ideal country home, having almost all the conveniences of a city residence.

Our school is progressing nicely; the pupils are bringing up good reports, and the new beginners are learning fast. If left up to the students Miss Ashton and Miss Taylor would have to teach at Benoit until both became old maids.

Mr. and Mrs. Paschal Dietz were pleasant callers in the W. T. Hill home Wednesday evening, stopping on their way home from quarterly conference at Talpa.

With best wishes to the editor and office force and The Ledger's many readers for one and all a merry Christmas.

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J. A. Schnable attended to business at Abilene Tuesday afternoon.

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Too Much Rich Food Imperils Mankind, London Doctor Says

LONDON, Dec. 16.—After centuries of human struggle for food, with most of mankind always on the verge of starvation, the world now faces the opposite danger of overeating, it is asserted by Dr. Robert Hutchison, physician and consultant at the London Hospital.

Several inquiries into the average food supply of British and other European families have been made recently by scientific and political authorities, including a committee of the League of Nations.

Studying their reports, Dr. Hutchison is convinced that serious danger of too little food has vanished. One evidence that danger of overeating has taken its place is believed to be the startling changes in causes of death. The chief changes of deaths include, several diseases believed to be related to food shortage, one of these being tuberculosis. Dr. Hutchison points out that there has been a recent astonishing decrease in deaths from this disease.

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S. S. Class in Stobaugh Home

Members of the Sunday school class of the First Christian Church of which Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh is teacher were entertained in her home Tuesday evening with husbands of members as guests.

In the rooms given an elaborate Yuletide decoration tables were appointed in the Santa Claus theme for games of forty-two. Following these, Santa himself arrived to distribute gifts from the pretty Christmas tree.

A plate of pie, coffee and candy was served.

Included were: Rev. and Mrs. Wallace Jones, Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Bailey, Messrs. and Mrs. Marvin Clark, Bailey Mack, Foy, Stanley Gray, Earl Clary, Horace Murphy, J. R. Lusk, W. V. Connolly, J. A. Williams, R. R. Williams, Jack Rued, John Albright, L. H. Ryan, Walter Allison, Mrs. J. C. Taylor, Ueckert, R. E. Bacon, Misses Lulu McElroy, Nan Kevil, Florence Westbrook and Lillie Clayton.

The Christmas Party

By Katherine Edelman

IN SPITE of the gay music, the Christmas atmosphere, Doris Brian was miserable. For the first time in his life Dick was neglecting her for some one else. Ever since the first dance he seemed to have eyes and ears for just one person—Barbara Overton, a visitor from Chicago. Doris couldn't understand it; Barbara was not even pretty. But there was Dick, hanging on every word she was saying, and leaving Doris unnoticed.

Only yesterday he had been suggesting that they get married. There was his writing; he had told her something would come from it before long. Editors couldn't keep saying "no" forever. But now he seemed to have forgotten that she even existed. Doris had heard of men growing suddenly infatuated like that.

Snatching a wrap she hurried out on the veranda. She couldn't bear the gassy atmosphere. Suddenly she felt herself whirled around. Dick had come quickly through the doorway. "I've got the whole dope from her," he was saying excitedly. "I'm on the way to riches. Don't you know she's first place in the biggest contests last year—and, honey—she's put me right on the track. I'm going to win big money next year—you see if I don't. Doris, are you willing to take a chance, and marry me right away—to make it a Christmas wedding?"

Which was exactly what Doris did.

DEAR'S CHRISTMAS DOLL

By Helge Gaisford Waterman

DEAR was really too big to play with dolls. Yet, when she said that all she wanted for Christmas was a really nice doll, of course mama and everyone gave in.

People always were nice to Dear, probably because Dear was so nice. That was why everyone called her "Dear" instead of by name.

Such a doll, on Christmas morning, with real eyelashes, and long curls. It could walk, talk, and sleep. And it had a whole trunk of lovely dresses and shoes, and a little fur coat.

Dear dashed down to see it first thing Christmas morning, and then, when breakfast was over, she got her wraps, dressed the doll in its fur coat, and set out with its trunk under one arm, and it in the other.

"She's so proud, she has to show it to her friends," smiled mama. But when Dear returned, she had neither doll or trunk. "Why, Dear," said mama, "where's your doll?"

"I gave it away," Dear answered. "I do hope you won't mind. You see, I knew a little girl who had never had a doll in her whole life, and I wanted so to give her one on Christmas."

"But Dear, why didn't you say so?" We could have bought one that would have been good enough, and you could have kept yours."

"That's why, mama," Dear explained. "It had to be just the nicest doll ever, to be fun. And oh, mama," she cried, her face beaming with happiness, "did you ever see a poor little girl with her first lovely Christmas present?"

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A self-cleaning rake has been invented for gardeners.

Biting Into Another Four Years



His teeth clamped firmly on the proverbial Gerner cigar, the vice president is shown here with Mrs. Gerner, his secretary, as he returned to Washington to resume his duties for another four years. Gerner, who spent the summer of his Uvalde, Tex., home, has been active in Washington clinics for 39 years. His chief duty as vice president is advising the Senate.

CHURCHES

First Presbyterian Church
(301 Broadway)
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.
There will be Christmas music and a Christmas sermon, "The Essence of Christmas."

The evening service will be at 6:00 o'clock, instead of the usual hour, and will be a Christmas service of praise in song and scripture, with the choir, two groups of readers, and two readers participating.

The usual mid-week service will not be held next Wednesday, but there will be a Christmas tree and program on that evening at 6:30 o'clock.

DWIGHT A. SHARPE, Pastor.

Church of the Foursquare Gospel
(Twelfth Street between Hutchings and Railroad avenues)
This is to announce that the services will continue, as usual with the exception of the Saturday evening service, for the next few weeks under Brother Walter Dunn's ministry.

The pastor, Lora Lawhorn, is leaving for Los Angeles to spend Christmas and to attend the International Foursquare Convention to be held there January 1 to January 12.

Everyone is welcome. You will

enjoy hearing this young man, who is a consecrated Christian. When men do anything for God, the very least thing, they never know where it will end, nor what amount of work it will do for Him. Love's secret, therefore, is to be always doing things for God and not to mind because they are such little things.

LORA LAWHORN, Pastor.

Church of God
(Corner of Sixth and Strong)
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., S. H. Skelton, superintendent.
Preaching at 11 a. m. by pastor. Young people's meeting at 7 p. m.

Preaching at 8 p. m. by pastor. Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Teachers' meeting each Wednesday following prayer meeting.

R. L. HULL, Pastor.

Ballinger Baptist Church
9:45 a. m., Sunday school, E. C. Grindstaff, superintendent.
11:00 a. m., preaching by pastor.
6:30 p. m., B. T. U. meeting.
Francis Jones, director.
7:30 p. m., Christmas pageant.
7:30 p. m., Wednesday, prayer meeting.

A welcome to all who will worship with us.

J. H. MCCLAIN, Pastor.

First Methodist Church
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
11 a. m., morning worship, ser-

mon by pastor.
7:30 p. m., Christmas concert by choir.
Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.

You will find a cordial welcome at any service of this church.
HOMER VANDERPOOL, Pastor.

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church
9:45 a. m., Sunday school, Carl Black, superintendent.
7:30 p. m., Wednesday, prayer meeting.

Church of Christ
(Eighth Street, Bonsal Avenue)
Bible school meets at 9:45 a. m. with competent teachers for all classes.
11 a. m., preaching by pastor.
7:30 p. m., evening service, sermon by pastor.

3:30 p. m., Monday, ladies' Bible class meeting.
The public is invited to attend any and all these services.

First Christian Church
(Broadway and Murrell)
9:45 a. m., Bible school.
11 a. m., preaching and communion service.
7:30 p. m., sermon by pastor.
7:30 p. m., Wednesday, prayer meeting.

We enter an invitation to the

public to attend all these services.
WALLACE JONES, Pastor.

Church of the Nazarene
(Ninth Street and Harris Avenue)
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., M. D. Freeman, superintendent.
Preaching at 11 a. m. by pastor. N. Y. P. S. at 6:45 p. m.
Preaching by pastor at 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.
W. M. S. each Thursday at 2:30
JAMES MCGRAW, Pastor.

Old Fashioned Baptist Church
(Carnegie Library)
Sunday, 9:45 a. m., Bible school for all the family. We invite you to come to a school that teaches the whole Bible.
11 a. m., morning worship. Sermon by pastor, "Our Christless Christmas."

2:30 p. m., Bible school at Winters mission, 242 West Dale Street, near postoffice.
3:30 p. m., preaching service.
6:30 p. m., young people's hour.
7:15 p. m., pre-service prayer meeting.

7:30 p. m., gospel service of song and sermon. Music directed by U. S. Daniel. Christmas carols. Sermon, "There Was No Room for Him in the Inn."

Wednesday, 7 p. m., Bible study

and prayer meeting.
Bring your friends.
B. A. WHITTEN, Pastor.

RUFUS THOMAS PURCHASES KLOESSEL BARBER SHOP

A deal was closed this week in which Rufus Thomas purchased the Kloesel Barber Shop from Emil Kloesel and has taken charge. Mr. Thomas has been engaged in the barber business in Ballinger for many years and for some time has been connected with the Kloesel shop. Mr. Kloesel and family plan to move to a farm in this county.

DOG DIES TRYING RESCUE

IRVINE, Scotland, Dec. 16-- Trotting on a leash beside its master, a black retriever died trying to rescue an old man who started across the railway tracks in front of an onrushing train near Irvine. A passer-by gave a warning shout, and the dog raced forward, caught the man's coat in his teeth and tried to pull him back. Both the man and the dog were crushed under the wheels.

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4-H Club Achievement Day To be Held Here January 9

4-H Club Achievement Day will be held in Ballinger Saturday, January 9, 1937, at which time all club boys in Runnels county who have had projects this year will assemble for a program, a feed and lots of entertainment.

This week each club boy will receive a letter from County Agent John A. Barton in which will be enclosed a record book and other material on which to make his report for the year. The letter will also extend an invitation to this meeting, expected to be attended by between 60 and 75 boys.

A program will be held in the district court room at the court house at 10 a. m. at which time a number of business items will be taken up. Officers for the county organization will be elected, reports heard on special work and projects, the summer camp discussed, local leaders and sponsors discussed and selected, and an out-of-county speaker will address the group on special work.

Mr. Barton is urging that every boy who carried a project this year make out his record and send it in as quickly as possible. Those who have completed their projects and filed their reports will receive club pins at the meeting here. Bronze pins will be given to those who have completed their first and second year in club projects; silver pins going to the boys who have had three years; and gold pins to the four-year boys.

The pins will be presented at the noon luncheon which will be served by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce at the fire station. At this luncheon a program of fun and entertainment will be presented and picture show tickets will be given all who attend.

Club work has moved forward in this county this year with more boys taking part and more projects being fostered. During the year a successful summer camp was held near Ballinger on the Colorado River, a spring exhibition of fat calves and lambs was

held on the streets of Ballinger, the clubbers participated in the county fair, exhibited fat stock at the San Angelo show and also at the centennial exposition, Dallas. In addition, many other club activities were carried on during the year and interest has grown in general club work. Mr. Barton hopes to influence the forming of new clubs next year and that the membership in the present clubs will be increased.

YARD DECORATIONS WILL BE JUDGED MONDAY NIGHT

A committee will inspect yard Christmas decorations and scenes in Ballinger Monday evening and make awards for the cash prize offered. Citizens who have yards they wish to enter in the competition are requested to telephone the chamber of commerce and list their yards so the committee will not overlook any.

A cash prize of \$5 will be paid for the first place winner.

Occupants of the Mayflower

The occupants of the Mayflower passengers included the following: Merchant, steward-servant, servant-man, servant-boy, ladies' maid, bound-boy, printer and publisher, physician, jailer, tradesman, wool carder, farmer, lay reader, silk worker, husbandman, carpenter, cooper, seaman. Some were at some time teachers, accountants, linguists, writers, etc. Some had formerly practiced handicrafts.

First Wife of Adam

In the rabbinical writings, Lilith is regarded as a beautiful woman, the first wife of Adam. She fled, becoming a demon; Eve was given him in her place. She continued in the Jewish folklore as an evil spirit, the equivalent of the vampire. Her personality is said to have been derived from a Babylonian-Assyrian demon of similar name. She was believed to be especially hostile to children, and amulets were worn by them to ward off her influence.

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Madrid in War's Death Grip



Trembling under a thunderous cannonade of death that rocked even her outer suburbs, Madrid became a city of horror as the Spanish civil war turned into a conflict with international complications. Top photo was taken an instant after a rebel bomb struck in the western part of the city, setting an automobile ablaze and damaging buildings. Lower photo shows a group of Moorish soldiers ready to go into battle.

The limitation of antiques is an art so highly developed that even connoisseurs are duped from time to time.

Christmas Carols

By Katherine Edelman

WARREN ELMORE was mad—angry through and through. For the first time in his business career he had had a quarrel with his partner. Of course it had been all Peter's fault, but even that thought didn't help so very much. The old saying, "It takes two to make a quarrel" kept bothering him.

What was it that his wife had told him to get at Grant's? He asked himself the question as he entered the big department store. How for Muriel, that was it! Both Christmas shopping, anyway! Why didn't Beverly tend to things herself?

As he walked down the crowded aisles, he was conscious of music from the balcony. An orchestra was up there playing Christmas carols. Warren Elmore forgot his peeve against the world; he hurried up and joined the happy crowd. His voice joined in "O Little Town of Bethlehem." It was followed by the glorious "Adeste Fideles." Then came "Silent Night." As its beautiful strains filled the store Warren Elmore was conscious that all anger was disappearing from his heart. He wanted to get back to the office, to slap old Peter on the back, and tell him they were a pair of fools for letting such a small thing interfere with their friendship.

And man-like, he purchased six pairs of hose for Muriel instead of three on the way out. A store that took time and thought for Christmas carols should be rewarded a little bit, he believed.

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KEEPING TREE FRESH

If a Christmas tree is set in water when it first comes into the house and is kept in water while it is part of the Christmas decoration, it will remain fresh and green for at least a week longer. Water should be replaced as it evaporates. If the base of a Christmas tree is trimmed with a sharp knife just before it is mounted, the pores will be left open, allowing water to rise in the stem to the living cells which are still trying to provide the tree with food and moisture. Spruce and fir retain their needles longer than most other Christmas trees.

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Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebrated by F. W. Lampes

Wednesday, December 9, marked the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lampes of South Ballinger. In honor of the occasion a luncheon was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lampe, of the Bethel community, with members of the family and close friends attending. After a delightful meal the afternoon was spent in pleasant conversation and recalling incidents of the past. "When We Came to Runnels County" and "The Present

Administration," seemingly were the topics discussed.

Fred Lampe and Sarah Jane Benson were married December 9, 1887, in the Lutheran church at William Penn, Texas, by the Rev. Klithworth. Four children were born to this union—Frank, William, Katherine, and Minnie, now deceased.

Mrs. Lampe was born in Tennessee on February 8, 1867, and

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Year Books Ready For Distribution To Club Members

The home demonstration club's year book for 1937 is off the press and is being distributed to members by Miss Myra Tankersley, home demonstration agent. She plans to have all books in the hands of the members before the beginning of the 1937 program in January.

The book lists officers of the county council and all clubs, chairmen of standing committees, the extension service officials at College Station, the names of all clubs, their meeting dates and a complete itinerary of the home demonstration agent for the ensuing year.

The program for the entire year and much other information which will be of help to club members are printed.

Miss Tankersley at present is getting the girls' club book ready and as soon as it can be mimeographed and bound, it will be distributed.

John A. Barton, county farm agent, and Miss Tankersley are busy making up their annual reports which must be filed with the extension service not later than December 31. When these reports are perfected a summary will be published showing what has been accomplished during the preceding twelve-month period.

The reports this year will disclose some startling accomplishments by each of the agents. In many respects, the work has shown greater progress during the present year than in any previous like period. Especially is this true in regard to activities with the club boys and girls.

POLICE GIRLS WANTED

SHANGHAI, Dec. 16.—Shanghai officials are trying to enroll forty Chinese policemen who belong in the higher intelligence brackets. Candidates must be 4 feet 5 inches in height, between 18 and 30 years of age, and graduates of a junior high school. They are given examinations in history, mathematics, geography and science. The pay is \$3.25 a month during training and \$6 after graduation.

TUGS 3 CARS WITH TEETH

MELBOURNE, Victoria, Dec. 16.—Alexander Anderson, better known as "Young Apollo," recently tugged three automobiles, carrying six passengers, thirty-two inches with his teeth, then let four men try to strangle him with a rope.

Professor: "Do the quick thinkers become leaders?" Freshman: "Well, he who hesitates is bossed."



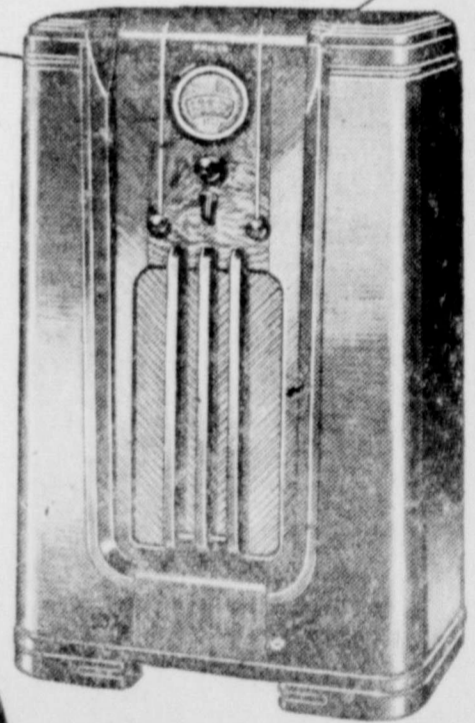
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 The best plan for all concerned is to send the change of address in advance.

Ballinger churches will offer Christmas entertainment in varied types of programs next Sunday. Music and pageantry will predominate with the children coming in for special numbers. Pastors of the city hope for record church attendance at this season as the Birth of the Savior is remembered by all Christians.

Shoppers here Saturday were getting the Christmas spirit and clerks were kept busy helping customers select gift items for the approaching holiday. Next week will start that mad rush for the last minute shoppers who are always with us every year. This week-end is an excellent time for shoppers to complete their gift lists and get that part of Christmas out of the way.

Christmas bonuses which are being distributed by large industrial corporations all over the United States will trickle into Ballinger in a few instances and some local employees will receive checks which will make their holiday shopping easier. Few strictly local firms have made definite announcements regarding cash gifts to be passed out this year, but probably more money will be given employees than in any year since 1929.

Have you "adopted" a family for Christmas or contributed to the Goodfellow fund? There is no better way to observe Christmas than to remember and help those who are more unfortunate than you. There are about 50 families in Ballinger who must have aid and will have no Christmas and in addition there are many who will have enough for bare necessities but the children will not get toys, fruit and candy. If you cannot look after a whole family, a small donation will help the Goodfellows to take care of the kiddies.

Local firemen fervently urge that every resident of Ballinger use every precaution against fire during the Yuletide season. They are issuing warnings in every way possible in the hope that careless fires will be avoided in Ballinger. Christmas with all its decorations and fireworks creates an enormous hazard and the local firemen are hoping to close their year on December 31 with no additional losses. A close watch will be kept by the police to enforce the ban on shooting fireworks in the restricted zone and home owners are asked to inspect their premises and make special efforts to remove and prevent this cause of sometimes terrible conflagrations.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends for the words of sympathy, and the many kindnesses shown during the sickness and at the death of our beloved mother and for the beautiful floral offerings.
 May God's blessings rest on each of you.
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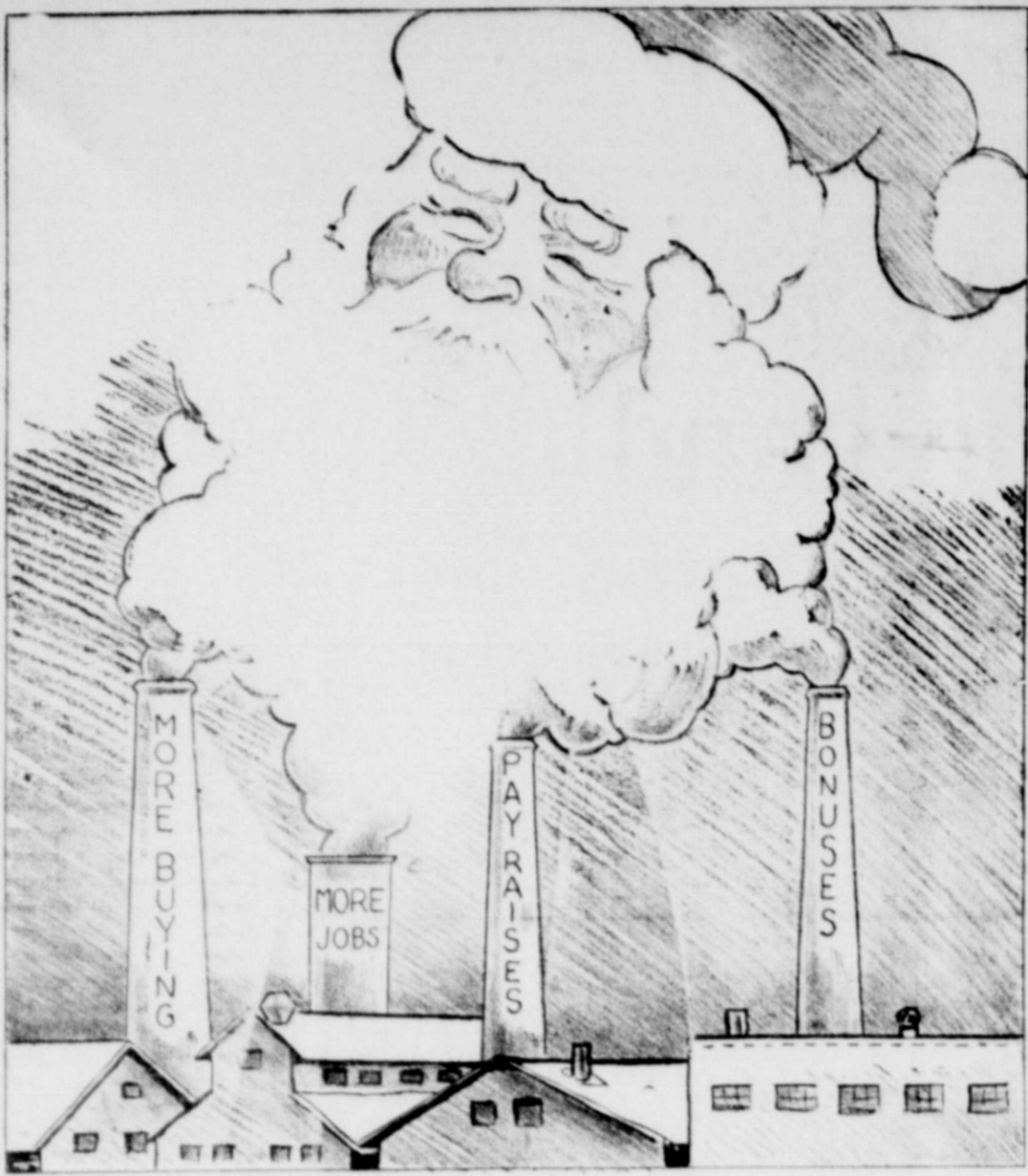
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WEST TEXAS NOTES

[Clipped from Our Exchanges]



A contract for paving highway 4 from Eden to the Menard county line is to be awarded at the next meeting of the state highway commission, to be held December 21-22. When the 8.3 miles covered on this bid are paved only one unfinished section of highway will remain in Concho county, that being also on highway 4 from Eden 14.3 miles toward Paint Rock.

Port Stockton Lions Club members and the personnel of the Port Stockton fire department have assumed the task of distributing food and Christmas gifts to needy families there. The offer of cash prizes for the best Yuletide decorations, to be given by the Lions club, has greatly stimulated the holiday beautification program.

O. W. Cardwell, winner of four ribbons and a cash prize for his mohair display at the Centennial exposition, has recently sold more than 900 lambs from his ranch near Junction to ranchmen in other parts of the Hill Country.

Churches of Menard are uniting to stage a Christmas play, "Come Ye to Bethlehem," on Sunday night, December 30. A choir composed of singers from all the churches and the high school glee club will also appear in the production which is to be presented in a Menard theatre.

Four appearances of the Mason high school choral club, including a broadcast over station KNEL, Brady, are scheduled in this organization's presentation of a Christmas cantata. The program to be broadcast from the Brady station will begin at 4:30 p. m. Sunday, December 29.

Decoration of the town and a community Christmas program were planned recently by the Mason Junior Chamber of Commerce, the organization which sponsored these activities last year.

Bright sunshine and higher peanut prices are the reasons given by Rising Star merchants for the success of their December business drive. A sound truck, advertising literature and display space in the Rising Star Record

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were the mediums used by the business men to boost business for the holiday season.

Recurring burglaries and petty thefts at Breckenridge are thought to have been checked with the arrest of two youths by officers there.

Purchase of water utility equipment in Sonora from the Central West Water & Power Company is under consideration by the Sonora city commission. These officials recently authorized purchase of a new fire truck which is expected to result in a five per cent reduction on the key rate of fire insurance paid by property owners.

Funds for construction of a parsonage are to be obtained by presentation of a play, "Sky High," sponsored by the Robert Lee Methodist Missionary Society. Two performances of the three-act comedy drama will be given at the high school auditorium.

Electrification of more than 425 rural homes in McCulloch county is proposed as a local project by Will Kennedy, chief electrician of the Brady power plant, and D. R. Morrison, Waco engineer. Twelve communities are represented by signers of the proposal who agree to contract for electric service if lines are extended to their localities.

Special holiday activities at Melvin include a father-and-son banquet held by the Future Farmers of America, a play presented by the Parent-Teacher association and preparations by merchants for the Christmas trade.

Plans for a new building for the Miles Baptist Church were submitted to the members Sunday. The church recently acquired a lot near the business district.

Additional equipment for the home economics department of the Paint Rock high school will be secured as quickly as funds are available.

Shipment of peanuts from Comanche is expected to total 100 cars this season, according to the public weigher.

Free wrapping of Christmas parcels is a service supplied shoppers by the Coleman Chamber of Commerce.

With the quail season closed in Coleman county, many sportsmen are visiting Brown and Runnels counties to hunt the whirling brown birds.

Winters volunteer firemen have scheduled their annual banquet for December 21. The Winters Lions Club is sponsoring a ban-

quet to be held in January in honor of the football team and pep squad of the high school. Tickets to the football banquet will be available to the public.

Posted Notice

This is to give notice that my farm one mile west of Ballinger is posted against hunting.

H. C. LYON
 10-31

ON TEXAS FARMS
 By Minnie Fisher Cunningham
 Extension Service Editor

"My contoured land has paid me big returns this year," is the testimony of J. S. Pollard, of the Stegal community in Bailey county. "I planted my sudan partly on contoured acreage and partly on land not contoured. The sudan on the contoured acreage made 310 pounds to the acre while the other only made 150 pounds to the acre." Pollard plans to terrace.

"Some of the water ran off my contoured land and I can save it all with terraces," he said to the Bailey county agricultural agent, J. B. Waide, Jr.

A 65 acre field of cowpeas was grown in 1936 as a soil conserving crop by W. B. Atkinson a tenant farmer in Coleman county. The peas made a mass of vines two feet deep and produced a good crop of peas which Mr. Atkinson harvested by turning in his 200 turkeys. The vines were then turned under as a soil builder. There are 1,500 Coleman county farmers who are cooperating in the agricultural conservation program by planting crops which enrich the soil and check erosion and by terracing and contouring

their fields and pastures. This work is being done under the supervision of county agricultural agent C. V. Robinson.

G. T. Colgrove, of Skellytown, in Carson county harvested his second crop from terraced land in October. Colgrove who is a real terracing enthusiast, was one of the first men to do any terracing in Carson county. He began with 80 acres in the fall of 1928 and is terracing the remainder as rapidly as possible. M. P. Leaming, Carson county agricultural agent, reports that Mr. Colgrove keeps good records on his farm operations and can convince anyone that terracing on the Plains is a paying proposition.

In the spring of 1926 when P. S. Goen assumed duties of county agricultural agent in Sabine county he found only one terracing level in the county and that one was in bad order. Very little interest was manifest in terracing by farmers then, but demonstrating, promoting 4-H boys' club work, holding terracing schools for both 4-H boys and adults, aroused much interest.

In 1930 forty farms, a total of 3,200 acres were terraced; in 1931 sixty-seven farms of 4,000 acres; in 1932 sixty-nine farms of 3,700 acres, and so on. As an indication of the increased interest there are now at least ten levels owned by farmers who are fully qualified to run terrace lines.

Tires on easy payments at Freeman's



BANDERA—In the course of a culling demonstration with the 125 hen flock of Mrs. Langford, of Bandera, 48 birds were removed as brooders, according to R. F. Hartman, agricultural agent of Bandera county. The 48 hens were placed in a pen and fed six days before marketed, and during this period layed a total of only four eggs.

EL PASO—J. W. McAllister, of El Paso, makes silage out of his alfalfa by adding 75 pounds of black strap molasses to each ton of silage. The resultant silage, according to W. S. Foster, agricultural agent of El Paso and Hudspeth counties, is of excellent quality. In the past McAllister has run the alfalfa through a chopper and added the molasses as the alfalfa leaves the machine, but he has found that he can put the legume into the silo without cutting and sprinkles the molasses thinned with water, over the

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ROBERT LEE—Of the 19 men who observed a trench silo demonstration on the L. T. Youngblood farm in Coke county, 10 returned home to dig and fill trench silos on their own farms, according to H. E. Smith, agricultural agent.

The Youngblood silo had a capacity of 240 tons and was filled with second growth hegarri run through a silage cutter.

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ROTARY CLUB ENJOYS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
 A very interesting Christmas program was presented at the Ballinger Rotary Club meeting Tuesday noon. K. V. Northington and Rev. Homer Vanderpool, who were in charge of the program, presented Mrs. J. A. Schnable and

eight girls in a program of poems and music on "The Birth of Christ." Mrs. Schnable told the story of the Nativity in beautiful readings and the chorus sang appropriate Christmas numbers.

The chorus was composed of Misses Alice Smith, Isla Mae Jennings, Norma Jean Bankston, Adalyn Horn, Maureen Duncan, Alice Psenck, Winnie Merle Adair and Mary Simpson. Mrs. A. McGregor played the accompaniment. The club will hold its annual Christmas tree next Tuesday, when "buddies" will exchange gifts.

Edward VIII, in breaking precedents, is merely following in the footsteps of Queen Victoria who installed central heating, telephones, and electric lights in Windsor and who broke many more traditions.

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3,000 PEOPLE PRESENT TO GREET SANTA CLAUS

The visit of Santa Claus to Ballinger Saturday afternoon attracted large crowds here, estimated at about 3,000 people. One noticeable point was that about as many adults as kiddies jammed the streets to get a good look at the distinguished visitor and adults also received a portion of

the candy distributed. The Ballinger pep squad and band accompanied Santa into town, the band leading the parade and the pep squad acting as honorary escort. Business was at a complete standstill for a short time during the parade and during the brief stop made at the intersection of Eighth Street and Hutchings Avenue. The business district was dressed

up and ready for the occasion and after the parade the stores were filled with Christmas shoppers the remainder of the afternoon and until closing time at night. "Dad, can we move soon?" "Move? Why, son?" "Aw, I've licked all the kids around here." Patronize our advertisers.

AUTO REGISTRATIONS GAIN IN NOVEMBER

AUSTIN, Dec. 16.—Registrations of new automobiles in fifteen representative counties during November totaled 6,284 cars, 52.3 per cent over October and 11.1 per cent over November, 1935, the University of Texas bureau of business research reports. Aggregate registrations during

the eleven months of this year were 62,773 cars, against 54,630 cars during the corresponding period last year, an increase of 14.7 per cent. In comparison with the preceding month, sales in the two lower price brackets made the sharpest gains, but in comparison with November and the year to date last year this year's sales gains were considerably greater in the

upper than in the lower price brackets, the bureau's report said. Miss Alida Macune is at home this week recuperating from an operation performed last week in San Angelo. Miss Violet McKnight returned Monday from Fort Worth, where she had been to attend the funeral of a sister-in-law.

Ambition
Daddy: "Now, John Henry, don't forget that some day you may grow up to be president of the United States."
John Henry: "Aw, dad, I don't want to. I'd have to ride in an auto and wear a silk hat. I'd rather be the drum major and wear a beautiful uniform and lead the procession."



WEST TEXAS: "The Land of Opportunity"

"Remember Now Thy Creator In the Days of Thy Youth"

What was it that created the West Texas we live in?

In one word it was freedom—religious, political, economic. As is true of all America, it is fruition of the declaration that every man could progress as far and climb as high as his own capabilities could carry him.

That was an inspiration to unleash ambition and set imagination ablaze.

It sent the bold to conquer the wilderness. It spurred the resourceful to conquer drudgery. It loosed the greatest era of invention, discovery, initiative, enterprise and accomplishment that the world has ever seen.

Let us look now at the fruits of free and far-sighted enterprise in West Texas.

With barely one-sixth of the state's population, the people of this area have created and now own more than one-third the state's wealth.

In little more than a half century, this courage and freedom to dare and do has increased tenfold the wealth produced by the region in the hundreds of centuries that went before.

And who enjoys this wealth today?

The 70 thousand families who live in West Texas, most of whom own their own homes, their own automobiles and their own radios.



"For what avail the plough or sail, or land or life, if freedom fail?"—RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Nowhere in the Southwest is the standard of living as high as in West Texas today—a far cry from the covered wagon era when a pewter spoon was the greatest of luxuries.

If we need more evidence, look at hungry millions of immigrants in the East whose frantic cries besought the loss of economic freedom. Look at the flood of Americans to West Texas where the population has increased 176% in the last 25 years.

Natural resources in West Texas have barely been touched for industrial purposes. There abides in its mountainous districts and fertile valleys sufficient petroleum to supply the whole nation for many years. Metallic and non-metallic minerals are to be exploited. Also building stone and rare earths and clays. There are mountains of marble and granite.

Timber, salt, coal, lignite, silica, glass sand, gypsum, gold, silver, copper, lead, graphite and talc are all found within the boundaries of West Texas.

The greatest cotton-producing region in the world, free from boll weevils, is in West Texas. Wheat, corn, oats, barley, milo maize and kaffir are flourishing crops. Cattle, sheep and goats thrive on countless thousands of acres of pastureland untouched by plow. Vegetables and fruits, poultry and dairy products, are commercial crops of the first magnitude.

What reasonable person, beholding such an array of assets, can question the benefits to the average person brought about by freedom to grow with West Texas? To what government or plan could you turn for anything which could sensibly hope to match these visible rewards of freedom to produce, to consume—to live and work?

It is natural and perhaps inevitable that any region which makes such growth as West Texas has made in the last 50 years should have growing pains. We have all felt those pains in recent years.

But keep in mind that West Texas is still young—keep in mind the causes for its progress. Given free play, those forces which underlie its greatness—the forces of imagination and energy and courage sired by freedom—will push to the surface once more.

And anyone who has witnessed the resistless power of their combination must recognize in them the real hope and promise of sound recovery and a new advance.

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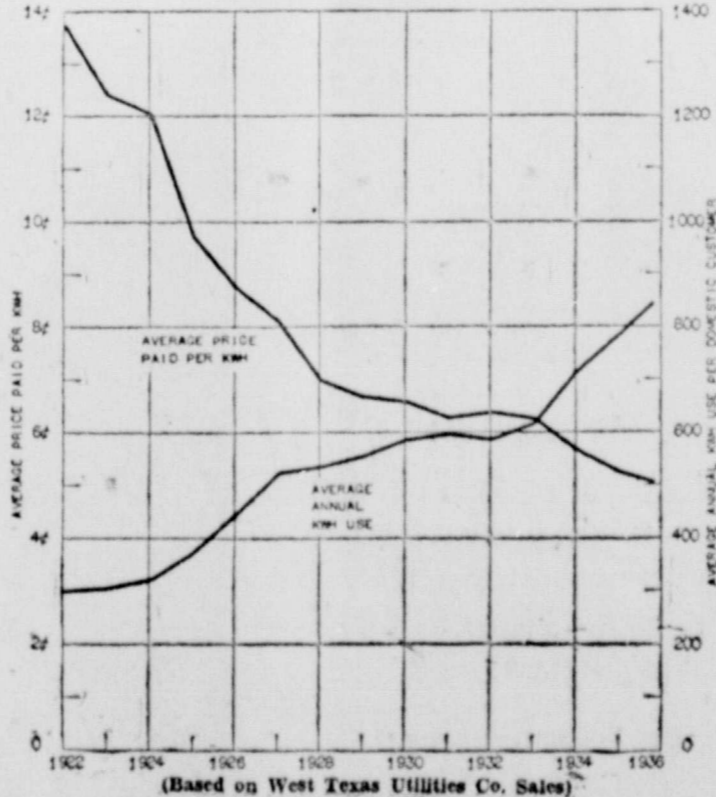
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Air Hostess Employment Fascinating Job for Nurses

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 16.—Flying hostess—what romance and adventure the name suggests! It was only six years ago that women entered this new and interesting field; now an airplane hostess is a taken-for-granted part of passenger ships on every major line.

"Do you like your job as an air hostess?" is a question you would ask her if you were on a plane—for every man, woman and child who takes an air trip does ask it. Invariably her answer is:

"I'm crazy about it! I wouldn't give it up for anything."

"Why do you like it so much?" you ask her next.

"Oh, there's a freedom—a mental stimulation to 'do work.' It hasn't the routine that there is in a hospital (all the hostesses are trained nurses), and yet there's the same interesting contact with the public that every nurse learns to love," she will answer. "We meet many famous and interesting people, too, and—here she will laugh gayly, "we see movie stars as they really are!"

Because of the confined space and the intimate atmosphere of an airplane, there exists a fellowship between passengers and hostess that has no counterpart in any other type of travel, and many friendships are formed on transcontinental trips.

To begin with, the hostess, because she acts as conductor and collects tickets, carries the passenger manifest on which is the name, starting point and destination of every passenger. One of her designated duties is to address each passenger by name, establishing in his mind in the very beginning a feeling of being among friends.

"Do passengers ever ask you for dates?" I asked a pretty, experienced hostess. "And if they do, what do you say?"

"Well—" she answered, smiling. "Well, yes, they often do. It's usually at the end of the run when we are off duty and the man is away from home and lonesome. If we like him we sometimes go to dinner and a show—if we aren't already going out with the pilot."

As you would naturally suspect, they are often going out with the pilot!

Girls who qualify for hostesses must be petite, weight 100 to 118 pounds; height 5 feet to 5 feet 4 inches; age 20 to 26 years—all of that is in the specifications. Add to that the rigid physical examination each must undergo four times every year, you are assured of the bloom and joy that go with perfect health.

And don't think for one minute either that the feminine passengers aren't impressed by the charm of these hostesses. A buyer for a department store on the West Coast—a woman—was making her twenty-fourth trip with a hostess recently and she

celebrated the event by inviting the hostess and her mother to spend a two weeks' vacation at her home in California.

An early duty of the hostess on every run is to spot the "first trippers" on her plane. These are the passengers who are likely to become frightened when the plane banks in making a curve—so the hostess explains that it is similar to a motor road that is banked on a curve. She explains, too, that airplanes ride on solid air just as trains run on solid ground and ships on solid water—therefore a little roughness can sometimes be expected and accepted as normal. She explains that the engines are airworthy, and that a plane can climb fully loaded even if one of the engines is shut off.

Travel by air seems to make everybody hungry, so meal time 5,000 feet—or more—up, going 150 miles—or more—an hour is a gala occasion; the smiling hostess makes it one. In a tiny kitchen, measured in inches rather than feet, she arranges the food on individual trays. There is usually a variety of soups and sandwiches, hot and cold drinks, and many times chops and fried chicken that have been taken on at the last stop and kept hot and appetizing in a container that is first cousin to a fireless cooker. Salads, too, are a favorite with air travelers and every hostess carries a variety of crisp, fresh salads of vegetables and fruits.

"Do you fly all the time?" you will probably want to ask the hostess. She doesn't. She can fly a maximum of 110 hours a month. Usually she flies nine hours, rests twenty-four to thirty-six, flies again to her base and has several days off before starting the routine again.

"What type of activity do you enjoy when you are not flying?" is the next question you will want answered. Practically all airplane hostesses are athletic—they love to ride horseback, to swim, to skate, to play tennis and golf. They are a clannish crowd; usually a group of them share an apartment. They not only live together, they play together. They give parties for each other; they even share their "dates" with the one who is not at the moment making a flight!

"What do your families think of this job?" I asked a hostess.

"Oh, our families don't mind—and if they do they eventually get over their nervousness about flying."

This, in brief, is the life of the flying hostess. It's strange in the beginning—but very soon she develops a nostalgia for seeing a flat world laid out below her in beauty and grandeur. Rivers, mountains, deserts, cities, in daylight and in darkness—all these she feels belong to her. Day or night, summer or winter. It's always flying time for the hostess. Oh, yes, the flying hostess is crazy about her job!

The Great American Home



THREE TRUSTEES NAMED BY THE COUNTY BOARD

The Rannels county board of education met Monday in the office of County Superintendent E. C. Grindstaff to attend to business, which included the naming of one bus driver and appointing three rural school trustees.

Claude Compton was employed to drive the Barnett-Hagan bus which brings students to the Ballinger high school. He succeeds M. J. Cole, who resigned the position.

Bill Frazier was named trustee in the Maverick district, succeeding W. L. Caudle, who recently resigned. G. A. Gerhart is a new trustee in the Harmony district, and succeeding T. R. Long, who is moving out of this district. Wes Hart was named a trustee of the Baldwin district to take the place of R. L. Wood, who has moved from the county.

THREE PRISONERS TAKEN TO STATE PENITENTIARY

Bud Russell, state penitentiary transfer agent, was here the first part of the week and took three convicts from the Rannels county jail to the state prison. This left only three prisoners in the jail here.

Those taken were O. L. Scroggins, under a two-year sentence for burglary; Willie Hugley, two years for forgery; and Kumo Parker, one year for drunken driving.

Left in the jail are J. B. Luckey, negro, awaiting to be taken to the state reform school on conviction of car theft; Buford Pennington, serving a jail sentence for driving while intoxicated; and a Concho county man, being held for an insanity trial at a later date.

The eye's pupil grows smaller with age.

Each in His Own Way... Frances Grinstead

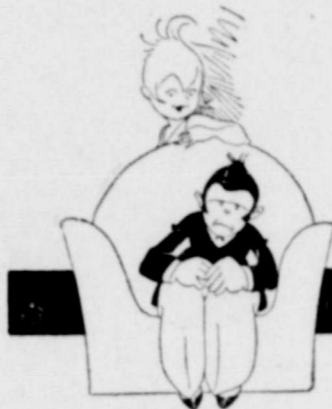
EVERY family has its own way of celebrating Christmas. Do you have the tree on Christmas eve or Christmas morning? It seems all wrong to me to take off its dark early morning of Christmas itself. Yet I have a friend who considers that Santa Claus can only arrive in the candle-lit twilight, so that visions of sugar plums already seen, as well as those to be found in the stockings at dawn, may dance through the heads of the young ones.

Among my Christmas memories are years when our household could not afford trimming a tree, and there was no mantelpiece for hanging stockings. Some people might think that a combination to knock merriment into a cocked hat! They should have seen our excitement at hanging a stocking from the back of each chair, and the delighted squeals when we discovered in the morning that Santa had filled the hosiery with appropriate gifts. If they were cheap and the tinsel and holly conspicuously lacking, only the grown-ups knew it.

There was always a box of dominoes in somebody's stocking, since my father liked to play. We usually spent Christmas morning in a family game, and I have just this children who started it! I've another friend whose father insists on making popcorn balls Christmas morning, and her mother must always fry sausage. So, Merry Christmas, each in your own way!

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FAIR WARNING



Wife—Christmas demands have been very heavy, hubby. I'll have to buy you something cheap.

Hubby—In that case, wife, I prefer socks to cigars.

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OPEN SPACES FILMED

CANBERRA, Dec. 16.—After flying 32,000 miles in four and a half months, the Australian air force has completed a photographic file of the "wide open spaces" of the country. From a height of 9,000 feet 8,160 photographs were taken. They cover 1,000 square miles each in Western Australia, Queensland and Northern Territory.

Star Boarder: "What have we got for breakfast this morning? I s'pose it's the same old thing—ham and eggs."

Landlady: "No, it ain't ham an' eggs this morning."

Boarder: "What is it?"

Landlady: "Just ham."

BOY SAMSON AMBITIOUS

VRATSA, Bulgaria, Dec. 16.—Although only 15, Assen Gheorghieff, of Vratsa, is over 6 feet tall, weighs 252 pounds and can lift weights of 450 pounds. His usual food is vegetables and he eats three loaves of bread a day. Assen is an orphan and by exhibitions of his strength earns enough to pay for his education. His friends have tried to persuade him to become a boxer or wrestler, but his ambition is a university education.

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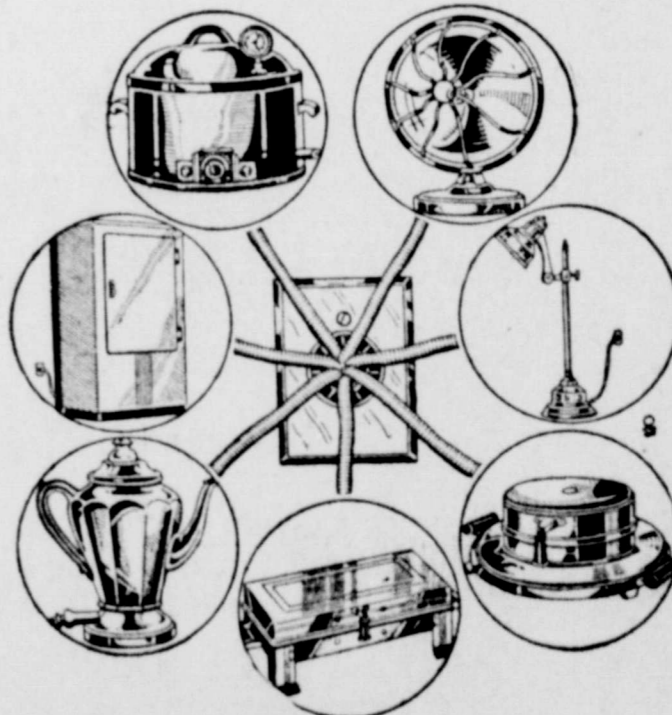
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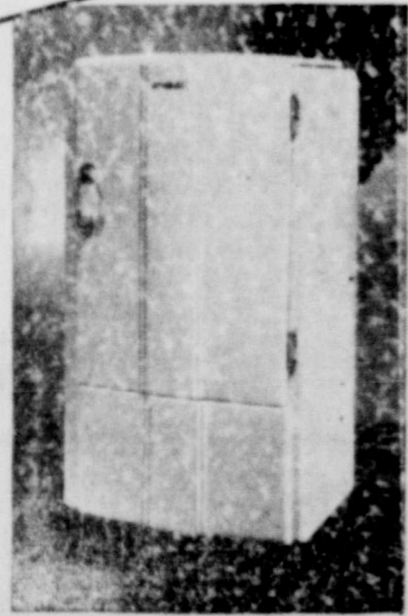


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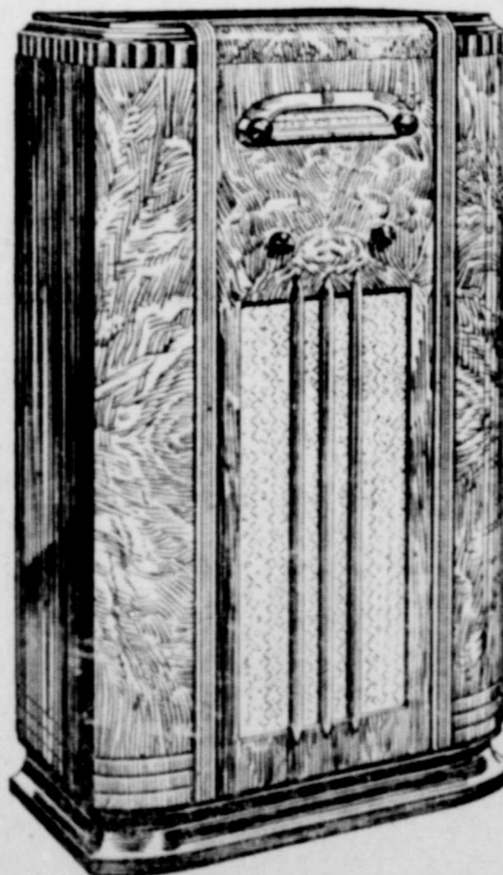
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NORTON SCHOOL NEWS

A banquet for the football boys and pep squad girls was held Saturday night in the high school building. Every one attending thoroughly enjoyed the affair. A menu of turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, English peas, potato salad, vegetable salad, pie, cocoa and coffee with a pre-meal appetizer in the form of a fruit cocktail was served to Rudolph Carter, Paul Pruitt, Curtis Pruitt, Ralph Jennings, Luther Smith, Jr., J. W. Taylor, Adriel Crockett, Travis Barrett, Porter Waldrop, Hubert Waldrop, Noel Fagan, Charlie B. McDonald, Jack Compton, and Coach "Buck" Elkins. Assistant Coach McGlathery, Superintendent Conger, Pep squad girls were: Edna Compton, Jean Mitchell, Ella Mae Jennings, Imogene Taylor, Katherine Smith, Ethel and Jessie Paschal, Maxine Smallwood, Phyllis and Joyce Roper, Joan Conger, Marie and Sheila Nix, Doris and Laura Stuckey, Mary Dell and Mildred Murphy, Leta and Vesta Stewart, Edith Durham, Audrey Wingert, Thelma Ferguson, Doris Phillips, Louelle Morgan, Jenna V. Setser, Jessie Guiley, Marguerite Allen, Ada Patton and Leta Lewis. The speaker for the occasion was Rev. Crane, the Methodist minister. A song was sung by Ada Patton, Leta Lewis and Doris Phillips. The song was "We're Backing You, Old Norton High." Reading were given by Ella Mae Jennings and Jessie Guiley.

Old Santa is on his way, we hear. Well, he'll be welcome, I'm certain. In fact, most of us are bubbling over with curiosity. But Friday will soon be here. So— we'll wait for the holidays.

Some attended the show at the Texas Theatre in Ballinger Saturday night. They saw "Dimples" starring Shirley Temple.

Christmas Show For Kiddies to be Given at Palace

W. D. Seales, manager of the Palace and Texas theatres, stated this week that the annual Christmas party for kiddies would be held at the Palace Theatre Christmas eve morning, the doors opening at 9:30. All children 12 years of age and under will be guests for this performance and will be admitted free.

The pictures will be shown from 9:30 to about noon and every tot in this section is invited to attend.

The management has arranged a special program of cartoon comedies featuring some of the best known comics and a full length program of this character will be screened. "Mickey Mouse," "Betty Boop," "Popeye," and several other favorites of the children have been booked for the Christmas show.

This annual party is always popular with the children and the house is always crowded. Mr. Seales stated that the house would be made comfortable before 9:30 and that every effort would be made to show the kiddies a good time.

Nothing is necessary for admittance. Every child 12 and under will be welcome.

A gentleman on being asked to have a drink replied: "No, I don't want a drink for three reasons: First, because I promised my wife not to drink; second, because my doctor told me not to drink; and third, because I just had a drink."

Since this is the last report before Christmas, may I take this space to wish The Ledger staff and the public a very merry Christmas and a right happy New Year.

Christmas in the Air

By Martha B. Thomas

OLD MR. SADDLER had the most unique and delightful ideas. Unquestionably he was the happiest man in town, though he hadn't much money, and lived in quite a modest way, in quite the smallest house. People loved to drop in for a chat. Old men came for a smoke by his fire-side. Women brought their children to spend the afternoon when they were busy. Mr. Saddler welcomed everyone as if he were a king in a palace.

One snowy day when every footstep creaked underfoot, and the whole world looked buried under white wool, several people on their way here and there dropped in to see Mr. Saddler. A bright fire crackled on the hearth. A green wreath hung above the mantel-piece. There was a distinct smell of a rich pudding having been recently cooked.

"This place has more Christmas about it," declared one guest, "than any place I've seen. How do you do it? After all, there's only one green wreath."

"Well, I hardly know how to tell you," said the host. "I guess it's just that I feel Christmasy — and maybe it sort of fills the room like steam from a pudding. I know," he smiled at them, "you think me peculiar at times, but it's what goes on in your heart that makes the outside you live in, pleasant. And here's another thing. Laugh if you like, I shan't mind. I like to think that all the happy chimes of church bells at Christmas keep traveling around the world until it's time to ring them again. Why not? And the fine songs and anthems and all the joyous laughter of children. We speak of planets being so many 'light-years' away from the earth, and sound taking thus and thus a time to reach a certain place. Well then," he smiled at them, "I guess I just sort of hear those things. Maybe I have a good receiving-set in my head. And perhaps I sort of," he waved a hand around, "broadcast my happiness here in this room."

The guests nodded. "Maybe you do," they said. "Anyhow we feel chock-full of Christmas."

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Spirit of Christmas

By Katherine Edelman

SURRENDER yourself to the Spirit of Christmas! Let its joy thrill you—let its peace steal softly across your heart! Open your ears to the magic of its message—open your eyes to the miracles it accomplishes!

Read again Dickens' Christmas Carol, the best known and most inspiring of all the Christmas stories. And don't feel ashamed, if at the end, as Tiny Tim whispers, "God bless us, every one," you find your own eyes wet with tears.

Open the Book of Books, and let Luke tell you about that first Christmas—of the long journey to Bethlehem, of the birth in the humble manger, of the shepherds keeping watch over their flocks. Listen to the heavenly music that was heard upon the hills, to the thrilling words of the angel, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Bow your head and give thanks for the Prince of Peace who came, saying with the angels, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Let Matthew tell you of the coming of the Wise Men from the East, with their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, which they presented to the Christ Child.

Then, with the Spirit of Christmas in your heart, go forth and help make Christmas a brighter and a happier day for others!

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BUYING THINGS



Tom—Has your wife done all her Christmas shopping yet?
Dick—Oh, yes; last month. Now she's started to buy a few things.

Why Not Be Polite?

Jud Tunkins says politeness compels you to wish a man Merry Christmas even in cases where you may not honestly believe he deserves it.

GRANDPA DANCE CHAMP

PARIS, Dec. 16—W. H. Heath, 57 years old and a granddaddy, won this year's world's amateur ballroom dancing championship in Paris. He was partnered by Miss Nelly Wood, a young brunette. Heath is a building contractor of Putney, England.

Read the ads—save money.

Young Women Now Hold Numerous Air Hostess Jobs in U.S.

WASHINGTON, December 16—There are 270 young women employed as hostesses and forty-two men employed as stewards on American-operated air lines,

according to the most recent report from the lines to the bureau of air commerce, department of commerce. Announcing these totals recently Eugene L. Vidal, director of air commerce, said that four domestic air lines employed hostesses and one line extending to foreign countries employs stewards.

In October, 1935, there were 197 hostesses, all on domestic lines. There were three male stewards

on domestic air lines a year ago and there also were stewards on foreign extensions, but the total is not available in bureau records. The air lines which have hostesses on their airplanes include American Airlines, Transcontinental and Western Air, United Air Lines and Western Air Express. American Airlines has one steward, and Pan American Airways, operating to Latin America and across the Pacific,

has forty-one stewards. The bureau of air commerce has no jurisdiction over hostesses and stewards, as it does with respect to qualifications of pilots and dispatchers and airworthiness of equipment, but does request the lines to include in their report the number of hostesses and stewards employed.

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The time is getting short for all the necessary purchases to be made for the Christmas holidays. This is a time of feasting and we have tried to solve many problems of the housewife by offering every needed item for Christmas dinner. Phone us your needs and it will be delivered promptly.

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- Brown Sugar Old Fashioned 15c
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- Mincemeat Heinz for Xmas 25c
Pies 1 lb. Can
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Can
- Fruit for Cocktail Del Monte 20c
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- P. - G. Soap 6 Giant Bars 25c
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- Oxydol Large Package 25c
- Ivory Flakes Large Package 25c
- Chipso Large Package 25c
- Soap Chips Clean Quick 40c
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BALLINGER SCHOOL NEWS

By Bitzie Lynn

Series of Dinners Given by Home Economics Girls

LaVerne Boothie and Kathleen Embry were reported to have had one of the best dinners that has been given by the home economics students Tuesday night, December 8, at the home economics building. The dinner was of the Thanksgiving motif. The centerpiece was a large tin globe placed on a reflector. Around the reflector were little dolls from which ribbons extended to the center of the globe. On each side of the reflector were pots of candy corn. Favors were baskets of candy corn; and the place cards were silhouettes of pilgrims. The guests present were: B. M. Strebeck, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Skaggs of Paint Rock, H. B. Fowler, and the hostesses, Wanda Williams was the maid.

Misses Maurine Batts and Billy Joe Embry were hostesses to a lovely Mexican dinner at the home economics building Wednesday night, December 9. The centerpiece was composed of two cacti plants on each side of a reflector. In the center of which was a red pepper. The favors were red berry corsages. The guests were: Beegie F. J. Wilbourn Batts, Tony Nixon, and Joe Cosby. Lorraine Crimm was maid.

Last Monday night, December 14, Misses Claudia Freeman and Kathryn Morris gave a Christmas dinner at the home economics building. The centerpiece was a reflector surrounded with cotton covered with artificial snow. In the cotton were little houses surrounded by sprigs for trees. In the center of the reflector sat Santa Claus in a sled. The favors were marshmallow Santa Clauses in sleds with sacks filled with candy and nuts. The guests present were: Rev. and Mrs. James McGraw, Bill Bell, and Lonnie Cooper. Bitzie Lynn served as maid.

The chapel program Friday, December 11, was a comical three-act play, pantomimed by Joe Cosby, Louis Ruhmann, Melvin Holt, Frank Barnes, Fred Jennings, and Bobby Clark. Joe played the part of the heroine, Louis, the hero, Fred, the heroine's mother, Bobby, the crook, Melvin, the villain, and Frank, the enchantress. Mr. Jack Sublett and Mr. George Stowe were in charge of the program. Mr. Sublett was the reader for the play.

"El Club Amistad," third period Spanish class, met Friday, December 11. An interesting program was given, consisting of a talk on "The Spanish Missions in Texas," by Genevieve Rezzelle, a quartet by Louis Ruhmann, Joe Cosby, Robert Clark, and Gaston Bartlett, and a talk by Eddie Lewis. Songs were sung by the class, and Mattie Cape directed the class in a game.

The pep squad enjoyed giving out candy and giving several cheers for Ole Santa, last Saturday afternoon.

Primary school has their large Christmas tree up and the children will take part in decorating it. They will have their Christmas program next week.

The junior class had a meeting after school Tuesday, December 8. It was decided to have a "kid party" and "Christmas tree" at the Ballinger Country Club next Tuesday night, December 22.

Senior Class Party

The senior class greatly enjoyed a scavenger hunt and "hobo party" held at the city park Friday night, December 11. After returning from the scavenger hunt, the winning group was presented with a large stick of candy. Weiners, buns, marshmallows, pickles, and doughnuts were enjoyed after the hunt. Then a number of games were played.

Ex-Student Honored With Party

In "The Bells," a publication of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, was given the following society item: "Mary Hardy gave a surprise birthday party for Frances Gus-

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Healthiest in 4-H Clubs of Nation



Six smiling exponents of regular eating, regular sleeping, and plenty of exercise are these 4-H Club members chosen as blue ribbon health champions at the National Congress of 4-H clubs in Chicago. Judges found them so nearly perfect that no distinction could be made among them. Left to right they are: front row: Mary Flynn Sellers, 16, Letohatchee, Ala.; Margaret J. Topovski, 16, Wooster, O.; Martha Eckberg, 16, Wisconsin Dells, Wis. Back row: C. A. Abbott, Jr., 17, Blairs, Va.; Jerry Cowan, 19, Rogersville, Mo., and Roy Graves 20, Porter, Okla.

lavus Thursday, December 12, in her room. The color scheme of pink and blue was carried out in decorations and favors, which were little dolls, dressed in pink and blue. Apples, stick candy, and fruit were served. Among the guest list was another ex-student, Miss Genevieve King.

Where's That Birdie?

Louis certainly has been mad lately. Louis, could it be because you're jealous over a certain "Barnhart beauty"?

Kathryn Bell thought it was very suspicious last week when her best girl friend and her favorite heart attack were absent from school the same day.

Mabel, weren't you taking advantage of some unfortunate circumstances Saturday night?

Why does Frank spend so many week-ends in Angelo?

Harris, are you and Pie taking lessons in sheep herding in Paint Rock?

Wouldn't Clancy blush if he had heard Tubba's sweet remarks about him the other day?

Mr. Sublett became very popular over night when he was put on the list at the senior scavenger hunt.

Tires, Tubes and Batteries at Freeman's

J. C. PENNEY CO. EMPLOYEES TO GET CHRISTMAS BONUSES

Employees of the J. C. Penney Co. store here will receive special Christmas bonuses this year, sharing in the program adopted throughout the system.

J. A. Killough, local manager, received notice this week that all

regular employees of the store would get two weeks' pay and that extra workers would share on a prorated basis.

The Ballinger store has seven regular clerks and employs about ten extras on special days. All these will receive bonuses some time before Christmas.

The same plan will be in effect in all J. C. Penney Co. stores in the United States and more than a million dollars will be paid in salary gifts to the employees this Christmas.

Vancouver county, B. C., has decided to register all bicycles in an effort to stop theft of the vehicles.

The reason butter is shipped in glass-lined vats is because acid in ripened cream corrodes metal.

Shrewd Plantlets Trap Tiny Animals For Food Supply

WASHINGTON, December 16.—A tiny but ferocious plant which not only captures and eats equally tiny animals in the teeming microscopic world between the particles of soil but offers these animals delicious bait to lure them to destruction is described by Dr. Charles Dreschler, of the United States department of agriculture, in a report to the Washington Academy of Sciences.

The best way to watch examples of this dramatic conflict among microbes is to place on plates of agar jelly in the laboratory a few twigs or rootlets from decaying plant material found in the soil. Some slender threads or stalks of a fungus called dactyliella usually will appear, together with some slowly swimming or crawling one-celled animals called geococcus.

Like many other soil fungi, dactyliella likes live animal food and especially dotes on geococcus. But geococcus has protected most of its body by a kind of sack or cover which its plant enemy can neither crush nor penetrate. Only at what might be called the mouth or head of geococcus, at one end of its body, is there a hole in this protective armor. At this point the tiny animal even is able to attack the fungus, dissolving holes in the skin of the plant cell apparently by some kind of digestive juice.

This gives the shrewd dactyliella a chance to use bait. Short and apparently luscious buds appear here and there on the fungus body. Presently an unwary geococcus perceives and swallows one of these buds through the single hole in its armor at the mouth. Instantly the bud-bait expands inside the luckless animal's body, presently to digest and absorb that body and everything inside

the protective armor which it thus has managed to enter.

LARGE AUDIENCE HEARS SIMMONS ENSEMBLE HERE

A large audience heard the Hardin-Simmons University Purple and Gold Ensemble at the Ballinger Baptist Church Sunday night. The group, under the direction of Herbert Preston, rendered a very pleasing program. Four soloists accompanied the musicians here to appear on the program in special numbers.

Mr. Preston, a nephew of Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Love, was reared in Ballinger and his friends were pleased to hear his organization in this splendid concert.

"Doctor, is there anything wrong with me?"
Yes, but it's trifling."
"Oh, I don't think that's so very wrong, is it?"

A baby lion being raised by hand wants milk every hour of the day.

SAFeway EMPLOYEES ATTEND ANNUAL PARTY AT ABILENE

Employees of the local Safeway store spent Sunday in Abilene, attending the annual Christmas party given for them by the organization for the Abilene district. Manager M. A. Foy and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Day and Vernon Baird attended from the local store; Carl Freeman, market manager, being unable to be present.

An old fashioned Christmas tree was enjoyed by about 250 employees and their families in the crystal ballroom of the Hilton Hotel. The "tree" was followed by a banquet at which district officials spoke briefly.

"Do you know your wife is telling around that you can't keep her in clothes?"
"That's nothing. I bought her a home and can't keep her in that either."

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He doesn't know that the toy soldiers left on the other side of that closed door that leads to the unheated living room mark a cold and health-threatening spot. He hasn't learned that a sudden change of temperature, such as going from a heated room into a cold one, makes it easy for him to "catch cold." If he knew these things he would urge you to give him the protection of healthfully warm temperatures in every room this winter.

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..... "He wants to be like his dad! You men, Did you ever think, as you pass, That the boy who watches your every move Is building a set of laws? He's molding a life you're a model for, And whether it's good or bad Depends on the kind of example set To the boy who'd be like his dad."
—Anon.

Nazarenes to Hold Zone Rally Here; Program Prepared

A zone rally will be held at the Church of the Nazarene in Ballinger Saturday for churches in Ballinger, Coleman, Mason and San Angelo. Rev. James McGraw, pastor, is making preparations for the gathering and is expecting heavy representation from the above named cities and some visitors from other churches.

Four sessions will be held during the day with a big young people's rally in the evening. At 10 o'clock Saturday morning the ministers will hold a rally with Rev. J. H. Thompson, chairman, presiding over the program.

At noon a basket lunch will be served the visitors at the church by the local Nazarene women.

At 1:30 Saturday afternoon the Sunday school rally will be held with the guest speaker, W. C. Scarborough, of Waco, delivering the principal message. The theme for this program will be "Building the Sunday School."

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The Missionary Society rally is to commence at 3 p. m. with Mrs. L. P. Phillips, zone chairman, in charge. Each church represented will have ten minutes on assigned topics for this program. The feature service will begin at 7:30 p. m. when the young people of the district assemble for their rally. Rev. McGraw is expecting an overflow congregation for this meeting to which he has invited Rev. Homer Vanderpool, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Ballinger, as the principal speaker.

Sheriff's Sale

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Courts of Travis County, on the 3rd day of November, A. D. 1936, in a certain cause wherein Brown Securities Corporation is Plaintiff, and Charles Castor, Emma Castor, and John H. Castor are defendants, in favor of the said plaintiff for the sum of four hundred eighty-nine and 65-100 dollars (\$489.65), with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent (8%) per annum from date of judgment, and for the additional sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) with interest from the date of said judgment at the rate of six per cent (6%) per annum, said sums being the amount of the judgment recovered by the said Brown Securities Corporation, plaintiff, in the 98th District Court of Travis County, on the 2nd day of June, A. D. 1936, and on the 5th day of December, A. D. 1936, I levied upon, and will, on the 5th day of January, A. D. 1937, at the Court House door in the City of Ballinger, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash, to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of Charles Castor, Emma Castor, and John H. Castor in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of Charles Castor, Emma Castor, and John H. Castor, to-wit:

Same being Lot No. 1 and the adjoining 45 feet of Lot No. 2 in Block No. 12, Bowden Addition to the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas.

THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for the sums of four hundred eighty-nine and 65-100 dollars (\$489.65) with eight per cent (8%) interest from date of said judgment, and the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) together with six per cent (6%) interest on said sum from the date of said judgment, in favor of Brown Securities Corporation together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

W. A. HOLT, Sheriff, Runnels County, Ballinger, Texas, Dec. 5th, 1936.
By Winona Jones, Deputy.
10-17-24

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of McCulloch County, Texas, on the 1st day of December, 1936, in cause No. 3356, styled American Central Life Insurance Company vs. W. R. Shook, et al, and placed in my hands as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1936, I, W. A. Holt, Sheriff of said County, did on the 4th day of December, 1936, at 9 o'clock a. m. levy said order of sale on certain land situate in Runnels County, Texas, and being: 120 1/2 acres out of John Early Survey No. 449, Abstract No. 130, Certificate 331, patented to John Early on the 21st day of November A. D. 1855, by Patent 280,

Volume 12, recorded in Vol. 9, page 13, Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, to which reference is here made.

Said land being located in the Northwest portion of Runnels County, Texas, and is about 20 miles Northwest from Ballinger, in Runnels County, Texas, and is known generally as the Dr. W. R. Shook farm.

I will sell at public auction at the court house door of Runnels County, on the first Tuesday in January, 1937, the same being the 5th day of January, A. D. 1937, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. said sale to be made in satisfaction of a judgment rendered in the above cause on the 20th day of October, A. D. 1936, against the defendant, W. R. Shook, for the sum of \$4606.86, and of said amount the sum of \$4430.98 shall bear interest from date of judgment at the rate of 10% per annum, and of said amount, the sum of \$176.78 shall bear interest from date of judgment at the rate of 7 1/2% per annum, and for all costs of suit, and for costs of sale, and foreclosing a lien on the above described land against the defendants, W. R. Shook, Delia Shook, R. W. Loyd, Morris Shook, and Robert Brannon.

Witness my hand this the 4th day of December, A. D. 1936.
W. A. HOLT, Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas.
10-17-24

Sheriff's Sale

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels:

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Bell County, on the 23rd day of November, 1936, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of H. C. Glenn, as Receiver for Temple Trust Company, a private corporation, versus D. B. Wright, Pearl Wright, his wife, and Gordon Wright, No. 22088, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in January, A. D. 1937, it being the 5th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, the following described property, to-wit:

640 acres of land lying and being situate in Runnels County, Texas, and being all of Survey 347, Abstract 574, Certificate 379, patented by the State of Texas to Spencer & McGill, Assignees of B. B. B. & C. R. R. Company, Patent 338, Volume 15; levied on the property of above named defendants to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$276.93 in favor of H. C. Glenn, as Receiver for Temple Trust Company, a private corporation, and cost of suit.

Given under my hand, this 28 day of November, 1936.
W. A. HOLT, Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas.
3-10-17

PLANS MADE FOR WHOLE FARM DEMONSTRATIONS

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 16.—Preliminary plans for whole farm demonstrations in Texas have been completed by a committee of extension service staff members. It is the aim of the extension service to have at least one whole farm demonstration in every county served by its field agents.

The committee, which was headed by S. A. McMillan, economist in farm management, will present the plan to field agents in a series of conferences to be held during this month.

The plan contemplates a demonstration on a farm-wide basis, taking into consideration all phases of agriculture peculiar to that section and all fields of home improvement.

The aims of the demonstration as stated by McMillan include: "The development of a practical system of management which will provide a sustained income sufficient to insure a comfortable living and lead toward economic security."

"Development of an efficient home program which is reflected in the family's health, comfort, cultural and financial advancement."

"Development of a tradition and value for the estate and the community that will command the interest and admiration of present and future residents."

With McMillan on the committee were Miss Lida Cooper, district agent; Miss Lola Blair, specialists in food and nutrition; Roy W. Snyder, supervisor of specialists' work; and W. I. Glass, district agent. A number of other members of the extension service staff were called upon for aid in drawing up the plan.

AGRICULTURAL AMERICA TO HONOR CENTENNIAL OF JOHN DEERE'S SELF-SCOURING STEEL PLOW



June Ohmstrom examines what is left of one of the first three plows made by John Deere who in 1837 gave to the world the self-scouring steel plow. The 100th anniversary of this historic event will be celebrated in 1937. The inset photograph is of John Deere.

MOLINE, ILL.—National honors will be accorded by Agricultural America throughout 1937 to John Deere in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of his steel plow which ushered in a new era of progress for the prairie states and agriculture in general.

It was in a little blacksmith shop in Grand Detour, Illinois, in 1837 that Deere fashioned and gave to the world the self-scouring steel plow. This achievement, hailed as one of the most important contributions to modern agriculture, will be honored in thousands of small and large communities with "John Deere Centennial Celebration" days, with community leaders and farmers participating.

Deere was born in Vermont in 1804 and came to Grand Detour in 1837, where he established a blacksmith shop. He heard the farmers complain that the sticky soil, while rich in fertility, gummed their primitive plows and made plowing virtually impossible.

Deere applied himself to the problem, and one day, while in a sawmill, he noticed a broken steel smooth, gleaming surface, an idea took shape in his mind.

Obtaining the blade, the 33-year old blacksmith labored carefully and long and finally produced the history-making plow. In the presence almost of the entire community and settlers from far and near Deere hitched a horse to his gleaming plow and began a triumphal march up and down the test field.

This was the only plow produced that year; eight were hammered out the next year, and business grew until in 1842, when the demand became too great for his slender resources and he took into partnership Major Leonard Andrus. In 1847 Deere decided he wanted better transportation and sources of supply, so he relinquished his partnership, moved to Moline and established the John Deere plow works.

Today the John Deere organization still maintains headquarters at Moline but from the original small plant has grown an internationally famous farm implement house whose products, covering the entire gamut of farm machinery, are in use all over America and in

Mrs. Peck: "We have been married twenty years today, John."
John (with a sigh): "Yes, for twenty years we have fought—"
Mrs. Peck (scowling): "What?"
John (quickly): "Life's battles together, dear."

All Tires and Batteries guaranteed at Freeman's.

"Gracious, it has been five years since I've seen you. You look lots older too."
"Really, my dear? I doubt if I would have recognized you either—but for your coal."

John A. Weeks and C. R. Stone attended to business at San Angelo Tuesday afternoon.

Dedication Held Sunday For St. Joseph's School

Dedication of the St. Joseph's school at Rowena was held Sunday afternoon with the Most Rev. Robert E. Lucey, D. D., bishop of the Amarillo diocese, officiating. He was assisted in the ceremonies by the Rev. A. Pilling, O. M. I., and the Rev. Charles Burns, O. M. I., San Antonio; the Rev. G. A. Boeckman of Olfen, the Rev. A. E. Robinson, the Rev. J. Neff, and the Rev. C. Gutierrez of San Angelo.

The Rowena school, recently completed, is one of the most modern educational plants in this section of Texas. Erected at a cost of \$22,578, the building is one-story and of brick construction. There are six classrooms, a chapel, offices and heating room. The building has a heating system automatically controlled which gives perfect heat in the building at all times.

There are 125 children enrolled in the grammar and junior high school grades. Six Sisters of the Divine Providence comprise the faculty which teaches all the regular subjects besides music and a course in typewriting.

History of the parish dates back to 1898, when a few Catholic families settled in the Rowena community. The nearest Catholic churches were located at Ballinger and Olfen, both eight miles from Rowena. Bad roads made travel to the churches difficult. By 1907, 13 families had entered the community. The next year they built the first Catholic church, a 60 by 30 frame structure.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Maas was the first pastor, serving from March, 1902, until May, 1910. He was succeeded by the Rev. F. Garmann, who served until April, 1922. The present rectory was

built in 1914 during the Rev. Garmann's administration. The parochial school, conducted by two Sisters of the Divine Providence and caring for 70 children, was established in 1916. The number of families from 1908 to 1922 increased from 13 to 130.

The Rev. F. J. Pokluda, present pastor of the church, succeeded Father Garmann in 1922. In 1924 the present brick church was built at a cost of \$52,000. The church was dedicated February 15, 1925, by the Most Rev. A. Drossaerts, D. D., archbishop of San Antonio.

Catholic societies in the parish are the German Union of Texas, Czech Men and Women, the Altar society, the Children of Mary society, the Holy Name, and the Knights of Columbus, Bishop Forest council, organized in 1927.

M. E. STEWARDS ORGANIZE FOR NEXT YEAR'S WORK

The Methodist board of stewards in session last week elected officers for the ensuing year and recognized new members. Officers are: Walter Middleton, chairman; Bob Tunnell, vice-chairman; Price Middleton, treasurer; who will serve with the following members: Hamp Byler, R. W. Earnshaw, Joe Forman, Cal Adair, U. E. Hartman, Jack Scales, Ray Tisdale, L. M. Loveless, W. R. Clark, W. F. Mason, D. R. Hall, R. E. Bruce, Sam Behringer and C. G. Jennings.

W. A. Halamiczek, of San Angelo, transacted business in Ballinger Tuesday.

According to unabridged dictionaries, one meaning of "starve" is to die of cold.

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