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Officers for Year Elected by County Medical Society

A meeting of the Rannels County Medical Association was held at the Central Hotel here Friday evening with good attendance. An interesting program had been arranged and all invited speakers were on hand to deliver lectures.

This was the final meeting of the year and election of officers was taken up in the business session. Dr. Charles F. Bailey, of Ballinger, was elected president, succeeding Dr. J. W. Dixon, of Winters. Dr. T. V. Jennings, of Winters, was elected vice-president; and Dr. O. H. Chandler, of Ballinger, secretary. Dr. J. W. Macune and Dr. F. M. Hale, Ballinger; and Dr. Dixon, Winters, were named censors.

Dr. Chandler was appointed delegate of the county organization at the annual convention of the state association which is to be held at Dallas in May.

The program of the year was Dr. Owen Mayo, Brownwood, counselor for the fourth district, who spoke on "Medical Ethics." Dr. Charles Potts, of San Angelo, discussed apththalmology, and Dr. Aubrey McGee, of San Angelo, talked on the treatment of pneumonia.

At the conclusion of the program members of the county group discussed plans for the entertainment of the convention of the fourth district in Ballinger in October next year. Ballinger was selected as the meeting place at the Brady meeting last fall and the program will be arranged and presented here with the Rannels county doctors as hosts.

Goodfellows Start Cash Contributions For Needy at Xmas

Goodfellows started the "ball rolling" Wednesday morning to provide a cash fund for the Red Cross to give food baskets and other assistance to a number of families who apparently will not be on the "adopted" list by Saturday.

This fund will remain open until Saturday night and anyone wishing to contribute money to help in this cause may leave it at the Ledger office or hand it to R. J. Hawk or Mrs. Mike Wright of the Red Cross.

Contributions made Wednesday morning follow:

Farmers and Merchants State Bank, \$10
First National Bank, \$10
West Texas Utilities Co., \$10
West Texas Cottonoil Co., \$10
Community Gas Co., \$10
The Ledger, \$5
H. Ford Taylor, \$5
King-Holt Co., \$5
Higginbotham Bros. & Co., \$5
Weeks Drug Store, \$5
J. Y. Pearce Drug Co., \$5
Tommie Hall, \$1
H. W. Lynn, \$10
C. J. Lynn, 500 pounds of coal
Miss Nell Alexander, \$1
Cash from slot machine, \$4.85
Cash, \$1.
Clements, Perry's and Ballinger Variety stores donated toys.

J. C. Penney Co. and Woodroof & Son will give clothing.

Ballinger citizens, Sunday school classes, civic clubs and other groups have done a good job in taking care of needy families here but the list was large and it will be impossible for all to be "adopted" by Saturday night. There is still a long list of the families who must have help if there is any Christmas for the children and the list will remain open until late Saturday for any person or organization who wants to aid.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moody and sons, Eidon and Bobbie Joe, will spend the holidays with relatives and friends at Seymour and Wichita Falls.



Our Wish for You is a

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

Rubin Gets Word His Brother Safe Following Escape

Frank Rubin received word this week that a brother, Leopold Rubin, had escaped from a Nazi concentration camp and was in safe hiding in Russia. The message did not give the location of the Russian town as the pact between Germany and Russia might lead to his arrest again.

Rubin was a native of Czechoslovakia and following the invasion of that country crossed the Polish border and found a haven in Warsaw. After the invasion of Poland all trace was lost by the Ballinger brother and he was afraid his brother had been killed or imprisoned again.

The letter received this week stated that the man had been put in a camp where he suffered horrors but finally escaped and worked his way to the U. S. S. R., where he was waiting and hoping for help from his brother here to come to the United States.

Mr. Rubin has two other brothers and a sister, who with their families lived in Czechoslovakia, but they have not been heard from and nothing is known of their whereabouts. The Ballinger man has sought for two years to get Leopold to this country but all efforts so far have failed. He is renewing his fight to get his brother out of war torn Europe and to this country where he has offered to care for him and provide employment.

Home Decoration Contest to Close Saturday Evening

A committee will judge decorated homes in Ballinger Saturday night. All citizens who have decorative pieces in their yards, on their roofs or in doors or windows are requested to turn on the lights as soon as it is dark and leave them illuminated several hours so they will be showing when the judges pass by.

There are more Christmas decorations in the residential sections of the city than ever before and some of the set pieces are larger and more effective. If citizens will telephone the office of the Ballinger Board of Community Development and list their decorations it will be much easier for the committee to find them Saturday night when the judges are escorted over town.

Ballinger is one of the prettiest towns in this section of the state. Visitors arriving here the past week-end stated that there was more Christmas spirit evident here than anywhere they have been.

Cash prizes are offered for the best home decorations, one- and two-story houses and apartments competing in separate classes.

More Farm Checks Here, '39 Total to be \$800,000

Government checks continued to arrive this week for Rannels county farmers and were appreciated Christmas presents coming at this particular time when shopping is the main thought of everyone. A shipment totaling \$33,136.58 was received Wednesday, these being 230 checks in payment of 159 contracts. This brought the total of conservation payments for the month to \$230,619.61 and others are expected to arrive in almost every mail.

As fast as checks are received, farmers are being notified, and

employees of the Ballinger AAA office are making every effort to deliver as many checks as possible before the gift buying season ends. Conservation checks receivable by farmers of this county will total \$509,000 when all are paid. In addition \$258,000 has already been paid in cotton subsidy checks and wheat contracts will bring in another \$14,000. Range compliance checks to be received will total \$19,000.

The total revenue from the 1939 farm program in Rannels county will bring in approximately \$800,000 for those cooperating.

Crippled Kiddies' Group Here Plans Events in January

The executive committee of the Rannels county crippled children's organization has already launched plans for the annual events to raise funds for the local association and for the Warm Springs (Georgia) Foundation.

The "march of dimes" will be employed again and soon after Christmas the small cardboards which have capacity for ten dimes each will be passed to individuals and they will be asked to fill the cards and mail them to the committee.

On January 30 the President's Birthday Ball will be held here and all the proceeds, minus a small percentage going to the national fund, will be used to care for crippled kiddies in this section.

Further announcements will be made later and publicity will be given soon after January 1 on the events to be held in Ballinger. Members of the local committee include Tom Caudie, chairman; Dr. J. W. Macune, vice-chairman; Harry Lynn, treasurer; George Clements, secretary; Miss Myra Tankersley, Miss Sarah Harwell, and Jack Nixon, Jr.

Storage is Ready For Production Test on Oil Well

Storage tanks were being completed today at the Tucker-King, newest Rannels county oil producer, and a test is expected to be made tomorrow (Friday) to determine the production. The hole is standing full and there has been some natural flow over the top. Operators still believe it is the best producer in the county, but no official gauge has been made.

Drilling was proceeding today on the Davis-Huddleston well as 2,050 feet after casing had been set to 1,771 feet last week. All water has been shut off in the hole and regular tours will continue until the well is finished.

Underreaming was continuing today in the Homer Price-Noel Williams at 1,550 feet and drillers expect to have casing set to the bottom of the hole and to resume

Congressman South Honored at Banquet By Friends in Area

Ballinger was well represented at the banquet honoring Congressman Charles L. South in San Angelo Saturday night. While the affair was arranged by postal employees of the 21st congressional district, a large number of others were included, as guests at the table.

The banquet was held at the St. Angelus Hotel and more than 200 West Texans attended. From Ballinger were Tom Caudie, Paul Trimmier, Paul Petty, R. G. Erwin, J. N. Nutt, Alex Saunders, J. A. Reese and A. B. Legate.

Mr. South discussed a number of measures that have been before congress and others that probably will be taken up at the session in January. Speaking of war conditions in the world, the congressman said he would vote for any bill that would build up United States defenses and added that the best insurance against war was to be prepared to keep all enemies out of the boundaries of this nation.

The congressman told the postmasters present that he was proud of all his appointments, and that only a few could ask for reappointment as he had named them without a term limit and had not been mistaken in any of them.

Sweet Home Pupils Make Christmas Toys for Tots Here

Pupils of the Sweet Home school are doing their part to see that Santa Claus visits the children of needy families in Ballinger. Henry Leach, principal of the school, brought in a large box of toys and other playthings for kiddies Saturday, to be turned over to local organizations and distributed Christmas.

Early in the fall the Sweet Home students took for one of their art projects the making of toys and last week they had hundreds of beautiful things to turn over to the charity workers in Ballinger.

In the collection are all kinds of miniature furniture made by the boys. There are divans, chairs, beds, carts with horses pulling them, baby cradles and other pieces. Each article has been neatly finished and stained and would look nice in any child's play-room.

Girls of the school made dolls, animals and other items and also donated a number of items of their own which were in good condition.

The students of this school have shown a fine spirit in thinking of unfortunate people at Christmas time and every article will be passed out from Santa Claus' pack here this week-end.

Paul Trimmier Not To be a Candidate For Judge in 1940

County Judge Paul Trimmier informed a reporter for The Ledger today that he would not be a candidate for re-election in 1940.

This information came as a surprise and too late for comment in this issue as to the notable record of Rannels county during the term Mr. Trimmier has served as county judge. The next issue of The Ledger will carry a review of accomplishments for the past nineteen years.

Jamie Ruth Lemburg, of Menard, is here to spend Christmas with her grandmother, Mrs. J. M. Skinner.

Weaver Baker, of Junction, transacted business and visited friends here Tuesday.

Christmas Parade Attracts Big Crowd Here Saturday

Christmas Organ Programs Will End Saturday Afternoon

Amplifiers on the streets have been operated every day this week and the final Christmas concerts will be presented tomorrow and Saturday. A group of Maverick children were here Tuesday afternoon to sing Christmas carols and give readings over the set-up from the studio on the court house lawn.

Each afternoon at 5 o'clock Mrs. J. E. Paxton has presented an organ program from the First Methodist Church, offering well-known carols and other organ selections for the one hour of Yule music. The announcers have presented poems, necessary announcements and short talks on Christmas between the musical numbers. Those working with Mrs. Paxton on these programs were E. C. Grindstaff, Nat Williams, Rev. Dwight A. Sharpe, Troy Simpson and Mrs. J. A. Schnable.

The speakers have also come in for good purpose when special attractions were being presented downtown. During the parade last Saturday Gus Barr was at the microphone to announce the entries and to assist in handling the crowd on the court house lawn.

Mrs. Paxton will present her last program Friday afternoon and Mrs. Claude Collins will be at the organ console for the final program Saturday afternoon.

Continuance Given In Wiginton Case Because of Illness

Judge O. L. Parish granted a continuance in the case of the State of Texas vs. Jeff Wiginton, charged with rape, Tuesday morning after a local physician testified the defendant was ill and attorneys proved it might be several days before he would be able to be up.

The special venire of 80 men was dismissed as soon as the court's action was taken. Judge Parish is finishing up work this week and the term will close tomorrow (Friday) with the completion of the minutes.

Ed Roe, convicted of cattle theft, presented a plea for a new trial Wednesday but this was denied by the court. His counsel then filed motion for an appeal.

The grand jury was in session last Thursday and returned a new indictment against R. H. Gambell, charged with murder in connection with the slaying of Dan Liverman. This case was called for trial at the beginning of this term of 119th district court but an error in the indictment stopped trial. The grand jury was immediately recalled and evidence presented asking another indictment.

Judge E. J. Miller, of Brownwood, was here Monday to hear civil cases in which Judge Parish was disqualified.

BALLINGER HUNTERS BRING IN TWO BUCKS

W. O. Wallace and Chester Cherry returned Sunday from Mason county where they had been on their second hunting trip of the season. Each brought home a big buck this trip, which puts their average up to the limit for the season. The Ballinger men said they saw many deer this time and could have killed more but the law only allows two in one season.

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Martin's Studio

Ballinger streets were crowded Saturday morning at 10 o'clock for the big Christmas parade staged under the sponsorship of the Ballinger Board of Community Development as one feature of the 1939 Christmas program. The parade was one of the best ever to pass through the local streets on a Christmas occasion and held the large crowd downtown until the noon hour.

The marchers formed in line at the city hall and proceeded to the court house lawn where a stage had been constructed upon which give readings over the set-up from the studio on the court house lawn.

Miss Mary Simpson, Ballinger Lions Club representative, was awarded the honor place after all girls had been inspected by four out-of-town judges. Miss Simpson wore a white evening dress over which many yards of Christmas tinsel had been draped with toys dangling from the end. She wore a head-band of glitters with a shining star at the top and carried a large basket filled with foods and fruits with a sign "Goodfellows" on the side. In the parade she rode on the back seat of an open car bearing the Lions emblem.

Second place was awarded to Miss Gwendolyn Morgan, Ballinger fire department sponsor. She was riding in a small sleigh and dressed as a Christmas tree. Her dress, representing a tree, was made of crepe paper and on the sleigh were many beautiful packages, and as she passed through the streets she distributed candy.

Miss Madie Rose Rubin, entered by the high school pep squad, was the next winner. Miss Rubin was beautifully costumed in red and black, high school colors, and carried a large arm spray of holly.

Each girl in the contest was beautiful and several were much more outstanding on the streets than on the stage due to the floats upon which they were riding. The final judging was made on costumes only.

Miss Louise McMillan, F. F. A. "sweetheart," rode on a large float decorated as a snow scene upon which was a beautiful Christmas tree. She wore a blue evening dress and the entry was outstanding in the parade.

Sheila Moreland, entered by the junior high school, was charming on a small wagon decorated with a "Merry Christmas" banner over her head. She was accompanied by the entire junior high school football team, which made a worthy escort for any girl.

Miss Louise Hardin, dressed as a drum major, rode on top of a beautifully decorated car, as representative of the high school band.

One of the best entries in the parade had hard luck and did not get to complete the march. Miss Maurine Duncan, entry for the cue and curtain club of the high school, was riding in a large sleigh pulled by two reindeer. After making one block, a wheel came off the wagon upon which the sleigh was fashioned and the entry did not get to finish the parade. Miss Duncan, dressed in solid white, with a white fur head piece, appeared on the stage before the judges.

Miss Ann Morgan, representing

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Rannels County Livestock Association

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Women's, Society and Club News

Dinner in Jonas Home for Sewing Club

Mrs. S. M. Jonas and Mrs. Ruth Bankston were assisted by Miss Marcella Jonas and Miss Ruthlene Caskey in serving a delectable two-course dinner last Thursday evening to their sewing club members.

The Jonas home on Tenth Street was prettily decorated in the Yuletide motif. In the living room a large cedar tree decorated and lighted in conventional manner occupied a prominent place. From it, later in the evening, exchange gifts were distributed. The mantel in the dining room was banked in cedar and autumn leaves and the lace-laid table was centered with a sugar plum tree flanked by green tapers in white holders.

Shakespeare Club Has Christmas Party

The Claude Collins home on Eighth Street was the scene of the annual Shakespeare Club party last Thursday afternoon planned by the social committee, Mrs. C. P. Shepherd, Mrs. Collins and Mrs. P. A. Cobden, and the program committee, Mrs. Ford Taylor and Mrs. Sim Cottelle.

A beautifully decorated tree, California holly and yupon berries gave a gala air to spacious rooms with the mantel decoration being especially lovely. Poinsettias and red flower-lites adorned the buffet and centered the lace-laid dining tables where Mrs. R. T. Williams and Mrs. Edgar Boelsche presided over the silver tea and coffee services. Favors for the refreshment plate of individual cakes iced in white and decorated in green and red, were nut cups wrapped in red cellophane.

During the program Mrs. Frank Pearce sang "Christmas Song" by Adolphe Adam, accompanied by Miss Maggie Underwood; John A. Killough played a cornet solo "The Holy City" with Mrs. Collins accompanist, and Marilyn Agnew read "When Father is Ill" and "Women's Hats."

Mrs. J. M. Skinner was a clever Santa Claus and distributed exchange gifts.

The only item of business was the appointment of a nominating committee, Mrs. E. C. Baikin, Mrs. O. T. Toney and Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh.

Tuckers Are Hosts

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Tuckey were hosts to their supper club Friday evening in their home on Broadway. Scintillating Christmas balls in red and green with red candles in graduated heights were reflected in the mirror and filled red cellophane stockings hung from the living room mantel. A pretty tree also gave added color and beauty.

The centerpiece for the damask covered dining table was an arrangement of red balls in huge silver bells surrounded by cedar sprigs. The supper menu was served buffet style and green metallic Xmas tree cards marked places at foursome tables.

Following bingo games, in which all received simple gifts and Mrs. Nat Williams the chief award and a pencil game in which P. A. Cobden was winner, Santa Claus came and distributed exchange gifts.

Cynthia and Dian Tuckey assisted in entertaining the following: Messrs. and Mrs. Williams, J. C. Sturges, Jr., Cobden, George Stowe, Felton Wright and Claude Collins.

Mrs. B. C. Kirk Hostess to Forty-Two Club

Mrs. B. C. Kirk used all the lovely Christmas colors of green, red, blue, silver and white, and the beloved symbols of Santa Claus, his sleigh and reindeer, Friday afternoon when she entertained her forty-two club and a few added friends in her home on Seventh Street.

Red potted cyclamen, poinsettias, holly berries and red candles gave added beauty to rooms where a Christmas salad plate of green and red was served with fruit cake and coffee. Favors were chocolate Santas.

Mrs. Paul Kirk and Mrs. J. R. Lusk assisted. Others included: Mrs. James Wear, Hamp Byler, John Weeks, C. P. Shepherd, J. G. Douglas, R. W. Bruce, E. C. Baikin, Ed O'Kelly, John Currie, C. J.

Lynn, Warren Lynn, George Kirk, Elmer Shepperd, E. L. Hagan and J. E. Brewer.

Mrs. Barr Hostess to Thursday Club

Mrs. Gus Barr was hostess to the Thursday Club last week in her home on Broadway.

Xmas poinsettias, wreaths and a beautiful tree were used to decorate rooms where matched Xmas sets were used for contract games with Mrs. Jack Scales winning high score award for members and Mrs. Tommie Hall that for high guest.

Others included: Mmes. R. J. Hawk, George Stowe, Buster Parrish, George Grandstaff, Sam Malone, Jr., Tom Guin, John Hollingsworth, P. A. Mixon, and Miss Dorothy Lynn.

Three Are Hostesses to Virginia Douglass Class

Mrs. H. G. Agnew, Miss Wayne Byler and Miss Griffie Atkins were hostesses to the Methodist Virginia Douglass Class last Thursday evening in the Agnew home on Sixth Street.

Decorations for the living room were a large lighted tree, poinsettias and red roses. The dining room table centerpiece was a large Xmas package tied in red and red roses were combined with poinsettias and flanked by red tapers on the buffet.

Mrs. Jack Nixon, Jr., had charge of the program, which followed a prayer by Mrs. J. G. Douglass. Miss Elouise Jones read the Christmas story and Miss Evelyn Crowell read a paper on "Christmas in America."

Following the gift exchange a plate of individual mince pie, salted nuts and spiced tea was served. Favors were sprigs of mistletoe tied in red ribbon.

Others present were: Mmes. Clayton Bissett, Ruel Boswell, D. R. Causey, Bill Clark, Vernon Dankworth, C. C. Davis, A. B. Fields, J. D. Forman, Bill Froedman, Gurthall Gilligan, Gordon Gressett, Jack Hampton, U. W. Johnson, Price Middleton, Henry Moody, Roy Miller, W. O. Middleton, W. E. Moss, Myles Nixon, E. L. Rumpy, Jack Rogers, Fred Middleton, Ellis Baker, McEntire, Buster Parrish, Ralph Hodges, C. D. Harwood, Wilson Middleton, J. B. Arthur, Edward Sommer, Arthur Underwood; Misses Wynis Greer, Bernyce Simmons, Elouise Jones, Ophelia Haynes and Ina Crockett.

Xmas Dinner for Book Club

Current Book Club members gave a beautifully appointed no-hostess Christmas dinner and game party for their husbands last Friday evening in the Jack Nixon, Sr. home on Fifth Street.

A Christmas tree and a winter snow scene with Santa Claus and reindeer decorated the living room. Vari-colored Christmas balls and silver grapes on the buffet and a lovely centerpiece of crystal filled with tinsel balls and lighted red tapers used on the lace-covered table, gave added decoration to the dining room. Quartet tables were centered with red tapers in glazed apple holders. The delicious turkey dinner was served in

two courses preceding games of contract, forty-two and Chinese checkers. The distribution of exchange gifts from the tree concluded the evening's festivities.

Included besides Mr. and Mrs. Nixon were: Messrs. and Mmes. O. R. O'Neill, W. A. Taylor, Layne Moreland, A. B. Legate, J. E. Dankworth, Tom Caudle, Sam Behringer, A. C. Glover, W. E. Moss, John Barton, W. J. Morrison, O. R. Lasater, Alex Saunders, Joe Forman, and Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Eoff.

Girl Scout Troop Has Successful Bazaar

The Algeria Troop of Girl Scouts held a very successful Christmas bazaar all day Saturday in their rock hut in City Park. More than eighty called during

the day, buying gifts, "fishing" or taking chances at the cake. The articles showed much versatility and the leaders deserve much credit for the work done in guiding the girls.

Mrs. Bruce Creasy was assisted by LaVerne Pratt, Jane Routh and troop members.

Additional society items on next page

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Chancy will go to Tulsa, Oklahoma this weekend to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Leland Croft.

Experts estimate a pound of honey represents the life work of approximately 1,000 bees.

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Candy Xmas Mixed Choc. Drops lb. 10c

Candy Chocolate Covered Cherries lb. Box 19c

Quality MEATS
Xmas Wrapped Hams 7 to 18 lb. Average lb. 20c

Fryers and Bakers Dressed and Drawn lb. 18c

Steak Fancy Round lb. 20c

Oysters Pt. 23c

Hens Dressed and Drawn Each 55c

Roast Pork Ham or Shoulder lb. 15c

Bacon Plymouth Sliced lb. 23c

Lard Pure Hog 4 lbs. 35c

Sausage Pure Pork 1 lb. Viskine 18c

Spry Bakes Better Pastries 3 lb. Can 47c

Dates Bulk Pitted 2 lbs. 25c

Fruitcake Dromedary lb. Can 35c

Orange Juice Tree Sweet Can 5c

Salad Pears Raycroft 2 No. 2 Cans 23c

Corn Foothill 3 No. 2 Cans 25c

Peas Rosedale By Libby 2 Tall Cans 25c

Vanilla Wafers 1 lb. Callo Bag 10c

Hominy 3 No. 2 Cans 20c

Pork and Beans Huff's 2 20-oz. Giant Cans 15c

Toilet Tissue Seminole 3 Rolls 19c

Extract Imitation Vanilla 8-oz. Bottle 10c

Candy—Chewing Gum 3 Pkgs. 10c

Sugar Pure Granulated 10 lb. Cloth Bag 47c

Cranberry Sauce 2 15-oz. Cans 25c

Preserves Ma Brown 4 lb. Jar 69c

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Spaghetti Van Camp's 2 Tall Cans 13c

Beans Brown Beauty 2 Tall Cans 15c

Oats 3-Minute Large Pkg. 19c

Dessert My-T-Fine 3 Pkgs. 13c

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Dessert Kremel 3 Pkgs. 13c

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Apples Fancy Delicour Box \$1.95 Doz. 15c

Grapefruit Bushel 59c Doz. 12c

Celery Large Crisp Stalks Each 9c

Carrots; Beets Green Onions 3 Bunches 5c

Apples Fancy Winesaps Box \$1.80 Doz. 9c

Onions Colorado U. S. No. 1 2 lbs. 5c

Potatoes Colorado U. S. No. 1 10 lbs. 16c



Women's, Society and Club News

Carol Sing and Party for S. S. Classes

The Methodist intermediate classes of which Miss Elouise Jones and Miss Eugenia Baskin are teachers were their guests Saturday evening when they gave a party for them in the church basement on Tenth Street.

Youngsters assembled at the church at 6 o'clock and went to the homes of shut-ins for a carol singing. Returning to the church, games were played.

At the refreshment hour Christmas napkins marked places at one big table centered with a village snow scene, with tiny homes, a steeped church, silver trees and Santa with his sled and reindeer, placed on a red table runner. Four tall candles burned in low silver holders. Other room decorations were red flowers and tapers. A plate of assorted sandwiches, cookies iced and decorated as Xmas trees, wreaths and stars

was served with hot fruit punch.

Adults present besides Misses Jones and Baskin were Mrs. Tom Agnew, Nat Williams, C. L. Howell and Mrs. Troy Simpson.

Intermediates were: Milton and Elouise Dankworth, George McCarrin, John Weeks Earnshaw, Emery Teague, Betty Lovelace, Bobby Jean Bell, Natalyenne Williams, Winona Howell, Patsy and Mary Ellen Patrick, Mary Armstrong, Dorothy and M. L. Forgey, Jimmy Agnew, Wilbur Redwine, Donald Williams, Dwight West, Dorothy Bruce, Mary Lou Davis, Virginia Denny and Sheila Moreland.

Mrs. Sudberry Honored at Norton
Misses Jenna V. Setser and Lesta and Vesta Stewart were hostesses at a bridal shower honoring Mrs. Weldon Sudberry, of San Angelo, in the A. T. Chapman home Monday afternoon. The honoree was the former Miss Leta Lewis, of

Norton.

Miss Marguerite Allen presided at the bride's registrar. Upon arrival guests were served refreshments by Miss Lesta and Vesta Stewart. Group games and a short program provided entertainment. Mrs. Earl A. Cope rendered several popular piano selections. Miss Pansy Setser read "How to Cook a Husband." Following was presented a mock wedding of which Mrs. Sudberry was the bride. The program was climaxed when the "express man" arrived with gifts to the bride from: Mmes. C. O. Sharpes, Cone Robinson, Ben Robinson, Steve Stubblefield, Marcas Turner, Louis Powers, Weldon Smallwood, Fred Williams, Tom Powers, T. R. Setser, Marvin Turner, W. L. Hayley, D. W. Turner, W. E. Gulley, J. R. Merritt, D. W. Williams, Rosser Good, J. F. Priddy, Jr., J. F. Priddy, Sr., W. W. Mitchell, C. M. Patton, Earl A. Cope, C. S. Lewis, J. E. Minshew,

L. T. Allen, Gene Wynne, O. L. Conger, Tom Martin, L. Daniel, G. S. Walker, J. R. Mackey and J. W. Taylor

Mmes. Ethel Caniba, John Bass, Bill Bell, all of Ballinger; W. L. Hinds, E. F. Edwards, Jr., E. F. Edwards, Sr., L. F. Wilson, Jr., L. F. Wilson, Sr., and W. T. Sudberry, all of Winters

Misses Naomi Ash, Jenna V. Setser, Lesta and Vesta Stewart, Inez Conder, Marguerite Allen, Rae Taylor, Imogene Taylor, Joyce Roper, Pansy Setser, Ada Patton and Louelle Williams

Misses Cordia West, Bernice Patton and Doris King, all of Ballinger.

Guest Xmas Party for Sew Gay Pals

Husbands and children and friends of members were included as added guests Monday evening when Sew Gay Pals gave a no-hostess Xmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Morgan on Murrell Avenue.

Tables, arranged for games of forty-two and appointed in the Christmas motif, were placed in games gay and bright with elaborate decorations. A circular arrangement of cedar boughs and sprigs of holly with red tapers inside, centered the lace-laid dining table. Exchange gifts were taken from the pretty tree at the conclusion of games in which Mrs. Malcolm Morgan received high score award and Mrs. Albert Morgan was consoled for her losses.

A dessert plate with coffee was served to: Messrs and Mmes. M. Morgan, A. Morgan, Jack Bridwell, Frank Cameron, G. R. Howell, Clyde Gabbert, Halley Gibson, E. F. Lawless, Stanley Price, Miss Mildred Fowler, G. R. Proffitt, Gwen Morgan, Dora Jean Lawless, Buster Gabbert, Mickey Morgan, LaRita Price, Betty June and Joe Dan Gibson.

Mmes. Foy and Causey Entertain Club

Mmes. M. A. Foy and Ross Causey were hostesses to Sew and Chat members on Wednesday afternoon of last week in the Foy home on Sixth Street.

Bells, wreaths, Santas and other Yule symbols together with a lighted tree laden with exchange gifts decorated rooms where Mrs. J. E. Albright was winner of high score prize in games of forty-two and Mrs. Gurthall Gilligan in Chinese checkers. At the refreshment hour candles in apple holders centered tables when a chicken salad plate was served with coffee. Favors were green gum drop holders with tiny red candles.

Others present were: Messrs. and Mmes. Henry Moody, W. R. Murphy, Jr., Fred McKay, Mrs. Eckerman, Messrs. Foy, Causey, Gilligan, and Miss Esther Eckerman.

Eighth Street Society Has Missions Study

Miss Mae Stubblefield was leader for the missions program given for the Woman's Missionary Society of the Eighth Street Presbyterian

Church Monday afternoon at the church. The foreign topic was "Iran, Syria and Mesopotamia" and the home phase was "Pioneer Missions." Mrs. W. A. Taylor gave the devotional and Mrs. Fred Clark led the prayer after names in the Yearbook of Prayer were read by Mrs. J. A. Ostertag. Mrs. Sam Malone discussed "The Second Milepost"; Miss Eva Lilly, "Education in Iran"; Mrs. Rufus Allen, "Hospital Work"; and Miss Maggie Lilly "Inter-Mountain Area."

Mmes. G. P. Teague, Carol Bell, E. B. Killingsworth and John Reese, hostesses during the social hour, served a plate of spiced punch and fruit cake with chocolate Santa Clauses as favors to: Mmes. J. R. Mackey of Norton, Malone, Taylor, Clark, Allen, Ostertag, J. W. Black, Dewey Campbell, A. W. Sledge, Mary Spreen, Misses Stubblefield, Eva and Maggie Lilly.

No-Hostess Affair for Baptist Fidelis Class

The R. P. Canady home on Eighth Street was the scene of a no-hostess Xmas party given for the Baptist Fidelis Class Monday evening.

Clever word and question games stressing the season's symbols and traditions gave diversion preceding a group singing of carols. Lillian Knowles, as Santa, presented exchange gifts from the big tree, and a gift from the class to Mrs. Myra Smith, the teacher, and to Mrs. J. L. Bourn, recent bride.

Sandwiches and candies were served with hot chocolate. Others present were: Misses Edna Taylor, Elva Sykes, Nell Shepperd, Marie Norwood, Rena Walker, Hattie Mae Dunlap, Gladys and Ovella Davis, Mary Talbot, Annie Shelbourne, Vhelma Parrish, Mmes. Canady and O. T. Toney.

Behringer's Employees Feted

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Saylor were hosts Monday evening in their Eighth Street home to employees of the Sam Behringer Grocery.

A wealth of mistletoe and other Christmas decorations including a beautiful tree were used about rooms where games of forty-two and Chinese checkers gave diversion. Gifts were exchanged and the bunch presented Mr. and Mrs. Behringer a lovely remembrance.

Gum drop boutonnieres were favors for the dessert plate served with coffee to: Messrs. and Mmes. Behringer, Vergil Wade, Weldon Howell, Cecil Jones, Elliott Kemp, Mmes. Dora Gressett and Hatton Laxson, Messrs. O. K. Morgan, Bobby Clark and Bryan Gilliam.

Xmas Dinner for Humble Station Employees

Employees of the Humble Booster Station near here were included at a Xmas dinner given at the station Monday evening.

Following the delicious 3-course turkey dinner served in rooms decorated with the Christmas colors. Small reindeer centered foursome tables and favors and game accessories further stressed the chosen theme. Gifts were

exchanged and women received individual gifts from Mrs. W. A. Gee. Employees gave a gift to Mr. and Mrs. Gee. Games of 42 and contract gave diversion.

Present were: Messrs. and Mmes. Gee, L. J. Byers, J. H. Endacott, Noble Touchstone, Buck Henson, Ed Jones, France Jones, Bob Sutphen, J. E. Albright, L. U. Baike, Dick Johnson, G. R. Touchstone, Theo Bell, Bill Campbell, J. C. Wilson, Marvin Bird, Clyde Wilkins, James Phillips, Misses Virginia Gee, Jeanne Endacott, and Simpson, Messrs. John Bill Jones, J. C. Johnson, and Eugene Sutphen. Children of families were also included.

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Rotary Club Xmas Program is Held; 'Buddies' Get Gifts

Ballinger Rotarians forgot the rush of business at noon Tuesday and enjoyed an excellent Christmas program followed by an old fashioned tree with gifts from "buddies" for each person present and also a large amount of food for the adoption of a family.

The club members were very generous in their support of helping some needy family and such gifts as 100 pounds of potatoes, three 24-pound sacks of flour,

sacks of sugar, beans, lard, dried apples, rice, candy, canned fruits, and many other items were left at the tree to be issued by the committee.

Santa Claus was present in person and entertained the members for sometime before commencing the distribution of gifts.

The speaker of the day was Rev. Clarence A. Morton, who delivered an inspiring Christmas message that caused all to think of giving during the gladsome season. Rev. Morton used the "Three Wise Men" as a basis for his talk and showed how they were wise. First they sought, he said, next they found, and then they worshiped.

The speaker declared that even if the real meaning of Christmas were lost sight of, the fact that it caused men to forget for a day the commonplace struggle for worldly things, to open their purses and receive joy from giving, was worth much.

Mrs. Myrta Harshaw, of Long Beach, California, is here to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Tom Agnew, and family. Mrs. Harshaw visited recently in Pennsylvania and at Knoxville, Tennessee, and was at the latter city when the Vols received the invitation to play in the Rose Bowl. She brought newspapers to Ballinger showing the publicity given the team and the school.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barton will spend the Christmas holidays in Comanche with relatives and friends.



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Christmas Show At Texas Theatre Free to Kiddies

The Texas Theatre has a treat for every kiddie in this section. In keeping with the custom of previous years the management has announced a free show for the boys and girls Saturday morning, beginning at 9:30, and every youngster in Ballinger and vicinity is invited to attend.

Manager Jack Scales stated that every boy and girl who wanted to might bring a bundle of clothing, a sack of fruit, a toy or anything to be donated to needy children

in Ballinger. This is not necessary for admission, however, and every children who comes to the Texas will be admitted free. For those who do bring bundles, there will be a large container in the lobby where they may be left.

The management has booked an excellent program for the youngsters which includes cartoons and comedies that are always pleasing to the little folk. The entire Texas staff will be on duty to look after the children and parents may leave them at the theatre and feel perfectly safe.

Last year both floors of the Texas were filled as hundreds of children packed the house for the annual Christmas "party." An even larger audience is expected this year and the house will be

open and warm when the kiddies arrive.

Famous Role for Jackie Cooper in Screenplay

Already securely established as a memorable stage and radio character with legions of fans who treasure him as their own kid brother, Henry Aldrich springs to life and his own defense in Paramount's film version of the two-season Broadway hit, "What a Life," which is to be shown at the Texas Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday.

To Jackie Cooper went the coveted role in the authentic comedy of rampant and romantic high school youth, and reports emanating from the film capital have it that he has scored as

solidly as he did in "Skippy," which he did for the same studio in his knee-pants days. Betty Fields, who earned critical approval in the stage play undertakes the role of Jackie's girl friend.

"What a Life" tells of the adventures and misadventures of the most misunderstood youngster of the century as he blithely cuts a wide and wild swath in local high school circles. Henry is blamed for everything on the calendar except Thanksgiving, and everything falls on him but Plymouth Rock.

As each prank sinks him closer to disgrace he calls on his excuse-making genius and succeeds in falling miserably until a final brilliant stroke transforms him from hapless to heroic in a series of side-splitting sequences.

We are planning to have our Xmas program Thursday night. The public is invited.

BARNETT

There was nice attendance at Sunday school Sunday and we urge others to come. We are to elect new officers and teachers the last Sunday of this month, which will be December 31, so we urge everyone to be present.

The school here will be closed Thursday for ten days. There is to be a program and a Christmas tree Thursday night.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Walter Kerby is still having to stay in bed. We hope she will soon be up and about.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tyree and son spent Sunday at Paint Rock with Mrs. Tyree's sister, Miss Gladys Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ashton and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Tyree Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Tyree and son spent last Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nelson and family, of Harmony.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burks and family spent Sunday with relatives at Ballinger.

Miss Mertha Kerby, of Crews, spent part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kerby and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cooper and son, of Blanton, have moved on the J. Wiley place.

Several have killed hogs the past week or so.

Those who visited in the Walter Kirby home Sunday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Will Tyree and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Norman and family.

Almost everyone is finishing up cotton picking.

Mr. and Mrs. Burtis Jones and

son, and Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cooper and son Sunday night.

BLANTON 4-H BOYS' CLUB

Seven members of the Blanton boys' 4-H club met at the school house on December 15. County Agent John A. Barton was present and had charge of a contest in which boys were called upon to imitate various animals and fowls. A small prize was given to the best in several of the numbers.

At the business session the county agent gave assistance to the members in making out their records for the year and discussing projects for 1940. Boys were advised what work to take up for the new year and given special information on livestock feeding and the growing of necessary crops for that purpose.

After the business period a social hour was enjoyed by all present.

MRS. LACY TO GIVE DINNER FOR KIDDIES

Mrs. C. W. Lacy will have as guests at a Christmas dinner Saturday evening at the Central Hotel, eleven small children from homes in Ballinger where there will be no Santa Claus this year. She has picked the kiddies who would not have a Christmas dinner and will take them to the hotel where a delicious meal will be served and following gifts from a Christmas tree are to be distributed.

The group will meet at the hotel for the festivities at 6:30 p. m.

Misses Carmen Demmer and Iola Clayton will leave immediately after the holidays for a visit in New Orleans.

BALLINGER GIRLS ARE HONORED AT BAYLOR

Miss Frances Gustavus, daughter of Mrs. Pyrie Gustavus of Ballinger, was cast in the part of Carolyn Van Bert in the play, "Double Doors," which was presented on the Mary Hardin-Baylor College campus December 14. Miss Gustavus is one of five named to pledgeship in Alpha Psi Omega, national dramatic fraternity, qualifications for which are based on acting and crew work in the Players' Guild, campus dramatic society.

Miss Mary Jo Webb, daughter of Mrs. Aurelia Webb, has been named assistant organization editor of the Bluebonnet, college yearbook. Miss Webb is a freshman.

BALLINGER SCHOOLS OUT THIS AFTERNOON

Students of Ballinger schools were dismissed for the holidays this afternoon and other schools of the county will close tomorrow (Friday) afternoon. Work in the Ballinger schools will not be resumed until January 2 while most of the schools of the county will open January 1.

A number of Ballinger teachers who live elsewhere plan to spend Christmas at their homes and others will visit relatives. Only a few will remain here for all the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Williams and son, Pat Williams, of Abilene, spent the past week-end here, visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Williams and other relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Boelsche left today for a Christmas visit with relatives and friends at Hearne, Industry and Houston.

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BENOIT

The Ladies' Club met with Mrs. C. M. Gibson yesterday. The members exchanged Christmas gifts.

Monroe Werner and Misses Olga and Clara Werner visited in the Milton Gibson home Monday night. They played forty-two and Chinese checkers.

Pupils of the Benoit school will have their Christmas tree Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. All of the mothers will be present.

Those attending Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Martin's forty-two party last Friday night were Mr. and Mrs. Milton Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Cox, Mrs. Cora Clayton and B. J. Condra, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brookshier, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Brookshier, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Ashton, and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd McClure.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Cox gave a turkey dinner last Sunday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Clayton and daughter, Wanda, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brookshier and Louise and Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Brookshier, Mrs. Gordon Gressett of Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McKay of Ballinger, and Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Hoffman and Junior, Dayton and Normagene.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Ashton and children visited Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Cox last night.

Miss Leota Odom, of Ballinger, visited her sister, Mrs. Milton Gibson, Wednesday and Thursday.

EAGLE BRANCH

Hoyt Berry spent the week-end with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Witter, of New Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jacob spent Sunday in Winters with Mr. and Mrs. A. Salgue.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Miles Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Walden, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kurtz and family and J. D. Stinebaugh spent Monday evening with Mrs. Kurtz' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deike, of Cochran.

Mrs. L. J. Elkins and daughter, Norma, of Silver City, New Mexico, are visiting in this community during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kurtz were visitors in San Angelo Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Witter, of New Home, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Berry Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tee Berry visited Mr. and Mrs. Morrison at Crews Sunday.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kurtz Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Tee Berry, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hunt, and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kurtz and their families.

The school honor roll for this month lists the highest ranking student in each grade: First, Shirley Ann Moore; third, Virginia Lee Kurtz; fourth, Eldon Berry; fifth, Gwen Berry; sixth, Hildegard Kurtz; seventh, Loreta Freeman.

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Football Trophy Awarded Cox at Lions Club Affair

The Ballinger Lions Club was host to the entire Ballinger football squad Friday noon at a special luncheon in the boys' honor. This program was combined with the awarding of the H. Ford Taylor trophy to the best all-round player in district 8-A which went this year to Douglas Cox in a poll of all coaches in the district.

In addition to the football players the club had as guests the pep squad leaders, several sports writers of this section, and a number of local fans.

R. J. Hawk was in charge of the first part of the program which included singing of songs, led by R. W. Earnshaw, and a prayer by Rev. A. C. Haynes. Mary Simpson, club sweetheart, introduced the football boys to the club.

Following the luncheon, Jack Nixon, Jr., had charge of the program and introduced Coach Felton T. Wright. Coach Wright stated that the 1939 Bearcat team was the best group it had ever been his privilege to handle and complimented the group on being good sports and boys who could be

depended upon. Coach Paul Gibbs declared the 1939 gridsters capable of everything and one of the best offensive teams he had seen in high school football.

H. Ford Taylor was present to award his trophy and Cox was called to the head of the table. Mr. Taylor announced that he would offer another cup to the best player in the district next year. He then presented the trophy to young Cox, who, in a few words, stated that he wished to express his appreciation for the help of his teammates which made it possible for him to be winner.

Supt. Nat Williams stated that it was times like the boys were having then that really tested them. He pointed out that receiving honors was a fine thing, if the individual could take it without swelling up and letting his hat get too big for him. In no way did he refer to any individual but issued the statement as a general reminder that such strange things did happen and when they did, the whole thing and the individual honored was spoiled.

During the past week-end a number of coaches and football scouts from schools in the South-western conference were here to interview Cox and the local coaches in regard to his plans for entering some college when he finishes the high school. Cox has not definitely decided his plans.

IT IS APPLE CANNING TIME IN TEXAS NOW

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 19.—Discriminating apple eaters have abandoned their slogans about "an apple a day" and are thinking in terms of larger quantities, now that a big crop of apples is on the way to market. So far the price of apples has been relatively low.

A good apple buyer thinks first of selecting the fruit according to the purpose for which it is to be used. Some apples are better to eat raw, especially the Delicious varieties; the more tart and firm ones are better for preserving. The latter group is abundant, and this is good news for those who were unable to fill their pantry shelves with canned fruit during the summer.

Miss Grace I. Neely, specialist in food preservation for the A. & M. College extension service, offers this suggestion: "Apples for canning should have firm, white flesh and a tart taste. Apples which lose their shape during cooking are best used for sauce or apple butter, while apples that darken in processing are undesirable for canning."

Buyers are warned against buying of dirty looking apples as possible bearers of excessive spray residue. A good buyer can discern the difference between blemishes that mean waste and the surface marks that mean nothing but lower prices. Medium sized apples are generally a better buy with less waste.

Several Texas counties are producing their own apples such as King David, Jonathan, Red Del-

Texan Wins Biggest Steer Award



Mayfield Kothmann (center), 15-year-old Texan from Mason County, Texas, whose Hereford steer, Lucky Boy II, won the blue ribbon awarded for the grand champion beef animal at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago, is shown with President S. G. McAllister of the International Harvester Company (left), and Miss Gertrude L. Warren (right), field agent in 4-H Club work, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. Young Kothmann, the first Texas boy to win this premier national livestock award, was congratulated while in Chicago by Mr. McAllister and Miss Warren for his skill in feeding and developing the outstanding beef animal in the United States during 1939.

icious and Golden Delicious, but the majority of Texas apple eaters must still depend on buying apples shipped from other states. Jonathan and Red Delicious are generally available in the early fall, the specialist says, and a little later the Winesap and the Arkansas Black will appear. A few other varieties can be found at this season in some of the larger markets.

Travel agencies estimate that in 1939 American automobiles will travel a total of 250,000,000 miles, or an average of about 8,875 miles each.

WIDOW PAINTS KEYHOLES FOR LONDON 'BLACKOUTS'

LONDON, Dec. 20.—War has created a new vocation for Mrs. M. Hagborg, a widow, of Sutton, England. She is painting keyholes in luminous paint for 25 cents a hole. "It takes me five or six minutes to do one keyhole," she said. "I have already collected a large sum, which is being sent to charity."

Mrs. Hagborg also paints small animal and bird ornaments for women to wear on their hats and coats so they may be seen in the dark.

Wildlife Briefs

Quail built a church for the Liberty community in Northeast Texas.

In 1934 a group of sportsmen in Sulphur Springs and surrounding towns formed the East Texas Field Trial Association. Seeking a suitable area in which to hold the annual trials, the association finally settled upon Liberty community in Hopkins county. Quail were more plentiful in some other sections, but the spirit of cooperation of residents of Liberty community sold the association.

When the field trials officials presented their problem to the community, landowners saw an opportunity to realize money from their quail crop without harvesting it—a case of eating cake and still having it. So an agreement was reached with the understanding the residents of the community would attempt to build up their supply of quail.

It costs \$3 to enter a dog in the field trials. \$1 goes to the association, \$1 to the Liberty community and \$1 is for the prize fund. The women of the community add to the proceeds by serving meals.

The affair turned out so successfully that in 1938 the proceeds from the trials was sufficient to enable Liberty community to erect a substantial church.

From the fruits of early success has come seeds of greater ambition. Both the association and the Liberty community residents now feel that more quail on their farms will mean even greater income. Last summer they asked the Texas game, fish and oyster commission to assist with technical advice on methods of producing a larger bobwhite crop. The game department biologist for that region made a survey of the locality and concluded that too many fields were devoid of either sufficient food, cover, or both. Consequently, 13 land operators have agreed to build 36 different food and shelter patches. The association agreed to furnish the wire for fencing purposes while the land owners are furnishing the labor.

Ever hear of a wild goose bigger than 25½ pounds being killed in Texas? If so the state game department would appreciate information Jake Moody, of Lufkin, bagged a goose that big on the opening day of the season at the K. P. Hunting Club in Trinity county.

George Walker, a veteran Lufkin sportsman who recently observed his eighty-third birthday, will tell you hunting conditions are better in Texas than they have been in a good many years. The vet East Texan bagged a buck in the Lufkin territory the opening day of the deer season and went to the Gulf coast the following day. He brought back his limit of geese and ducks that night.

Early reports to the state game department indicate deer are more plentiful in East Texas than they have been for many seasons. More are being killed this year.

Should Texas ever have an open season on buck antelope, which is far from being an impossibility, you may hear of a doe being mistaken for a buck and being killed. It is a very rare occasion

when an antelope doe is found with a full pronged horn as large as those grown by a buck antelope. However, one was rounded-up in the state game department's drive on antelope on the Brennand ranch near Sterling City recently. The doe appeared to be a barren animal. Buck antelope have a horn which curves back in a hook-like shape and the prong is full. Does have a straight horn which does not boast a wide prong.

Dr. George W. Lacy, of Fort Worth, may have set a record for other Texans to shoot at when the hunting season lasted just two minutes for him. Hunting in Gillespie county on the opening day, Dr. Lacy killed a pair of bucks within two minutes after he started hunting. And that's another record the game department would like to know about if it is ever broken.

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TEXAS ALLOTMENTS LISTED FOR THE COMING YEAR

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 20.—Total soil-depleting acreage allotments for Texas in 1940 will vary little from allotments in 1939. E. N. Holmgreen, state AAA administrator at College Station, has announced.

The state's rice allotment has been increased to 10,220 acres, the wheat allotment 352,245 acres, and the peanut allotment 106,587. Holmgreen said, while the cotton allotment has been reduced 139,977 acres.

For 1940 the cotton allotment will be 9,999,180 acres, compared with an allotment in 1939 of 10,139,157 acres, Holmgreen said.

With the national acreage goal for rice increased from 850,000-880,000 to 880,000-900,000, the Texas allotment was increased from 189,300 acres to 199,500 acres, the administrator said.

For wheat the Texas 1940 allotment is 4,073,946 acres, compared with 3,721,701 acres for 1939, he said. The national wheat acreage goal is from 60,000,000 to 65,000,000 acres, an increase of 5,000,000 acres.

Reduced slightly, the general crop acreage allotment for the state will be 14,509,010 acres, while in 1939 it was 14,853,000 acres, he announced.

The state's peanut allotments for the two years do not offer a fair comparison, Holmgreen said, since in 1939 only eight counties had allotments, totaling 120,650 acres. In 1940, however, a state allotment of 227,237 acres has been set up for all peanuts grown for commercial use, an increase of 5,539 acres over the usual acreage of 221,698 acres planted in the state.

Total cropland in Texas in 1940 is figured at 38,898,074 acres, a slight increase over the 38,853,000 acres of cropland in 1939, the administrator pointed out.



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Morning Christmas worship, 11 a. m. Sermon, "The Quest for the King."
Vesper Christmas worship, 8 p. m.

Beginning at 4:45 p. m., an orchestra of young men, with Miss Clara Beth Lynn at the piano, will play Christmas music as the congregation gathers. At 8:00 the choir professional begins.
The choir will be assisted by a young girls' choir in the singing of Christmas carols. Two special anthems, "The Christmas Glory Song"—Meredith, and "Peaceful and Holy the Night"—Ira Wilson, will be rendered. Paul Trimmer, Jr. will play a violin solo as offertory for receiving of the joy gift.
The Christmas message will be a reading by the pastor entitled, "The Shepherd's Story."
As the close there will be a candle lighting service in which everyone present may participate.

DWIGHT A. SHARPE, Pastor
Church of the Nazarene
(Ninth at Harris)
Sunday, December 24, 1939:
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 o'clock, sermon by the pastor.
Young People's Society, 4:45 p. m.
Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock, sermon by the pastor.
Monday:
Woman's Missionary Society, 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday:
Mid-week prayer service, 7:30 p. m.
H. E. SPENCER, Pastor

Ballinger Baptist Church
(400 Eighth Street)
Sunday, December 24:
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
11 a. m., sermon by pastor.
4 p. m., Training Union.
7 p. m., sermon.
The Christmas scene will remain in the auditorium.
Thank to the overflowing crowd which attended the choir and tableaux last Sunday night.
A merry Christmas to all.
CLARENCE A. MORTON, Pastor.

First Methodist Church
(Tenth Street)
Sunday, December 24:
Long years ago there was no room for Jesus Christ in the inn. Show your room for Him in your life! Come, worship the Lord. A cordial welcome awaits you at each service.
9:45 a. m., church school. Sam Behringer, superintendent. Bring the family to Sunday school. There is a class for each member of the family.
11 a. m., morning worship. The subject of the sermon will be, "Comfort from Christmas." You will enjoy the singing by the choir directed by Mr. Troy Simpson.
4:15 p. m., Epworth League or Fellowship programs.
7 p. m., evening program. Don't miss this evening service of Christmas hymns. The pastor will preach. The subject of the sermon will be, "Why the Angels Sing." Bring the family or a friend.
Monday:
The Woman's Missionary Society will not meet.
Wednesday:
There will be no church night services nor choir rehearsal.
Look forward to great services next Sunday, closing with a watch night service.
AUBREY C. HAYNES, Pastor.

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church
Sunday, December 24, 1939:
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
11 a. m., preaching by pastor.
7:00 p. m., senior young people.
7:30 p. m., Christmas pageant.
Wednesday:
7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.
FRED CLARK, Pastor.

First Christian Church
(Broadway and Murrell)
Bible school rally at 9:45 sharp in the morning.
11 a. m., morning worship, sermon by pastor.
Vesper services, 5 p. m.
You are cordially invited to worship with us.
JAS. T. McKESSICK, Minister.

Church of Christ
(Eighth Street, Bonnal Avenue)
Sunday:
Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Preaching and communion services, 11 a. m.
Preaching, 7 p. m.
Monday:
Ladies' Bible class, 3 p. m.
Wednesday:
Prayer meeting services, 7 p. m.
A friendly welcome awaits you.

Grace Baptist Church
(Eighth Street)
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning service, 11 o'clock.
Evening service, 7:45 o'clock.
Wednesday evening prayer service, 7:45 o'clock.
JOE HULL, Pastor.

Four-square Gospel Church
(104 North Twelfth Street)
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 o'clock.
Evangelistic service, 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.
Young People's service, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.
A welcome to all crusaders.
E. N. MURGATROYD, Pastor.

Church of God
(Corner of Sixth and Strong)
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Preaching, 11 a. m., Rev. G. B. Walters, of Sweetwater, preaching.
Junior meeting at 5 p. m.
Young people's meeting at 7 p. m.
Preaching, 7:30 p. m., by Rev. Walters.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7 p. m.
Bible study, Friday, 7 p. m.
LYDIA COUVISIER, Supt.

19-MILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRY
COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 19.—Christmas trees have become a 19-million dollar industry in the United States, according to C. W. Simmons, farm forester for the Texas A. & M. College extension service, who points out that the Texas Christmas tree market may be a source of additional income to owners of farm timber. Cutting of Christmas trees on a commercial basis should be done primarily to improve the condition of the remaining trees, he says. Pines, eastern red cedar, yuonon, and liveoak are among the Texas trees suitable for Christmas use.

ATTRACTION FOOD GIFTS
COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 19.—Farm folks have a source for Christmas gifts that people living in town do not have, according to Minnie May Grubb, district agent for the Texas A. & M. College extension service. A quart of pickled peaches, a jar of strawberry preserves, or some other delicacy from the pantry makes a nice gift. Small fruit cakes wrapped with the recipe on top, packages of home prepared honey, jelly, shelled pecans or persimmons are attractive gifts which do not entail much expense to the farm housewife.

THEY MUST FIT
COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 20.—Furniture slip covers and dresses have much in common, according to Mrs. Bernice Claytor, specialist in home improvement for the A. & M. College extension service. Each must fit perfectly, be well tailored, easy to launder or clean and suit the chair or a dress should suit a person.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Truett, of Sonora, are here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Canady, Mrs. Truett's parents.

September shipments by Texaco and Gulf refineries at Port Arthur totaled 9,862,029 barrels of crude oil and refined products, officials announced.

NOTICE
Our Coffee Shop will be closed from Saturday afternoon until Tuesday morning at breakfast. This is done to give employees time for Christmas and because that practically all our guests will be away and few diners during the holidays.

Let us wish everyone
**A Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year**
Central Hotel
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gosnell

Miss Norma Gene Bankston came in Tuesday from Lubbock to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Ruth Bankston, and other relatives and friends. She is attending Texas Technological College.
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schnable will spend the Christmas holidays in Shawnee, Oklahoma, with Mr. Schnable's parents.
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Paxton will leave tomorrow (Friday) for Mississippi to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

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Women's, Society and Club News

No-Hostess Supper for Volunteer Class

Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff was assisted by Mrs. Ernest Moody Monday evening when members of the Baptist Volunteer Class were guests at a no-hostess supper in her Wilke Terrace home.

Conventional emblems of the season and a lighted tree decked the living room. Red roses in a low crystal bowl centered the damask-laid dining table and red tapers in crystal holders were used on the buffet. Following the delectable three-course dinner exchange gifts were distributed.

Present were: Misses Gladys Spann, Mildred Doherty, Janie Flynt, Ruby Nance, Ann Morton, Tommie Mansell, Erma Roberson, Marcellie Jonas, Evelyn McAden, Ella Marie Witter and Sybil Kenley.

Sommers Are Hosts

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sommers were hosts Tuesday evening in their home on Ninth Street to Ace of Clubs contract members with husbands as added guests.

Numerous red candles, with holders encircled with holly, placed about reception rooms gave a lovely soft light. Mistletoe in profusion with other Christmas decorations including the Bethlehem scene on the mantel gave added festiveness. Four tall red tapers flanked the dining table centerpiece of Santa with sled and reindeer.

In contract games, played after the three-course turkey dinner, Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff and Royal Bishop received high score awards, Mr. Grindstaff the low and Rothal O'Kelly the traveling prize. Exchange gifts were distributed by Marilyn Sommers and Bobby

Agnew.

Included were: Messrs. and Mmes. Bishop, Grindstaff, O'Kelly, J. D. Forman, W. E. Moss, Roy Miller, H. G. Agnew and Felton Wright.

Mrs. Bill Campbell Hostess to Humble Sewing Club

Mrs. Bill Campbell was hostess to Humble Sewing Club members in her home on Broadway.

Exchange gifts were distributed from a pretty Xmas tree and pals were revealed. A sandwich plate was served with coffee to: Mmes. Wix Currie, Jr., Ed Jones, J. C. Wilson, Clyde Wilkins, James Phillips, W. A. Gee, J. L. Byers, Cross, J. E. Allbright, Marvin Bird, France Jones and Miss Virginia Gee.

Baptist T. E. L. Class Has Xmas Party

The A. M. King home was the scene of a Christmas party given for the Baptist T. E. L. Class Tuesday evening.

In colorfully decorated rooms Mrs. L. Schermerhorn played piano selections and John A. Killough cornet numbers following a devotional service. Mrs. T. A. Rape gave the Christmas story.

Exchange gifts were distributed from the pretty tree. A plate of sandwiches and cookies was served with hot chocolate to: Mmes. King, W. B. Dunlap, Frank Hutto, A. S. Love, M. C. Boyd, J. A. Thomas, J. T. Wiley, I. D. Thompson, F. M. Hale, J. A. Norwood, W. E. Harvey, Henry Doherty, L. Varley, W. A. Nance, John McKay, W. A. Forgey, C. D. Mills, W. M. Ashton, John Dean, L. E. Bair, Wisdom, L. K. Parr, J. E. Jones, T. J. McCaughan, T. A. Rape, Carl Smith, H. O. Campbell, R. E. Lane,

S. W. Burks, A. F. Kemp, T. J. Parrish, Mae Lloyd, G. B. Nixon, A. L. Spann, F. W. Wellhausen, R. P. Canady, E. L. DeWitt, W. J. Drace, and Miss Alice Thomas.

Murchisons Are Hosts

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Murchison were hosts last Friday evening to a contract club in their home on Phillips Avenue.

Decorations were suggestive of the Yule season as were game appointments and the refreshment plate of sandwiches and cherry tarts served with salted nuts and coffee.

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Cheatham received high couple score prize. Others included Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Bailey, Messrs. and Mmes. Hill Hampton, Arthur Giesecke, George Kirk, Alex McGregor, Jack Rudd, Robert Bruce and W. B. Woody.

Mrs. Nixon Hostess to Club

Mrs. P. A. Nixon entertained contract club members and friends who played substitute hands Tuesday afternoon in her home on Broadway.

Narcissus blossoms, a sugar plum tree and various Xmas symbols gave added attractiveness to rooms where tiny cedar and berry wreaths adorned game appointments. Mrs. James Parrish received high score prize and Mrs. Tom Guin the bingo trophy.

Gifts were exchanged from a lovely tree following the tea hour. Others included: Mmes. Clinton Glover, Jack Scales, W. B. May, Joe Eubank, Joe Beck, Jr., G. A. Swann, R. J. Hawk and O. L. Huddleston.

Six Are Hostesses to Alathan Class

Mmes. Ruth Bankston, Bertie Haynes, Dee Ferguson, A. O. Bartlett, Weldon Howell and R. E. White were hostesses to the Baptist Alathan Class last Friday evening in the church parlors on Eighth Street.

A fireplace with large decorated tree at one side and candles atop the mantel formed the central room decoration where a short business session was followed by the informal social hour. Gifts, hand made from materials exchanged two months ago, were returned and Mrs. B. C. Kirk, teacher of the class, received a beautiful remembrance.

The hostesses served a salad plate with coffee to: Mmes. O. C. Sykes, J. E. Arterburn, E. P. Talbott, Everett Witter, Robert Lowry, Kirk, C. W. Jennings, Henry Does, L. R. Tigner, R. E. Truly, Pyle Gustavus, Delbert Vancil, L. B. Rudder, James Wear, J. A. Williams, Hugh Parrish, J. F. Owen, J. H. Parrish, Lee Sykes, George McMillan, Fred Holliday, and Miss Susie Rogers.

Annual Christmas Party for B. & P. W. Club

Misses Nanell Jones and Sarah Harwell were hostesses Tuesday evening at the regular annual Christmas party for the Business and Professional Women's Club.

The decoration for the one long table was unusually lovely. In the exact center was an arrangement of white candles in silver holders simulating a miniature cathedral on reflector. Around this, and all along the board, were silver bells and sprigs of holly and evergreens. Xmas bells adorned place cards.

Miss Evelyn Crowell directed games following the three-course turkey dinner and a gift exchange from the pretty tree concluded the festivities.

Others present were: Mmes. Carmen Lawrence and Velma Daniels, Misses Alida Macune, Myra Tankersley, Bettie Stewart, Vera Taylor, Kathryn Atwell, Alta Parrish, Wynis Greer, Elouise Jones and Gladys Davis.

Junior Woman's Club in Killough Home

The Junior Woman's Club combined a study program with a Xmas party Wednesday afternoon in the home of its president, Mrs. J. A. Killough, on Eighth Street.

Rooms were elaborately decorated in the Christmas theme with the dining table centerpiece especially pretty. Fruit and sprays of snow-covered spruce were combined with red candles.

Miss Edna Taylor was program leader with Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff reading a paper on "Paraguay, Uruguay." Mrs. Thomas B. Hill reading the legend "Huirakhocha, a Story of Guile," and Miss Pauline Morley discussing Christmas in South America.

Miss Carmen Demmer, violinist, and Miss Lola Clayton, pianist, played carols as gifts were exchanged.

During the social hour, the committee, Mrs. Rothal O'Kelly, Mrs. Roy Miller and Mrs. Mike Wright, served a plate of plum pudding topped with whipped cream and Russian tea. Favors were snow-

covered holly corsages.

Others present were: Misses Eugenia Baskin, Elizabeth Hoffman, Elouise Jones, Mary Jane Kiechle, Cleo Lane, Cathryn O'Neal, Maurine Tipton, Mmes. J. D. Eoff, J. M. Williams, A. B. Fields, Gurthall Gilligan, C. A. Glover, Ernest Moody, W. E. Moss, Layne Moreland, Jack Rogers and F. C. Miller.

Mrs. Dell Bannowsky Honored With Shower

Mrs. Dell Bannowsky, recent bride, who before her marriage was Miss Marguerite Schneider, was complimented Wednesday afternoon by her aunt, Mrs. Bertie Haines, at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. J. M. Schneider. The Christmas symbols were stressed in the decorations.

Gifts were presented the bride by her former schoolmates. Refreshments of hot chocolate and cookies were served to: Mmes. Grafton Brookshier, Roy Clark, Fred McKay, Milton Patterson, Douglass Barnett, Charlie Bannowsky, Hoffman, Joe Thomas, W. A. Ashton, Wallace Barnett, Gentry, Schneider, Haines, Mary Green, Waechter, George Blackmon, John McKay, Beaver, Buri Kemp, Roy McClure, Misses Zella Spreen, Eileen Smith, Virginia Fowler, Erma Roberson, Lenora Planagan, Jessie Ruth Schneider, Grace Walden and Ruth Ashton.

Ronald Bush Celebrates Fourth Birthday Anniversary

Mrs. Clyde Bush entertained for her son, Ronald, on his fourth birthday with a party at the home last Saturday afternoon. Christmas decorations were used in the rooms and gifts were placed around the decorated tree.

After an hour of playing the birthday cake was served with cookies and soda pop.

Present were: Joan Douglass, Sue Douglass, Ann Stasney, Carol Ann Cobden, C. C. Davis, Jr., Joan Wood, Dolores Wade, Janet Rae McShan, Anita Wade, Gwendolyn

Douglass, Martha Neil McAlpine, Fred Edward Vogelsang, and Jimmie Bush.

JANUARY 2 DEADLINE TO FILE FOR ADJUSTED SERVICE BONDS BY WORLD WAR VETERANS

D. G. Posey, service officer for the Ballinger American Legion post, has received information that January 2, 1940, will be the last date for World War veterans to file applications for adjusted service (bonus) certificates and there are still a large number who have never attempted to obtain these benefits.

During the past few weeks Mr. Posey has filed several claims, received the certificates and sent them back and received bonds in payment of them within a few days' time. There are still about 150,000 eligible veterans who have never filed claims with the government for these certificates.

In the case of a deceased veteran who had never received a certificate, a claim may be filed by his widow, children, dependent mother or dependent father, in the order named. A widow who has married is not eligible nor is a child who was over 18 at the time of his father's death, unless the child is incapable of self-support.

There are a number of other changes in the veterans' act that will become effective January 1 and those concerned can get the information from Mr. Posey.

Card of Thanks

May we take this opportunity to thank our many friends for their deeds of kindness during the recent illness and at the death of our father. Especially did we appreciate the beautiful floral offerings.

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As the holiday season approaches let us wish each of our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year. We also wish to express appreciation for the fine support given us in the year past and for helping us to give the news of the county every week. We hope that we can merit a continuance of this support and may serve you even better with each passing year.

People have scurried here and there this week, getting ready for the observance of Christmas. Shoppers have filled the stores daily in looking for articles to complete their gift lists while others have been busy working for children who would not be visited by Santa Claus except for their efforts. Business will cease here Saturday night and stores will remain closed two days for the happy Yuletide.

Ballingerites have done splendidly in caring for families in need this Christmas. The only thing that keeps it from being a perfect job is the fact that all have not been "adopted" and probably will not be by Saturday night, and that there are only limited funds with which to buy food baskets. The reason some are still on the list is not because less has been done by local organizations and individuals, but because the number of needy is greater than ever before and their wants include everything.

Signs of Christmas were everywhere this week. Every mail was full of cheery greeting cards, clerks smiled when year-end bonuses were handed out, children were happy as trees and other church programs were presented, students began their holidays and other signs were evident. The season will continue until after January 1 when pupils resume study.

Christmas is the season that brings more fires than any other of the year. Ballinger firemen have recorded serious fire losses nearly every Christmas in the past and urge every person to use precautions against this possibility. Celebrations and decorations create hazards and unless part of the happiness is taken from the observance of the great event, fires must be reduced. Be careful of the other fellow's property as well as your own.

TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 19— "If Christmas means only 'I want' and 'give me' to your children, start now to help them get the true Christmas spirit," is the suggestion offered by Dossie Hale, specialist in parent education and child development for the A & M. College extension service. Some of the methods she offers are: Take children to short, simple Christmas services; teach them Christmas carols; give all the family a chance to share in Christmas preparations; let children help make the trimmings for the Christmas tree and with the selection of gifts for their friends.

Headache, Bad Breath Tell of More to Come

Just as Paul Revere's famous ride warned of the Redcoats' coming, so Nature's messengers — headaches, biliousness, bad breath — often warn of faulty elimination.

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'Best Dressed' Contender Presents Fashion Preview



What the well-dressed Baby Brummell will wear is beautifully illustrated by Peter B. Good, infant Hollywood actor. At left Peter shows his conception of the well-dressed baby on a rainy day. The three-colored pants carry out the umbrella motif. In center: Sports wear for juvenile fans. Right: A skating ensemble.



WEST TEXAS NOTES

Social service workers at Comanche launched a campaign to raise money to care for the needy in the community during the Christmas holidays. They expected to raise several hundred dollars to provide food, fuel and clothing as well as toys and fruit for those who must have aid this Christmas.

Athletic officials of the Melvin high school staged the first invitational basketball tournament of the year in the new gymnasium there Friday and Saturday. A number of the best teams in this area participated and the new equipment was highly complimented. Coach Herman Gibson, of Melvin, was in charge of the tourney.

Paint Rock churches joined in a union Christmas service last Sunday night at the Presbyterian church. The high school choral club provided some of the music, singing a group of carols on the first part of the program. The church was beautifully decorated and a candle lighting procession opened the service.

A traffic safety movement was launched at Miles last week when

high school boys were organized to look after the safety of smaller children on streets near the school buildings. The patrols have the support of the local officers and all parents and others have been urged to cooperate with the boys in the movement.

The Winters Lions Club took the lead last week in beautifying the town for the holidays. The club enlisted the help of other civic groups and all vacant store windows were decorated. Windows were inspected by judges Monday night and awards for the best announced.

Officials of the Santa Fe railroad and leaders in towns along the line between Brownwood and Menard have about reached an agreement in the company's request to cancel passenger service. It is probable that freight service will be curtailed to some extent and a motor car put on the run to take the place of one passenger train.

Approval by the WPA of a \$200,000 drainage project at Coleman has been announced. The job will require several years to complete, all creeks and draws in

the city limits to be surveyed and work done to stop flood damage after heavy rains. A preliminary survey has already been made and the project is expected to get underway early in 1940.

Members of the Hill Country Fair Association at Junction met last Saturday to elect new officers and directors and initiate plans for the 1940 fair and race meet. The exposition held last August was successful from every standpoint. Many improvements are being made on the race track, the rodeo arena and exhibit halls and the 1940 fair promises to be one of the best attractions in this section.

The ninth annual 4-H club show at Menard will be held on February 19. This date was announced last week after a meeting of club leaders. The show is to be held earlier than usual in order that Menard county boys may show in other expositions.

Eden football fans are entertaining the team after it won the bi-district championship from the Robert Lee crew last week. The Eden team was one of the best class A groups in the state this year and had the loyal support of the fans. The Bulldogs' hardest game of the season was against the Paint Rock Indians which the former took in the last play of the contest by intercepting a pass for a touchdown. They defeated the Robert Lee eleven with ease, the score being 37 to 7.

The Coleman Chamber of Commerce is proffering a unique ser-

vice to customers of Coleman stores during the Christmas gift buying period. Girls have been employed to do all kinds of wrapping free of charge at a central wrapping counter.

Ten Howard Payne College students began training under an airplane pilot last week but will do only ground work for the present. A contract has been let for a suitable hangar and when this is built and a landing field established flying lessons will be given.

Hon. Clyde L. Garrett was honored guest at a banquet given at Cisco last Saturday night by postmasters of the 17th congressional district. Approximately 150 guests, including a number of editors and other special guests from over the district, attended the affair.

The Brady American Legion post is setting its goal for more members in 1940 and the construction of a hut. It is hoped to have 100 members by the first of the year and plans are being drawn for a building where all meeting will be held.

Notice to Farmers and Ranchers
Beginning December 12, the Mid-West Rendering Co. will pick up your dead cattle and horses (must be unskinned) free of charge within a radius of 20 miles. Call our representative collect.
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Hints for the Farm
Furnished by the Extension Service
A. & M. College

One reason children used to be given sulphur and molasses or sassafras tea in the spring to "tone up" their blood was because they got so few green vegetables during the winter months. That's an opinion advanced by Jennie Camp, specialist in home production planning for the A. & M. College extension service.

"The prospects are that we may have to do something equivalent to restoring to grandmother's remedies next spring unless we begin to do something about green vegetables immediately," she warns. An continued drought in much of Texas is not helping any.

"There are a few things that all of us can do no matter where we live and other things that those of us who live in certain sections of the state will find worthwhile. Gardeners in south, east, or central Texas will be justified in taking a risk on planting some vegetables in protected spots in the open garden if rains come soon," the specialist continues.

Where the weather will not permit planting vegetables in the open garden, a frame garden may

provide quick maturing vegetables like mustard and tender greens, spinach, lettuce, parsley, radishes and onions. The specialist says it is wise to get an extra supply of seeds and plant them thick because seed germination is poor this time of the year.

"If you'll soak the seed over night in warm water, they'll germinate faster," Miss Camp says. "You'll need to drain off the water and dry the seed out by mixing with sand in order to separate them for planting. If seed are planted in shallow trenches and the soil packed around them by tramping, the moisture won't dry out so fast and you'll get a better and quicker stand of plants."

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We haven't words to express our appreciation to Dr. Cooper, of Abilene, and Drs. Halley and Bailey for their surgical attention and care. To Miss Smith for her careful nursing and to all Sanitarium attendants. Especially do we thank Mr. E. E. King for his efficient transportation services.

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War and the Dairy Business

The war will have little direct effect on prices of milk, butter, and milk products, economists of the U. S. department bureau of agricultural economics, believe.

At the same time, the war is expected to stimulate industry and thus aid consumers' income. This is expected to bring about increased consumption and better prices. Some increase in consumption would have occurred anyhow, they say.

The popular belief that the World War brought about high prices for dairy products is without foundation. The first effect of the war was to stimulate exports of evaporated milk and cheese and to

curtail imports of the last commodity. Actually this condition accounted for a very small part of United States production, and prices did not go up much during the first two years of the World War.

When prices did improve, the improvement came about, as it is expected to do again, through increases in United States business activity and consumers' income. That increase was accompanied by a general price level advance.

There are some important differences in the picture today and that of 25 years ago. Today U. S. tariff rates on dairy products are much higher than in 1914. England has a tariff on non-empire butter and did not have one in 1914. The net results of these changes in the tariff is to discourage exports of butter and cheese, but to have less effect on exports of concentrated milks.

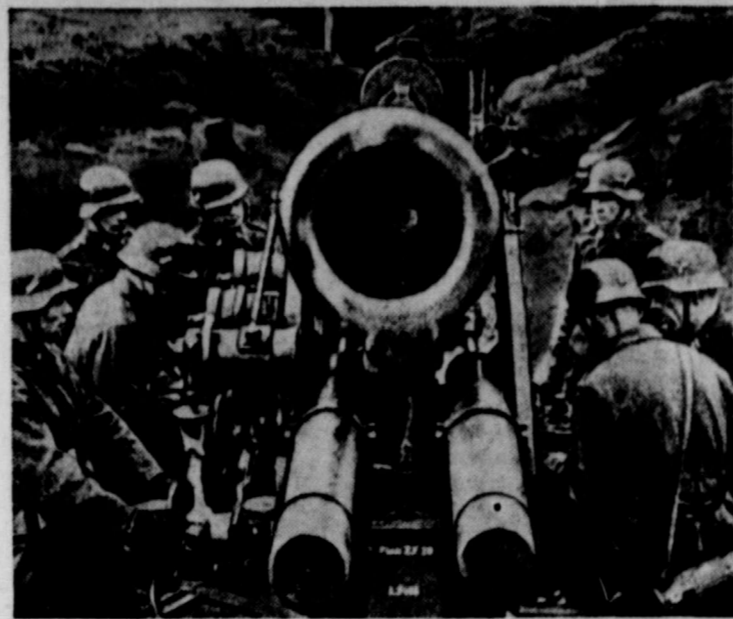
Here are some 1914 tariff rates: butter, 2.5 cents a pound, cheese 20 per cent ad valorem, and other dairy products free. And here is the picture in 1939; the tariff on butter is 14 cents, on cheese 5 cents, on sweetened condensed milk 2.75 cents per pound, and on evaporated milk 1.80 cents per pound.

These rates on butter and cheese kept domestic prices above the world market level. The United States, however, imported more evaporated milk than was exported.

At the present time world production of butter is probably 50 per cent higher than in 1914, but world prices will keep pace with higher domestic prices, and that will tend to hold down competition from other countries.

The chances are, the economists believe, that the United States will gain in exports of concentrated milk, mostly at the Netherlands and Denmark, but the

Germany's Big Guns Support Westwall



Being groomed by its crew is one of the heavy guns Germany has planted in various defense belts behind the Siegfried line to support a formidable string of fortresses. The gun, of unknown caliber, is in a pit dug out of a hillside. The guns are used to support the westwall, and not necessarily as a second line of defense.

exports of butter and cheese will remain about the same. Domestic consumption of milk and milk products will increase, but so will production. Prices will be somewhat stronger.

"Texas dairymen can well learn a lesson from the last war," declared E. R. Eudaly, dairyman of the Texas A. & M. extension service, in commenting on the report. "That lesson is, among other things, that it is profitable production, rather than total production, that pays off the dividends on the dairy herd and that means good cows and plenty of feed."

"Dairymen—all but the really good ones—have been taking a beating for the past few years. It is our hope that Texas dairymen will take advantage of the somewhat better market apparently before us to build up their herds in quality rather than in quantity."

DON'T NEGLECT ORCHARD

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 20.—Many people forget that trees are alive in the winter as well as in the summer and orchards should not be neglected during the dormant period. There's a lot to be done in the fruit orchard in the fall, according to J. F. Rosborough, horticulturist for the A. & M. College extension service. He suggests treating of all peach and plum trees affected with borers, protecting the trees from rabbits, planting peach seeds saved last summer, or planting a cover crop in the orchard if one hasn't already been planted. In those areas where continued drought occurs, the health of the trees may be maintained by irrigating once or twice throughout the winter season.

'Human Cannon Balls' Need Rigid Training

Cliff Gregg of Plymouth, Wis., who trains human cannon balls, has disclosed some of the secrets of the breath-taking trick which thrills circus and exhibition crowds.

Pointing out that the human projectile experiences a few thrills of his own each time he's shot from the cannon, Gregg said:

"The performer enters a shell that is shaped according to his body dimensions. Compressed air shoots the shell violently to the muzzle, which springs back and ejects the performer. Simultaneously, an explosion is set off in another chamber to produce an artillery fire effect."

However, the performer must play his part to perfection if the trick is to be culminated successfully. "As soon as the performer is released he thrusts his head up," Gregg said, "and starts a climbing motion with his arms and legs."

"If he permits his head to drop he will fall short of the net."

He added: "Hitting the net is no simple matter. He lands with such force that the net frequently is torn."

Gregg has built and sold five of the cannons which shoot men—not at them. The guns are designed to hurl a man approximately 150 feet. The net in which the man lands is 50 feet long, Gregg pointed out, because no two performers are alike.

"A slight movement in the actions of the performer will cause the distance he is hurled to vary," he explained.

He declared a man could not be thrown more than 200 feet—"The landing would kill him."

Despite the danger of the profession, Gregg never lacks candidates for the job of human cannon ball.

He said he has a drawer full of applications from young men who think that a firm back and a strong heart are the only requirements. "What they do not understand," he added, "is that the requisites are familiarity with the mechanism, agility, and above all presence of mind."

Presbyterian Young People Will Present Christmas Pageant

Young people of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church will present a Christmas pageant at the evening service Sunday, beginning at 7:30. The theme of the pageant aims at the dramatization of the birth of Christ.

A cast of thirty people, including a large group of children dressed in Oriental costumes will represent such characters as Jacob, Moses, Isaiah, Joseph, Mary, shepherds, angels and pilgrims. The costumes will reflect the dress habits of the people in the time of the Lord's birth and such rustic elements as were associated with the Christ's birth in a stable will be the stage setting. The manger will be placed in a typical winter scene.

Arthur Wiesepape will have charge of effective lighting equipment which will add much beauty and realism to the action of the pageant. The burning bush that Moses saw will be one of these features; the star of Bethlehem, placed high in the church, will become illuminated at a given period of the play, and various colors will be employed as special effects are needed.

The play will consist largely of Christmas songs and the reading of appropriate passages of scripture suited to the character presented.

Mrs. Fred Clark is the director of the pageant and the program is sponsored by the young people's department. While it is presented for its intrinsic worth, an offering will be taken to help swell the funds of the young people who will use it to take care of an orphan in one of the denominational homes and for other work the youths are conducting.

The program is open to the general public, and while it is not asked that members absent themselves from their usual places of worship, all whose coming would not interfere with the loyalty to the church of their choice are invited.

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Death Summons Walter U. Early, Famous Attorney

Walter U. Early, 71, one of the best known figures in this part of West Texas, died in a Brownwood hospital Monday at 1 p. m. He had been in failing health for a number of years and was confined to the hospital for several weeks.

Decedent had made home at Brownwood 46 years and 24 years of that time was district attorney of this section of the state and attended court sessions in Ballinger two to three times a year. After moving to Brownwood he served as city attorney four years, was elected county attorney of Brown county and served six years before being elected district attorney, a position which he held for 24 years and seldom had an opponent for the office.

During his long service as prosecutor he made a reputation that covers the entire South. Some of his most notable cases were in the Rannels county court and people here still remember masterly speeches he made in convicting criminals in difficult trials.

After declining to run for the office of district attorney in 1939 he began practicing law at Brownwood and continued this profession until 1936 when he retired from active life of every kind.

In addition to his law practice he served a number of civic groups at Brownwood and was active in several lodges. He was a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors are four sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Alva Chambers and Miss Lela Early, Brownwood; Mrs. N. B. Knight, Scottsville, Kentucky; Mrs. F. B. Adams, Marshall; F. R. Early, Bangs; and C. Y. Early, Brownwood.

MURDER COST LOW

DURBAN, Union of South Africa, Dec. 20.—Periannan Vandiam, an Indian, has been arrested in Durban, charged with agreeing to pay two assassins \$125 for killing a man.

LONDON SHOW WINDOWS SHOW WAR'S INFLUENCE

LONDON, December 20.—London show windows are showing the influence of the war, especially in toys. An important Regent Street store has a big Maginot Line layout with British and French soldier defending side by side amid anti-aircraft guns, balloons and tanks ready for action. Not for wartime dolls are the frilly party frocks, for they are dressing as auxiliary territorialists, Red Cross nurses, air-raid wardens.

Toys can no longer be imported, and manufacturers are producing copies of those which for years only Germany marketed. Wooden Bavarian toys are being replaced by those fashioned in English villages. Intricate clockwork devices with which German dealers undersold their British rivals in past years are being turned out on a large scale.

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Rose Raleigh, The Brave Little School Maid... Agnes Halfmann
Miss Philipena Popover, With Both Eyes on the Deacon... Mrs. Hubert Eggemeyer
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Villagers... Hubert Eggemeyer, Erwin Lange, Jerome Lange, Sidona Lange, Sidona Multer
Children... Dorothy Halfmann, Dorothy Lange, Dorine Halfmann

Synopsis of the Play

Rose Cottage on an afternoon in June, Yennie Yensen wants to borrow some yumps and decides to bid on the hired man at the auction, as he bane a purty gude looking feller. Miss Philipena arranges for the auction sale. Out of the broken ruins of time fair blossoms grow. God's last amen is a white rose. The Deacon arrives from Sorghum Center, State of West Virginny. The dearest of Rawdon Crawley.

Act II. Wedding bells Happy is the bride that the sun shines on. Deuteronomy and Yennie bring wedding presents. Miss Philipena takes a nap with disastrous results. Yennie is scared. 'Your face ban put on backwards.'

Act III. The husking bee. Songs and merriment by the villagers. Rawdon Crawley has escaped. The Deacon returns from New York. Miss Philipena and the fractious cow. The Deacon's nightmare. The death of Rawdon Crawley. A double wedding and for a honeymoon we'll all go down to Sorghum Center, State of West Virginny.

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O. L. Golden, Jr., is living in the Malcolm Morgan home. He recently finished a course at Gall's Business College, Abilene, and will be associated with the Morgan Garage as bookkeeper and parts man.

Mrs. Henry Coleman and daughter were guests the first part of the week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Swann.

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DEATHS

Mrs. M. C. Smith
Mrs. M. C. Smith, 79, a resident of Ballinger since the town lot sale in 1886, passed away at the family home, 116 Sixth Street, Wednesday at 5:30 p. m. She had been in failing health for a number of years and was critically ill for the past two weeks.

Decedent was born at Blanco and came to Runnels county with her husband in 1886 to make home in the new town of Ballinger. Judge Smith was a prominent attorney of West Texas for many years and kept his office in Ballinger until his death in April, 1921. Mrs. Smith was active in all affairs of the town until her health failed. She was a member and attended religious services at the First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Miss Maryvatt Smith, Ballinger, and Mrs. F. H. Turbeville, Gainesville; two sisters, Mrs. Claude Sullivan and Mrs. Walter Morris, Brownwood; and a brother, Frank Tanner, Del Rio.

Funeral services were held at the residence this afternoon, Rev. Dwight A. Sharpe officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: active, H. W. Lynn, A. McGregor, Paul Trimmer, Oscar Pearson, Frank Pearce, and R. W. Earnshaw; honorary, C. O. Harris, C. F. Bailey, W. B. Halley, O. L. Parish, Hubert Zappe, James Wear, George Stowe, E. M. Lynn, Nat Williams, C. A. Doore and Will Doose.

King-Holt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Wright
Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Wright, 79, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. David Taylor, in Bunkie, Louisiana, at 6:30 a. m. Saturday, December 16. The body was shipped to San Antonio for cremation and from there the ashes were sent to Ballinger, being received here by the King-Holt Funeral Home Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and two children arrived here from Bunkie Wednesday morning and perfected arrangements for interment in Evergreen Cemetery that afternoon at 2 o'clock, in the presence of only a few close friends of the family. Rev. Clarence A. Morton offered the prayer at the graveside as the only service held locally.

Mrs. Wright came to Runnels county with her husband in the pioneer days and resided for many years on the large Wood & Wright ranch in the northern part of the county. Her husband died in 1924 and the family moved away from here soon afterward. For the past twelve years decedent had been an invalid.

Survivors include the daughter, Mrs. David Taylor, of Bunkie, Louisiana; a brother, Sid Turner, of San Antonio, who was present for the interment; four sisters, Mrs. Will Meek, Melvin; Mrs. Paul VanWinkle, San Antonio; Mrs. W. B. Petty and Mrs. Kate Crowder, Mt. Vernon.

King-Holt Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

R. J. Bryant
R. J. Bryant, 73, died at the home of his son, W. M. Bryant, three miles north of Ballinger, Friday at 7 a. m. after illness of several weeks' duration. Decedent moved to Runnels county from Northeast Texas 11 years ago and made home in this county ever since. His wife died in 1930.

His condition had been critical for some time and relatives had been summoned to his bedside. He became weaker Thursday night and passed away early Friday.

The body was prepared for burial here by the King-Holt Funeral Home and taken overland to Commerce Friday afternoon and turned over to the Odum Funeral Home for final arrangements.

Funeral services were held at Sunny Point Saturday afternoon, Rev. Robert Ridley officiating. Interment followed in the cemetery at that place.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Cal Adair, Ballinger; four sons, W. M. Bryant, Ballinger; Jack Bryant, Wichita Falls; R. J. Bryant, Fort Worth; Carl Bryant,

Greenville; and eighteen grandchildren.

BIRTHS

Lloyd Guevaro
Lloyd Guevaro, 15, died in a San Angelo hospital Wednesday, December 11. He had been in ill health for some time and was taken to the hospital for treatment.

Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Church last Thursday afternoon. Rev. A. J. Tallion officiating, and interment was made in the Mexican Catholic cemetery.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Guevaro, and three brothers and three sisters are the only immediate survivors.

King-Holt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Herring are entertaining a fine baby girl, who arrived Friday. The young lady has been christened Lynn Herring.

Mrs. Ray Tisdale will be able to return home with her baby from Dallas in a few days. The baby was born there two weeks ago and mother and infant are doing nicely. Mr. Tisdale will go there Christmas and hopes to bring them back to Ballinger.

TRIMMIE IS GUEST SOLOIST AT COLEMAN

Paul Trimmer, Jr., was guest soloist for the Coleman Civic Chorus last Sunday evening when the group presented its annual Christmas concert at the Coleman Baptist church. He played with the Hardin-Simmons orchestra at Abilene Sunday afternoon when a chorus sang "The Messiah," by Handel, and Judge and Mrs. Paul Trimmer, his parents, were there to take him to Coleman at the end of this program and in time for his appearance in the night concert at Coleman.

The young man will be here this week-end to spend Christmas and will be heard on the program at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday evening.



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CONCHO COUNTY MAN DIES IN LOCAL JAIL

Joe Stephens, 45, died in the Runnels county jail here some time Saturday night. He was found dead in his cell by Deputy A. T. Buchanan early Sunday morning when he started a round of inspection.

Stephens was brought here Saturday night by Sheriff Hubert Stephenson, of Concho county, and turned over to Deputy Buchanan. At 2 o'clock Sunday morning he appeared to be all right.

Dr. J. W. Macune, county health officer, announced after an autopsy that decedent succumbed from a "blocked heart." Justice of the Peace G. A. Jarrett rendered a coroner's verdict based on the findings of Dr. Macune.

The body was turned over to an Eden funeral director for burial in the Eden cemetery.

Storage is—

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drilling in a short time. Drilling was underway today at 1,225 feet on the Tucker-Castor-Fowler test and it was expected to begin setting 10-inch casing to 1,350 feet Saturday.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME

The Ralph Smith home on Ninth Street was partly consumed by fire Friday morning about 1:20. There was no one at home that night and the fire had made good headway when the alarm was sounded. Firemen soon put the blaze under control but had to return later and continue their work after the embers flared up again.

The house was the property of M. E. Boggess and both the building and contents were badly damaged.

Bob Tunnell was taken to a San Angelo hospital Tuesday for treatment. Mr. Tunnell sustained a serious heart attack Monday evening after feeling ill several days previously.

Christmas Parade—

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The Ballinger Rotary Club, rode in a new Pontiac sedan decorated in red cellophane. She wore a red evening dress and carried the slogan of the club, "Service Above Self."

The only two out-of-town entries came from the Millview school. Two pretty girls, Miss Pauline Mosley, of the home economics department; and Miss Peggy Jean Stephenson, F. F. A. "sweetheart," both were beautifully costumed and rode in a car in the parade.

In the toyland parade, two-year-old Jon Schnable, the "big" bass drummer, won the hearts of the judges as well as first place and ten new \$1 bills. Jon led the line of kiddy marchers and was indifferent to everything about him, giving all his attention to the beating of his drum.

Second place went to LaVelle Foy and Tookie Waide, dressed to represent the Bible characters of Mary and Joseph. Third place was given Nelda Morgan, who was appropriately dressed, riding a tricycle and pulling a little wagon upon which was mounted a Christmas tree. Charles Parrish represented "Little Bo Peep Dressed in Blue" and was awarded fourth place. The fifth and last on the winning list was Ercelynn Ritter as the "Little Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe." Cash prizes of \$10, \$7.50, \$5, \$2.50 and \$1 were paid the winners.

At noon all the entries in the "Miss Merry Christmas" contest were guests of the Ballinger Board of Community Development at a luncheon at the Central Hotel. Gus Barr was in charge of this feature and special guests were the four judges, Brooks Peden, Abilene Chamber of Commerce;

George Zoller, American Airlines, Abilene; James Jordan, San Angelo Merchants' Board of Trade, and Fred Gipson, San Angelo Standard-Times.

STROBLE ATTENDS BROTHER'S FUNERAL

L. L. Stroble returned Tuesday night from San Saba, where he had been to attend the funeral of his brother, Arthur Stroble, who died in an Austin hospital Monday at 8:45 p. m. He had been ill six weeks.

Funeral services were held at

the San Saba Baptist church Tuesday afternoon. Interment followed in the San Saba cemetery.

Survivors include a son, Orland Stroble, and a daughter, Mrs. Roy Sowers, both of San Saba. Brothers attending the funeral were J. L. Stroble, Austin, and L. L. Stroble, Ballinger. A sister, Mrs. Marvin Potteet, of Austin, was also present.

Mrs. Elizabeth de Montmolin, of Evansville, Indiana, and Frances de Montmolin and Carolyn Wilson, of Montgomery, Alabama, are here to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. D. R. Hall.

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Noise Aids Vision, Especially in Color, Tests Seem to Show

MOSCOW, December 20.—People see better in noisy places especially if the colors they are seeing are blue or green. It has been discovered by Prof. S. V. Kravkov, according to his recent report to the Academy of Sciences.

The experiments were made by testing the sensitivity of the eyes of a group of supposedly normal people to green or blue light and to orange or red light. Tests were made sometimes when the ears also were stimulated by sound, at other times in perfect quiet with no ear stimulation.

For green and blue light the eye sensitivity was found to be increased notably by hearing sound at the same time.

On the other hand, ear use decreased the eye's sensitivity for orange or red light instead of

increasing it.

Since average eyes normally are most sensitive to green light, the net effect of hearing sounds is to improve vision. Whether mere sounds, such as music or speech, are the most effective in stimulating sight has not yet been tested. The theory is that all human sense mechanisms are more or less linked together, what the eye sees being controlled in part by a nervous network located between it and the brain. Ear stimulation apparently reacts on this network to make the eye more sensitive.

The increase of eye sensitivity by sound may be the reason why many people prefer to close their eyes when listening to music, thus cutting off an eye stimulus which may become strong enough to be unpleasant. Street noise may make green traffic lights brighter and red ones dimmer.

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"This One Will Suit Uncle Bob"



Carrying books to shut-ins and those remote from libraries is a practical Scout Good Turn encouraged by Dr. James E. West (inset), Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America and Editor of Boys' Life, whose conviction that the greatest single influence over the mind of man is still the printed word is based on the stimulation and inspiration derived from reading habits started during boyhood in a Washington, D. C., orphanage.

"In this year 1939, the greatest single influence over the mind of man is still the printed word," declares Dr. James E. West, chief Scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America and editor of Boys' Life, in rallying the more than 300,000 adult Scout leaders of the country to the extension of the reading program of the Boy Scout movement. These men, the largest group of volunteer workers with boys ever enlisted in the support of any social program, will in turn, as part of Boys' Life Week, from December 10 to 16, urge parents to support the effort to provide good books and magazines for their children.

"I have always felt it to be the duty of our movement," Dr. West added in his message to Scout leaders, "to give the boys of America the vital factors for character growth and citizens training that can be conveyed through the printed page. It is my personal conviction that reading

is an essential factor in the leisure time of almost all boys. Wholesome reading does, in a very definite and practical fashion, supplement the idealism of the Boy Scout program.

Noteworthy Haircut

While this haircut does not rank in historical importance with that Delilah gave Samson, it is nevertheless noteworthy because it brought two people into police court, cost them \$25 each. Vernon Swan left a Milwaukee barber shop proud of the artistic job that had been done on his hair, wended to a near-by tavern to submit the trim to critical inspection of his friends. Oscar Meyer took full cognizance of the haircut, deliberated thoughtfully, gave this verdict: "Lousy." There was bedlam in the barroom which ended with both men in court and Swan with three artistic stitches embroidered in his newly shorn scalp.

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Hide Away Extra Toys So You'll Have Reserve For 'Indoor' Days Later

Most children are flooded with so many toys on Christmas day that they're positively bewildered and therefore jump from one plaything to another uncertainly. This is why so many child experts recommend that mothers take away and store out of sight certain of the youngsters' new possessions. When a spell of bad weather comes later to



Too many toys confuse the child.

keep the children in the house, bring out one or more of the toys in this reserve supply. Or do it when you have special company of your own and want to be sure of peace and quiet. There are two reasons for this. First, children enjoy playing intensively with a few things than being "snowed under" with too many gifts. In the second place, some of the toys they receive at Christmas time may be too complicated for their age.

NYA Christmas Program for Area Slated Tomorrow

The national youth administration Christmas round-up will be held at Coleman tomorrow (Friday) and approximately 450 boys and men from 29 West Texas counties are expected. E. H. Sassman, supervisor, was here Tuesday and extended invitations to County Judge Paul Trimmer and other members of the commissioners' court, local school heads and trustees who have participated in NYA projects. In addition a large number of boys who are working or have been employed will be included.

Mr. Sassman stated that exhibits would be arranged to show many accomplishments of NYA groups in this district. Types of construction will be shown and numerous articles from the boys' and girls' shops will be on display.

Registration will start at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, the program getting underway at 5:30 p. m., at which time the visitors will be welcomed.

County Superintendent E. C. Grindstaff will be one of the speakers on the program, taking for his subject "Job Opportunities," as offered by the NYA. Supper will be served at 6:10 p. m., after which there will be boxing matches and closing with a basketball game between the NYA all-stars and a Coleman quintet.

National Guards Will Have Xmas Dance as Benefit

A special dance has been announced for Saturday night, December 23, at the national guard armory. The dance is sponsored by the Ballinger company and the proceeds will be used to purchase metal lockers, the only equipment needed that is not furnished by the government. These lockers are used for personal equipment of the youths and are especially needed when doing camp duty.

An automatic virolta will provide the music and the latest dance records will be played during the evening. Admission is only 25 cents and the dancing will begin at 8:30 p. m.

The Ballinger guard unit now has a total of 86 members and the quarterly payroll is \$2,594.00. When the men return from the maneuvers at Mineral Wells on January 3 they will bring home more than \$3,500 in pay checks.

In addition to the monthly salaries paid men of the company, rent on the armory and a number of other items accrue to the benefit of local business.

The dance will be properly chaperoned and the hall will be decorated in the Christmas theme. All friends of the guard are urged to attend and help in securing the needed lockers.

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To make your holiday popovers really pop over, be sure to have the baking pans well greased and very hot. The pans should "sizzle" when you quickly touch them with fingers dipped in cold water.

Excuse for Tardiness Is 'Plane Was Late'

LONDON.—"Please, sir, the airplane was late," said a boy arriving late at school in Weston-super-Mare, in Somerset.

This newest of schoolboy excuses was genuine. The company which operates the air service between Cardiff and Weston-super-Mare often carries public-school boys who have obtained special leave to go home at week-ends. Recently the heavy rains had waterlogged their Cardiff airfield and planes were delayed.



A Yuletide Wish

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Extends Greetings for a Merry Xmas

BALLINGER SCHOOL NEWS
By Mary Simpson

Choral Clubs Presented in Assembly
Mrs. Alex McGregor presented her girls' choral clubs in assembly Friday. The opening chorus, "God Bless America," by Berlin, was sung by both choral groups; the Gay Troubadors, the first group, sang "Sandman am A-Softly Comin'" by Dvorak; the Rhythm Makers, the second group, sang "A Sailor's Song," by Protheroe. The two clubs then sang a novelty which they had arranged, in which special parts were a duet by Maurine Duncan and Alice Psenick, a contralto solo by Creola Henderson, and a soprano solo by Patsy Doss. The clubs then sang "Christmas" by Marryatt, "Silent Night," and the student body joined them in "Joy to the World." Clara Beth Lynn, the accom-

panist of the Rhythm Makers, played for the program.

"Los Ostitos" Meet

The first year Spanish club met Friday in the regular period with Pat Lawrence in charge of the program. Helen Spreen gave a report on Cervantes and the club voted to give "Don Juan Tenorio" in play form as their assembly program. The program was completed with Spanish music.

Spanish Clubs Have Parties

The first year Spanish club had its Christmas party December 14 in the Home Economics Building. The nacimiento, small figures representing the birth of Christ, was on the buffet and the piñata, a decorated pottery jar filled with candy, nuts, and confetti, was suspended from the ceiling. Spanish puzzles and games, the breaking of the piñata, and the singing of Spanish songs furnished

Serving Same Purpose for Germany?



France and Britain claim that George Elser, left, arrested by Germany for setting the Munich bomb which almost killed Adolf Hitler, is merely a "stooge" and that the bombing was planned to provide an excuse for purging Nazi ranks of undesirables. It was recalled that similar allegations were made about the Dutch communist, Marius van der Luebbe, right, whose arrest in 1933 for starting the Reichstag fire was a prelude to suspension of German civil liberties.

ments, which were Christmas stockings filled with candy and fruit, were served, the group went Christmas caroling.

Senior Personalities

Jack Williams is the boy with the motorcycle, which is his only hobby aside from a little tennis. He has gone to school here six years and has played tennis and baseball in the county meet. He thinks a certificate of graduation from Ballinger High will be all the book learning he'll ever need. Of all the things he likes, football games top the list.

Maurine Duncan is a girl who goes in for all types of things, including wisecracks. She is in her eleventh year of school in Ballinger and playing the negro maid in "The First Year" as a Cue and Curtain Club member, was a bugler two years and a leader this year in the pep squad, is the president of the Gay Troubadors, and song leader of Los Andaluces. With all these things, she collects poems and songs when she has time. She can't decide where she wants to go to school after this year, or whether she wants to be a doctor or a nurse. She likes singing, dancing, tennis, and above all, football.

Ted Truly is the "man behind the scenes" in the Cue and Curtain Club; that is, until he took the role of the right-of-way agent in "The First Year." He has gone to school here all his life, and after this year wants to go to either Texas A. & M., Texas Tech, or the University of Texas to study chemical or textile engineering. He likes stage and set construction, reading magazines on science and invention, the practical; photographing pretty girls, the frivolous; and cooking, the unusual.

Brain Surgery Reveals Real 'Dual Personalities'

Surgery on brain cancers disclosing existence and location of two personalities in every human brain were reported recently to the International Cancer congress.

The operations, described by Dr. Byron Stookey, of the Neurological institute, New York, removed entirely the prefrontal lobes of four persons, and partly removed those of four others. All are alive today. The prefrontal lobes, one on each side of the head, fill the entire forward half of the brain cavity. One of these lobes is usually dominant over the other, a fact believed to explain why some persons are left-handed.

These lobes have long been considered the seat of memory, thinking, personality and the imagination which distinguishes man above animals. They receive, simultaneously but separately, impulses from all the rest of the brain.

Dr. Stookey's operations showed that either prefrontal lobe, whether or not it is the dominant one, is able to produce a mentally complete and normal personality. They showed that ordinarily the two synchronize to share this personality work, but that if one lobe is damaged and the other remains intact, the very character of a human being changes.

In that case one lobe fights the other. In Dr. Stookey's words, there is "static" in the damaged lobe, which interferes with smooth operations in the other.

In two of the operations, Dr. Stookey said that the complete loss of one lobe resulted in reported mental improvement. One of these was a man in charge of sending out trucks for a motor firm. His employees asserted that the man's work improved. The other persons reported ability to learn more easily.

A woman reported that frigidity resulted from loss of one of her prefrontal lobes, and that marital relations became merely a duty. One general change noted in those losing a whole prefrontal lobe was ability to make decisions more quickly and persistence in carrying them to completion.

Peanut Butter Factory Operated by Students

Peanut butter is paying the way of eight students through Little Rock, Ark., junior college.

W. H. Travis, "father of farm-chemistry in Arkansas," conceived the idea when he talked with fathers and mothers from rural sections who brought produce to a local curb market, and found that many children from farm homes could not hope for higher education.

He found there was no peanut butter plant in Little Rock. Thus, the students could make and sell peanut butter without competing with another Arkansas industry. Travis broached his plan to Dean E. Q. Brothers of Junior college. Brothers was enthusiastic, and even authorized a small loan from the school to assist in establishing the plant.

The eight boys and girls operating the plant come from rural families in the vicinity of Little Rock. They work five hours a day in the plant, which is located at a local curb market, and attend classes in their spare time. They are paid at the rate of 25 cents an hour.

The students do all the work. They supervise the buying of the peanuts, process them, and market the product.

Cystine, an amino acid of interest to biochemists, costs \$75 a pound and is prepared from barber shop clippings of human hair.

entertainment. A salad plate with Mexican chocolate was served to the club members, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Adair, Miss Frances Taylor, and Miss Virginia Lamm.

The second year Spanish club had its party at the home of Doris Drennan on December 15. The club members played Spanish games, including Loteria, had a Spanish sing-song, and broke the traditional piñata. Tacos and Mexican chocolate were served on the dining table with the nacimiento as a centerpiece and small Mexican flags as place cards to the club members, Miss Virginia Lamm, and Miss Frances Taylor. Mrs. Hoover and Alice Psenick assisted with the serving. The house was decorated with mistletoe and holly.

Cue and Curtain Club

The Cue and Curtain Club is announcing that the first newlyweds of 1940 are to be invited as its guests at the showing of "The First Year." The only requirements for the couple are that they be free, white, and married after January 1 and before January 26. Since the play is about the struggles of a young married couple during their first year of marriage, the club wishes to assure this young couple that maybe it is really not quite so bad, but that it is a warning. Of course, there is one peculiarity about this; the marriage must take place during leap year.

Basketball Schedule Begins

After a little less than two weeks training, the Ballinger High School basketball team has begun its schedule, though it has been unable to break into the win column as yet. Two games were played last week; at Paint Rock with a loss of 15-17, and at Norton with a loss of 33-20. Tuesday was the last day of training until after the Christmas holidays, when the boys plan to begin serious work.

Junior High Football Team Honored

The faculty members at the Junior High School gave a party for the members of the football team, the Junior High members of the band, and their girl friends at the Ballinger Country Club Friday night. Prizes were given for contest winners, games were played, and the group danced to electric victrola music. Punch and cookies were served around a roaring fire to about one hundred.

Christmas Party for Future Homemakers

The local chapter of the Future Homemakers had a Christmas kid party in the clothing laboratory of the Home Economics Building Monday evening. The room was decorated with red and green crepe paper streamers and a Christmas tree. Each member received a toy from the tree which in turn was to be given to the Goodfellows. After the refresh-

READING OF CHRISTMAS STORIES BEING REVIVED

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 19.—Revival of a custom most popular a generation ago—reading Christmas stories aloud to family groups is sought this holiday season by Dosca Hale, specialist in parent education and child development for the A. & M. College extension service.

She suggests that one member of the family be appointed to read or members of the family may take turns.

In discussing what to read, the specialist says: Christmas would not seem complete without reading those beautiful verses from the Bible (Luke 2: 4-20) which tell of the shepherds' journey over the snowy fields to Bethlehem.

Among books recommended for family reading around the fire-side are Ruth Sawyer's "This Way to Christmas," a story which deals with an eight-year-old; "Christmas Everywhere," Elizabeth Sechrist's collection of stories describing the Yule season in 14 different countries; "Christmas Every Day" and Frank Stockton's "The Poor Count's Christmas" from "Fanciful Tales."

Older members of the family will particularly enjoy "The Two Pilgrims," by Tolstol, and "The King's Jewels" from "The Un-

known Quantity" by Van Dyke as well as other stories of Henry van Dyke's which refer to Christmas. These include "The First Christmas Tree," "The Lump of Clay," and "The Other Wise Man," all from the "The Ruling Passion."

And of course, children of the pre-school age never tire of "The Night Before Christmas."

AMERICAN ON TRAIL OF LONGEVITY SECRET

CAPE TOWN, December 20.—On the trail of the secret of longevity, Joseph C. Hortin, rich retired Chicago business man, is in South Africa to study men and women who have lived more than one hundred years. After compiling a library of press clippings about centenarians he is on a world tour to look them up. He will give the results in a lecture tour of the United States and in a book.

Hortin has much scientific data to indicate that the secret of longevity is to be found in South Africa, Turkey or Japan. Diet, he said in Cape Town, has little to do with it. He suspects that an important clue may be the racial characteristics of the Japanese, Turks and negroes. They neither worry about the past or future nor express unusual joy.

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Onions' Possibilities For Staving Colds Revealed in Study

WASHINGTON, December 20.—Cooks have wept over onions for centuries, but it remained for Dr. E. F. Kohman, of a soup company, to report at the recent meeting of the American Chemical Society the first scientific study of just what makes them do so.

The chemical tear producer is not necessarily related, Dr. Kohman finds, to the onion's flavor or to its value as food. What seems to distinguish good "weeper" onions from the less-annoying nonweepers is the tenseness or turgidity of the cells. If the onion is fresh and crisp, with all its cells completely tense and filled with

juice, vapor or tiny droplets of the tearful chemical are likely to be shot off into the air whenever the vegetable is cut. These irritate any nearby eyes.

An older and less-crisp onion does not do this so much, so that cooks can handle these with less distress. Chemically, the tearful material seems to belong to the class of sulphur aldehydes, members of which already are known as good germ killers.

The suggestion is that onion plants do not manufacture this tear producer merely by accident or to annoy cooks, but that its presence in the plant helps to prevent infection with the germs of smut or other plant diseases.

Once outside the onion, the chemical soon changes into others that have neither weeping nor germ-killing effects, but Dr. Kohman suggests that presence of an efficient germ killer in fresh-onion vapor may give scientific support to the old-fashioned theory that eating strong, fresh onions is a good way to head off a cold.

Fresh vapor in the nose and eyes may help to kill the germs, it was said.

Panama Canal Blackout
Panama canal authorities have expressed satisfaction with the results of a recent blackout, the first in the Canal Zone's history. For 15 minutes the entire strip from the Atlantic to the Pacific was plunged into darkness. All amusement places were closed during the blackout, automobile traffic was halted and lights in homes, public buildings and hospitals were extinguished. The canal locks, under heavy guard since the war began, were reinforced as a precaution against sabotage during the test. The test was confined to the area under United States jurisdiction.

MORE U. S. AUTOS IN JAPAN
TOKYO, March 18.—Sales of American medium-priced automobiles in Japan are increasing.

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Caught in the Act!



At Santa Claus, Ind., where they run a school for Santa Clauses, the instructor shows his students how to handle one of Kris Kringle's most important duties. A measuring stick, to make sure there is enough clearance, is one of the requisites.

Russia Saves Corpse Skin For Second-Hand Use

ODESSA, U. S. S. R., Dec. 20.—Russian dead people may be stripped of skin as well as blood before they are buried if plans of Prof. V. P. Filatov, of the Eye Institute of Odessa, are adopted generally by government medical authorities.

Like the corpse blood now saved and stored at several soviet medical centers, the stripped-off skin would be kept in refrigerators for use in grafting new skin on living patients badly burned or suffering from certain skin diseases.

Ordinary skin grafting has been used for years, the necessary skin being taken from some other parts of the patient's body or contributed by a friendly donor much as blood is given for ordinary blood transfusion. Following the development of methods for using corpse blood in such transfusions,

Professor Filatov began, two years ago, to keep and use corpse eyes for grafting their transparent fronts, or corneas on damaged eyes of people still alive.

Keeping such corpse eyes in refrigerators for many days was found to be entirely practicable. More than 200 grafts now have been made with such preserved eyes and more than half of these have been successful. It next occurred to Professor Filatov to use the same idea with corpse skin.

Pieces of skin from dead bodies now are being removed regularly in Odessa, stored in refrigerators until needed and then used for new skin grafts. How long such stored skin will keep has not been determined. Blood corpuscles apparently will last indefinitely if kept cold. Corpse skin may turn out to do the same.

Acoustical Society Reports Men Deaf Sooner Than Women

WASHINGTON, December 20.—Everybody gets more or less deaf on growing older, but men do so faster than women, according to the result of 16,620 tests of American ears reported to the Acoustical Society of America by Dr. W. C. Beasley, of the United States public health service.

As a part of the recent national health survey, hearing clinics in twelve different cities tested ears by the modern electric instruments called audiometers. Even the victim of a moderate deafness may not realize that anything is wrong, but the audiometers detect even the slightest decrease in the ear's sensitivity.

The readings also show which musical tones continue to be heard best or worst, ranging from the deep bass tones of an organ to extremely high pitched sounds

even above the musical keyboard, such as the hissing tone made when one pronounces the letter S. According to Dr. Beasley's results, as American men get old the fibers in the nerve of hearing gradually wear out or go on strike or something, refusing to carry sounds of higher pitch.

Elderly men may hear a bass viol or a bass drum as well as ever, but often miss the high tones of a piccolo or those which distinguish the consonants of speech. Elderly women are likely to keep their hearing better. Whether the hearing troubles of American men happen to all men as they get older or are due to nerve damage by noise or to some other special feature of American life, Dr. Beasley's data do not decide.

BRAZIL STARTS BIG PROJECT

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 20.—Preliminary work has been started on a big project of road and railway construction. The great but undeveloped provinces of Goyaz and Matto Grosso are to be linked with Rio de Janeiro by railways.



Our Christmas Message to You

At this Christmas season we would extend our sincerest wish for happiness that lasts not merely through the holiday season but throughout the year 1940.

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Follow the Rules When Addressing Christmas Cards

How do you address a Christmas card to a widow? A divorcee? A business acquaintance? Here are some tips on cards:

Generally speaking, greetings fall into two classes, formal and informal. If you use printed or engraved cards for formal use, the title Miss, Mr., or Mrs. and Mrs. should preferably appear above the greeting. For instance: "Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stanyon wish you a Merry Christmas," rather than "A Merry Christmas from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stanyon."

On informal cards, signed in ink, the husband's or wife's name should come first, although ordinarily the person signing would put his own name last. In general, the husband's name comes first. These can be signed "Bob and Betty," or "Bob and Betty Bentley," depending on how well the acquaintance knows you.

No card should ever be sent without a Mr., Mrs. or Miss prefix. An unmarried woman is always addressed as "Miss." A married woman, whether her husband is alive or not, is addressed with "Mrs." prefixed to her husband's full name. Since a woman's maiden name is used only on legal papers or when she uses it professionally, a divorcee's maiden name may be used if it's been established by legal procedure after the divorce was granted.

Cards to a married couple should be addressed Mr. and Mrs., even though you may know only one of them. If it's a business acquaintance and you haven't met the recipient's wife, it's permissible to send the card in his name only. Business addresses are quite all right, though there's a bit more courtesy and more personal touch to find out the home address and send the card there.

A family in mourning may send and receive Christmas cards as usual unless the bereavement is very recent—within the last two or three weeks.

Kiss the Maiden Under Mistletoe—But Follow Rules!

IT'S still a nice custom this Christmas to kiss the young lady under the mistletoe, but your efforts are in vain unless it's done properly.

Every time someone kisses under the mistletoe a berry should be plucked from the branch, for only so many blessings are bestowed as there are berries. And don't let the mistletoe fall to the ground. Otherwise its properties of good luck and healing will be destroyed.

Many a romantic story surrounds this plant. The berries represent tears from this legend:

A Scandinavian god, Balder, dreamed he would die. When he told his mother, the goddess Friga, she made earth, fire, air, water and all animals and plants promise they wouldn't harm her son.

But she overlooked the mistletoe, for its roots were neither in the earth nor air. So one of Balder's enemies fashioned an arrow from the plant and that was the end of Balder. The tears of the heartbroken goddess fell thick and fast, and froze into the berries.

Having such a heathen origin, mistletoe is seldom included in church schemes of decoration. But despite this ban few maids care to risk making the legend come true that "she who is not kissed under the mistletoe at Christmas will not be married in the year which follows."

If you want to be lucky, remember the rules.

"QUINT" RAINBOW SEEN

MAPUMULO, Union of South Africa, Dec. 20.—The unusual sight of a quintuple rainbow at sunset has been seen at Mapumulo. A real lunar rainbow, consisting of a complete circle showing clearly the colors of the spectrum against a background of clouds is declared to be a rarity even here.

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So well may we compare it with friendship that becomes dearer and more precious as time passes. We oftentimes 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 a realization of their worth.

We appreciate your friendship and wish for you all the joys of Christmas and the year 1940.



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Thrilling 'Thunder Afloat' Has Wallace Beery as Star

Thrilling story of those little-known days of the World War when U-boats attacked Atlantic coast shipping and improvised subchasers with untrained men went out to meet the menace, "Thunder Afloat" brings Wallace Beery to the screen of the Ritz Theatre next Sunday, Monday (Christmas day) and Tuesday in one of his best two-fisted roles.

As a tugboat captain who tries to fight the war single-handed after a submarine has sunk his beloved craft, Beery is supported

by Chester Morris, who appears as his bitter tugboat rival and later his commanding officer in the navy, and by Virginia Grey, seen as his daughter.

Among the thrilling action sequences are scenes showing the raiding and sinking of Beery's tugboat and string of barges by a U-boat, the torpedoing of a lightship, the disabling of a subchaser and Beery's near-death when he goes under water to cut a fouled rudder cable, a U-boat opening fire on and sinking a Gloucester

schooner when the schooner tries to ram her, and the crippling of the sub by depth bombs as the subchaser fleet closes in.

Cast in featured roles are Douglas Dumbrille as the district commander, Carl Esmond as the U-boat captain, Clem Bevans as a veteran of Manila Bay, John Qualen as a mate, Regis Toomey as Beery's second-in-command, Charles Lane and Phillip Terry as naval officers, Henry Victor, Addison Richards, Hans Joby, Henry Hunter and Jonathan Hale.

Action shots at sea were filmed off the Atlantic Coast with the remnant of the chaser fleet of World War days, and off Coronado Islands on the West Coast with the U. S. S. Sturgeon, one of the newest of the navy's submarines.

George B. Seitz directed, with J. Walter Ruben producing from an original story by Ralph Wheelwright and Commander Harvey Haislip.

As Jon Thorson, untidy captain of a tugboat in a small New England seaport, who joins the United States navy and wants to fight the war single-handed after a U-boat has sunk his beloved craft, Beery revels again in the comedy and heart-tugs of such pictures as "Min and Bill" and "Tugboat Annie," in the fighting qualities of "The Champ" and the breath-taking thrills of "Hell Divers."

Himself a lieutenant-commander in the U. S. naval air force reserve, he puts into "Thunder Afloat" all the whole-hearted effort of his complete realism for the part, which follows close on the heels of his highly commended "Sergeant Madden."

History of Prohibition

President Wilson vetoed the Volstead act, the prohibition law passed by congress early in October, 1919, to provide the means for enforcing the Eighteenth (prohibition) amendment. But the Eighteenth amendment had been adopted in the usual manner; that is, congress had approved the form of the proposed amendment and submitted it to the states for ratification or rejection. The Volstead act was repassed by congress, over President Wilson's veto, on October 28, 1919. The Eighteenth amendment was submitted to the states by congress on December 18, 1917. On January 29, 1919, the secretary of state proclaimed its adoption by 36 states, and declared it in effect on January 16, 1920.

Handcuffs or 'Neck-Cuffs'?

Acting Inspector James P. Ryan, in charge of the Philadelphia detective bureau, discourages the use of handcuffs in bringing in small-time criminals. "To be handcuffed gives a prisoner a feeling of importance," Ryan insists. "When they're brought before us handcuffed they seem to feel as though they've got the whole world bulldozed." Although the inspector will admit that there are times when handcuffs are necessary, he believes that the best method of holding a man is by the back of his belt in most cases.

Vindicates South



When Winston Churchill, first lord of the British admiralty, drew a parallel between the American South of the Civil war and Nazi Germany of today, Mrs. Gerald M. Clark of Jacksonville, Fla., rose in wrath. She demanded, and received on behalf of Southern womanhood, an apology from Churchill, who denied any analogy in his speech.

Uranium Is By-Product

In Processing of Radium While the mineral resources of Canada seem inexhaustible, the enterprise with which she is developing those resources and applying the fruits of research to the more varied uses of the minerals are equally impressive. An example is provided by uranium, of which Canada is now an important source. It is used, among many other purposes, as a coloring agent in the production of certain shades of yellow and deep orange in glazes and glass.

Uranium is obtained as a by-product in the processing of radium from pitchblende, and after the discovery and development of the rich deposits of pitchblende in the Great Bear lake area and the erection of a refinery at Port Hope, Ontario, it entered the world markets, says Canada's Weekly. Its entry into the ceramic field was achieved by the co-operation of private research workers and the laboratory experts of the department of mines and resources.

In recent years the popularity of the bright orange color which it produces has increased considerably, particularly for such articles as bungalow tableware, tiles, jugs and bowls, and art pottery.

The new chemical plant for the recovery of radium, at Port Hope, was erected by the Eldorado Gold Mines, Ltd. There the ore from the mine is treated. Recovery for uranium was about 90 per cent.

Deer Were Valuable

Deer not only provided food and clothing for the early American pioneers, but, in many instances, logging, hunting implements and even glue . . . of course, venison was an important food to the early settlers and almost everyone is familiar with the old buckskin jackets . . . lacking implements for cutting down the trees, some of the early Americans lived in wigwams covered with deer hides . . . and they sometimes made bowstrings from the sinews of the deer as did the Indians . . . and took another tip from the Red Men by making tips for their arrows and fish hooks from the antlers of the deer . . . and made a glue from the sinew, gristle and hooves of the deer.

Sonja Henie's Latest Film Is Dramatically Different

Story value and acting performances are counted on in "Everything Happens at Night" more than in any of Sonja Henie's previous five productions. A completely different type of story for the famous skating star and queen of the ice, the screenplay by Art Arthur and Robert Harari is filled with love and laughter, and mysterious danger, too. It's a timely tale of modern intrigue, with the added attraction of Sonja's matchless artistry on silver blades and slippery skis.

Ray Milland and Robert Cummings are featured as Sonja's leading men in this Christmas attraction at the Texas Theatre which will be seen in preview Saturday midnight, and in regular presentations Sunday, Christmas day, and Tuesday. The cast includes Maurice Moscovitch, Alan Dinehart, Leonid Kinskey and Fritz Feld.

Never has Sonja had a part as demanding upon her new-found acting ability as in "Everything Happens at Night." As the daughter of a famous European statesman hiding in Switzerland from his enemies intent on extinguishing the light of freedom in Europe, she aids her father in revealing to the world the sensational "inside" data of the new international intrigue.

These stories, because of their style and content, lead news editors to believe can be the work only of Dr. Hugo Norden, world-famous peace leader supposedly assassinated a year before in Warsaw. To Switzerland, then, come two young reporters—Ray Milland from London, and Robert Cummings from the Paris office of a New York paper—to seek out the author of the world-rousing revelations.

They find romance with Sonja, perilous adventure and a hilarious good time in this exceptionally entertaining production.

Bobby Breen Bests Crook Executor In Picture

How an unselfish boy, imbued with the ideals of his dead father, saves a great plantation from ruin and preserves the happiness and contentment of its many slaves is thrillingly recounted in "Way Down South," starring Bobby Breen. This Christmas attraction is billed at the Palace Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 24-25-26. Dealing with the efforts of a

crooked executor who attempts to obtain the vast properties for himself, the story casts young Breen in the role of a plantation owner's son, who, when his father is killed in an accident, seeks to carry on the latter's fair and considerate treatment of the estate's colored slave population. When he realizes his father's former friend, entrusted with administering the plantation, is about to sell the slaves and use the profits for his personal ends, the young Southerner takes action astounding

ingly acute for one of his years. The bayous of Louisiana and the gay city of New Orleans in the ante-bellum days provide the colorful backgrounds of the picture in which Bobby is given the opportunity to sing the lovely melodies of the world's most popular negro spirituals. A particularly exciting and tuneful sequence is the presentation of the traditional sugar-cane festival, celebrated by the negroes of a bygone era. More than 400 singers and dancers participate in this lavish scene, pulsating to the rhythmic strains of jungle chants and the wild beat of tom-toms.

The supporting cast includes such well-known players as Alan Mowbray, Ralph Morgan, Clarence Muse and Steffi Duna.



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