

# THE BALLINGER LEDGER

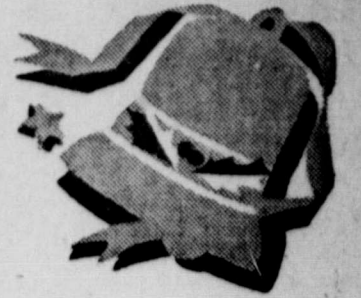
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# Merry Christmas



## Christmas Parade Draws Many Here For Last Program

One of the largest crowds to visit Ballinger in several years was here last Friday afternoon for the Christmas parade in which Santa Claus was the main point of interest. Pupils of a number of schools in this section had been dismissed early in order to permit them to be in town by 4:30. Before time for the parade the streets were blocked with traffic.

Special features for the parade and all costumes were furnished by the Gainesville Community Circus. The parade was short but proved entertaining and enlivened the Christmas spirit in citizens of this area.

The Ballinger high school had a big part in the attraction, furnishing all the extra performers required. Coach Felton T. Wright called on football players to act as clowns, flag bearers and other characters. Miss Beth Stiles, pep squad sponsor, directed girls in this group for the parade and the remainder of the squad marched as a unit. The Ballinger high school band led the parade and provided appropriate music for the marchers.

This was the last public program of the Christmas series planned by the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce and the rest of this week will be busy times for local shoppers as they get their last minute gifts for relatives and friends.

## IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE AT FARM AGENTS' OFFICE

The farm agent's office has been remodeled and the work systematized so it will be much more convenient for employees and farmers attending to business relative to the general farm program. A wooden partition has been constructed with windows similar to the interior of a bank. The office will be assembled in departments so those having business at the office will have no trouble getting in touch with the right person.

The improvements will also afford more privacy for employees and permit better kept desks and records. The work was started Saturday afternoon and finished Monday morning carpenters working all day Sunday.

The office will be painted the next week-end and signs put up over each window to indicate the department.

Warren Murphy came in Saturday from John Tarleton College, Stephenville, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Murphy.

Jack Stuart, of Houston, is the guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Nora Meaders.

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Loans-Abstracts-Insurance  
Ballinger, Texas

**\$250.00 Reward**  
Paid for Conviction of Livestock Thieves.  
Runnels County Livestock Association

## State Patrolmen Warn Motorists To Check Lights

G. A. Ragsdale and J. T. Ellis, state highway patrolmen, announced Tuesday that corrections must be made on many cars in Ballinger, particularly in respect to lights and brakes.

The first big drive will be made here this week-end and all motorists whose cars have defective lights or brakes will be given tickets to appear in city court. City authorities have asked the aid of the highway patrol in enforcing the law and the municipal court will hear cases filed. Several cases have already been disposed of with \$1 fine and costs and patrolmen declared they intended to work here until this dangerous situation was cleaned up. They will also keep a close watch for other types of traffic violations. In checking lights particular attention will be paid to tail-lights.

Highway patrolmen are working long hours during December in an effort to curb traffic fatalities. They expect to show a decrease of 500 deaths from highway accidents in Texas during 1938. To do this there must not be over 125 fatal crashes during the Christmas holiday season.

The patrolmen here Tuesday said they would appreciate the cooperation of the public in correcting local traffic hazards.

## Runnels County Medical Society Elects Officers

The annual meeting of the Runnels County Medical Society was held at Winters last Thursday evening, at which officers were elected and a program presented. Dr. J. W. Dixon, of Winters, was elected president of the organization; Dr. Charles F. Bailey, of Ballinger, vice-president; and Dr. O. H. Chandler, of Ballinger, secretary-treasurer. The members voted the next meeting be held in Ballinger on March 9.

Dr. O. N. Mayo, of Brownwood, read a paper on socialized medicine. Dr. Carl A. Kunath and Dr. F. T. McIntire, of San Angelo, spoke on technical subjects.

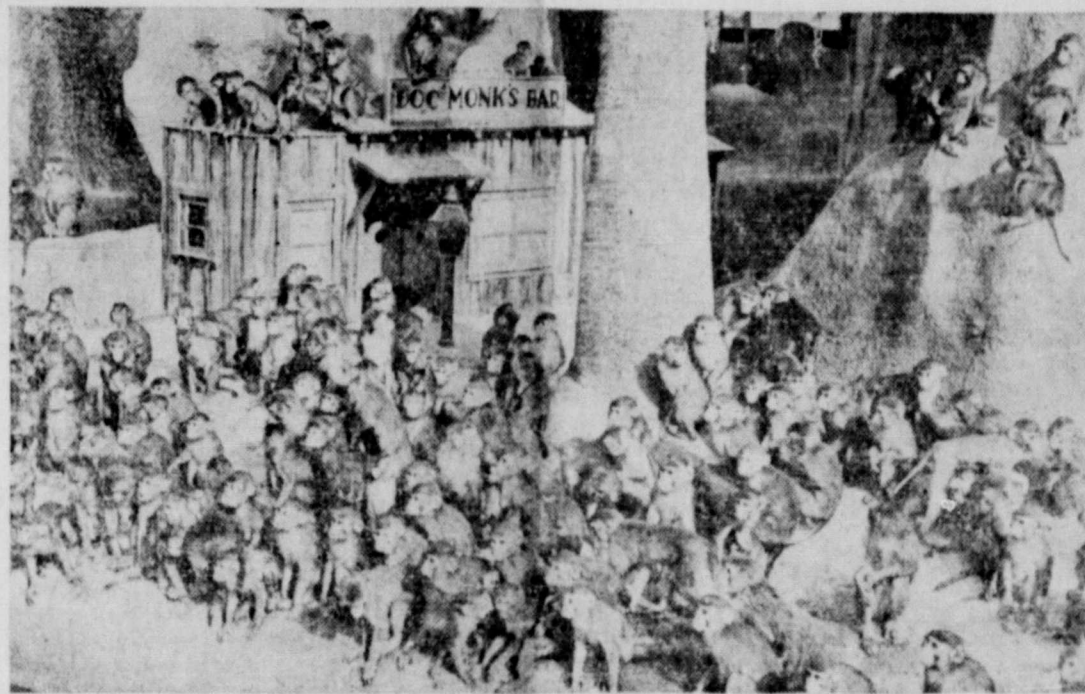
Wives of members organized an auxiliary, electing Mrs. O. H. Chandler, of Ballinger, president.

Members present at the banquet were: Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Rives, Sr., Dr. C. T. Rives, Jr., and Miss Katherine Hill, Dr. and Mrs. V. T. Jennings, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Dixon, Dr. and Mrs. O. H. Chandler, Dr. and Mrs. O. R. Lasater, Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Halley, Dr. and Mrs. Charles F. Bailey, Dr. and Mrs. John L. Barron. Visitors included Dr. and Mrs. Mayo, Dr. and Mrs. John Tottenham, of Brownwood; Mrs. Fuller, widow of the late Dr. Fuller, of Brownwood; and Dr. Kunath and Dr. McIntire, of San Angelo.

Miss Jodie LaRaine Morrison will arrive here this week-end from Los Angeles to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morrison.

Mrs. Clarence Bryant has returned from Comanche, where she had been visiting her parents several days.

## 'Bar' Is Popular Spot in Hollywood's Monkey Town



No bars or cages obstruct the view of visitors at Hollywood's Monkey island, where 535 monkeys, imported from India, hold open house every day. Beneath the artificial mountains on the "tropical island," the monkeys have their "dormitories," with special heating devices. Around the island is a 15-foot moat, containing clear, circulating water. The Monkey club bar is a popular rendezvous for John Monk.

## Mapping of County For Soil Program Is to Begin Soon

Mapping of Runnels county will begin in the near future, the plans to show the main soils, the type of crops raised in each and the ranching areas. In preliminary work the county has been divided into four sections and three persons from each of the sections will meet here this week to prepare plans for the general soil program.

Appointees for this duty are: Ranching area—Meade McShan, Elyer McWilliams and Clarence Routh.

Redbed soil area—Loss A. Williams, J. S. Neely and W. J. Gardner. Black land area—Pete M. Davis, Fred Sallings and I. M. Turner. Sand and sandy loam area—M. F. Lett, Bert Fletcher and George Kemp.

This work has been done successfully in other counties of the state and already many maps have been prepared special programs set up and adopted for each subdivision and tests made of the projects which proved adapted. It is believed that more productivity can be had from the soil where one committee is giving all its attention to one kind than has been accomplished with the entire county as a project. Insect control in the various soils will also be studied, since some seem to be more desirable than others for egg-laying.

The term coolie means an unskilled Asiatic laborer.

## Farmers to Name Community Heads In Special Election

A special election will be held in Runnels county on December 28, next Wednesday, to name community committeemen of the Runnels County Agricultural Conservation Association. Any farmer or ranchman who participated in the program in 1938 or will in 1939 is eligible to vote in this election.

Those living in Miles, Rowena, Maverick and Brookshier will vote at Miles on the above date beginning at 2 p. m.

Another polling place will be provided at Wilmeth and voting there begins at 10 a. m. for Oak Creek, Marie, North Norton, South Norton, Wilmeth and Wingate farmers. Voting will start at 2 p. m. on the date specified for farmers of Winters, Baldwin, Victory, Dale, Humphrey and Cochran, at Winters.

Another box will be open at Crews at 2 p. m. for those living in the Crews, Content and Harmony communities.

At Ballinger balloting will commence at 2 p. m. for those living in and near Ballinger, Benoit, Bethel, Hatchel, Hagan, Oifen and Blanton.

Notices are being posted by Meade McShan, Pete M. Davis and Fred Sallings, members of the county committee.

Miss Jean Hargett came in John Tarleton College, Stephenville, Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents.

## Santa Claus May Miss These In Need

Many Ballinger families in need will be taken care in a generous way by local organizations and individuals on Christmas eve. Approximately 35 families have been "adopted" and will be given food and clothing for immediate needs and toys and sweets for the children.

There are still about 30 families on the list who have no Christmas in sight. Two days remain in which to "adopt" these and supply them with bare necessities and a few "extras"—but unless citizens rally and out of the bigness of their hearts take care of the remaining unfortunates, there will be misery instead of joy for many on Christmas eve when most people are enjoying an abundance.

When committees investigated their "adopted" families this week some distressing poverty was uncovered and in many instances the committees did not wait until Christmas to give succor.

One committee providing for a large family visited their "wards" Monday afternoon. Their need was so acute that food, a bedstead and mattress, several quilts and some fuel were supplied that afternoon.

Another committee went to see a widow, who is ill, and her five children. The only food in the house was a cupful of dried beans and these were boiling in plain water for the children's dinner. Needless to say the committee came back in less than an hour with food enough to last until the Santa Claus basket is delivered Christmas eve. When this mother was asked what they needed for Christmas, she said, "Bring food for my children, we can do without anything else."

Sunday school classes, other organizations and individuals have not responded as readily this year as previously and quick action must be taken if all are the needy are cared for.

## ROBERSON ANNOUNCES 2 DEPUTY APPOINTEES

Calvin Roberson, sheriff-elect of Runnels county, who will take office on January 1, announced this week that Gerald Black and C. R. Hightower would continue their deputyships for the present. Mr. Roberson stated that some changes might be announced later in the year.

Mrs. Holliday Hayley and children, Mary Love and Holliday, Jr., are here for a visit with Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Love. Mr. Hayley will come in Saturday and spend Christmas here.

Miss Zadie Royalty has returned from Abilene where she had been receiving eye treatment.

## Two Killed, Two Attacked At Farm Home Near Miles

### Three-Way Faculty Change Announced For Local Schools

A three-way shift in the Ballinger school faculty, to become effective on January 2, was announced today by Supt. H. C. Lyon.

W. C. Bryan, who has been teaching business in the local high school, will resign to take a position in the Blanton school. Mrs. Bryan is teaching there and the district provides a teacherage which will be the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan the remainder of the year.

Frederick Kingsbury, who taught in the junior high school last year and in the science department the first part of this year, will be transferred to the senior high school and have charge of the business department. He majored in business in college and has been anxious to teach this subject. Mr. Kingsbury will continue to direct athletics at the junior high school the remainder of this school year.

C. L. Kincaid, who has been teaching at Blanton the first part of the year, will come here and teach science in the junior high school. Mr. Kincaid is a graduate of Sul Ross State Teachers' College with a major in science and will assume the position formerly held by Mr. Kingsbury. Before the end of the term it will be determined whether he will remain here and take over junior high athletics next year.

No other changes are anticipated in the faculty at the beginning of the next term.

### MRS. J. E. BREWER HURT IN AUTOMOBILE CRASH

Mrs. James E. Brewer sustained slight injuries Wednesday evening about twilight when the Brewer car and another driven by Joe Forman collided on Eighth Street. Mr. Forman was going up Eighth toward his home and Mr. Brewer and wife were coming down Eighth to town. At the corner of Eighth and Railroad Avenue Mr. Brewer turned to the left, in front of the Forman car, and the crash occurred. Both machines were considerably damaged.

Mrs. Brewer was taken to the Halley & Bailey Sanitarium for examination. No broken bones were found and physicians decided she was suffering only from shock and bruises.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sutphen and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Conaway attended the funeral of Mrs. Andy Jones at Abilene Tuesday. Mrs. Jones was accidentally killed.

Mrs. Minnie Ferguson, of Longview, is a guest in the home of her sister, Mrs. George Stewart.

One of the most gruesome tragedies ever to occur in this section was discovered Saturday when Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kennedy were found dead at their home a short distance west of Miles, both shot to death, and their daughters, Faye, 4, and Imogene, 13, clubbed into unconsciousness with some heavy, blunt instrument. Another daughter, Wilma, 17, was missing, and officers at once began looking for Frank Salazar, Mexican who formerly worked on the Kennedy farm.

The two small girls are lingering between life and death in a San Angelo hospital, with everything possible being done to restore them to health. Physicians give them only a meager chance to recover, however.

The murders and clubbings occurred before midnight Thursday and were not discovered until Earl Kennedy, brother of the slain man, went to the home Saturday morning to make investigations after the milk cows were heard about the barns, apparently not milked for several days. Entering the house he found his brother in his bed with a wound in his left chest from a 410 shotgun. The wife also died from a gunshot wound, was lying across a bed in another room where evidence was seen of a terrific struggle.

The two girls were found on the floor still breathing after surviving the wounds and exposure for two nights.

Officers feared for the safety of the kidnapped girl until the Mexican was arrested at Austin Sunday and the girl reported safe.

Salazar admitted slaying the parents as soon as arrested, saying he was "crazy drunk" on whiskey and beer, but declared he did not remember clubbing the little girls.

Wilma told a story of how she awoke, hearing a sound like her mother groaning. She started to run and the Mexican grabbed her, took her to the car shed outside and tied her. When she was convinced that he was taking her away, she begged him to go to the house and get some clothes for her, and she believes it was when Salazar made his second

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### PERSONAL ITEMS WANTED

During the Christmas holidays many people will come to Ballinger to visit relatives or friends and local citizens will leave to visit elsewhere. The Ledger would like to publish every local item of interest and asks the cooperation of readers in getting this information. Telephone 27 and report any news item of interest and it will be deeply appreciated.

## St. Mary's Catholic Church

### Christmas Program

Christmas Carols 11:30 p. m.  
High Mass 12:00 m.  
Low Mass 8:00 a. m.

O. C. Schott, Choir Director  
Cantique de Noel by A. Adam  
Miss Anita Maddox

Adoration by Mendelssohn  
Violin Obligato by Miss Patricia Lawrence  
Adeste Fideles Choir

Mass: by Dress: Offertory  
Sanctus  
Benedictus  
from Guardian Angel Mass

"Good Night Sweet Jesus" by Father Curry  
Choir  
Organist, Mrs. S. Cotelle

Procession of the Children to the Crib  
In Charge of Mrs. A. Afflerbach  
A. J. Taillon O. M. I.  
Pastor

## NOTICE

Our studio will be closed from December 24 until January 2.

Any work saved for us will be appreciated.

**Martin's Studio**



## We Cannot Let Christmas Pass Without

—expressing our earnest desire for your happiness and contentment during the Christmas season and the year 1939.

**Jennings Funeral Home, Inc.**

Telephone 440

## Planning Christmas Parties Reduces Work

Through the holidays it's open season for parties—and wise is the hostess who plans her menus so that they require a minimum of work and last-minute fussing. If you're giving a luncheon or evening party, you'll be delighted with this new fruit salad. It is truly perfect—so simple to put together and yet so elegant. It's sort of filling, too—so that crisp salty crackers or dainty bread and butter sandwiches and pots and pots of steamingly fragrant coffee are all you need to complete your party fare.

**Poinsettia Salad**  
A delicious alternative salad is this one: Place a pineapple ring, with a cheese ball in the center, on a nest of lettuce. Sprinkle chopped pecans over the cheese ball and radiate from it six or eight strips of pimiento to make the petals of the poinsettia. Serve with mayonnaise or French dressing.

**Most Used Letters**  
The letter "e" is used far more often than any other letter in our language and the letter "z" is used the least. In order of frequency, they run as follows: e, t, a, i, s, o, n, h, r, d, l, u, c, m, f, w, y, p, g, v, b, k, j, q, y, z. If the letter "e" be given a frequency of 1,000, the others have the following frequencies: t, 770; a, 728; i, 704; s, 680; o, 672; n, 670; h, 540; r, 528; d, 392; l, 360; u, 296; c, 280; m, 272; f, 236; w, 190; y, 184; p, 168; g, 168; v, 158; b, 120; k, 88; j, 55; q, 50; x, 46; z, 22.

## Best Wishes for Christmas 1938 and the New Year 1939

We wish to express gratitude to our friends and patrons for their loyal support during the past year and trust it will be our pleasure to continue serving you.

O'Kelly Grocery

**Southwest's 'Kiva' Closely Guarded**  
"Kiva" is the name given to the secret ceremonial chamber which from prehistoric times has been the most important feature of every Indian pueblo in the Southwest. At least a score of pueblos, or villages, occupied by the descendants of the "hohokam," "those who have vanished," flourish in New Mexico. In each the kiva is scrupulously guarded from white visitors. Caucasians have access, however, to the ancient kivas in the prehistoric ruins of the Southwest.

## Funny Food Facts

**WHICH WEIGHS MORE?**  
A QUART OF CREAM WEIGHS MORE THAN A QUART OF MILK BECAUSE IT HAS MORE FAT AND LESS WATER.

**TOBACCO**  
A NATIVE OF AMERICA, SPREAD AROUND THE WORLD IN LESS THAN 100 YEARS!

GRAINS OF WHEAT 3000 YEARS OLD DISCOVERED IN EGYPTIAN TOMBS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO SPROUT!

What FUNNY FOOD FACTS do you know? We will pay \$5 for each strange fact submitted and used. Address MORGAN FEATURES, Cos Cob, Connecticut, or this newspaper.

## 1939 Football Schedule Is Arranged for District

Coaches and other officials of district 8-A met in Coleman Saturday to elect officers of the district organization, attend to other important business, and arrange the 1939 football schedule.

Ballinger and Winters coaches arranged two games between the Blizzards and Bearcats, one to open the season and the other to close it. The first tilt will be strictly an exhibition game and will not count in the league standing. The second is to be the regular conference game.

The first game will be played at Winters if lights are installed there next summer; if not, it will be played at night on Bearcat Field. The regular conference game will be played in Ballinger under the home-and-home rule.

Rising Star, Bangs and Cross Plains were voted membership in the league on a pay-their-way plan. This calls for two-year contracts, the visiting clubs to receive the same amount of money from the game each year. With these three teams in the district it will be the same as for the past season except for the loss of Rochelle. Eight conference games and two open dates were arranged for each team. Most of the clubs intend to fill one open date and reserve the other in case of a tie in the district standing, which would call for an extra game and no team is allowed to play more than ten games in the regular schedule.

Ernest Caskey, of Winters, was elected chairman of the district board. L. C. Scarborough, of Santa Anna, and Powell, of Brady, are the other members. The championship for 1938 was officially awarded to the Brady club.

The Ballinger team's schedule for 1939 follows:

- September 22—Ballinger vs. Winters, night game
- September 29—Ballinger vs. Bangs, at Ballinger
- October 6—Ballinger vs. Santa Anna, at Ballinger
- October 13—Open
- October 20—Ballinger vs. Cross Plains, at Cross Plains
- October 27—Ballinger vs. Brady, at Brady
- November 3—Ballinger vs. Mozelle, at Ballinger
- November 10 or 11—Ballinger vs.

- Coleman, at Coleman
- November 17—Ballinger vs. Rising Star, at Ballinger
- November 24—Ballinger vs. Winters, at Ballinger

### Winters Schedule

- September 22—Winters vs. Ballinger
- September 27—Winters vs. Mozelle, at Winters
- October 6—Winters vs. Cross Plains, at Winters
- October 13—Winters vs. Bangs, place to be decided
- October 20—Winters vs. Santa Anna, at Santa Anna
- October 27—Winters vs. Coleman, at Winters
- November 3—Winters vs. Rising Star, at Rising Star
- November 10 or 11—Winters vs. Brady, at Winters
- November 17—Open
- November 24—Winters vs. Ballinger, at Ballinger

### Other Games

- September 15—Bangs vs. Brady
- September 22—Rising Star vs. Coleman
- September 29—Coleman vs. Santa Anna
- October 6—Bangs vs. Mozelle, Brady vs. Rising Star
- October 13—Brady vs. Coleman; Santa Anna vs. Cross Plains; Mozelle vs. Rising Star
- October 20—Bangs vs. Coleman; Mozelle vs. Brady
- October 27—Bangs vs. Rising Star; Cross Plains vs. Mozelle
- November 3—Cross Plains vs. Brady
- November 10 or 11—Bangs vs. Santa Anna
- November 17—Bangs vs. Cross Plains; Brady vs. Santa Anna; Coleman vs. Mozelle
- November 24—Coleman vs. Cross Plains; Santa Anna vs. Rising Star
- November 30—Cross Plains vs. Rising Star.

Mrs. Dalton Caffey had as guests the past week-end her mother, Mrs. W. F. Burke, brothers, Bailey and Clabe Burke; uncle, Wheeler Burke; and nephew, Roger Burke, of Hobbs and Roswell, New Mexico. Mrs. Caffey, remembered by Ballinger friends as Miss Mabel Burke, is now residing at Rowena.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dunlap and son, of Dallas, are here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dunlap during the Christmas holidays.

## Monday Holiday Voted by Local Business Houses

Ballinger stores will be closed Sunday and Monday in observance of Christmas. This action was taken after most local merchants had been interviewed as to their wishes in the matter and without a single exception all heads of firms voted in favor of closing for two days. This procedure will also prevail in practically every town and city in the state. Many made announcements last week that their places would not be open for business on Monday, December 26. Local cafes, drug stores and filling stations will observe regular Sunday hours both days. Ballinger stores will remain open late Christmas eve, Saturday, and some probably will not be able to close until midnight or later. Regular business will be resumed and clerks will start annual inventories which will be completed before January 1. No special program has been planned in Ballinger for Sunday or Monday and the two days will

be spent in visiting, entertaining visitors or enjoying Christmas around the family fireside.

A WISH WAS NEVER MORE SINCERE WHEN WE SIMPLY SAY

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

Forson Barber Shop

◆ A WISH FOR YOU AND YOURS---

That you and yours may enjoy the pleasures of the holiday season and that the New Year will bring pleasures in abundance is the cordial wish of your friend.



CLEMENTS' 5c to \$1.00 STORE

FROM US TO YOU... A WISH SINCERE

—that you may have blessings untold during the New Year is our special wish for you. We would not forget to wish for you and yours all the joy and gladness that Christmas can bring.

We would like to serve you during 1939 to prove that we want to add to your happiness during the New Year.

Modern Beauty Shoppe

Next Door to Rubin's Telephone 153

## Welcome Christmas and the New Year 1939

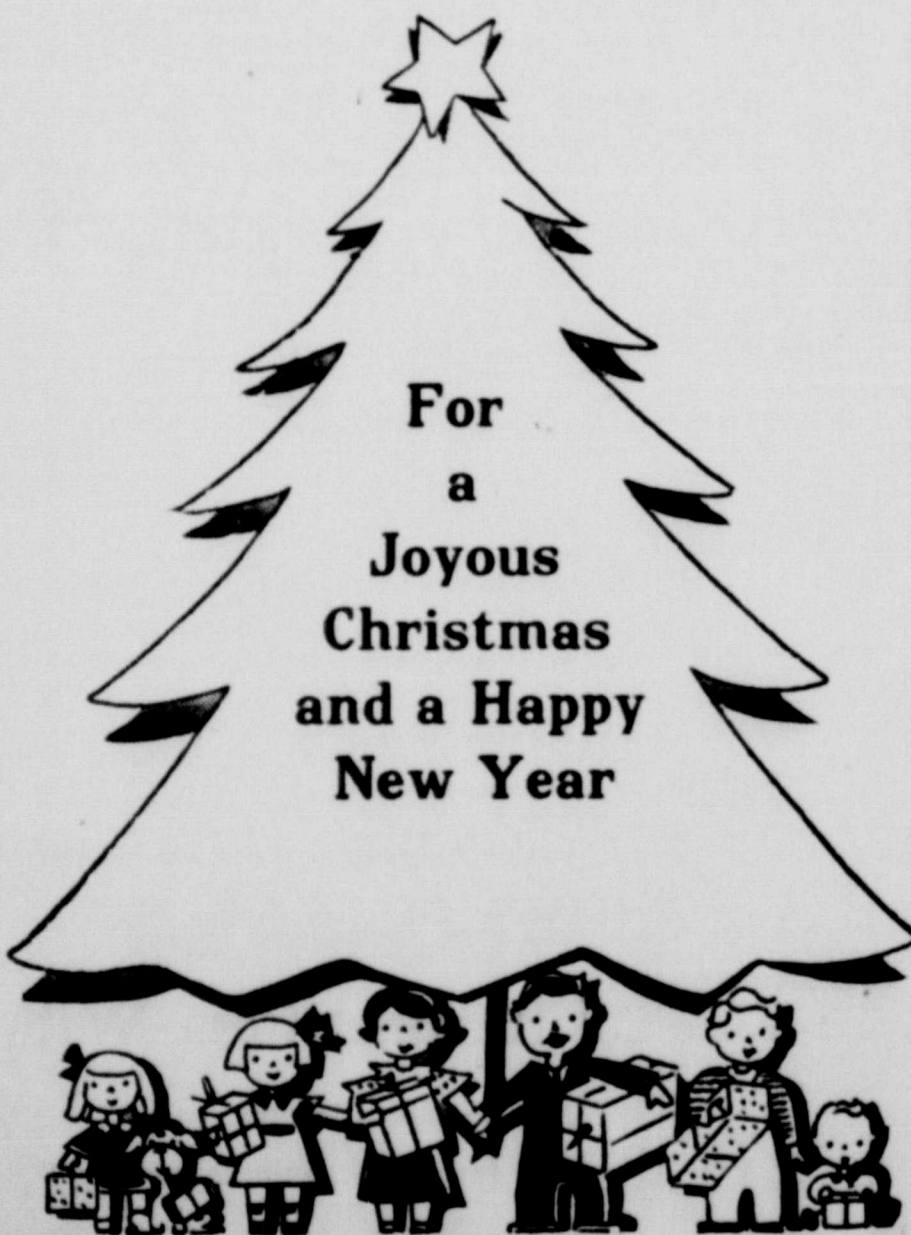
OUR patrons have made our business what it is today. A satisfied and pleased customer is an asset to our business. We strive to serve and please our customers in every way and we feel assured we can continue in the future, as we have in the past, to make them happy.

May Christmas and the New Year bring with them happiness and success for you!



PENNEY'S J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, Incorporated

## BEST WISHES



Sykes Motor Co. Dodge Sales and Service

## Dear Santa:

Will you please bring loads of cheer to our friends and see that they enjoy the holidays.

Bring them also a New Year filled with opportunity for success and happiness.



J. H. PARRISH SERVICE STATION Telephone 49

## THE ANGELS SANG OF PEACE

Through the year just past we have heard so much of war and rumors of war that we can appreciate more fully the message the angels brought on that first Christmas so long ago of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

May we re-echo this message and wish for you and yours peace and good will throughout Christmas and the New Year.

Kemp's Dairy

P. O. Box 29 Telephone No. 6400

## We Extend Our Greetings

Your loyalty and patronage have meant much to us in the past. We want to thank you and wish for you a New Year filled with all the joys and happiness the world affords. We want you to know that it has been a pleasure to have served you during the years past and we sincerely hope that you will continue calling on us in 1939.

W. P. CAREY LUMBER Co. Established 1881 Building Material of All Kinds Ballinger, Texas



# Women's, Society and Club News

## Ballinger B. and P. W. Club Honors "Bosses"

A banquet in honor of "the boss" was given last Thursday night at the Central Hotel by members of the Ballinger Business and Professional Women's Club. The Christmas motif was carried out in decorations of holly, snow scenes, and a tree.

Miss Myra Tankersley acted as toastmaster and toasts were given to "my boss" by Misses Sarah Harwell, Alida Macune, and Evelyn Crowell; after which the toastmaster proposed a toast to all bosses. A skit, entitled "The Tables are Turned," was enacted by Misses Sarah Harwell, Evelyn Crowell and Marie Norwood, and County Superintendent E. C.

Grindstaff. Miss Mary Jo Webb sang a parody entitled "My Salary."

County Judge Paul Trimmier spoke on "Procedure of the Justice and County Courts" and then introduced District Judge O. L. Parish, who gave a talk on "District Courts of Texas."

Music was furnished by Misses Mary Jo Webb and Tommie Mansell, and Ralph James Erwin.

Members and guests present were: Misses Iola Clayton, Wynis Greer, Crowell, Harwell, Cora Hays, Winona Jones, Macune, Norwood, Zell Reese, Bettie Stuart, Tankersley, and Marie Thomas; Mmes. Aurelia Webb, Carmen Lawrence, Velma Daniel, Ida Guion, Margaret Evans, Mary W.

Barry, Marge Bailey, L. Schermerhorn, and Erma Bailey; and Messrs. H. W. Lynn, H. C. Lyon, John H. Curry, Thomas B. Hill, Grindstaff, Frank C. Dickey, Dee Oliver, Estes Lynn, Will Chastain, Trimmier, Jack McKay, E. E. King, John Weeks, Parish and R. P. Canady.

### Recent Bride Honored

Mrs. Roland Boyd, a recent bride, was honored with a gift party last Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Raymond Hash. Miss Juanita Averitt assisted the hostess in serving refreshments.

Mrs. Boyd, who before her marriage November 25 was Miss Olene Watson, is well known in Ballinger, having lived here all her life. Mr. Boyd attended Howard Payne College and the couple will make home in Brownwood.

Mrs. Boyd received gifts from: Mmes. George Mathis, Chester Cape, J. D. Long, Audlen Watson, Lester Singleton, Jack Cavanaugh, Jess Watson, Raymond Hash, Jack Hamilton, Nolan Holt, Curtis Beddo, Earl Averitt, Artie Smith, Leonard Conner, Mary Scarborough; Misses Juanita Averitt and Marjorie Cavanaugh.

### No-Host Supper for Methodist Choir

An annual custom was followed Sunday evening when members of the First Methodist Church choir and invited guests enjoyed a no-host supper following the Christmas concert.

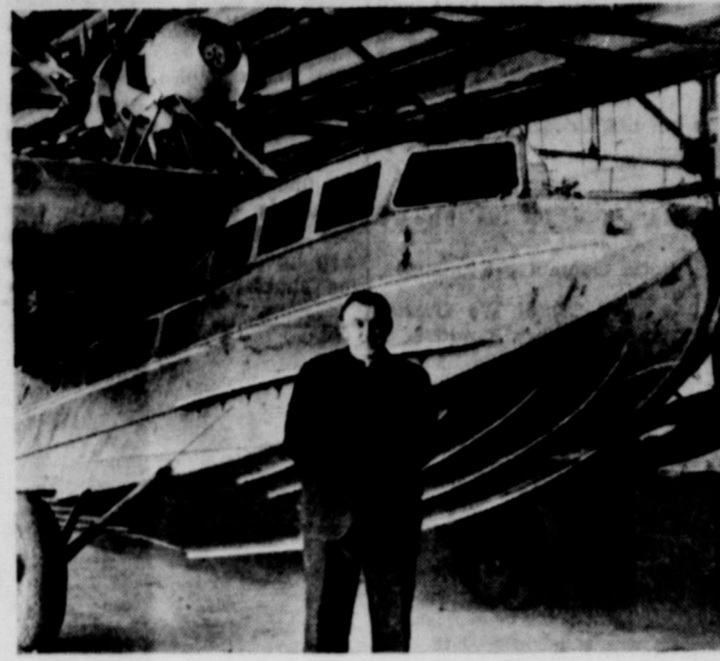
The banquet room at the Central Hotel was decorated with a large tree and twisted overhead streamers. The U-shaped table laid in white had sprigs and clumps of mistletoe placed its entire length.

The Rev. E. D. Landreth spoke the invocation and informal talks were made by the Rev. Landreth and Troy Simpson, director. Brief plans were sketched for an all-choir minstrel to be given late in January as a project for organ repair.

### Gas Company Employees Entertained

On Monday evening, December 19, about sixty employees of the Lone Star Gas Company and the Community Natural Gas Company, their families and guests enjoyed a Christmas party at the Lone Star gas station.

## Arctic Priest Takes Church With Him



Completely equipped with an altar, this new Fokker amphibian plane will carry Reverend Paul Schulte back to the Arctic, where he is known as the "Flying Priest." Long a missionary in the north country, Father Schulte returned to the United States to purchase the new plane.

Names had been drawn and gifts placed on a beautifully decorated tree and Old Santa was kind enough to leave his workshop at the North Pole long enough to come down and distribute gifts to all present.

Employees from Coleman, Talpa, Valera, Bangs, Santa Anna, Miles, Texon, Abilene, San Angelo and Ballinger were present. Various games were played during the evening and refreshments of popcorn and candy were served by Mrs. T. J. Buckley, Mrs. J. A. Schnable and Mrs. J. A. Norwood, who acted as hostesses.

### Sewing Club Honors Husbands

The Tuesday Sewing Club entertained Tuesday evening with a three-course turkey dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Zappe on Broadway to compliment husbands.

Decorations both out-of-doors and in were in keeping with the Yule season. Santa Claus with his sled and reindeer and a village of lighted homes and steeped church was the buffet adornment. An arrangement of fruit and tall red candles centered the lace-laid table from which the menu was

served buffet style. Quartet tables were laid in Denison Christmas covers. After exchange gifts were given from the beautiful tree games of ching-chess were played by: Messrs. and Mmes. Zappe, E. C. Grindstaff, Billie Cordill, Neil McAlpine, George Stowe, J. G. Tuckey, Levy Lee and K. V. Northington.

### Adairs Give Supper for Gulf Personnel

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Adair were hosts Tuesday evening to the employees of the Gulf Refining Co. in their home on Eleventh Street with a Yuletide party and supper.

An attractive arrangement of fruits centered the dining room table covered in lace. A delicious Mexican menu was served buffet style. Games followed the distribution of fun gifts from the big cedar tree.

Present were: Messrs. and Mmes. Clayton Bissett, J. J. Hoelscher, Clarence Bissett, M. H. Morgan; Misses Eula Mae Clark, Lurine Brookshier, Maudie Rose Rubin, Mildred Fowler, Camille Behringer, Winnie Merle Adair and Gwen Morgan; Gordon Gressett, Derwood Bissett, Foy Farmer, Roy Gressett, J. P. Burk, Hartford and Darius Boswell, J. R. Burk and Dillard Adair.

### Tree for Toppers

Ten Teen Toppers enjoyed their Christmas tree and exchange gifts Tuesday evening in the gaily decorated home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Endacott on Eighth Street.

Present were: Pauline Thorp, Odena Parrish, Rosemary Hooper,

Gayle Hirschfeld, Jeanne Endacott, Louise McMillan, Louise Hardin, Melba Bankston, Ruth Davis and Minnie Edith Jones.

### Xmas Affair for T. E. L. Class

The serious aspect of the Christmas season and the gay side were combined Tuesday evening when members of the Baptist T. E. L. Class were entertained in the home of Mrs. A. M. King with Mmes. F. W. Wellhausen, George Holliday, Henry Doherty and John McKay joining her in hostesses' duties.

Definite plans were made for the class' adopted alias Santa Claus family and for baskets of fruit to go to five shut-ins.

Mrs. A. S. Love gave the Christmas devotional following a prayer by Mrs. T. A. Rape and the singing of the class song. Mrs. J. A. Norwood played the accompaniment for Mrs. Ralph McShan and Mrs. L. L. Strobbe, who sang "Silent Night, Holy Night" and "Take Time to be Holy." Each gave an expression as to "What Christmas Means to Me." Mrs. Holliday and Mrs. Wellhausen were Santas for the distribution of exchange gifts.

A plate of fruit cake, varied sandwiches, olives and cocoa with Santa Claus favors was passed by the hostesses to: Mmes. W. A. Nance, Strobbe, Varley, Lee Butler, McShan, T. J. McCaughan, Mae Lloyd, Norwood, W. B. Dunlap, Crawford, Charlie Ferguson, Carl Smith, L. W. Farris, A. F. Kemp, Archie Parr, W. A. Forgey, Rape, Ed Jones, G. B. Nixon, E. L.

DeWitt, F. M. Hale, R. E. Lane, Sandlin, J. W. Wiginton, Love, Lee McMillan, and Miss Alice Thomas. Mrs. Holliday Hayley and daughter, Mary Love, and son, Holliday, Jr., were visitors.

### Ballinger Women Attend Paint Rock Club Meeting

Mmes. John Currie, W. B. Halley, James Wear, Charles Bailey, E. C. Baskin, Frank Pearce, H. C. Lyon, C. R. Stephens, J. Y. Pearce and Arthur Giesecke attended the Christmas program meeting of the Paint Rock Music Club, held Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. J. A. Waide.

Other society items on pages 10 and 13

### LOCAL TEACHERS AND PUPILS COMMENCE CHRISTMAS

#### HOLIDAYS THIS AFTERNOON

Ballinger school teachers and students started their Christmas holidays this afternoon at 4 o'clock and will not report back to the classrooms until January 2. Most of the schools in Runnels county were closed today but a few will be open tomorrow and children are to be dismissed at the regular time tomorrow (Friday) afternoon.

Ballinger teachers who reside elsewhere left for their homes as soon as pupils were dismissed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lengefeld and children will spend Christmas in Gatesville, visiting relatives.

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Ballinger, Texas

**GREETINGS**

At this season we wish to thank our customers for patronage of the past years and wish for all

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**GIFT FLOWERS**

See our grand assortment of plants, cut flowers, wreaths and baskets.

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**GREETINGS for CHRISTMAS and the NEW YEAR**

Many people are happy at this time as they enter into the spirit of Christmas and may we join the throng by wishing our customers Yuletide Joy and a New Year of happiness.

We appreciate your patronage during the old year and look forward to the pleasure of serving you in the New Year to come.

**The Farmers & Merchants State Bank**

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**Christmas Greetings**

Friends have been compared with silver and gold. New friends are as silver and old friends are as gold. As gold and silver shine in the Christmas lights and make a beautiful glow, the smiles of our friends make a glow in our hearts.

Wishing you Christmas joy and cheer and a New Year filled with happiness.

**Higginbotham Brothers & Co.**

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**BALLINGER SCHOOL NEWS**  
By Mary Jo Webb

**Boys' Choral Club on Assembly Program**  
The boys' choral club entertained students in assembly Friday, December 16, with a group of songs. These included the favorite, "Anchors Aweigh"; "Loch Lomond"; an old college harmony song, "I Love to Whistle"; and Christmas songs.

With the boys' choral club, Doris Drennan, Janie Flynt, and Mary Edith Herring sang "Silent Night" in Spanish. Rosemary Hooper sang a French Christmas carol. The whole program was well planned and carried out. The student body thoroughly appreciated it. The singers were directed by Mrs. McGregor and accompanied by Clara Beth Lynn.

After the choral program, Mr. Gilligan gave several impromptu numbers. Besides several corals, he played, upon request of Mr. Lyon, "Love's Old Sweet Song". Mrs. McGregor accompanied him on the piano.

**Second Year Spanish Clubs Meet**  
Second year Spanish clubs met

Friday, December 16. The individual clubs enjoyed programs and then all members joined in singing Spanish songs and had a very good time.

**Cue and Curtain Club Meets**  
The Cue and Curtain Club met Wednesday, December 14. Seven new members were present. The club members heard the tomb scene of "Romeo and Juliet" read by Wesley Gibbs, Ted Truly, Rommie Terrell, Powell Wear, Carlos Burnette, Joe Coleman, and Mary Simpson.

**Home Economics Dinners Given**  
The home economics department was the scene of a prettily appointed dinner given by Misses Audrey Reese and Arline Boothe on December 15. Red and green were used in decorations. A miniature Santa Claus descending a chimney centered the table which was laid for Doris Drennan, Cora Ellen Allison, LaVerne Boothe, Serena Lindemann and the hostesses. After dinner guests enjoyed games of Chinese checkers.

Dorothy Brunson and Creola Henderson delighted friends with a dinner at the home economics building last week. The Christmas motif was carried out in decorations and the centerpiece. Place cards were gum drops and sticks of candy decorated in accordance with the scene. Guests were Faye Brunson, Leroy Wilson, Gerald Henderson, and Winfred Campbell.

**Where's That Birdie?**  
Dear Santa Claus:  
Pleez bring me a little doll with yella hair and blue eyes.  
Pinky

Please make me have more sense than Pinky, who was surrounded at school last week.  
All the Boys

Please give me a book on "How to be Quiet in English Class."  
Dillard

Please give me a shot-gun.  
Winnie

Please give me hair that will not need Miss Howard's comb and mirror.  
Boots

Help me not to fall off the stage steps again.  
John

Go away and let us think about 53 problems.  
Solid Geometry Students

Let me play "Shall We Gather at the River" at every banquet.  
Pete

**NORTON SCHOOL NEWS**  
By Elizabeth Clifton

**Very Pleasant Time Had at Banquet**  
The annual pep squad football banquet was held Saturday night. The decorations carried out the Christmas motif. The guest speaker was Mr. H. W. Lynn, of Ballinger. Mr. Conger acted as toastmaster. Speeches were made by the following: Mr. Lynn, Mr. Elkins, Phyllis Roper (representative of charter members of pep squad), Ella Mae Jennings (presentation of album and announcing next year's pep squad officials), Miss Morgan, Jack Compton, Uvon Ford, and the new football captain. Next year's pep squad officials will be Loudeil Williams, main yell leader; Virginia Smith and Billie Ruth Duke, assistant yell leaders; Katherine Hambricht and Stuart Setser, drum girls; Miss Morgan, sponsor; and Doris Stuckey, secretary. Next year's football captain is Raymond Lee and Robert Herring is co-captain.

**Freshman-Sophomore Party for Wednesday Night**  
The freshmen and sophomores are having a combined celebration Wednesday night. They plan to have a Christmas tree with a party following. The juniors and seniors will also have their Christmas party one night this week. School dismisses for Christmas Friday. One week will constitute all our holidays.

We regret to say that our librarian, Mrs. Florence Jones, is leaving us Tuesday for Crews. It is not disclosed who her successor will be.

**Sh-h! But**  
Well, since this approaches Christmas time and all on earth should be crowned with peace, we'll not create unrest with scandal. But you better be good, 'cause old Santa is watching you—and I'll be back after the holidays. Till then—Merry Christmas to all! And a Happy New Year!

Joe Cozby, student of Texas College of Mines, El Paso, is here for the Christmas holidays.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT SPECIALS**

Wembdon Lavender  
GIFT SET for men \$2.00  
GIFT SET for ladies \$1.50  
GIFT SOAP set 70c

Cactus Drug  
Next to Texas Theatre

**Welcome 1939**

It is with reluctance we let 1938 slip away because it has been good to us and favored us with your kind patronage . . . but . . . we look forward to 1939 as it enters with its opportunities to serve you better than ever before.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to you.

**Ballinger Floral Co.**

**J. C. PENNEY CO. TO GIVE BONUS TO EMPLOYEES**

A special Christmas bonus is being distributed this week to the more than 30,000 employees of the J. C. Penney Company, including those in the Ballinger store, following a recent order of the board of directors. The directors voted the extra 1938 remuneration in recognition of the associates' loyalty and service during the year just closing.

Those who have been associated with the Penney company in any of its stores, offices or warehouses for one full year on the date the bonus is distributed will receive two weeks' extra salary. Those who have been with the company for shorter periods will receive

payments commensurate with their length of service.

**WEDDINGS**

**Nixon-Adams**  
M. L. Nixon and Mrs. George Mae Adams were married Saturday night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Anderson, 1001 Seventh Street, in the presence of a few relatives and friends. Rev. M. C. Golden spoke the words that made them man and wife. The couple will reside at the Nixon home on Bronte route 2.

Wallace Scruggs, who is attending John Tarleton College, Stephenville, is here to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

**CITY FIREMEN'S PARTY IS LARGELY ATTENDED; TO BE REPEATED SOON**

The "party" staged by the Ballinger fire department last Friday evening was a success, the large crowd attending hearing a band concert and playing bingo. The department netted about \$25 from proceeds of games and many present expressed enjoyment of the event. Numerous bingo prizes were left over and a similar "party" will be held some time in January when people are not so busy. Many who were unable to attend last Friday have requested that another be held. Benefit performances at the Ritz Theatre last Sunday, Monday

and Tuesday also added to the firemen's treasury, and the company wishes to thank the public for attending in large numbers.

Clarence Bryant, minister of the Eighth Street Church of Christ, has returned from Artesia, New Mexico, where he had been holding a revival.

Mr. and Mrs. Clieff Reed and daughter, Rhelda Jo, of Wink, were week-end visitors in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Sykes and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sykes.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jobe, of Odessa, will arrive tomorrow to spend the holidays in the home of Mrs. Jobe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Forgey.

**DANCE**  
O. D. H. S. Hall  
Rowena, Texas  
Monday Night Dec. 26  
Music by  
Harrisons Texans  
Admission 55c


**Wishing You a Very Merry Xmas and a Joyous New Year**

When happy associations are passed they leave pleasant memories and as we look back over 1938 we have fond recollections of our associations with you. We especially wish to thank the Rotarians, Lions and Business and Professional Woman's Club, not only for your patronage but for your kindness and consideration shown us.

May the year bring us together often that we may serve you. That you will have health, wealth and happiness in the New Year is our wish.

**Central Hotel**


**Christmas GREETINGS**



At this time every year we are brought to realize that friendship and goodwill toward man makes the burdens of life easier. We want our friends to know our appreciation for their patronage.

We desire to wish each one a joyful Christmas with brighter hearth fires than ever before.

To this wish we add another: That health, happiness and prosperity will be yours during the New Year.



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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



The Humble Company, its employees, service stations and dealers extend to their fellow Texans every good wish for a very Merry Christmas.

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**An Open Letter to Santa Claus:**

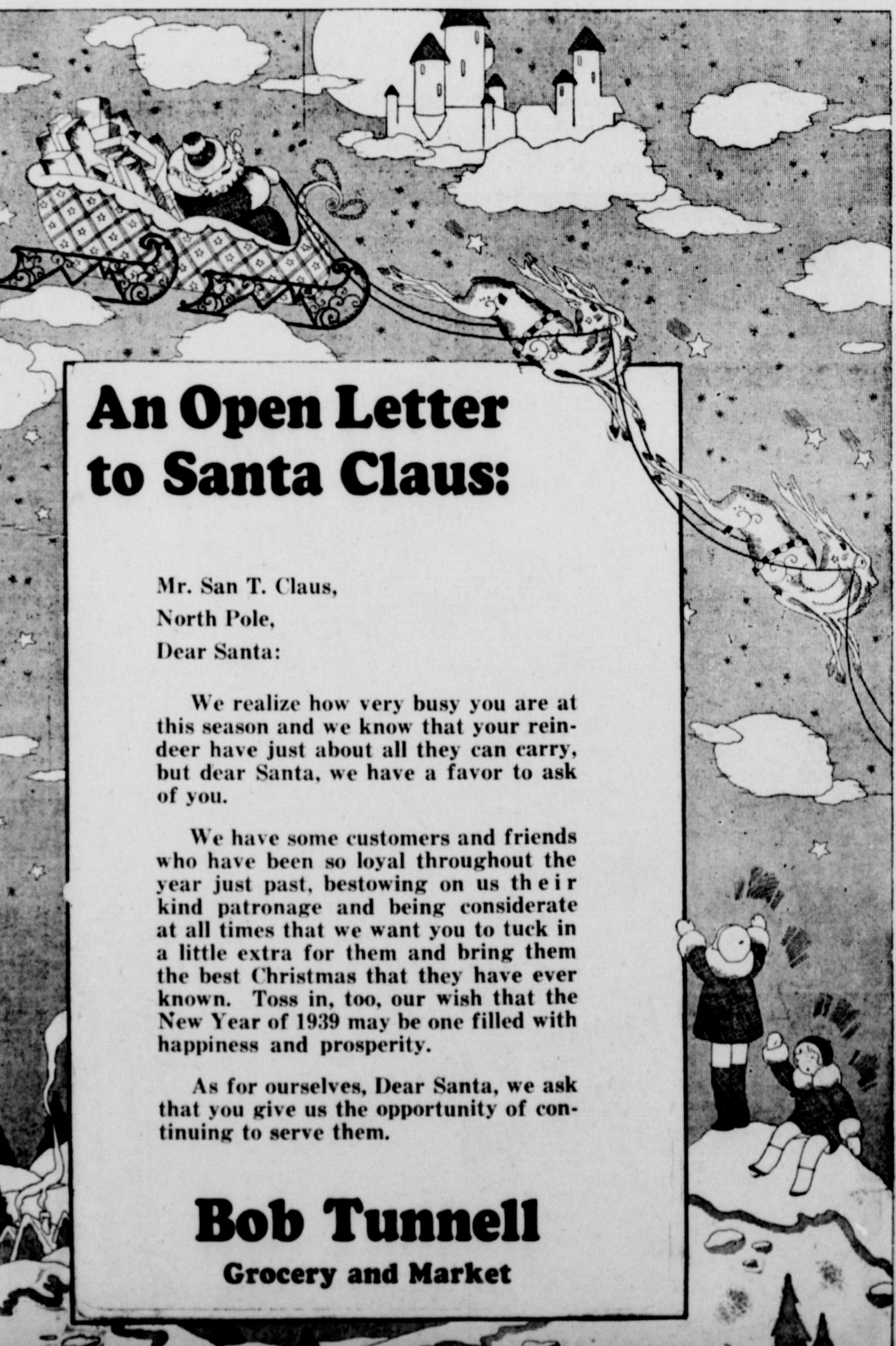
Mr. San T. Claus,  
North Pole,  
Dear Santa:

We realize how very busy you are at this season and we know that your reindeer have just about all they can carry, but dear Santa, we have a favor to ask of you.

We have some customers and friends who have been so loyal throughout the year just past, bestowing on us their kind patronage and being considerate at all times that we want you to tuck in a little extra for them and bring them the best Christmas that they have ever known. Toss in, too, our wish that the New Year of 1939 may be one filled with happiness and prosperity.

As for ourselves, Dear Santa, we ask that you give us the opportunity of continuing to serve them.

**Bob Tunnell**  
Grocery and Market



**Sheriff's Sale**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Runnels:

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Brown County, Texas, on the 6th day of December, 1938, by L. J. Wilson, Clerk of said District Court, for the sum of Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-six and 20/100 (\$7,376.20) and interest and costs of suit, under a judgment in favor of Walker-Smith Company, plaintiff, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 7047, and styled Walker-Smith Company, plaintiff, vs. G. O. Hargrove, Jessie L. Hargrove, J. M. Radford Grocery Company and First National Bank of Winters, Texas, said judgment being also in favor of said defendant Radford Grocery Company against the defendant G. O. Hargrove, for the sum of Three Thousand, Six Hundred Twenty-nine and 78/100 Dollars, and costs of suit, and being a judgment of foreclosure of a deed of trust lien in favor of plaintiff, Walker-Smith Company, and J. M. Radford Grocery Company, against the other parties to said suit above named, foreclosing the deed of trust lien on the land and premises hereinafter described, and placed in my hands for service, I, W. A. Holt, as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did on the 7th day of December, A. D. 1938, levy on certain real estate situated in Runnels County, Texas, and being all that certain tract or parcel of land, a part of the Henry Bier Survey No. 400, Certificate No. 16,107, Patent No. 637, Volume 20, and described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at the N. W. corner of said Henry Bier Survey, No. 400; Thence East with the N. B. line of said Henry Bier Survey, 1341 yds. to corner; Thence West 431 yds. to corner; Thence South 1341 yds. to stake in the West line of said Henry Bier Survey; Thence North 431 yds. to the place of beginning, and being all of the land conveyed to G. O. Hargrove by E. F. Bucy, per deed recorded in Vol. 99, page 273 of the deed records of Runnels County, Texas.

Said property above described is levied on as the property of defendants G. O. Hargrove, Jessie L. Hargrove and First National Bank of Winters, Texas, and that on the first Tuesday in January, 1939, same being the 3rd day of said month, at the Court House door in Runnels County, Texas, in Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said judgment and order of sale, I will sell the said above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said G. O. Hargrove, Jessie L. Hargrove and First National Bank of Winters, Texas.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once each week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Ballinger Ledger, a newspaper published in said Runnels County.

Witness my hand this 7th day of December, A. D. 1938.

W. A. HOLT,  
Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas.  
By Winona Jones, Deputy.

**Notice**

All persons owning or claiming an interest in the following described property located on Tenth Street in the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, to-wit:

(1) Property of A. H. VanPelt, same being 180 front feet adjacent to and facing on Tenth Street in the City of Ballinger, Texas, described as Lots 1, 2, 3, Block 97, Original Addition;

(2) Property of I. O. Wooden, same being 60 front feet adjacent to and facing on Tenth Street in the City of Ballinger, Texas, described as Lot 18, Block 10, Original Addition;

are hereby notified that the City Commission of said City of Ballinger proposes to levy assessments against said property for the purpose of paving those portions of said Tenth Street in front of and abutting said property with the following pavements, to-wit:

Caliche Base, Concrete Curb, Double Inverted Stone and Asphalt Topping Forty Feet in Width, over all;

the estimated amount per front foot proposed to be assessed against the owner or owners of

**From New York to Florida via Canoe**



Frank Murphy, with a typical Irish grin, threw away his map after arriving in Miami, Fla., after a 1,500-mile trip from New York via the inland water route. The three-months' trip cost him \$40, and was made in an 18-foot canoe equipped with a four-foot mast and three square yards of sail.

such abutting property, and to be secured by a lien thereon, in the sum of \$75; the estimated total cost of the improvements on the portions of said Tenth Street above mentioned is the sum of \$180.00; and all such persons are hereby further notified that the City Commission of said City on the 19th day of December, A. D. 1938, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., at the City Hall in said City of Ballinger, Texas, will hold a hearing at which all such persons shall have the right and opportunity to be heard on any matter as to which a hearing is a constitutional prerequisite to the validity of any such assessment and to contest any and all other matters they may desire to contest.

Witness my hand and seal of office in Ballinger, Texas, this 7th day of December, A. D. 1938.

(Seal)  
K. V. NORTHINGTON,  
City Secretary of the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas.

**SURVEY GETS DATA ON CHILD TRAINING**

**Finds Character Building Begins in Nursery.**

Chicago.—Junior may lack poise all his lifetime just because his nursery chair had a short leg.

An ugly dresser may spell the difference between his ability or inability to appreciate things artistic. The importance of a child's early environment cannot be stressed too greatly, a recent psychological survey made by furniture leaders indicates. Influences impressed on children in their early years in the nursery definitely result in a corresponding personality or character pattern in later life, the survey states.

"Give me a new born child and in ten years' time I can have him so scared, he'll never dare to lift his voice above a whisper, or so brave that he'll fear nothing," declared Dr. George A. Dorsey recently.

In complete agreement with this statement, the survey points out, investigators visited hundreds of nurseries throughout the nation to determine as far as they might the effect of nursery furniture on the child of ten years or younger.

"A drab, careless, or ugly outlook in the nursery," the survey says, "is bound to have unfortunate effects on its tiny occupants. Nursery furniture should be in harmony with a child's carefree, happy life."

In keeping with that idea, the 1938 trend in furniture for children embodies the whims of infancy with the practicality of age, while, in many cases, at the same time producing a definite educational effect.

There is, for example, the "Pilgrim" type of furniture, built simply and without embellishment. The effect obtained here is toward simplicity and individualism.

Another furniture style cleverly woven into the realm of child lore deals with the stars, the heavens, floral vegetation, and water; a Treasure Island ensemble gives the idea of romance and adventure.

"The spirit of childhood," states the survey, "should be the guiding influence in furnishing a room for a child. However, some children develop an astonishing sophistication at an early age and for some reason refuse to accept nursery rhymes and lullaby stories as part of their own little world."

The designers have given consideration even to this phase of child psychology, tempering severity with youthful appeal, as in the case of modern youth furniture.

**TANKS CAUSE SPLIT**

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Pembroke and Pembroke county are at odds over the proposed acquisition by the British war office of 6,000 acres in the south of the county for a tank training ground. Delegations from the city and county recently visited London to state their stand. Pembroke residents welcome the project which might help to restore prosperity there. Pembroke county officials, backed by several societies, opposes the plan aesthetically.

the chest, grasped the motionless heart and began to squeeze it rhythmically, starting the blood once more in a slow but perceptible circulation.

By this time a full fifteen minutes had passed, believed to be longer than any patient previously has lived with a heart completely stopped. Assisting doctors and nurses were not hopeful, but Prof. Chiasserini's persistence was rewarded. Slowly and hesitantly, the heart began to beat occasionally inside the surgeon's fingers. In a few more minutes it took up its burden alone.

**English Language Thought Influenced By Smoking Habits**

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The English language is what it is because Englishmen smoke pipes, according to a recent monograph by a British philologist, Ernest Curzon.

English is one of the few languages that can be spoken without moving the lips. The speaker of fluent French, Spanish or Italian must open and close his mouth and move his face muscles more or less violently. English, on the other hand, may be spoken understandably with the lips and face kept almost motionless.

Mr. Curzon calls this not a result of the peculiar nature of English, but the fundamental cause of that nature. Back of this he sees the long-standing British habit of pipe smoking. Especially likely to be continual pipe smokers are Englishmen of outstanding public position, including the former premier, now Lord Baldwin. The speech of such distinguished persons also is likely to be copied by others and thus to influence the language.

A habitual pipe smoker probably could not talk ancient Anglo-Saxon or Norman French without dropping his pipe. Rapid speech life that of modern French or Italian, or long sentences like those common in German, also are impossible to a pipe smoker. His pipe is too likely to go out.

Mr. Curzon believes that modern English has been formed by generations of pipe smokers into slow, clipped short sentence language which it is; the only language that a pipe smoker can talk without dropping his pipe or letting it go out.

Portugal is doing a big business in naval supplies.

During 1932, 5,580 motor cars were stolen in the metropolitan area of London.

**DR. J. E. SMITH ATTENDS CONVENTION AT ODESSA**

Dr. J. E. Smith, of Ballinger, and Dr. James Craig, of Winters, attended the district convention of the Texas Chiropractic Association at Odessa last Sunday. Dr. Smith said Monday that the meeting was well attended by chiropractors from all over the district, which is bounded by El Paso on the west, Brownwood on the east, Stamford on the north and Alpine on the south.

Owing to the size of the district it was voted to divide it into three sections with each group holding a monthly meeting and a district meeting to be held quarterly. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Alpine on the first

**Sunday in March.**

**TEST STREAMLINE TRAINS**

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Railways of Great Britain are making experiments with streamlining methods which will increase speeds from 12 to 25 per cent. A new streamlined train is to be built for a non-stop run between London and Leeds in two-and-three-quarter hours, a saving of twenty-five minutes on the present fastest time. Tests of scale model engines in wind tunnels have proved that a streamlined locomotive saves as much as four pounds of coal every mile.

It has been estimated that there are 7,000,000 bicycle riders in Great Britain.

**IN APPRECIATION**

We have prospered by having the loyal patronage of interested customers during 1938. We have enjoyed our work of serving you and your family and take this means of saying how much we have appreciated your favors of the past and wish you the Happiest New Year possible. We look forward to another year of pleasant business.

**MARTIN'S STUDIO**

**BUYING AT HOME INCREASES LOCAL PAYROLLS**



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The Farmers & Merchants State Bank

**With 1939 Just Around The Corner**

May your worthy efforts during the coming year be crowned with success and may the holiday season be filled with joy and peace.

Your loyalty and patronage has meant much to us. May we continue to be worthy of such kindness.

**L. C. Daugherty Drug Store**

Quality - Courtesy - Service

May We Never Grow Too Old To Appreciate Merry Christmas And May You Have The Happiest of All Christmases This Year BEST WISHES FOR A Happy New Year

**L. B. RUDDER**  
Saddles, Harness and Shoe Repairing

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

**May Health, Wealth and Happiness Be Yours**

What more could we ask of life than to give you these three essentials. Best wishes for a Christmas of mirth and good cheer. May we have the pleasure of serving you through a prosperous New Year.

**Clay Building Material Co.**

Ed H. Leugefeld, Mgr. W. O. Middleton, Asst.

**Plenty of LIGHT at LOW COST is a BLESSING in West Texas**

**A Merry Christmas AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

To you we bring the age-old Christmas greetings, assuring you that many of us will be on the job Christmas Eve, Christmas Night and Christmas Day so that you may have continuous light and power. Regardless of holidays, night or day, rain or shine, we strive to make your Electric Service as nearly perfect and continuous as possible.

(A) Contributing a payroll of \$1,200,000 to our employee-citizens in West Texas; (B) helping you to shoulder the tax burdens rapidly increasing until now Your Electric Servant's annual tax contribution approximates one-half million dollars; and (C) all with net average electric rates ONE-THIRD LOWER than just ten years ago....

These are (A, B and C) things we believe you want to know about your own West Texas electric servant—performing material things that will help to make 1939 a friendly, prosperous year for us all.

**West Texas Utilities Company**

**Holiday Gifts Made to Suit Any Old Budget**

The Pilgrim Fathers were stern souls. They frowned upon practically all the festivities of life; as for Christmas, well, Governor Bradford made that against the law, and to celebrate "by feasting or not working" meant a fine of five shillings for each offense.

In Cromwellian days in England, Christmas was taboo, too, and Britishers were forbidden to close their shops or stop work and even Christmas decorations were not allowed. But it would take more than a law to get rid of the celebration of Christmas. Even present-day cynics don't seem to tarnish its glamour.

For the celebration of Christmas, although traditionally a Christmas holiday to us, actually has an even older origin. As far back as we can trace the story of man, the midwinter feast has been the most important holiday of the year. It came in late December just after the days began to lengthen again. . . . men of the early days were concerned with the shortening days just before the change, fearing the sun might go out entirely in the dead of winter. They celebrated when they thought a new sun was born to light the earth through another year. The early name for this was the "turning time."

If you're an old Scrooge, we may as well warn you that you probably won't have any better luck in disapproving of Christmas than did Governor Bradford and Cromwell. It is apparently a very instinctive festival that survives in spite of laws; and life is merrier all around if we don't begrudge the pleasure of the holiday.

**Essentially a Home Holiday**

Since Christmas is so essentially a home holiday, most of us will have several hostesses to whom we'll want to express our appreciation. Whether that hostess is "only mother" or else the lady who invites us out for our best Christmas party, she deserves a token of appreciation. And the nice part about a gift for a hostess is that it's not so much of an "exchange" proposition as often gift giving gets to be. It is

a gesture of appreciation that doesn't imply any reciprocation.

If you're her rich uncle, you might surprise her with the wherewithal to do over one entire room. Or find out what she needs to complete an already pleasant room. Or else give her a grand big silver tray—that's something that a hostess worthy of the name can't have too many of. A silver tea service is a grand gesture, too. . . . so is a china tea set.

If you're a poor relation she'll bless you for the gift of an interesting little ash tray or a single jewel of an after-dinner coffee cup. Or guest towels that are dainty as dainty always fit the plans of the fastidious hostess. The old-time idea of giving a single silver teaspoon was a nice thought. . . . a hostess can't have too many and if you want to start a set for her, either matching or of unusual patterns, there you'd have a chance to make an heirloom gift on the installment plan.

Say "Thank You" to Her

If you're on her party list, and glad of it, say "thank you" with a crystal cigarette box, a beautifully bound guest book, a box of beverage napkins with her name embroidered on them, a silver bonbon dish, a china ink pot, flower shears, an amusing buffet tray or canape server, some jolly Christmas candles of novel shapes, a set of extra special coasters.

If you're on a budget, how about making up a utility box for her desk with a supply of paper clips, pencils, pads, rubber bands, erasers, paste, gum tape. . . . for some strange reason the lady with a house rarely has them, despite the fact that she's running quite an ambitious business. Or if she does the family sewing or mending, fill a utility box with a variety of needles, two or three dime store thimbles, several sizes of safety pins, a tape line, a box (not a paper) of straight pins, a small pair of scissors, several cards of staple buttons.

Don't overlook the idea of such homely useful things as pot holders, fancy kitchen molds and often gift giving gets to be. It is

**MODERN TRAVELER**



A very modern miss is Beverly Anne Barneburg, four-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barneburg of Boston, who recently boarded an American Airlines plane for San Antonio where she visited her grandmother.

**I. O. O. F. LODGE MAKES FIFTY CHILDREN HAPPY**

A meeting of the Ballinger I. O. O. F. Lodge is to be held tonight to play Santa Claus to fifty needy children in the city. The Odd Fellows will have their Christmas tree at the lodge hall at 7:30 and each child present will receive gifts.

The lodge will also take care of eight families for Christmas. Each basket for the needy will have a dressed turkey and all the trimmings for a good dinner.

David Baker will arrive Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Baker. He is attending the University of Texas medical school at Galveston and will complete the course in June. David has accepted an internship at Ann Arbor, Michigan, a coveted place.

Mrs. M. H. Smith and Miss Eugenia Smith, of Dallas, are holiday guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Halley.

Misses Frances and Ruth Smith are spending the Christmas holidays in Willowa, Oregon, in the home of Miss Mona Hamstreet.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Henley, of Brownwood, are spending the holidays in the home of Mrs. Henley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Weihausen.

Miss Elise Smith, teacher in the Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, will arrive Saturday to spend the holidays with her sister, Miss Alice Smith, and other relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Dexter Eoff and family will spend the Christmas holidays in the home of Mrs. Eoff's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones, of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook, of Austin, are here to spend the holidays with Mrs. Cook's mother, Mrs. T. P. Brown, and other relatives.

M. L. Bird, division superintendent of the Community Natural Gas Company, and R. H. Gray, manager at Abilene, attended to business in Ballinger today.

Mrs. Crawford Lemberg and daughter, of Menard, are here to spend Christmas with Mrs. J. M. Skinner. Mr. Lemberg will arrive later in the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Martin and son are leaving Christmas day on their annual hunting trip in Mason county.

Miss Genevieve King, student of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, came in today to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. King. She was recently elected to membership in Alpha Chi, national honorary literary society.

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**To Our Friends**

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The spirit of Christmas is in the air. We can feel the bustle and stir, happy faces and the mirth and glee of little children as they talk of Old Saint Nick and look forward to his annual visit. Even the older folks await in eager expectation his coming on Christmas Eve.

We must not, however, forget the real meaning of Christmas. We must remember that we are commemorating the birth of the Christ child and make this a season of unselfish giving and service to others.

May the joy of Christmas be yours and may you have a New Year of Happiness.

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Robert Fowler, John Tarleton College student, is here to spend Christmas with his parents.

### County School Group Elects Officers And Sets Dates for Meet

Directors of the Rannels county interscholastic league for classes A and B and rural schools met here Monday afternoon to elect officials, set dates for the county meet, and transact other business. The 1939 contests will be held at Winters and the rural school section of the meet was set for March 17 and 18. The A and B division will be held a week later, on March 24 and 25, and playground ball for all sections will be held on Saturday, April 1. The directors voted to use the 12-inch out-seam ball.

The date for the basketball tournament was not set because the originally proposed date would conflict with the Mid-Texas Teachers' Association convention at Brady on February 10-11. Officials in charge of this event will hold a special meeting and consult coaches of all schools as to another date, probably in February.

For classes A and B the following directors were elected: E. D. Stringer, Winters, director-general; J. I. Warren, Miles, director of debate; H. G. Hamrick, Wingate, director of declamation; George Stowe, Ballinger, director of extemporaneous speaking; Miss Norene Morgan, Norton, director of ready writing.

Mrs. L. B. Greenwood, Bethel, director of spelling; Miss Marie Hill, Winters, director of music memory; Miss Mary Talbot, Ballinger, director of choral singing; Miss Wanda Jean Cook, Content, director of picture memory; Amon Johnson, Winters, director of athletics.

#### Rural School Division

Directors for the rural school division are: E. C. Grindstaff, director-general; A. M. Jackson, Hatchel, declamation; Ben Featherston, Victory, extemporaneous speaking; Mrs. Ernest Caskey, Victory, spelling; Miss Marjorie Bledsoe, Pumphrey, ready writing; A. J. Cockrell, Pumphrey, athletics; Mrs. J. O. Schott, Cross Roads, music memory; Mrs. H. H. Shiller, Groenwald, picture memory; C. R. Lowe, Independence, 3-R contest; Dale Douglas, Oak Creek, arithmetic; Mrs. Gordon Griggs, Maverick, choral singing; Mrs. C. T. Hart, Dale, story telling.

R. W. Earnshaw, who is a patient in Legion Hospital, near Kerrville, will return home Christmas eve after a six weeks' stay in the institution. He has greatly improved since entering the veterans' hospital and will be discharged Saturday.

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### Nazi Officials Aid in Relief Drive



Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels, like other governmental notables, takes street collections in Berlin, Germany, for the annual winter relief fund drive. The occasion was designated as a day of national solidarity. Scores of German officials aided in the drive to raise funds for the country's needy.

#### DR. HALLEY ANNOUNCES CHARITY BALL TO BE HELD HERE ON DECEMBER 29

Dr. W. B. Halley will conduct his annual charity ball on Thursday evening, December 29, at the national guard armory. All the proceeds from the affair will be used for charity and invitations are being sent to a large number of dancers in this territory. Good music will be provided and old fashioned square dances will be featured. The invitation bears the following original poem:

Swing 'em high, and swing 'em low,  
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Wear a cowboy hat if you choose, upon your head.

And come to Dr. Halley's annual Charity Ball;  
Hear the fiddlers, the ole square dances call.

All the "heel and toe polkas" of long ago;  
You will at the end hate to leave—we know.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Forgey and Mr. and Mrs. James Forgey and family, of Brownwood, will spend Christmas day here in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Forgey and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Forgey.

Frederick Kiechle, Richard Zedlitz and Currie Brookshier, all students of A. & M. College, came in Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Tommie Hall is recovering from an appendectomy at the Halley & Bailey Sanitarium, performed last Saturday morning.

Bill Russell is at home to spend Christmas with relatives and friends. Bill attends John Tarleton College at Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lynn will spend Christmas in Tulsa, Oklahoma, visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Deta Stroble will arrive from El Paso the latter part of the week to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stroble.

Miss Kathryn Bell, student of the East Texas State Teachers' College, Commerce, is here to spend Christmas with her parents.

Miss Mary Ann Stephenson came in Wednesday from Lubbock to spend Christmas. Mrs. R. L. Stephenson has been here for the past week at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Z. A. Snell.

#### Two Killed—

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visit to the house that he beat her sisters. He took the Kennedy car and the girl and drove to Austin to the home of a sister where they remained until Sunday and then went to the home of another sister six miles from Austin, where he was apprehended. He is being held in jail there, without bond, and O. C. Fisher, 51st district attorney, announced that the case will be investigated by a grand jury which convenes at San Angelo on January 2. The district attorney will ask for the death penalty.

In company with officers Wilma returned from Austin Sunday night and is in seclusion at San Angelo at the present.

Mrs. Howard Parker and little daughter, of Cleburne, came in Sunday for a Christmas visit with Mrs. Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shepherd. Mr. Parker will arrive this week-end to stay a few days.

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#### BOY SCOUTS AND FATHERS HAVE SPECIAL PROGRAM

Members of Boy Scout troop No. 39, with their fathers and a few invited guests, held a very impressive program at the Scout hut Monday evening. The meeting was well attended and at the conclusion of the program Christmas gifts were exchanged.

K. V. Northington, Jr. gave the introduction and presented the new members. Wilbur Redwine, Jr., gave the Scout oath as well as the sign, motto and salute.

Scout laws were given by a group of members, each lighting a candle as a law was repeated. Taking part in this were: trustworthy, K. V. Northington, Jr.; loyal, Lawrence Morrison; helpful, John A. Killough; friendly, James Schott; courteous, James Striplin; kind, John McMinn; obedient, Anton Alvarez; cheerful, Jimmy Evans; thrifty, Alexander McGregor; brave, Harlan Dorsett; clean, Bobby Penn; reverent, Herbert Fulcher.

The flag was brought in by Walter Jones and the pledge of allegiance was given by Alexander McGregor. The orchestra played "The Star

Spangled Banner," after which presents were distributed by H. W. Lynn and Frank Flynt.

Mrs. J. H. Kipp, of Mineral Wells, is visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Cordill and Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brewer.

Billy Jack May, student of John Tarleton College, Stephenville, arrived Sunday for the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. May.

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Our Officers, Directors and all of us here at the Bank wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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To our readers we wish each of you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Again let us warn those who intend to make trips during the holiday period of the dangers on crowded highways. Drive carefully and at all times have your car under perfect control to avoid an accident and also so you can get away from those who drive recklessly. There will be many preventable accidents during the next week-end that will replace the joys of Christmas with sorrow.

It appears that one condition will take part of the happiness from Ballinger this Christmas. The large number of unfortunate families who are depending on Goodfellows to provide Christmas for the kiddies and a Christmas dinner, seem to be more than can be cared for. Unless many individuals and organizations come to the front immediately a large number listed for aid will not be remembered.

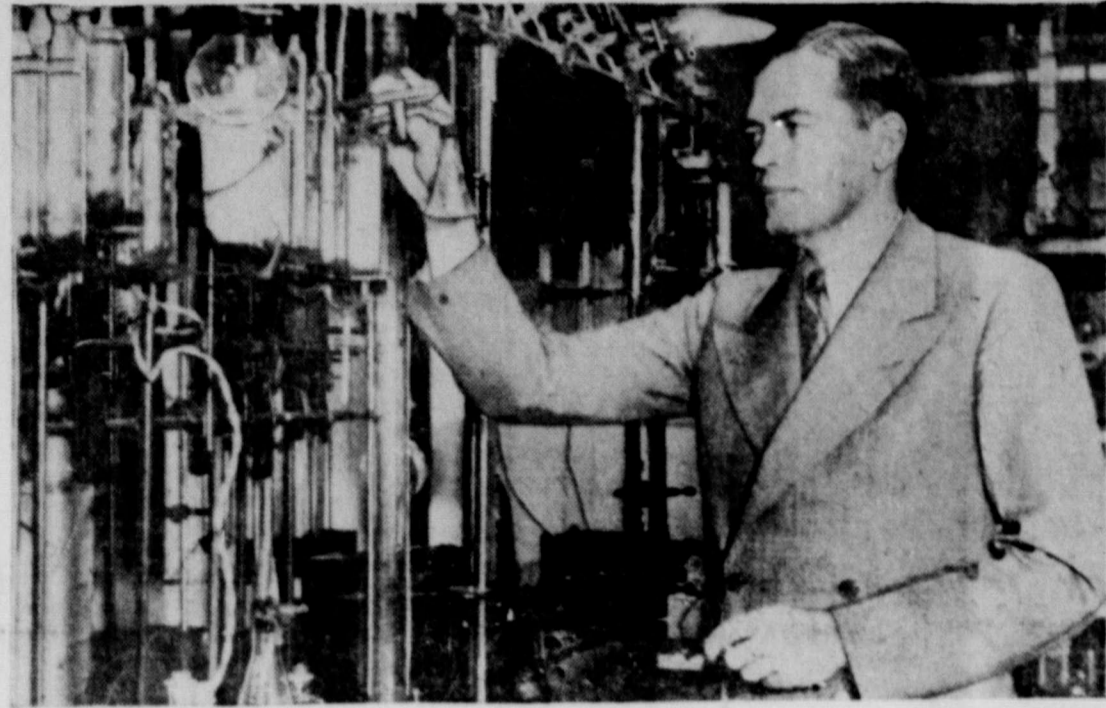
Ballingerites owe a vote of thanks to their school officials and students. In practically every public program presented in recent months the school has shouldered a large share of the responsibility and each time has done the job well. When entertainment is needed the teachers and pupils are called upon and if the request is worthy they respond. Only recently the high school choral club provided music for the union Thanksgiving service and a short time later the members sang for the open program of the Ballinger Music Club. The band was on the job last Friday evening to assist local firemen in their open party, and the Christmas parade was made up of high school organizations and headed by the band. In addition to the work by the school children, teachers are often called upon for much work and always cooperate willingly in movements that are for the good of the community. If you are a loyal citizen you will appreciate this help and you should show your appreciation by supporting all school affairs.

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Dr. Robert E. Burk of Western Reserve university, Cleveland, Ohio, recently disclosed a process which he said might revolutionize American heavy industry by enabling great mill furnaces to receive powdered coal piped direct from mines miles away. The powdered coal would be suspended in a soapy solution, pumped from mine to mill, and the soap removed by applying lime.

**WEST TEXAS**



**NEWS NOTES**

Melvin school children will be dismissed for the Christmas holidays tomorrow afternoon. A program, to which parents are invited, will be presented. Musical numbers will precede a pageant.

Neighbors of Claude W. Mills, of the Wilmett community, gathered at his farm recently with sixteen tractors and plows to break his land. Mr. Mills, who had been ill for some time, was not able to plow his 90-acre farm. The crew started early and at 4:30 p. m. all the field was plowed and made ready for the planting season. Housewives of the community furnished dinner for the "hands."

In the Winters gins' last report on the 1938 crop a total of 5,807 bales is shown to have been turned out this season. This is very little for the Winters section, normally one of the best cotton growing areas in Texas.

The Coleman Lions Club will hold its "potato show" tomorrow. Every child who brings a bag of "spuds" will be admitted free to the Dixie Theatre. This annual event always provides enough potatoes to take care of needy families in the city.

Rising Star F. F. A. members are making plans for their annual banquet to be held during the Christmas holidays. Reports of the year's work will be heard and J. B. Rutland, state F. F. A. advisor, is to deliver the principal talk.

The Eden Wool & Mohair Company will open for business soon after the first of the year. Fred W. Hall, owner, has announced. Mr. Hall is new in Eden business circles but was reared there and is well known by the ranchmen of the section.

The home, barns, meat house, wash house and bunk house of Ad Urban in the Lowake community was destroyed by fire Tuesday of last week. It is not known what was the origin of the blaze which caused an estimated loss of \$2,000. All the buildings were covered by insurance.

The Brownwood turkey market, called the largest in the state, was closed last week. Dressing plants shipped approximately 30 carloads during the Christmas season, representing about 119,000 birds weighing 1,425,000 pounds. Growers of the area received \$220,000 in cash for their turkeys and 400 people were employed in dressing plants, pickers being paid \$4,000.

The Pecos county road bond election has been reset and citizens will go to the polls on January 14 to cast ballots on the

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\$175,000 issue. This election was set in December but postponed because enough signatures had not been obtained on the petition. When the second petition with additional names was filed with the commissioners' court, the amount was reduced from \$250,000 to \$175,000.

A detachment of the 18th Field Artillery paraded in Stephenville recently and camped in a park near the city. They were en route to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, after delivering mounts at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio. Their rate of travel was about 35 miles a day.

Miles stores will remain closed on December 26 to observe Christmas. A petition was circulated for the extra holiday and was signed by a majority of the firm managers.

Members of the Millersview F. F. A. chapter held a banquet in honor of their fathers December 8. The affair was held at the Baptist church. E. E. Young, vocational agriculture teacher at San Angelo, was the principal speaker.

The O. O. Fuller Construction Co., of Nevada, Missouri, was the low bidder for construction of the second section of the McCulloch county rural electrification system. The bid was \$122,363.80 for completion of 284 miles of line with a limit of 150 working days.

Mrs. Marie Briant Wilson has been elected by the board of trustees of the Bronie school to teach home economics. She will replace Miss Maurice Raper, who resigned two months ago to get married.

Comanche county farmers voted against the government program in the special referendum on December 10. Disapproval of the proposed cotton reduction plan was expressed in terms of 183 for the quotas and 283 against.

Franz Schubert, too poor to own a piano, used the guitar to work on his compositions.

**CHRISTMAS TO BE CELEBRATED UNIVERSALLY BY CATHOLICS**

On Sunday, December 25, the Christian world commemorates the nativity of the Great Central Figure of all history, Jesus Christ, the Blessed Redeemer of mankind. That day, in the English vernacular, is called Christmas. This term is a contraction of the phrase, "the Mass of Christ." The Birth of the Eternal Word is threefold; He was born of His Eternal Father from all Eternity; of His Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary in time; and He is spiritually born in the hearts of all good and pious Christians.

For a perpetual remembrance of this threefold birth of Christ the Catholic Church ordained from the very beginning of Christianity that every priest should celebrate three masses on Christmas day.

The first mass is celebrated at midnight, because it was at midnight our Saviour was born. It was at midnight that the angels appeared to the shepherds who were keeping their night watch over their flocks, and announced to them that the Messiah was at hand, announced to them the good tidings that the promised and long expected Redeemer had been born at Bethlehem.

The second mass is said at daybreak, because at break of day the shepherds went over to Bethlehem and found the Divine Babe lying in a manger and adored by Mary and Joseph.

The third mass is said in broad daylight and in this last mass the gospel of St. John is read which speaks of the Eternal Word becoming man and being the Light of the World. "This shall be a sign unto you: you shall find the Child wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger."

In the first or midnight mass a solemn high mass is celebrated in memory of Christ's eternal generation from the Father. This birth is a mystery which is veiled in an obscurity into which we cannot penetrate with the eyes of our spirit. This belief in the eternal birth of Christ is the foundation of our religion, for upon it rests the truth and divinity of our faith and the reality of our redemption, for only as God, was Jesus Christ the Infallible Teacher of truth; only as God, could He make satisfaction for our sins; and only as God, could He redeem us.

The second mass, which is celebrated at daybreak, commemorates the birth of Christ in time, that is, His temporal birth. When morning dawns, the darkness of night disappears by degrees and the day begins. Thus when Christ was born the darkness of error which covered the earth was dispersed and the light of faith began to dawn on the mind of man. The first who came to the knowledge of the new born Saviour were the pious shepherds, and shortly after, the wise men from the East, guided by a miraculous star, came to pay homage to the new born king as their Lord and Redeemer. Thus the birth of Christ truly resembles the morning dawn, since it cast a glimmer of the knowledge of the promised Redeemer into the night of Judaism and Gentilism.

The third mass, which is celebrated in broad daylight, symbolizes His spiritual birth in the hearts of all good Christians. This spiritual birth consists in this, that we become interiorly changed, purified and sanctified.

Christ will take up His abode in us with His grace and love, only on condition that we put off the works of darkness, error, and sin, and walk in the true light of faith and love. Everything depends on this spiritual birth of Christ in our hearts. Without this neither His eternal or temporal birth will profit us anything, therefore we must shun all evil, banish all inordinate love of the world and of self from your hearts, and love God above all things and all things in God, and resolve to belong to Him for time and eternity, then Christ will be born in you on this great day of Christmas in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred thirty-eight.

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**No Gifts Required At Texas' Free Xmas Show for Children**

Children of Ballinger and vicinity under 12 years of age will be given a special treat Saturday morning, Christmas eve, at a special matinee at the Texas Theatre. The management of the theatre makes this an annual custom and invites all the kiddies in this territory to be its guests for the big Christmas show.

In previous years the children have brought bundles of food, clothing, toys and fruit to be given to the poor. W. D. Scales, manager, stated Tuesday that this was not necessary to see the picture program and that he wanted every child to be present. However, any who bring bundles will find a box in front of the theatre to put them in and they will be turned over to local charity workers for distribution.

For Saturday morning the management has booked a special juvenile program consisting of a Silly Symphony, Donald Duck, Popeye, Betty Boop, and another comedy, the projection of which will require about an hour.

The program will begin at 9:30 a. m. and the theatre will be made comfortable for any kind of weather. Employees of the Texas will be on duty to help look after the tots and parents are urged to bring the children to the theatre for the free performance. They will be in the theatre a little more than one hour, so their mothers will know when to come after them.

W. F. Kendrick left Tuesday for Detroit to spend Christmas with relatives. He and his wife will also visit in Canada while away.

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**GREETINGS**

As the candles burn in our window shedding soft glow, our hearts are warmed to the spirit of Christmas and we wish for all contentment and good cheer throughout the Yuletide and New Year.



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To our friends both old and new we wish to extend our warmest greetings at this holiday season. We feel that you are more than customers. You are friends who have been kind and considerate and in return we will strive more than ever to render worthwhile service to you.

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### Christmas Feast Goes Far Back into Past

In the Merrie Englande of long ago, the cook who didn't have her porridges and pyes standing "hard by" at daybreak on Christmas morning was looked upon as a lazy good-for-nothing. As fit punishment for her sloth, she sometimes was run round and round the marketplace by irate villagers, until she was considered properly shamed and "put in her place." Christmas festivities began at the crack of dawn in Olde England, and the cook who was unprepared was practically non-existent.

And don't think that preparing the Christmas puddings and pies was any light task. As the Christmas sun rose, it was her duty to have a dozen or more various desserts, decorated with holly to keep the bad witches away, ready and cooling. Each cake or pudding contained potent charms to bring bountiful good fortune for a full month to those who ate it. And since it was considered only reasonable to encourage Lady Luck for twelve months at a time, there must be no fewer than twelve pies and puddings. Villagers felt they had reason for righteous anger when a cook had only eleven puddings ready on

Christmas morning. Any amount of misfortune might occur in one 30-day period left uncharmed!

**Christmas Feasting**  
This English Christmas feasting was a relic of the Roman Saturnalia, and in modified form it has been passed on to us. The Romans who had penchant for overeating and making merry to honor their gods, held an annual celebration for the benign Saturn, fabled to have reigned during the Golden Age of peace and plenty. As a tribute to Saturn, Roman warriors once a year dropped their arms and loved their enemies. Tomorrow the noble Roman might stab his foe through the well-stuffed middle section, but during the Saturnalia the two were comrades in gluttony. Tomorrow, too, the servants would get a beating, but today they were waited upon by their masters in a spirit of brotherhood. Another relic left us by Rome—a fraternal spirit all too often forgotten when the Christmas holiday has gone.

When the Christian world first began to observe the birthday of its leader, Christmas was indeed a "holy day," purely spiritual, with no gayety, no good cheer. But, as centuries passed, the spirit of the Saturnalia was absorbed gradually until December 25th came to be both a holiday and a time of merriment and feasting. Many pagan elements linger in Christmas observance—the mistletoe, the evergreen bough, both symbols of nature worship, crackling fires and lighted candles, Roman in origin. But the Christmas tree, save for the element of nature worship, is a Christian contribution to the Yuletide.

**Legend of Christmas Tree**  
An old and beautiful legend is woven around the Christmas tree. On the night when Christ was born in Bethlehem, runs this legend, all the trees in the forest, shedding their ice and snow coatings, blossomed and bore fruit. Since the tenth century, when this legend first was told, the decorated evergreen tree has symbolized the Christmas spirit. Among early historical mention of the Christmas tree is a reference to a gorgeous and glittering tree bedecked with roses and pomegranates which England's Henry VIII ordered prepared for a court festival.

Our fat and rosy-cheeked Santa Claus is a far cry from his progenitor, a lean, ascetic bishop of Myra in Lycia at the beginning of the fourth century. This bishop, reputed to be wealthy, gave away his wealth at Christmas time to those in need, especially to children, for whom he had a great benevolence. All gifts

### New Fishing Sloop for President



Captain Bill McCoy, a Palm Beach business man, states that he has been asked to supervise the building of a \$20,000 mahogany fishing sloop to be presented to President Roosevelt by the Dominican Republic "to show its high regard" for the President. Captain McCoy has completed blueprints which have been approved by President Roosevelt, he said.

from unknown sources were credited to this saint, and parents adopted the habit of giving their children gifts as rewards for good behavior, attributing them to St. Nicholas.

**St. Nicholas Transformed**  
St. Nicholas soon changed form. The dignified and gaunt bishop assumed a ruddy appearance, developed a "round little belly that shook when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly" and took to traveling by sleigh and reindeer, which mode of journeying he picked up in the Scandinavian countries. In America he also took to clambering down chimneys with his gifts instead of leaving them at the door, as he does in many countries.

Christmas cards first were sent in England in 1846. A thousand of them lithographed and hand-colored, representing a family group wishing "a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you," were mailed by a publishing house. Today countless millions of cards harass the weary postman during the week before Christmas.

**Modern Holiday Less Gluttonous**  
Christmas games are English in tradition, too. Some of them, such as kissing under the mistletoe, still are fairly popular, but others, such as telling ghost stories around a dying fire, have become obscure. "Yawning for a

Cheshire cheese," once a popular English Christmas game, is completely lost in oblivion. The participants in this diversion, languorous from overeating at the Christmas dinner table, and who yawned the most responsive yawns from others of the group won a Cheshire cheese which he was welcome to eat, provided there was room on top of the roast turkey and plum pudding, and also provided his jaws hadn't locked at the climax of the prize-winning yawn.

If our modern Christmas is less gluttonous and less gay than were many of the older Yuletides, and this is a loss not to be mourned, it still has preserved a fraternal spirit. Generosity and good will, peaceableness, a love for home and hearthside are qualities which we could wish less transitory in their influence.

**Table Decorations**  
Red candles and sprigs of holly are among the oldest and loveliest Christmas dinner table decorations. A small fir tree branch or even a bouquet of roadside weeds may be converted into sheer beauty by a dipping into laundry starch paste followed by a sprinkling of Christmas "snow" and a thorough drying. When placed in a "frog," which is centered in a round table mirror lighted by tall tapers, the effect is lovely. A small thorn tree branch with

leaves removed may be silvered with aluminum paint, and with vari-colored gumdrops tipping the thorns this branch, too, becomes a pretty table centerpiece.

Fruit centerpieces are as appropriate now as at Thanksgiving or Halloween time. An unusual combination of this type has a whole, fresh pineapple as a starter. Red and green peppers, rosy apples, Tokay grapes, raw cranberries, and bananas are banked around the upright pineapple in the middle of a long brass tray.

**An Apple Kriss Kringle**  
Apple Santas are treats for the children at Christmas dinner. Polished red apples form the bodies. A marshmallow, impaled on a woodpin stabbed into the top of the apple makes a head. Eyes, nose, and mouth are of cloves, or the mouth may be a bit of candied cherry. A bit of cotton attached by dampening the edge of Santa's marshmallow chin, will serve as a beard. A red crepe-paper hat is easily fashioned, and a white strip of paper circling the apple will do for a belt.

For the most part, however, Christmas table decorations should be kept simple. The food, not the trappings, should be of first importance.

Rex and Tony Nixon, students of John Tarleton College, Stephenville, are at home for Christmas.

Cleburne Voelkel, student of John Tarleton College, Stephenville, is at home for the Christmas holidays.

### COW SHOT, CALF BORN

DUMBARTON Scotland, Dec. 21.—To save the life of her unborn calf, a cow belonging to William Young, of Dumbarton, was killed. Had it not been sacrificed both cow and calf would have died. Two minutes after the mother was shot the calf was born. It is now a normal young bossy.

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MRS. SKINNER'S SISTER  
SUCCEUMBS AT EL PASO

Mrs. J. H. Mowrey, of Childress, sister of Mrs. J. M. Skinner, of Ballinger, died at El Paso Sunday. Interment was made in a Childress cemetery Tuesday.

Mrs. Mowrey was visiting a son at El Paso when the end came. She is well known here, having resided here for about a year at one time, and visited in Ballinger numerous times.

Her husband preceded her in death several years ago. Immediate survivors include two daughters, Mrs. F. F. Weddington and Mrs. Jack Fields, of Childress; and the son, Dan Mowrey, of El Paso. Another son died a number of years ago.

Rev. Marce Perdue, of Grape Creek, was in Ballinger Monday, visiting friends and attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Jacob will spend the Christmas holidays with a son, Everett Jacob, of McCombs.

## DEATHS

**Jeff Thompson**  
Jeff Thompson, 64, died at his home here Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock following illness of six months' duration. He had been an employee of the city for the past sixteen years and resided in Ballinger nineteen years.

A few days more than six months ago decedent fell from the top of a city wagon in the alley at the rear of The Ledger office, and received internal injuries from which he never recovered.

Survivors besides the wife include four sons, Carl Thompson, Freer, Texas; W. H. Frank and Jack Thompson, all of Ballinger; and a daughter, Mrs. Vernie Bivins, Ballinger.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the King-Holt Funeral Home chapel, Rev. A. Crager, substitute pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Interment followed in the Runnels cemetery.

King-Holt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Mrs. Margaret (Peyton) Orgain**  
Mrs. Margaret (Peyton) Orgain, 78, died at the home of her brother, Lee Peyton, in Dallas, Friday at 9:40 a. m. The body was shipped here for burial, services being conducted at the Jennings Funeral Home Saturday afternoon, Rev. Dwight A. Sharpe officiating. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Orgain resided in Ballinger 30 years, leaving here five years ago to make home in Dallas. Her daughter, Miss Louise Orgain, died a short time before she left here and is buried in the local cemetery.

Palbearers were F. M. Pearce, Wm. Currie, Jr., R. O. Erwin, Estes Lynn, George P. Holman, and E. Shepperd.

Jennings Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Mrs. Placido Cordenaz**  
Mrs. Placido Cordenaz, 47, died at her home in the Mexican section of the city Thursday night of last week. Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Church Sunday afternoon, Rev. A. J. Tailon officiating. Interment followed in the Mexican Catholic cemetery.

Jennings Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Emil Gully**  
Emil Gully, 79, died at the home of his son, G. A. Gully, near Rowena, at 11:45 o'clock Wednesday night. He had been ill for a year.

Mr. Gully had been a prosperous farmer of the Rowena section for the past 34 years. His wife preceded him in death in 1934.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Emma Jost, Offen; two sons, A. J. Gully, Slaton; and G. A. Gully, Rowena; two brothers, Otto Gully, Rowena; and Henry Gully, Fayetteville; and twelve grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at St. Joseph's Church, Rowena, Friday morning, Rev. F. J. Pokluda officiating. Interment will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Palbearers are Ben, Arthur and Walter Gully, Eio and Lee Jost, all grandsons; and Arthur Eggemeyer, King-Holt Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Ross Smith visited her daughters, Misses Frances and Ruth Smith, students of A. C. C., last week.

The English thrush can sing for 16 hours without a rest.

## SOCIETY

**President Entertains Junior Club**  
Mrs. W. E. Moss, president of the Junior Woman's Club, opened her Fifth Street home Wednesday afternoon to members for the Christmas program and social.

Rooms were beautifully decorated for the assembly. Names of women of the Bible were given in answer to roll call. Mrs. Layne Moreland was leader and introduced speakers who were Mrs. Moss, whose topic was "Table Service," and Mrs. Rothal O'Kelly, who talked on "Special Christmas Decorations." Carols were sung by the group. It was decided to sponsor the Girl Scout work.

A plate of fruit cake with whipped cream and coffee with tiny Xmas packages as favors was served to Mmes. H. G. Agnew, J. D. Eoff, A. C. Glover, E. C. Grindstaff, Thomas B. Hill, Ted Jones, J. A. Killough, Guy Middleton, Ernest Moody Moreland, Malcolm Morgan, O'Kelly, D. Saylor, Misses Eugenia Baskin, Carmen Demmer, Elizabeth Hoffman, Blouise Jones, Mary Jane Kiechle, Cleo Lane, Pauline Morley and Cathryn O'Neal.

**Tree for Four-Family Group**  
A four-family group enjoyed a Christmas supper and tree in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lynn on Seventh Street Wednesday evening. It was the continuation of an annual custom.

A red cyclamen flanked by red tapers in double holders centered the dining room table for the supper served in two courses. Exchange gifts were given from the pretty tree by Mr. Lynn as Santa Claus.

Others included: Misses Bitsie and Dorothy Lynn, Frances Taylor, Virginia Lamm, Mary Simpson, Mary Jo Forman, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Forman, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Tigner and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Simpson.

### New Grocery-Filling Station

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### HOLIDAY DANCE BILLED HERE TUESDAY NIGHT

Ballinger dancers are invited to a dance at the national guard armory next Tuesday night, commencing at 9 o'clock. The affair is in honor of college students at home for the holidays, however, all are invited. Scrip is \$1.65. Music will be furnished by Jack Free and his orchestra and the hall will be gaily decorated.

### JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL CLUB SINGS

The junior high school choral club of 180 voices, under the direction of Miss Mary Talbot, presented a program of Christmas songs at the chapel period this morning. The large ensemble was well rehearsed and revealed excellent training in each of the renditions.

Mrs. Allen Hamilton left this week for Troy, where she will visit through the holidays with her parents.

Miss Alice Smith visited her nieces, Misses Ruth and Frances Smith, students of Abilene Christian College, Thursday.



## A YULETIDE WISH

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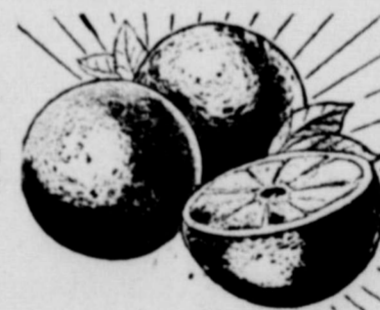
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**Rinso** Washes Clothes Whiter Small Boz 9¢  
**Lipton's Tea** ½ lb. Pkg. 23¢  
**Phillips Peas** 3 No. 2 Cans 25¢

## Laboratory Unit Replaces, Repairs Utilities Meters

The meter testing unit of the West Texas Utilities Company arrived here this week and began changing all meters in Ballinger that have been in use for any considerable length of time. The inspectors will remain in district G about three months or until all meters have been replaced and those taken out put through the laboratory to be made as good as new.

The laboratory is built in a huge truck trailer and is very modern in every respect, electrically heated and has indirect lighting. The most modern machinery available is installed in five departments and a crew of five checks each meter brought in. Two other men work on the outside, taking down the old meters and replacing them with new ones.

When a meter is removed from a residence or business house a photograph is taken of the dial and meter numbers, and this is filed with other data in the office. The new meter installed registers zero on all dials and with the photograph of the dial of the old meter there can be no mistakes in the change-over.

The old meter goes on the rack in the laboratory and is completely disassembled, cleaned in every way, and when necessary repainted. For painting the meter is placed on a revolving stand and spray guns opened on it. Exhaust fans convey fumes from the laboratory.

After parts are cleaned the meter goes to the next department where every part is tested and if needed, new ones added to take care of any defects. After reassembling the meter is placed on a testing board and records

## Seal Sale is \$100 Below Quota Set For This County

A check-up on the sale of Christmas seals by the Runnels County Health Association the latter part of the week revealed the campaign \$100 short of the goal set. An effort was being made to sell \$400 worth of tuberculosis stamps in this county and only \$300 had been reported to Wednesday.

Individuals and firms have been mailed many seals and bonds which have not been remitted for or sent back. Those who can are urged to remit for these by Christmas day so that the campaign can be closed and reports made.

Mrs. Walter Moss, chairman of the seal sale in this county, has been assisted in a splendid way by pupils and teachers of a number of the schools.

Of every \$1 worth of seals sold 60 cents of the amount remains in the county for nursing service and tuberculosis case finding. Miss Sarah Harwell, county health nurse, stated Wednesday that the fight against tuberculosis was the biggest problem in the county and

run to determine whether it is in perfect working order. Another department checks the jewels in the moving parts and from there it goes to the latest type of testing board and is hooked up and examinations made which automatically prove it in perfect running condition before the glass cover is replaced and the box sealed.

The laboratory has been built for about 18 months and during that period the crew has tested about 25,000 meters. Forrest Campbell, in charge of the unit, estimates it will require about three years to service all meters in the company groups.

## Jewish Children Await Adoption by British Families



Two hundred German-Jewish refugee children are as happy as they can be under the present circumstances. Pictured at the Dovercourt bay holiday camp, Harwich, England, shortly after their recent arrival from Germany, they await adoption by British families. They range in age from 12 to 17 years.

that the success of the seal sale determines the work that can be done next year.

A complete report of the campaign will be made later. There is still time to buy seals and every person who received seals or bonds in the mail is urged to remit for them as soon as possible.

### OSCAR HARBER ILL

Oscar Harber was taken to San Angelo the past week-end and entered Shannon Hospital for treatment. His condition was considered serious and an operation will be necessary as soon as he can be built up for it, probably next week. At present he is under the care of a kidney specialist.

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### DAVID CROCKETT YOUNG DIES AT MILLERSVIEW

David Crockett Young, 47, died at his home 3 miles northwest of Millersview Sunday morning at 4:30. He had been in failing health for more than a year but was not in a serious condition until sustaining a heart attack.

Decedent moved to the Millersview community from near Brady about ten years ago.

Survivors besides the wife are six sons, Cecil C. Oliver D. Robert L. Ofair, Earl V. and Vernon Young; three daughters, Mary Jo, Elta Mae and Anna Belle Young. Other relatives include three brothers, six sisters, two grandchildren and his mother, Mrs. C. D. Young of Mercury.

Funeral services were held at the Millersview Baptist church Monday afternoon, Rev. J. D.

Grounds officiating. Interment was made in the Millersview cemetery.

Palbearers were Walter Finley, Jim Moore, Carl Woods, Temple Stephenson, Noel Williams and J. M. Kirby.

Jennings Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### FATHER OF MRS. HOLT SUCCUMBS AT MERKEL

Mrs. W. A. Holt received a message Monday morning advising her of the sudden death of her father, J. S. Thomas, at Merkel. He was found dead in his bed Monday morning by members of the family. Indications were that he died quietly in his sleep a short time before.

James Stephens Thomas was born June 23, 1862, at Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He was married in 1882 and the family moved to Texas in 1897 and for the past 23 years he had resided at Merkel.

Funeral services were held at the Merkel Methodist church Tuesday afternoon, Rev. John H. Crow, pastor, officiating. Burial was made in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Survivors include five daughters, Mrs. J. A. Milliken, Merkel; Mrs. Hugh Brewster, Sudan; Mrs. Holt, Ballinger; Mrs. Vernon Simpson, Merkel; Mrs. Dewey Brown, Quanah; two sons, Wilbur Thomas, Merkel; and Byron Thomas, Fort Worth. Other survivors are 15 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mrs. R. E. Bruce returned home Sunday from Arlington, where she had been for several weeks. She is much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Forson will visit relatives at Clifton during the Christmas holidays.

W. H. Greer and Miss Wynis Greer will spend the Christmas holidays in Dallas, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schnable will go to Shawnee, Oklahoma, Saturday to spend Christmas with relatives.

## Annual Xmas Party is Held For Utilities Employees Here

Employees of the West Texas Utilities Company in district G and a few invited guests from Abilene were here Tuesday afternoon and night for the regular safety meeting and the annual Christmas party.

The safety program was held at the city hall Tuesday afternoon. A talk dealing with first aid, highway problems, and automobile accidents, was made by J. H. Mosley, manager at Miles. The meter testing laboratory was explained by Forrest Campbell, in charge of the special unit. A review of activities during 1938, both safety and operation, was given by District Manager W. O. Wallace. A general discussion on safety was directed by P. W. Campbell, of Abilene.

A 15-year service button was presented W. B. May, and 10-year buttons went to O. L. Huddleston and Joe Eubank. Charles Hambrick presided over the afternoon session.

Tuesday night employees and their families assembled in the city hall auditorium for the annual party and Christmas tree. City employees were guests for this occasion.

Preceding the arrival of Santa Claus the Ballinger Windjammers, local orchestra, furnished music, and Joan Glover read a Christmas story. Under the direction of Chester Cherry a one-act play was presented. The skit, declared a "howling success," had Bill May, Joe Eubank, T. A. Milam, Crawford Lemburg and D. G. Posey in the cast. The story was built around a group of men preparing for their annual deer hunt and the last scene after they had arrived in the Hill Country and were seated around the campfire eating supper. The entire plot was a "take-off" on District Manager Wallace, who annually goes south

to hunt, and at the finale Mr. Wallace was called to the front and presented with a beautiful 300 Savage rifle—the gift of all employees in the district.

Following this Santa Claus arrived and there were gifts on the tree for all the kiddies, adults and visitors. Approximately 60 children were present to greet Santa.

### ROTARIANS ENJOY CHRISTMAS TREE; POOR REMEMBERED

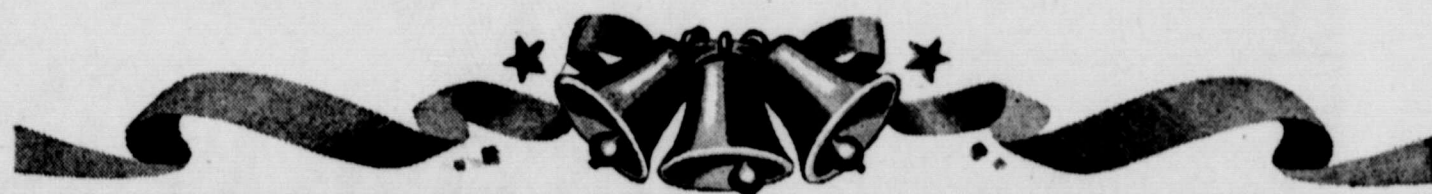
Old Santa Claus, in person, was the main attraction at the Ballinger Rotary Club meeting Tuesday. Attendance was good, a number of San Angelo Rotarians also being present. Members brought gifts for their "buddies" and also left presents at the tree to provide for a needy family.

Santa Claus distributed the gifts and at the conclusion of the program presents for the poor were so plentiful that two families will be well taken care of this Christmas. The contributions included large sacks of flour, big sacks of potatoes, sides of bacon, clothing, toys, candy and fruit.

At the conclusion of the program Mrs. J. W. Gosnell was called into the club room and handed a gift from the members.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Preston and daughter, of Abilene, spent Wednesday and Thursday here, visiting Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Love, then left for Pearsall to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Preston during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Atkins and son, Marvin, Jr., of Bryan, will arrive tomorrow (Friday) to spend the Christmas holidays in the home of Mrs. H. J. Atkins and Miss Griffie Atkins.



YOU ARE INVITED TO TUNE-IN WFAA 11:00 O'CLOCK

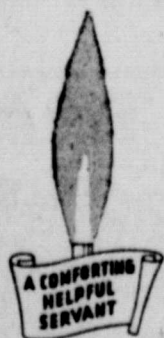
## Christmas Eve

TO HEAR CHRISTMAS CAROLS SUNG BY THE EVANGELIST QUARTET



PAUL BECKWITH Second Tenor    STANLEY WICK First Tenor    NORMAN HARRISON, Bass    EDWIN DEIBLER Baritone  
ELMER NELSON, Accompanist

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## May Your Holiday Season be Happy

May Christmas and the New Year bring untold blessings to you and yours is our best wish.

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## Christmas Greetings



A Jolly, Jolly Christmas to You and Yours and a New Year of Happiness and Prosperity

It is with deep appreciation for your kind favors of the past and a desire to serve you in the future that we extend the greetings.

## Kirk & Mack

# COME TO CHURCH Christmas Services

**Ballinger Baptist Church**  
(400 Eighth Street)  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.  
Sermon, Sunday at 11 a. m., by pastor.  
Baptist Training Union, Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.  
Sermon, Sunday night at 7 o'clock. Honor guests will be our young people home from college.  
By request the decorations for the Christmas musical will be in full effect Sunday night.  
We appreciate the large crowd which filled the main floor and balcony Sunday night at the Christmas cantata and the many kind expressions.  
A merry Christmas to each and all.  
CLARENCE A. MORTON, Pastor.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
(301 Broadway)  
Sunday, December 23, 1938:  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Sermon, "The King's Birthday."  
Special Christmas music.  
Evening worship, 7 p. m. "A Christmas Evening with the Other Wise Man"—a service of scripture, music, and Henry Van Dyke's story, "The Other Wise Man."  
DWIGHT A. SHARPE, Pastor.

**First Methodist Church**  
Only one service will be held at this church Christmas Day, and that from 10 to 11 o'clock. There will be no Sunday school. The service from 10 to 11 will be a worship service in the auditorium, at which time the pastor will preach an appropriate Christmas sermon. The music will be in keeping with the spirit of the day. You may bring your guests to church and be out by 11 o'clock.  
E. D. LANDRETH, Pastor.

**Church of the Nazarene**  
(Ninth Street at Harris Avenue)  
Sunday:  
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship at 11 a. m. Sermon by the pastor.  
Juniors meet at 6:45 p. m. in their room in the annex.  
Adult prayer and praise service at 6:45 p. m. in the main auditorium.  
N. Y. P. S., 6:45 p. m.  
Evening worship service at 7:30 p. m. Sermon by the pastor.  
Monday:  
Missionary Society meets at 2 p. m. at place to be announced. The public is cordially invited to worship with us in any or all of

these services.  
JAMES MCGRAW, Pastor.

**First Christian Church**  
(Broadway and Murrell)  
One service will be held Sunday, from 9:45 to 11:30 a. m.  
This church extends a sincere welcome to all who will come and worship with us.  
WALLACE JONES, Pastor.

**Eighth Street Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday:  
Unified worship service, 10 a. m. to 11:50 a. m.  
Senior young people, 6 p. m.  
Evening worship, 7 p. m. Sermon by pastor.  
Special music by girls' choir.  
Monday:  
Wednesday:  
Prayer meeting, 7 p. m., followed by choir practice.  
CHARLES H. WARD, Pastor.

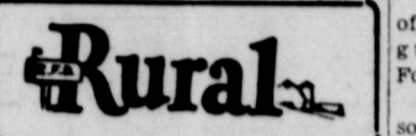
**Church of Christ**  
(Eighth Street, Bonsel Avenue)  
Sunday:  
Churches of Christ radio hours, KRBC, 9 a. m. and 3 p. m.; KRRLD 10:30 p. m.  
Bible classes, 9:45 a. m.  
Sermon, "The Forgotten Christ."  
Young men's and young ladies' classes, 6 p. m.  
Evening service, 7 o'clock.  
Subject, "Was the Mexican Who Murdered the Kennedy Couple 'Crazy Drunk'?" Were his actions the results of the lust of his flesh, or was he mentally deranged? Is capital punishment scriptural?  
CLARENCE BRYANT, Minister.

**Grace Baptist Church**  
(Eighth Street)  
Sunday:  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.

**Pentecostal Mission**  
(1001 Tenth Street)  
Prayer meeting every Friday at 7:15 p. m.  
Preaching service, Sunday 3 p. m.  
Come, worship with us, you will find a warm welcome.  
MARTHA V. GABY, Evangelist.

**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 7:30 p. m.  
8:00 p. m., sermon by pastor.  
Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock.  
Teachers' meeting each Wednesday following prayer meeting.  
CHARLES BUSH, Pastor.

**Foursquare Gospel Church**  
(Twelfth Street and Railroad Avenue)  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11 o'clock.  
Young People's Crusaders service, 7 p. m.  
Evangelistic service, 8 p. m.  
Prayer meeting, Tuesday, 8 p. m.  
Preaching service, Thursday, 8 p. m.  
A welcome to all.  
REV. AND MRS. E. O. CARROLL, Pastors.



**HERRING HOURGLASS**  
Bro. Nickson, of Christoval, preached for us Sunday at 3 p. m. and Sunday night. He is a good preacher and we all enjoyed hearing him.  
The church voted Sunday night to have a conference Wednesday night to call a pastor.  
Mr. and Mrs. Carrel and children, of Anson; Mrs. Ollie Simpson, of Ballinger; Misses Flora Bell and Syble Simpson spent the week-end with Mrs. Vara Simpson.

**CREWS CHATTER**  
Merry Christmas to one and all.  
Mrs. Lloyd Jackson was hostess to the Woman's Auxiliary of the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon. A Christmas program was rendered and a beautiful tree exhibited containing gifts for each one present. Candy, oranges and apples were lavishly served to the twenty members present and two guests, Mrs. Rufus Weaver, of Crews; and Mrs. Derwood Barmore, of Glen Cove.  
Bro. Haliford was called to Zephyr Tuesday to conduct funeral services for a friend.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Traylor have moved to Wingate. Mrs. Traylor, who has been ill several weeks, has improved some but is still confined to her bed.  
Miss Marguerite and Elvin Mathis, students of McMurry College, Abilene, are at home for the Christmas holidays.  
Chester McBeth, who underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis at the Winters hospital December 10, was brought home Sunday. He is reported convalescing nicely.  
Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Traylor, of Merkel, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Blackmon.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Phipps attended the funeral service at Talpa Sunday afternoon of a friend, Green Givens, of Coleman.  
Seth Robinson, who had been on the plains several weeks, returned home a few days ago.  
The Baptist women are sponsoring a Christmas program to be presented Wednesday night. The school will entertain Thursday night.  
W. T. Brown, of Dallas, was a business visitor in our community Friday of the previous week.

**As You Gather Around the Fireside at Christmas Time**

As the Yule log burns brightly, the candles gleam from the window, and the tree loaded with gifts for the family stands ready in the corner we would like for you to know that we are thinking of you and yours at this glorious season of the year. We take this opportunity to wish for you all a Cheery Christmas and Happy New Year. We appreciate your patronage during the past year and solicit your continued support.

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**Greetings to Those of Our Community**

Individuals make up our community. We feel that when we serve our community as a whole we are serving each person within its bounds. Thus we have strived during the past year to render loyal service to each of you as a body as well as individually.

We take this means of greeting you at this joyous season and urge that you call on us if we can be of service to you at any time.

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**May the Holiday Season Be a Happy One for You**

We would like for you to accept our Christmas greeting in the spirit we give it, for we mean every word of it. We are wishing that this Christmas will be different from any other Christmas you have ever known... because it will be brighter and happier than before. We also hope that the New Year will pour out its blessings on you and that you will have health and happiness in abundance.

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**ONE FELONY CASE FILED THIS WEEK**  
Only one felony case has been filed here this week by County Attorney Roy L. Hill. A charge alleging wife and child desertion was filed against Clint Barrett, of Winters, and will be investigated by the grand jury at the next term of 119th district court here.

Robert Hartgrove and Francis Pearce came in Saturday from Western Military Academy, Alton, Illinois, to spend Christmas with their families.

Miss Camille Behringer, student of Southwestern University, Georgetown, is at home for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Lula Noyes, of Orlando, Florida, came in this week for a Christmas visit with friends in Ballinger and Menard.

Mrs. Pearl Gustavus has gone to Houston to spend the holidays with relatives and friends. She went via Belton where she was joined by her daughter, Miss Frances Gustavus, for the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Chastain and son will arrive Saturday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chastain.

There is to be a community club meeting Thursday night, December 15. Those who wish to attend are welcome. Also new members would be welcome.

Winona Faubion is entertaining the freshman and sophomore classes with a Christmas social on December 14. Each one is to bring gifts to an individual in the class. The affair is to be held in Winona's home.

The students are taking their six weeks' examinations. We hope there will be many good grades made.

The Crews boys' and girls' basketball teams went to Centennial last Wednesday evening to play games. The girls won by the score of 59-9. The boys were defeated by the Centennial boys.

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# Women's, Society and Club News

## Shakespeare Club Christmas Program in Agnew Home

The pretty home of Mrs. Tom Agnew in Wilke Terrace was the scene of the annual Christmas program and social given for the Shakespeare Club last Thursday afternoon.

Elaborate Yuletide decorations were used about the entire reception suite. The beautiful tree had a miniature lighted village at its base. Festoons of green and red and wreaths were at the oval casement windows and on chandeliers. Potted poinsettias, tall floor baskets of mistletoe and bows of Christmas balls and grape clusters gave added decoration.

Mrs. Agnew was assisted in receiving by Mrs. E. C. Baskin, chairman of the social committee, and the club president, Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh; vice-president, Mrs. R. T. Williams; and historian, Mrs. Horace Murphy. Mrs. O. T. Toney and Mrs. Edgar Boelsche seated guests for the program planned and directed by Mrs. J. C. Sturges, Jr. She presented the Christmas songs of various nations and Mrs. Arthur Giesecke introduced the theme "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" by softly playing a number of familiar carols.

Marjorie McGregor, as Mary, and Clara Beth Lynn, as Joseph, dressed for the parts, sang "Joseph, Dearest," an old German carol, at the manger. Rosemary Hooper in French peasant dress and beret sang "Christmas is Here." The tenor solo "The Lord is My Shepherd" was sung by John I. Gulon, Jr. "Jesu Bambino" by Pietro A. Yon was rendered by Mrs. Frank Pearce, soprano. Mmes. Toney, Clarence Morton and Troy Simpson sang "O Santissima," an Italian carol. "The First Noel" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem," Spanish shaws and mantillas were worn by Mary Edith Herring, Doris Drennan and Janie Flynt as they sang "O Noche de Paz." Mr. Gulon gave the German version "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht" and the concluding number was "Silent Night, Holy Night" sung in unison. Mrs. Alex McGregor and Mrs. Giesecke played accompaniments.

During the social hour a plate of red congealed salad, toasted sandwiches and fruit cake with tiny china Santa Claus favors was served with coffee.

Others present were: Mmes. F. C. Miller, Sim Cottelle, H. C. Lyon, C. R. Stephens, T. J. McCaughan,

John Stitt, E. D. Landreth, P. A. Cobden, B. C. Kirk, Leonard Stallings, J. G. Douglass, George Clements, E. B. Gilliam, Sr., of Brownwood, J. Y. Pearce, Albert Fryar, E. E. King and Miss Wynis Greer.

## Dessert Luncheon for Friday Contract Club

Miss Virginia Holman entertained the Friday Contract Club last week in her home on Eighth Street with a dessert luncheon. Spacious rooms were decorated with colors and symbols of the season with the large tree and smaller sugar plum trees being especially lovely.

Favors were popcorn balls covered and tied in red cellophane.

Mrs. Oren Chandler received high score award and Mrs. Ross Murchison high cut. Others included: Mmes. Charles Bailey, Jack Holt, Arthur Giesecke, Leslie Baker, George Kirk, Delbert Vancil, Charles Cheatham, Robert Bruce, Jack Rudd, Herman Giesecke, Jr., Loyd Herring, W. B. Woody, Bailey Mack, Alex McGregor and L. T. Tigner.

The refreshment plate of fruit cake with whipped cream and hot punch had as favors tiny Xmas packages.

Present were: Mmes. Douglass, Henry Moody, W. E. Froderman, Jack Scales, Frank Bynum, Jack Hampton, Edward Sommer, E. L. Rappy, Ray Tisdale, H. G. Agnew, Vernon Dankworth, Arthur Underwood, U. W. Johnson, J. D. Forman, E. C. Tinsley, W. R. Clark, Jr., Walter Middleton, Fred Middleton, Albert Spieler of Winters, Price Middleton, G. O. McCarstin, Bill Clark, Wilson Middleton, Jack Nixon, Jr., Myles Nixon, Misses Eugenia Baskin, Wynis Greer, Fern Killam, Ophelia Haynes, Evelyn Crowell, Griffie Atkins and Wayne Byler.

## Two Affairs for Debs

Margaret Ann Morton was hostess last Saturday morning at breakfast to Debonair-Debs in her home on Broadway.

The conventional Christmas tree and other symbols decorated rooms. The dining room table laid in lace was centered with an arrangement of fruit and pine cones with tall red tapers burning in silver holders and apple Santa Claus at each side. The seven dwarfs in miniature china figurines marked individual places.

Mrs. Clarence Morton served the delectable menu in three courses. Ruby Nance was hostess at the Christmas tree and gift exchange

in her home on Eighth Street Monday evening.

Mrs. W. A. Nance assisted by Virginia served a supper course in gaily decked rooms. Following the gift presentation from the pretty tree, a theatre party was held. Girls returned to the Nance home for fruit cake, cookies and home-made candies.

Present at both affairs were: Norma Gene Bankston, Winnie Merle Adair, Margaret Ann Morton, Tommy Mansell, Mary Jo Webb, Ruby Nance and Mary Simpson.

## Fellowship Class in Moss Home

Mrs. W. E. Moss entertained Methodist Fellowship Class members Monday evening in her Fifth Street home.

The Christmas tree, laden with gifts, the dining room table centerpiece of Christmas balls in all gay colors and red tapers and the buffet decoration of holly and apples, were especially attractive.

Mrs. J. G. Douglass, teacher of the class, received a lovely remembrance from the class and members exchanged gifts. Capsules were also revealed.

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## Four Are Hostesses to Philathea Class

Mrs. Ralph Payette, Mrs. Eulalia Nicholson, Mrs. Ford Taylor and Mrs. A. C. Glover were hostesses to the Methodist Philathea Class, Monday evening in the home of the former on Tenth Street.

A lighted tree had been placed on the porch and chandeliers in the living rooms had been filled with Xmas lights in red, blue and green. Snow scenes had been arranged on the table and buffet with a cotton snow man especially good. A lighted tree in a snowy mound was surrounded with exchange gifts which were dis-

tributed by Mrs. Rothal O'Kelly dressed as Santa Claus.

A plate of fruit cake with whipped cream and hot spiced tea with mistletoe sprigs as favors was served by the hostesses to: Mmes. Gerald Black, Jack Nixon, Sr., L. M. Lovelace, Tom Agnew, Glenn Morrison, J. E. Smith, Cal Adair, J. E. Dankworth, Joe Thomas, Clyde Harville, O. R. O'Neill, O'Kelly, Troy Simpson, J. L. Davis, E. D. Landreth, C. D. Teague, Cecil Jones, Wilbur Redwine, Tom Caudle, A. B. Legate, and Patricia Caudle.

## Teacher Entertains Class

Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff, teacher of the Baptist Volunteer Class, entertained members in her Wilke Terrace home Monday evening.

Christmas decorations were used effectively about rooms where gifts were exchanged from a prettily decorated tree. Games of Chinese checkers were played. Sandwiches and fruit cake were served with hot chocolate to: Misses Gladys Lee Morgan, Anna Lee Wiginton, Nada and Mildred Doherty, Gladys Spann, Evelyn McAden, Alma Drennan, Marcille Jonas, Erma Roberson, LaVerne Thomas and Vivian Patterson.

Mrs. Phillips Bishop of Junction assisted. Others were: Mmes. M. C. Wilson, Royal Bishop, R. E. White, O. C. Sykes, L. B. Rudder, S. M. Jonas, F. C. Dickey, Lee Sykes and Charles H. Ward.

## Program on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief for First Presbyterian Auxiliary

Mrs. Harry Lynn, cause secretary of Christian education and ministerial relief, directed the program for the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church Monday afternoon. The theme was "The Day's Come," a life dedication service with joy gifts for Christ's servants.

Mrs. Dwight Sharpe read the scriptural Christmas story. Mrs. Alex Saunders talked on "Peace"

Mrs. Will Dooze on "Joy and Purified Lives"; and Mrs. C. R. Stephens on "Love and Service." Mrs. J. C. Sturges, Jr., and Mrs. Frank Pearce sang a duet with Mrs. Estes Lynn at the piano. The joy gift was \$22.25. Potted red cyclamen and red tapers gave a festive air to the rooms where Mrs. Thomas B. Hill, Mrs. Grace Thomas and Mrs. Warren Lynn served hot chocolate and cookies with mistletoe as favors.

Others present were: Mmes. M. E. Boggess, E. W. Stasney, George Holman, J. Y. Pearce, P. A. Cobden, W. B. Woody, E. A. Trail, F. R. Walker, Paul Trimmer, Jack McGregor, Chester Cherry, Albert Fryar, John Stitt and L. J. Campbell.

## Book Club Has Supper for Husbands

The home of Dr. and Mrs. O. R. Lasater on Sixth Street was the scene of a no-hostess supper given last Friday evening for members of the Current Book Club and their husbands.

Pine branches and cones, yupon

berries and snow scenes together with a beautiful tree and other seasonal appointments gave an elaborate decoration to reception rooms. The delectable supper served in two courses, was followed by the exchange of "hobby" gifts and games of ching-chess.

Present were: Dr. and Mrs. J. Dexter Eoff, Messrs. and Mmes. O. R. O'Neill, Layne Moreland, Jack Nixon, Sr., Tom Caudie, James Dankworth, John Barton, A. B. Legate, Ted Jones, W. E. Moss and Alex Saunders.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Pierce moved Friday to Coleman, where Mr. Pierce is employed by the government.

Mrs. and Mrs. M. H. Morgan and daughter, Gwendolyn, are to attend a reunion of the Morgan family at Norton on Christmas day.

Mrs. Clay Proctor, of Los Angeles, and T. S. Lankford, of Abilene, visited relatives in Ballinger Wednesday.

## Christmas Dance

Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1938

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## Christmas Greetings

To you and yours this Christmas season we would extend our sincerest wish for happiness—happiness that lasts not merely through the holiday season but that continues throughout the entire year of 1939. We would like at this time to express our thanks for every courtesy you have shown during the year just past.



**Sam Behringer Grocery**  
and  
**Weldon Howell Market**



## Greetings to All Our Friends

It has been said that friends are more precious than fine gold. When gold is refined and polished it shines and glistens and its beauty and worth never fade but become more precious with age.

So well may we compare it with friendship that becomes dearer and more precious as time passes. We oftimes neglect to let our friends know just how much we think of them—but as Christmas time draws near our hearts and minds are brought to the realization of their worth.

We appreciate your friendship and wish for you all the joys of Christmas and the year 1939.

PAUL TRIMMIER  
W. W. CHASTAIN  
MRS. AURELIA WEBB  
W. A. FORGEY

JOHN A. BARTON  
MYRA TANKERSLEY  
SARAH F. HARWELL  
E. C. GRINDSTAFF

ROY HILL

## 'Can't Take It With You' To Be Shown at Texas Xmas

Hailed as another Capra triumph, Columbia's screen version of the George S. Kaufman-Moss Hart Pulitzer prize play, "You Can't Take It With You," opens in midnight preview (Christmas eve) Saturday night, and continues Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at the Texas Theatre. The cast includes Jean Arthur, James Stewart, Lionel Barrymore, Mischa Auer, Edward Arnold, Ann Miller and numerous others.

"You Can't Take It With You" was produced and directed by Frank Capra from the screen play by Robert Riskin. It is based on the stage success for which Columbia paid \$200,000.

The new film deals with the lovable and perfectly delightful Vanderhof family, which believes in doing whatever it wants whenever it wants to.

"You Can't Take It With You" is concerned, in part, with the proud, aristocratic Kirbys, as well as with the carefree Vanderhofs. Kirby's monumental plan to form a huge munitions merger, a move which requires the purchase of all property within an area of twelve city blocks, is halted when Grandpa refuses to sell the Vanderhof home at any price. The plan of Kirby's son to marry Alice Sycamore, his secretary, is blocked when the boy brings his patients to dinner one night, only to discover the Vanderhof family engaged in its various eccentric affairs.

The romance and merry-mad conduct of the two families, coupled with the enjoyable hobbies of the Vanderhofs and their many friends, is declared to make "You Can't Take It With You" one of the outstanding productions of the season.

Prominent in the supporting cast are Spring Byington, Samuel S. Hinds, Dub Taylor, Donald Meek, H. B. Warner, Halliwell

Hobbes, Eddie Anderson and Lillian Yarbo.

### Romance, Mystery and Comedy Blend in "Mad Miss Mantou"

A romance, a murder mystery, and a comedy of errors comprise the triple themes of "The Mad Miss Mantou," RKO Radio's starring vehicle for Barbara Stanwyck and Henry Fonda. The film is to be shown at the Texas tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday.

Fonda portrays a young newspaper editor and Miss Stanwyck a willful society girl in the offering, which revolves around her efforts to solve a double killing with which she has become involved. The romance grows from a stinging editorial which Fonda writes concerning the thoughtless but sensational escapades of Miss Stanwyck and her thrill-seeking socialite friends. Plenty of exciting moments are furnished when the killer endeavors to silence Miss Stanwyck before she can reveal her identity to the police.

Sam Levene, Stanley Ridges, Frances Mercer, Vicki Lester, Ann Evers, Whitney Bourne, Eleanor Hansen, Penny Singleton and Paul Guilfoyle have important supporting roles.

Mrs. Erma Dailey, saleswoman for the Community Natural Gas Company, was taken to the Halley & Bailey Sanitarium Wednesday night after contracting pneumonia.

Miss Helen Brewer, teacher in the Odessa high school, arrived today to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brewer, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Adair, Dillard and Winnie Merle Adair and Miss Bertie Bryant left today for Commerce and Greenville to spend the Christmas week-end.

### BADMINTON CHAMP



In addition to other badminton honors, Mrs. Del Barkhuff of Seattle is the present national championship title holder. For her coming tours in defense of her titles in Spokane, Los Angeles and New York, she will travel 10,000 miles.

Miss Wesley Jane Reese, student of State College for Women, Denton, is at home for the Christmas holidays.

Phillip Evans is here to spend Christmas with relatives. Phillip is attending John Tarleton College, Stephenville, this year.

Miss Katherine Henderson, deputy state superintendent, of San Angelo, transacted business here Tuesday.

Q. V. Miller, Jr., who is attending John Tarleton College, Stephenville, arrived Saturday to spend Christmas with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Burton and children of Carrizo Springs, will be here for the Christmas holidays to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Little, of Stockton, California, are here for a visit with Mrs. Little's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Scales.

## Stranger-Than-Fiction Tale Is Related in 'Boys Town'

"Boys Town," starring Spencer Tracy and Mickey Rooney, brings the most colorful, human and exciting of real-life stories to the screen, proof again that "truth is stranger than fiction." The picture is to be shown at the Ritz Theatre Sunday (Christmas Day), Monday and Tuesday.

More than a year ago, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer became interested in Boys Town, the only incorporated village of its kind in the world. This city of little men has a population of 275, of which 200 are boys, and is situated on the main highway west of Omaha, Nebraska. It is twenty-one years old, a dream come true, the dream of one of the greatest and most kindly humanitarians of our time, Father Edward J. Flanagan.

To Boys Town come boys, a never-ending parade of boys, who are made welcome irrespective of race or creed. Each of them has a problem, each of them a drama. Some were abandoned by their parents, others were neglected and many had criminal records. One boy was a bank robber at the age of seven, another an inveterate burglar at fifteen; but of the 300 boys who have passed through Boys Town none has become involved with the police since graduation, while ninety-five per cent are now normal, respectable and responsible young men and citizens of the communities in which they have settled.

The 15-year-old incorrigible thief is now 25, happily married and owns a small farm. Mechanically-minded, he has several inventions to his credit. The first was a burglar alarm. One graduate was the youngest attorney ever admitted to the bar in one state; one became a flyweight boxing champion; one became a pitcher in the big leagues. These boys, and hundreds of others, are tribute to Father Flanagan's firm conviction, which he expresses simply in these words, "There is no bad boy."

It was from Father Flanagan's files, the records left by his boys, that Director Norman Taurog and Scenarists John Meehan and Dore Schary found the rich material for "Boys Town." The script was ready-made. In the history of Boys Town and its boys, they uncovered every element of stirring entertainment, drama and comedy, despair and hope, tragedy and happiness.

Tracy's memorable performance as Father Tim in "San Francisco" made him the perfect choice to portray Father Flanagan on the screen. Father Flanagan thought so, too, and it was Tracy's selection for the role that influenced him to approve the filming of "Boys Town." This gives Tracy a distinction no other star has enjoyed, that of playing a living man as the leading character of a motion picture. In a featured supporting role is Henry Hull as Dave Morris. Hull also is playing a real person, the Jewish merchant who financed Father Flanagan's first venture in founding a home for boys and became his greatest friend. In addition, the picture gives important parts to Leslie Fenton and to Gene Reynolds.

It was Father Flanagan's wish that the film should be the true story of Boys Town. To assure fidelity not only to the story but to the background, a motion picture company, numbering 61, was sent to Boys Town. For three weeks, Tracy, Rooney and Hull remained at Boys Town, filming exterior scenes and absorbing the spirit and atmosphere of the city of little men.

### THEATRE EMPLOYEES WILL BE GUESTS OF MR. AND MRS. SCALES

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Scales will be hosts to all employees of the Texas and Palace theatres and a number of other invited guests tomorrow (Friday) noon at the Scales residence on Seventh Street. Several employees of theatres at Stamford, Abilene, Winters, Odessa and Merkel will join in the Christmas celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hodge, of Abilene, will assist in the host duties and all local employees are to be special guests.

There are still 132,000 one-room school houses in the United States.

## Frontier Feud Basis Of Vivid Thriller Starring Carey

A frontier feud that began in Texas and ended bloodily in a little Arizona town, comprises the dramatic basis of Harry Carey's new screen vehicle, "The Law West of Tombstone," billed at the Palace Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

The feud lies between Carey, in the role of the braggart but dead-shot Bill Barker, and the McQuinn brothers, a trio of would-be desperadoes. Coming to the boiling point shortly after the story opens, the quarrel carries on through the colorful efforts of Barker to establish himself as mayor, judge and jury of western Arizona, and winds up in a graphic and breathless gun duel in the streets of the little frontier community.

Against this grim background is played a sparkling romance between a young gun-fighter

whom Barker has taken under his wing, and Barker's daughter, who believes herself an orphan whose father was killed at Gettysburg. Jean Rouverol and Tim Holt have the romantic leads, with Clarence Kolb, Evelyn Brent, Esther Muir, Allan Lane, Bradley Page and other well-known players in prominent roles. Glenn Tryon directed this RKO Radio production, which is said to disclose the real West of the period with unusual realism.

Miss Mary Lou Creasy, student of Texas State College for Women, Denton, came in Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Creasy.

Miss Margaret Batts came in from Denton Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents. Miss Batts attends Texas State College for Women.

Miss Eloise Mullins, student of Texas State College for Women, Denton, arrived Saturday to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Hulda Mullins.

**GREETINGS AND MANY THANKS**  
As Christmas draws near we wish to take this means to express our sincere and friendly appreciation to all for your loyal support and patronage during the past year. Serving this community with its entertainment needs has been our delightful duty and that we have succeeded in bringing you hours of pleasure and that we may continue to do so in the coming New Year.

Greeting and Best Wishes to all our patrons and MAY CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR BE A JOYOUS HOLIDAY season for you.

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HENRY HULL • LESLIE FENTON • GENE REYNOLDS

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This picture was taken from one of the greatest spots on earth—Father Flanagan's Boys' Town on the Lincoln highway, just 10 miles west of Omaha, Nebraska.

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**WED. and THURS.**  
December 28 and 29

**Down in ARKANSAS**

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**JACK ORNIE Lucille BALL Annabel TAKES A TOUR**

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