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Feature Christmas Parade Saturday Afternoon 1:30

Saturday will bring the most spectacular feature of the holiday season in Ballinger. At 1:30 p. m. the "Miss Merry Christmas" and "Toyland" parade is scheduled and a crowd of several thousand is expected to witness this event.

The procession will move from the city hall promptly at 1:30 and will be headed by the Ballinger Bearcat Band. Entries in the "Miss Merry Christmas" parade will follow the band, transported in beautifully decorated vehicles. The parade will move along the full length of Hutchings Avenue to the reviewing stand on the court house lawn where judging will take place.

Behind the "Miss Merry Christmas" section will come the children in the "Toyland" section. Many entries have already been received for this feature of the parade and various characters of make-believe land will be represented in unique ways by the little folk.

After the parade all the entries will be presented from the large stage on the court house lawn and by elimination the judges will finally decide the winners.

As soon as "Miss Merry Christmas" is selected, Miss Mary Simpson, winner of the 1939 contest, will present the crown to the new queen, who reigns the current year. The parade committee will bring Miss Simpson here from Abilene where she is attending school to present the crown and take part in the parade.

The young women in this contest will assemble at the Central at 11:30 a. m. Saturday and are to be served a luncheon by the committee preceding the parade. Following the judging they will be given a theatre party at a local showhouse.

Other events in connection with the Yuletide series here will be the farewell party for the Ballinger national guard company next Monday afternoon and the sacred concerts in the churches on December 22.

Merchants Report Gift Buying Good; Tops That of 1939

The Christmas rush started in earnest this week and local stores have been crowded every day with shoppers filling out their Santa Claus lists. Wednesday afternoon was the best day so far this season, most stores being jammed with customers the entire afternoon and until closing time.

Store managers report sales extraordinarily good, in most cases heavier than for the same period last year, and a large number of bundles have been bought and wrapped for delivery at Christmas. Stores are packed with gift articles and displays are arranged so that shoppers will find it convenient to supply their requirements. Most local department and ladies' stores have put on additional salespeople and are prepared for any kind of a rush.

One of the largest crowds of the season was here last Saturday as merchants look forward to next Saturday, anticipating one of the largest throngs in the history of Ballinger. The big Christmas feature, the parade of "Miss Merry Christmas" entries and hundreds of children in the "Toyland" procession will help bring many visitors here for the day.

Frank Cameron has been ill and confined to his home for several days. He is improving and is expected to soon be able to return to his work.

Goodfellows

Miss Nell Alexander is the first Ballinger citizen to make a contribution to the Goodfellows. While most of the work among the needy this Christmas will be on the "adopt a family" plan, there still is an urgent demand for cash to take care of those left on the list and other calls for items for children.

Cash donations will be accepted until Christmas eve and a special committee will use the money to provide for those in distress and not otherwise remembered.

Miss Nell Alexander.....\$1.00

Yard and Home Xmas Decorations Appear; Others to Go Up Soon

Yard and home decorations have begun to appear in Ballinger this week as citizens prepare for the final contest in connection with the Christmas program series. A number of entry blanks have already been signed and returned and those in charge of this feature have announced that judging will be done between the hours of 7 and 9 p. m. December 20.

Any decorations that can be seen from the street can be entered in the contest. Unusual and artistic arrangements of decorations will be given first consideration.

Members of the Civic-Garden Club point out that that no one need go to great expense to enter the home and yard contest. Greenery, lights and other festoons may be used with slight extra expense. A Christmas tree near a window, the outline of a porch or door, porch pieces or scenes, trees in the yard, or even mounted on the roof of the house are suggested. Any type of Christmas decoration will be accepted in the contest for the \$15 cash prizes.

As an added service members of the garden club will arrange a pilgrimage for all local residents who have no way of viewing the decorated streets on the night of December 20. Cars will be furnished and everyone desiring will be taken to the decorated places as a courtesy of the club.

Handling of Mail During Holidays Poses Problems

Postmaster Tom Caudle stated today that preparations were being made for the rush holiday period at the Ballinger postoffice and anticipated the handling of a large number of bundles before the deadline for these shipments. Postoffice employees will put forth every effort to expedite all Christmas parcels, both outgoing and incoming.

Mr. Caudle calls attention to certain shipping requirements that will save much time if they are understood by those preparing packages for mailing.

Fragile articles easily damaged must be surrounded with ample cushioning material such as excelsior or crushed paper to prevent movement and to prevent breakage when coming in contact with other articles in the same package, and to keep each and every article at least three-fourths of an inch from the inner walls of the outside container.

Parcels weighing more than 30 pounds must be packed in a strong wooden box or a double-faced corrugated fiberboard carton, testing at least 200 pounds per square inch. All seams must be sealed with heavy gummed tape.

In order to facilitate the collection and dispatch of mail matter on rural routes, all first- and third-class matter deposited in mail boxes for collection by carriers, should have stamps affixed at the proper rate of postage. Postmasters at offices from which rural service originates are directed to see that the rural carriers are provided a stamp supply sufficient to accommodate this objective.

Both postmasters and carriers should advise patrons so far as practical of the desire for patrons' cooperation to the end that Christmas mail be handled as fast as possible.

WEATHERED ADDRESSES MASONS MEETING HERE

Visitors from Paint Rock, Taipa, Norton and Miles were here Tuesday evening to attend a meeting of the Ballinger Masonic Lodge. Judge Marcus Weathered, of Coleman, past master of the grand lodge of Texas, was the principal speaker.

Preceding the address, work in the Fellowcraft degree was done by local Masons.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting and a social hour enjoyed.

Children Help Sell Christmas Seals



Ballinger school children express their willingness to assist in the sale of Christmas seals for the Tuberculosis Association as shown in the above picture. Left to right are: Supt. Nat. Williams, Raleigh Reese, Jr., Arabella Toney and Eva Jo Flynt.

Supt. Nat. Williams of the Ballinger schools has announced the willingness of the pupils to assist in selling Christmas seals for the local health association. Mail sales are going good in this section, according to Mrs. Carl Hazel, county chairman, and Miss Hazel Hunt, county health nurse, but there are many people who did not receive seals through the mails and students have been conducting a canvass for smaller

amounts and to contact those not included on the mailing list.

Miss Hunt stated that the interest of children and their teachers was a source of great satisfaction to officials of the Runnels County Tuberculosis Association and other health movement leaders.

Continuing, she said: "The greatest hope for success in the educational movement against tuberculosis lies in the growing children of today. These children

have opportunities of knowing facts about the prevention and cure of tuberculosis that science had not uncovered a generation ago.

"The sale of Christmas seals for thirty-four years has made possible a year-round educational campaign against the disease that has entered practically every classroom in the country.

The seal campaign opened on November 25 and will continue until Christmas.

AAA Delegates Will Be Elected Tomorrow In Five Communities

Since the AAA program has a direct effect on every farmer and ranchman in Runnels county, great care should be taken in electing the men who will administer the program in this county during the coming year.

That's the advice Meade W. McShan, chairman of the county ACA committee, gave to AAA cooperators this week in reminding farmers that community meetings would be held on December 13 in five communities of the county.

In the community meetings all farmers and ranchmen cooperating with the AAA have one vote each, the chairman said. At each of these meetings will be elected a delegate and alternate delegate to the county convention to be held the following day, the three-man community committee and two alternate committeemen.

At the county convention attended by the delegates from the several communities, the three-man county committee and two alternate committeemen will be elected. The newly elected committeemen will take office January 1 and will serve for one year.

The community committeemen have specified duties to perform. Mr. McShan pointed out, including the following: assisting the county committee in determining acreage allotment goals, normal yields and other agricultural facts; informing farmers concerning the purpose and provisions of agricultural programs; and assisting in arranging for and conducting meetings.

Broader administrative powers are given to the county committees, the committeeman said. He listed a few of the committee's duties as determining farm acreage allotments, normal yields, productivity indices and other agricultural facts; preparing budgets, supervising and directing activities of community committees; reviewing and certifying various forms; conducting hearings and investigations; generally supervising the work in the county office; and assisting and working with the state committee.

Community meetings, which all AAA cooperators should participate in will be held at the following places in Runnels county on December 13:

Crews, 10:00 a. m.
Miles, 2:00 p. m.
Winters, 2:00 p. m.
Wilmeth, 10:00 a. m.
Ballinger, 2:00 p. m.

Will H. Grant, of Dallas, spent the past week-end here, visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brewer and with other relatives. Mr. Grant spends much of his time in Mexico and travels all over the nation, using air lines for his long trips.

Guards to Leave Tuesday; Farewell Party Monday

Red Cross Asks Cast-Off Clothing For Needy People

Wix Currie, chairman of the local chapter of the Red Cross, has issued a call for clothing. He stated Wednesday that the organization was being called on every day for apparel, especially articles for children, and that the chapter's supply was exhausted.

Local Red Cross workers have been giving hours every day to charity as calls are being received continually from scores of people in need of food, medicine, clothing and bedding. Heretofore clothing requirements have been supplied from a surplus on hand but practically everything that can be used has been given away and there is an urgent need now for all kinds of clothing and shoes.

Anyone with cast-off clothing is urged to bring the bundle to the Currie Produce Company on Seventh Street. Those who cannot bring their bundles are asked to notify Mr. Currie and they will be called for.

During the year-end holidays the Red Cross has one of the busiest periods of the year. The three members of the local committee are making from four to a

Captain A. R. Murchison, commander of company C, 142nd infantry, announced Monday that two men of the local unit had been ordered to schools at Fort Sam Houston and the schedule for leaving for Camp Bowie on December 17, had been received.

First Sergeant Robert Nicholson has been ordered to a two weeks' officers' school at Fort Sam Houston and will receive a commission at the close of the school if he passes the course. He left Monday to report at the area headquarters in San Antonio.

Cook Daniel B. Holland was ordered to a two months school for cooks and bakers. He is expected to return to the local company and serve as a regimental instructor.

Wilson Middleton, who has been serving as mess sergeant, has been made acting first sergeant and Sergeant Guy B. Jones has been detailed as acting mess sergeant.

Physical examinations last week took a toll of ten men from the local company and these gaps will be filled by drafted men after the company reaches camp.

Captain Murchison said orders received the first of the week left for the departure of the company at 11 a. m. Tuesday, December 17, and arrival at Camp Bowie at 2 o'clock that afternoon. Trucks are to be sent here by the quartermasters' corps at Camp Bowie to transport the men and equip-

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100 Ballinger Families Need Help for Xmas

Approximately 100 families in Ballinger will have no Christmas this year unless citizens rally to the cause by providing food, clothing and toys for this purpose.

Ministers of the city met with representatives of the Red Cross and welfare office Tuesday morning to discuss plans and launch the campaign. It was decided to continue the "adopt a family" method and lists of the worthy poor are now on file at The Ledger office where committees and individuals may make selections.

A change was made in the method of listing the needy and instead of committees from the various churches going into every section of the city to secure the names and locations of families needing help, they were compiled from the records of the welfare office and the Red Cross chapter. The lists give the location of each

family, their names, the number in each family, their ages, and their most dire needs.

Time is short now and Ballinger citizens, Sunday school classes, other organizations, and all who will are urged to make selections of families now and look after them Christmas eve.

All over the city there are people living in dug-outs, tents, shacks and some just squatting behind windbreaks along the creek and river banks and in South Ballinger. Work for the men has been scarce several weeks and relief funds have long since been exhausted. Children are without proper clothing for winter, many are still barefooted, and in many of the homes there is not enough food for a day at a time.

Ballinger citizens have never permitted Christmas to pass with-

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Court House Construction Bids Asked December 30

County's Farmers Favor Marketing Quota Next Year

Runnels county farmers voted 742 to 275 Saturday in favor of the cotton marketing quota in the referendum called by the agricultural adjustment administration in the cotton growing states.

Ten voting boxes were open in the county and more than 1,000 farmers cast ballots during the day. This vote was light when compared with the more than 2,200 contracts included in the program for the past year.

Practically all those voting all over the South favored establishment of the quota for another year and the 1941 AAA program will get underway at once. The county committee will be named soon after community meetings are held and delegates to the county meeting named.

Following is how farmers in the ten boxes voted in the election Saturday:

	Yes	No
Miles	72	32
Rowena	79	43
Olfen	21	15
Maverick	21	6
Norton	26	29
Wilmeth	51	24
Wingate	40	13
Winters	180	33
Crews	34	6
Content	29	2
Ballinger	189	72
Total	742	275

McNutt is Named Police Chief Here By Commission

J. D. McNutt was named chief of police by the Ballinger city commission at a meeting last Friday afternoon. He will succeed J. L. Moreland, sheriff-elect, on January 1 when the office is made vacant by Chief Moreland.

Mr. McNutt has been a citizen of Ballinger for a number of years and is well qualified for the duties in every respect. He is a World War veteran and an active member of the local American Legion post. He has been engaged in various business ventures here for a number of years and is a property owner.

As soon as he was selected by the commission, Mr. McNutt was called before the body and accepted the appointment.

Chief of Police Lee Moreland stated that he would finish his work for the city on December 31 and would be sworn in as sheriff on January 1. He has named A. T. Buchanan as chief deputy and will retain Mrs. Fate Parker as office deputy. He is giving consideration to other deputies at this time but has not made any definite announcements.

MORE CHECKS ARRIVE FOR COUNTY'S FARMERS

The Runnels county AAA office received a small shipment of government checks Tuesday morning, which brings the total on conservation payments to \$322,651.22 within the last few weeks. This amount represents 2,847 checks and is payment on 1,696 contracts. A total of about 2,200 contracts was sent to the state office and a large number of checks are yet to be received.

Batches of checks are expected to continue to arrive until all contracts have been paid. As fast as they arrive, farmers are being notified by cards.

Mrs. W. H. Gilbert, Miss Edwina Gilbert and Mrs. Gerald Morgan, of Hamlin; and Miss Maybelle Tinkle, of Fort Worth, will be week-end guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Baskin.

The Runnels county commissioners' court are advertising for bids on remodeling and modernizing of the court house this week. Bids will be called for on December 30, at which time a contract is expected to be let for the construction.

Architect Roy E. Lane, of Dallas, in a telephone conversation with County Judge Paul Trimmer said he would complete the plans and specifications Tuesday and a called meeting of the court will be held with Mr. Lane Monday to study the plans before they are submitted to contractors for bids.

Judge Trimmer announced that the court had sub-leased the second floor of the Currie building on Seventh Street from the state armory board, with the exception of one room, and will move most of the county offices there January 1, to remain there until the court house renovations are finished. The judge stated that the building would provide enough room for the entire county official group in make-shift quarters for the period the court house would be vacated. The lease is for five months with an option of keeping the building longer if needed.

Everything possible is being done to speed the work and if feasible the razing of sections of the old building will begin soon after the first of the year. Preliminary drawings of the building have practically been approved and final changes in the plans are expected to be made Monday. One set of the plans and specifications will be left here and Mr. Lane will take the other to Dallas to prepare a set of blueprints from.

Ozias Ashton, of Rotan; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hamilton, of Cross Plains; Mrs. Ida Gilbert, of Belton; and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cane, of Winters; attended the funeral services for J. R. Ashton here last Friday.

20 Runnels County Men May Expect Draft in January

The next call for selective service men is expected about January 13 and information received by the Runnels county draft board indicates that about four times as many will be asked as were taken in the first call. This would mean 20 men for this county and within a short time approximately 200 additional questionnaires will be mailed to registrants in the county in order to have enough ready to supply the quota when received.

At the rate men have been accepted only 7 or 8 have been taken from 100 questionnaires. After the questionnaires have been returned the men are classed and only those put in class 1 are called for physical examinations. These examinations are much stiffer than had been anticipated and many are falling to pass.

Later, this county is expected to get credit for all its volunteers plus those in the national guard who leave next Tuesday for camp. When this credit is received it will take care of quotas for some time.

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Women's, Society and Club News

New Girl Scout Troop Organized

A fourth Scout troop for girls was recently organized with Miss Helen Thomson as leader. It will be known as the Sweet Pea Troop and Martha Saunders and Dorothy Ann Holliday were chosen patrol leaders. Other members are: Mary Brian Woody, Elizabeth Wear, Betty Jean Lengefeld, Joan Eubank, Ercelyn Ritter, Virginia Baker, Dava June Bell, Bonnie Davis and Mary Evelyn O'Neill.

Algeria Scouts Meet

Algerita Girl Scouts and their sponsor, Mrs. Bruce Creasy, Mrs. C. A. Glover and Miss Helen Thomson met at the Hut in City Park last Thursday afternoon for a period of sewing.

The pottery shower given Girl Scouts last year inspired the color scheme for attractive curtains to be made of unbleached muslin and trimmed in the pottery colors. The Hut is included in the painting projects and both the girls and their leaders are delighted.

O. E. S. Worthy Matron Hostess to Chapter

As a surprise compliment to the O. E. S. Chapter, Miss Pauline Morley, worthy matron, gave a beautiful chalk talk of the Xmas story following the regular meeting Monday evening in the Masonic building. As she drew the lovely scene of the Little Town of Bethlehem, Alex Saunders, violinist, accompanied by Mrs. Saunders, played "Silent Night, Holy Night." In conclusion Christmas carols were sung by the group.

At the refreshment hour, Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. O'Neill assisted Miss Morley in serving a dessert plate with Yuletide favors.

First Presbyterian Circles Meet in Homes

The three circles of the First Presbyterian Woman's Auxiliary held group meetings Monday afternoon in the homes of Mrs. P. A. Cobden on Eighth Street, Mrs. Nell McAlpine on Ninth Street, and Mrs. Leonard Stallings on Eighth Street.

Pretty holiday attire had been given to rooms where Christmas programs were given. For Circle One, Mrs. Warren Lynn gave the devotional on "Christian Love in Action—Meekness." A beautiful manger scene was arranged in miniature on the dining table to illustrate the sacred story. "Listen, the Wise Men Have Come," given by Mrs. Tommie Hall and Mrs. E. W. Seasney. For Circle Two, Mrs. W. B. Woody presented the devotional; Mrs. M. E. Bogess read the Scripture and Mrs. Estes Lynn gave the story of the Babe and the Wise Men. For Circle Three, Mrs. Paul Trimmer was devotional leader and Mrs. Stallings and Mrs. Alex Saunders gave the story. Twenty-five were present.

Earlene Webb is Honored

Earlene Webb was surprise honoree Sunday on her fifteenth birthday anniversary, when her mother, Mrs. Aurelia Webb, gave a luncheon in her home on Seventh Street.

The birthday cake, iced in pink and surrounded with lace fern on a reflector centered the table where the delicious luncheon was served in three courses.

The aftermath was a window-shopping tour in San Angelo. Others included Grace Jo Bondurant, Clara Beth and Mary Lynn, Marjorie McGregor and Ann Creasy.

Federation Day for Shakespeare Club

Mrs. Edgar Boelsche, Shakespeare Club president, gave highlights of the recent state convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs held at Austin recently, in observance of annual federation day for the meeting last Thursday afternoon in the Carnegie Library on Eighth Street. The general theme of "National Defense" was given much emphasis in convention discussions and addresses. Mrs. C. R. Stephens told "What Every Club Woman Should Know" and Mrs. J. M. Skinner "Why Are We Federated—the Aims of the Texas Federation." Mrs. F. C. Miller gave parliamentary points.

During the business session

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CITY BUILT OF ZINC SAFE FROM AIR RAIDS

BAREIRA, Portuguese East Africa, Dec. 11—Bareira believes it is safe from air raids, for the entire city is built of zinc.

All the houses, stores, the church, the hospital and military barracks are constructed of the metal, which is the only material known to stand the extremely hot and damp climate.

Bareira was built in six months and now has 2,000 inhabitants.

Recovery from tuberculosis depends on early diagnosis. Christmas seal funds financed the early diagnosis campaign held each year by the Runnels County Tuberculosis Association.

Many who take CARDUI a few days before and during "the time" have found this helps ease periodic discomfort. Women have used CARDUI for more than 60 years!

America in Flowers



Miss Jetsey Posthuma in role of "Liberty" for the Rose Parade at Pasadena, Calif. "America in Flowers" was named as the 1941 Tournament of Roses theme.

Mrs. Loyd Herring's resignation was accepted and it was voted to buy a \$5.00 tuberculosis Xmas bond. The book review Wednesday, December 11, of "Quietly My Captain Waits" by Miss Beatrice Collier, was announced and tickets distributed for sale at 25 cents each. Twenty-one were present.

Mrs. Moss Hostess to Ace of Clubs

Mrs. W. E. Moss gave a pretty Christmas party for Ace of Clubs members last Thursday afternoon in her home on Fifth Street.

A blue and silver theme was given emphasis in tallies and score pads, in blue candles and blue tinsel balls in a silver bowl, which centered the dining table and in prize wrappings.

Mrs. Roy Miller was high score winner. Mrs. Billie Cordill, second high, and Mrs. Edward Sommer, high cut. Others were Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff, H. G. Agnew, J. D. Forman, Mike Wright, Rothal O'Kelly and Royal Bishop.

Methodist Zone Meets at Mazeland

The Methodist Church at Mazeland was hostess to the annual winter meeting of the West Zone of the Brownwood District Woman's Society of Christian Service all day last Friday.

Mrs. A. B. Fields, leader, directed the program on "Citizenship of the Kingdom." Morning and afternoon devotionals were given by Mrs. Edward Sifford of Drasco, and Mrs. Albert Turney of Crews. Topics discussed were "How to Become a Citizen of the Kingdom" by Mrs. John Meritt of Norman; "Social Relations," by Mrs. W. L. Pratt, of Winters; "The Difficulty of Becoming a Citizen," Mrs. Vanner Voss, of Wingate; "New Organization of the Woman's Society," Mrs. J. G. Douglass; "New Publication—Methodist Woman," Mrs. A. W. Hall, of Winters; and "The Reward of Being a Citizen," Mrs. Joe Forman. Mrs. E. C. Carter was pianist. Mrs. Hugh Shackelford of Mazeland, song leader, and Mrs. W. C. Redwine, secretary. The Mazeland society presented a playlet and special music was given by Misses Irene and Juliette Bulsterbaum and Miss Billie Sanford of Wingate.

Mrs. W. A. Pace, district secretary, heard society reports and presided over the business session during which Mrs. Louis Hensley of Mazeland was elected zone leader and Wingate as the next meeting place the second Tuesday in March and a Baby Life Membership given to Wingate.

Others present from Ballinger were: Mrs. R. A. Dickinson, E. C. Tinsley, Ross Causey, Elmo Phillips, J. B. Striplin, A. B. Legate, Henry Moody, Troy Simpson; and Mary Jo Forman.

City is Collecting 1940 Taxes Fast; Streets Improved

City collections for November totalled \$5,026.83, divided among the following accounts: 1940 taxes, \$2,639.83; delinquent taxes, \$290.17; penalties and interest, \$37.70; water, \$1,930.95; sanitary, \$110.75; plumbing, \$8; fines, \$2.55; paving receipts, \$5; miscellaneous, \$1.95.

The street department last week graded all roads leading to the city park and driveways in the park. Other dirt streets in the city have been improved and all streets are in good condition for the holiday season.

The city has mailed tax accounts on the current rolls to property

owners and during the first part of December a number of receipts have been issued.

Chief of Police Lee Moreland is doing his last month's work for the city and on January 1 will check out to become sheriff of Runnels county.

WINTER VEGETABLES GROW WITH BUT LITTLE ENERGY

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 11.—Want winter grown vegetables? Then roll up your sleeves and reach for the spade!

Miss Jennie Camp, extension service specialist in home production planning at A. & M. College, outlines a simple plan for transforming a cold frame from the conventional plant bed to a flourishing garden of green stuff.

For best results, she says, select protected plot, three feet by

forty, at the south side of a building. Put around it a frame about 12 inches high of scrap or new 1x12 inch lumber and spade in about ten inches deep on half to three quarters of a wagon load of well-rotted barnyard fertilizer. If the soil is fairly tight and satisfactory watering is desired, lay a row of sub-irrigation tile of tin cans or concrete down the center and six to eight inches below the surface. If you don't know how to do this one the county extension agents will be glad to show you. If the soil is loose surface irrigation would be satisfactory.

Make a cover of wall canvas with a substantial hem. Tack down at the back side of the frame and provide means of fastening it securely across the front and ends. On chilly nights a wagon sheet, old cotton sacks or blankets should be used for additional protection.

Under ordinary conditions three to five plantings in the season can be made. Rows should be eight to sixteen inches apart, planted the narrow way to make cultivation easier. Proper attention must be given to locating the vegetables according to the length of time required for maturity.

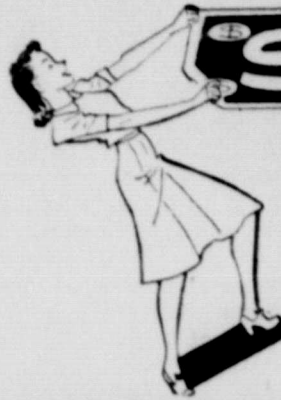
Three classes of vegetables may be grown: quick maturing (30-60 days); moderately quick (60-80 days); and slow maturing (80-90 days). As fast as one row is harvested, replant it and the dining table will not want a steady supply of spring vegetables while the snow flies.

The total loss caused by cattle grubs, more commonly called "wolves," in the United States is estimated at more than \$50,000,000 yearly.

BRITISH AIRMEN COIN NEW SLANG WORDS

LONDON, Dec. 11.—So active have been the airmen in the present conflict that much of the new slang heard in London is their invention. To the royal air force a searchlight is a "Paul Pry," unless it diffuses its beams, and then it is a "bearded lady." Balloon barrages are "rat traps," life jackets are "Mae West," and the airfield commander is the "stationmaster."

Mechanics are "erks," short for aircraftmen, while air-raid warnings are "flaps," a word borrowed by the army for any kind of scare or alarm. To "scrounge" is to appropriate something for one's use. The police have another name for it. "Blitzfu" is a sudden but brief attack of influenza.



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Marshmallows Angelus Cello 1 lb. 10¢

Milk Pet 6 small or 3 tall 19¢

Green Beans Texas No. 2 can 5¢

Pumpkin Libby's Large No. 2 1/2 can 10¢

Tomatoes Fresh lb. 5¢

Lemons Sunkist doz. 10¢

Spuds Colorado 10 lbs. 15¢

Apples 234 Winesap doz. 10¢

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Lettuce California firm head 5¢

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Towels

3 rolls 25¢

Johnson's Glo-Coat pint 59¢

Johnson's PREPARED Wax

1-lb. can 59¢

Ortega Green Chili Salsa

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Ortega Green Peeled Chilies

4 oz. 8¢

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Women's, Society and Club News

Xmas Party for Dorcas Class
Mrs. Edgar Boelsche and Mrs. J. L. Byers were hostesses to the Baptist Dorcas Class Tuesday afternoon in the church parlors on Eighth Street.

A Christmas tree and other Yule decorations were used and a lace-covered table was centered with an arrangement of small red trees and red pine cones flanked by red tapers.

During the business session, with Mrs. O. H. Chandler presiding, it was decided to adopt a needy family and Mrs. J. G. Tuckey and Mrs. Frank Cameron were appointed committee members. For the program, Virginia Claire Smith gave a Christmas reading and Gwen Morgan and Virginia Bell sang Xmas songs with Wilbur Redwine, accompanist. Mrs. Malcolm Morgan acted as Santa and distributed gifts. These were finished articles made from material exchanged at an earlier meeting.

At the tea hour, Mrs. Stanley, past president, and Mrs. Chandler poured coffee from a silver service, and served cake squares iced white and decorated with Xmas trees. Others present were: Mmes. O. T. Toney, Wix Currie, Jr., E. C. Grindstaff, Myra Smith,

Ernest Moody, Drury Hathaway, Theo Bell, Homer Bibb, W. D. Davenport, John Castor, Frank Plynt, Foy Davis, Jim Golden, Otis Jacob, Rodgers Jones, Albert Morgan, Fred Moncrief, James Parrish and A. A. Wallace.

Mrs. Northington Entertains Sewing Club

Mrs. K. V. Northington entertained her sewing club Tuesday afternoon in her home on Seventh Street.

Following the informal sewing hour, she served pie with coffee and toasted nuts. Included were: Mmes. H. J. Zappe, Billie Cordill, Neil McAlpine, J. G. Tuckey, J. D. Forman, E. C. Grindstaff, J. A. Schnable, Levy Lee and George Stowe.

Mrs. Grindstaff Hostess to Class
Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff was hostess with a Christmas party Monday evening in her Wilke Terrace home to the Baptist Volunteer Class, of which she is teacher.

Gifts were exchanged from a prettily decorated lighted tree. A salad plate was served with cookies and spiced tea to: Misses Ella Marie Witter, Creola Henderson, Tommye Mansell, Mildred Doherty, Marian Ferguson, Allene

Rudder, Ruby Nance and Sybil Kenley.

Methodist Young People to Wingate

The young people of the Methodist Church at Wingate were hosts Tuesday evening at the regular monthly meeting of the Runnels county young people's organization. The next meeting will be held in Ballinger the third Tuesday evening in January.

The Winters group furnished an excellent Christmas program. In attendance from Ballinger were: Bill Clark, Mrs. Ben Denny, Mrs. J. B. Striplin, Winnie Merle Adair, Ruby Nance, Ruth and Mary Lou Davis, Dorothy Forkey, Irene and Erma Harville and Virginia Denny; Byron McClanahan, Bob Wright, Reid Caskey, James Striplin, Robert Hartgrove, Lawrence Morrison, Ross Black, Jr., David Caudle, Billy O'Neill, Ben Denny, Jr., and Clyde Harville.

Nancy Connor is Feted

Nancy Connor's thirteenth birthday anniversary was the occasion for a gay party given last Friday evening by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Connor in their home on Ninth Street.

Escapes From Nazis



John Bessasi is pictured here with his wife in New York city as they arrived aboard the S. S. Siboney, from Lisbon, Portugal. Bessasi, who writes under the pen name of "Hans Habe," recently had the good fortune of escaping from a Nazi prison camp.

Jr., games and dancing gave happy diversion preceding the refreshment hour when the pretty pink and white birthday cake was cut and served with ice cream.

Others were: Gwen Morgan, Natlyne Williams, Peggy McGregor, Virginia Bell, Bitsie Payne, Betty Lovelace, Sheila Moreland, Eloise Dankworth, Patricia Richards, Arvena Kendrick and Dorothy Bruce; Walter Jones, J. H. Parrish, Jr., David Middleton, John Weeks Earnshaw, Rothal O'Kelly, Jr., Rodgers Jones, Harold Richards, J. Frank Nance, Milton Dankworth, Bobby Parr and Duane Forbus.

Gift Shower is Surprise Affair

As a complete surprise for Mrs. W. F. Kendrick was a gift shower given last Saturday afternoon by Mrs. Frank Tatum in the pretty new Kendrick home in Wilke Terrace. When Mrs. Kendrick returned from an out-of-town trip, she found her house completely decorated for the Christmas season and a large group of friends assembled in spacious living rooms.

Following a series of games and contests, young Billy Tatum,

dressed as Santa Claus, presented gifts to the honoree from a beautiful Xmas tree.

A pink and blue color theme was employed in the refreshment plate of sandwiches and fruit cake with mints and coffee to: Mmes. Korris Olsen, T. P. Brown, C. B. Armstrong, C. D. Mills, Elzie Cox, Rothal O'Kelly, Virgil Lindley, Jack Cook, Frank Krc, B. M. Kendrick, Theo Bell, Marvin Clark, C. W. Cheatham, Runnels Smith, Guy Middleton, Woodrow Jones, Tom Caudle, E. E. Woodson, A. W. Sledge, Woodrow Wilson; Misses Norene Kendrick, ValRue Kendrick, Bernice Kendrick and Arvena Kendrick. Additional gifts were received from Mmes. Spencer Gillett and John Novak of Dearborn, Michigan; Hollis Kendrick and Vera Kennedy of Oklahoma City; J. T. Oczkowski and Miss Adalyn Horn, of Hempstead, Pennsylvania; Mrs. R. M. Kendrick, of San Antonio; Mmes. J. O. White and Larry Gorman and Miss Buena Kendrick, of Brownwood; Mmes. Leroy Smith, Ralph Smith and Miss Florence Smith, of San Angelo; Mmes. Alton Taylor, Tucker Newman and Lorena Williams, of Santa Anna; Mrs. Jewel Suddeth, of Eldorado; Mrs. Wayne Gordon, of Miles; Mrs. Kathleen Herring, of Abilene; and Mrs. Herbert Sledge, of Lubbock.

Wood-Midgley Nuptials Wednesday

The marriage of Miss Nellie May Midgley, daughter of Mrs. C. H. Midgley, and Chester Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wood, was solemnized Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the home of the Rev. W. H. D. S., retired Methodist pastor. The Rev. Doss read the single ring ceremony witnessed by members of the immediate families.

The bride wore a chiffon velvet frock of royal blue with black accessories.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Wood are graduates of the Ballinger High School. After a short wedding trip, they will be at home in the Wilmeth community.

J. O. Y. Class in Claude Mansell Home

Mrs. Claude Mansell, Mrs. Cecil Kemp and Mrs. Jones Parrish were hostesses to the Baptist J. O. Y. Class Wednesday afternoon.

The Mansell home on Seventh Street was decorated in the season's colors and symbols and gifts were exchanged from a pretty lighted tree. Small trees were favors for the salad plate served with toasted sandwiches, cookies and coffee to: Mmes. Myra Smith, O. I. Merrifield, Thomas Bond, Carroll Corder, France Jones, Douglass Barnett, Wayman Wilson, Jack Bridwell, Fred McKay and Fred Walter King.

Know Your Neighbors in Adair Home

Only Know Your Neighbor members were included by Mrs. L. C. Adair Wednesday afternoon when she was hostess in her Eighth Street home.

Christmas decorations and a lighted tree gave a festive air to rooms where gifts were exchanged.

Winnie Merle Adair assisted in serving a plate of sandwiches and fruit cake with coffee to: Mmes. Cecil Jones, Dee Saylor, Royal Bishop, Rothal O'Kelly, John Barton, Joe Flynn, J. H. Endacott, Layne Moreland, Jack Nixon, Sr.,

Miss Beatrice Collier Gives Review

Miss Beatrice Collier, a teacher in the Ballinger Junior High School, gave a benefit book review for the Shakespeare Club Wednesday afternoon in City Hall auditorium. Mrs. Edgar Boelsche, club president, introduced Miss Collier.

Her review of Evelyn Eaton's "Quietly, My Captain Waits" was one of the best ever heard here.

ANNUAL COWBOY XMAS BALL AT ANSON SLATED DECEMBER 19, 20 AND 21

Dates for the annual Cowboys Christmas Ball at Anson, an event which attracts thousands from all over Texas and from other states have been set for December 19, 20 and 21. The 1940 ball will be held in the organization's own "home," the Pioneer Hall. The new rock building was completed the past year and there is plenty of space for hundreds to do the square, Virginia reel, heel and toe, waltz, polka, two-step and other dances, all men dressed in cowboy togs and partners dressed in the fashions of the 1890s.

The new hall has a large lobby, cloak rooms, kitchen, dance floor and stage and for those who want to watch there is a large balcony. A number of Ballingerites already

have tickets and will attend at least one night.

BRITAIN'S FISHERMEN IN BIG MONEY CLASS

LONDON, December 11.—Great Britain's former humble fishermen are boasting that they are getting Hollywood pay. Before the war they received about \$2 for 45 gallons of their catch; now they get \$20 for the same amount, and the skippers of their vessels make \$2,000 a week. The risks have contributed to the enormous rise in income, as the authorities consider it only right that the men who hourly endanger their lives to bring in the country's fish catch should be amply compensated.

In a sixteen-week season some skippers make as much as the prime minister and more than five times the pay of a full-blown admiral of the fleet.

INDIA BUILDS HOUSES

DELHI, Dec. 11.—To enable those evicted from slums in the old city of Delhi to have new homes, the government of India will subsidize construction of 5,000 model houses and sell them to the occupants on a time-payment plan. The government will lend \$850,000 for the project and levy an entertainment tax in Delhi to cover the charges.

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Colbert-Milland Love Story Bubbles in 'Arise My Love'

In "Arise, My Love," romantic comedy to be shown at the Texas Theatre in preview Saturday midnight and regular screenings on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 15, 16 and 17, Paramount has blended the perfect love team of Claudette Colbert and Ray Milland in the story of the girl who had to lock her shoes in a safe to keep a gent from walking away with her heart.

Against a background of Paris, Spain, England, this new picture tells the story of a pair of fighting Americans, living and loving in the midst of the drama of today.

It is a story with starts in high gear with Claudette, an audacious newspaper woman, aiding the

Ray Milland in his escape from Spain. It has a warm, light-hearted interlude of love in Paris, and then, mounting tension as the lovers face the danger of a world war.

Their attempt to escape to safe America is frustrated. They return to fight on through the battle of France, and to be rejoined in the determination to carry their fight back to America.

Walter Abel, Dick Purcell, Dennis O'Keefe and Esther Dale are among the featured players.

"The Man I Married" and "Girl from Havana" Top Texas Bill Tomorrow and Saturday

The two feature productions at the Texas Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday are "The Man I Married," an amazing drama, and "Girl from Havana," a sprightly comedy. In addition are several short subjects.

Does any woman ever really know the man she loves?

That is the question propounded in "The Man I Married," 20th Century-Fox film starring Joan Bennett and Francis Lederer. Also featured are Lloyd Nolan and Anna Sten. Miss Bennett is seen as the art critic on New York's smartest magazine and Lederer as the man she learns to fear.

Played by a brilliant cast which includes Otto Kruger, Johnny Russell, Maria Ouspenskaya and Ludwig Stossel, "The Man I Married" smashes into a thrilling climax that gripped previewers.

A blue ribbon cast is assembled by Republic to bring its current adventure story, "Girl from Havana." Dennis O'Keefe, Claire Carleton, Victor Jory, Steffi Duna and Gordon Jones head the star-studded cast, with Abner Biberman, Addison Richards, William Edmunds, Trevor Bardette, Frank Laakteen and Jay Novello among the supporting players.

The story presents O'Keefe as a young Yankee stationed in South America to supervise the drilling of oil wells. Women, and a good fight are the two most important things in his life, and he gets plenty of both. In fact, his two pals, portrayed by Victor Jory and Gordon Jones, vie with him in a perpetual contest to see which one of them can get into the worst trouble over the most girls.

But then the "girl from Havana" comes along!

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Norma Shearer, Robert Taylor Teamed in Dynamic 'Escape'

A group of eleven prominent character actors, headed by stars Norma Shearer and Robert Taylor, combines to bring to the screen one of the most thrilling best-sellers of the past year, Ethel Vance's "Escape." The picture is to be shown at the Ritz Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 15, 16 and 17.

Miss Shearer is seen as the Countess von Treck, who finds herself involved in the desperate attempt of American artist Mark Preysing to rescue his mother, ex-actress Emmy Ritter, from death in a concentration camp. Taylor enacts young Preysing, with Nazimova, star of the silent films, returning to the screen for the first time in fifteen years, as Emmy. European star Conrad Veidt appears as the general, lover of the countess, and ultimate menace of Emmy's safety.

With this quartet of principals appear in almost equally important roles, Felix Bressart as Fritz, old family retainer; Albert Bassermann as Hennin, the aged lawyer; Dutch leading man, Philip Dorn as the camp physician, Dr. Ditten, who makes Emmy's escape possible; Bonita Granville as the schoolgirl, Ursula; Edgar Barrier as the sadistic police commissioner; Elsa Bassermann as the lawyer's wife, and Blanche Yurka as the brutal prison nurse.

Each of these becomes involved in Emmy's flight. Around the question of whether they will aid or turn against her, the whole thrilling story revolves. Mervyn LeRoy directed.

CHURCHES

First Baptist Church
(400 Eighth Street)
Sunday, December 15:
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. E. C. Grindstaff, superintendent.
White Christmas for Buckner Orphans Home.
Sermon 11:00 a. m.
Royal Ambassadors, 1:30 p. m.
Baptist Training Union, 6 p. m.
Miss Janie Flynn, director.
At 7:00 p. m. there will be presented in the main auditorium a Christmas drama, "The Christmas Candle," by McMahan.

ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK:
Monday:
2:30 p. m., Sunbeam Band.
W. M. S. business meeting and missionary program at the church.
Tuesday:
4 p. m., Junior G. A.
5 p. m., Intermediate G. A.
Wednesday:
7 p. m., Sunday school meeting.
7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.
8:15 p. m., choir rehearsal.
The public is invited to worship with us.
CLARENCE A. MORTON, Pastor.

First Methodist Church
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.
Subject, "First Stand Still."
Young people's meetings, 6:00 p. m.

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7:30 p. m.—Special young people's meeting with Evelyn Wilson McGowan, Gulf States District Commander of Four-square Crusaders in charge.

Wednesday:
7:30 p. m.—mid-week service.

Saturday:
2:30 p. m.—Children's Church. G. F. McKEAN, Pastor.

Church of Christ
(Eighth Street, Bonsall Avenue)
11:00 a. m., Bible lessons.
9:45 to 10:45 a. m., Bible lessons.
11 to 11:45 a. m., morning sermon.
6:45 p. m., young people's service.
7:00 p. m., evening service.
Monday:
4 p. m., Ladies' Bible class.
7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.
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Grace Baptist Church
(Eighth Street)
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning service, 11 o'clock.
Evening service, 7 o'clock.
Wednesday evening prayer service, 7:45 o'clock.
JOE HULL, Pastor.

Church of God
(Corner of Sixth and Strong)
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
General service, 11 a. m.
Junior meeting at 5 p. m.
Young people's meeting at 7 p. m.
Service, 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7 p. m.

Texas soil conservation districts are not confined to one section of the state but are well distributed.

Teacher: "Can anyone tell me what causes trees to become petrified?"
Bright Student: "The wind makes them rock."

First Presbyterian Church
(301 Broadway)
Sunday, December 15, 1940:
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.
Monday:
Circles of the Woman's Auxiliary will meet at 4:00 p. m.
Wednesday:
Mid-week service, 7:30 p. m.
DWIGHT A. SHARPE, Pastor.

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning service, 11 o'clock.
Young People's meeting, 5:45 p. m.
Evening service, 7:00 o'clock.
Mid-week service, 7:00 p. m.
Wednesday:
Auxiliary Spiritual Life Prayer meeting, 8:15 Monday morning.
Auxiliary, 3 p. m. Mondays
Choir practice, 8:00 p. m. Wednesday.
FRED CLARK, Pastor.

First Christian Church
"The Church of the Jesus Way"
(Broadway and Murrell)
Sunday school, 9:45.
MORNING WORSHIP: 10:45 o'clock.
Organ prelude, 10:35.
Communion with Christ.
Minister's message.
EVENPRAYER: 6:00 o'clock.
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Benediction, 7:00 o'clock.
WM. MACK WEAVER, Minister.

Church of the Nazarene
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Sunday:
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
N. Y. P. S., 6:45 p. m.
Wednesday:
Mid-week prayer service, 7:30 p. m.
Thursday:
W. F. M. S., 2:30 p. m.
We cordially invite the public.
H. C. SOWELL, Pastor.

Foursquare Gospel Church
(104 North Twelfth Street)
Sunday:
9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.

Tropical Christmas on the Islands in Hawaii.

ITS asking a lot to expect people born in temperate latitudes to get steamed up about Christmas in the islands in the middle of the Pacific, Christmas is still—Christmas, writes Armine von Tempaki in Cosmopolitan.

On the outlying islands in Hawaii, Christmas is carried in on horseback, and the jingle of paniolo spurs replaces the imagined tinkles of Santa's merry sleigh bells. On Christmas eve some inner part of me waits and listens all night for the tramp of horses' hoofs, the ringing of spurs, rich Hawaiian voices singing above resonant guitars and gay ukuleles; for cowboy serenaders, riding from ranch to ranch.

Like cadenced meles, which put an everlasting spell upon you, memories of Christmases spent on the sixty-thousand-acre cattle ranch my father managed on the slopes of Haleakala, the extinct volcano on the island of Maui, persist with undying vividness. A fair number of persons, representing different races making up the sum total of humanity, participated in them. Americans, Hawaiians, Japanese, Chinese, Portuguese and their crossings assembled under our roof Christmas eve. Each group brought a flavor peculiarly its own to add to the Birthday of all birthdays.

Use Flashlight to Test Christmas Tree Bulbs

If you are doubtful about certain lamps in your Christmas tree string, here's an easy way to check for those that are burned out.

Remove the regular lamp from a five-cell flashlight. Then screw in the lights one at a time. While they will not burn brightly with such low current, they will glow if still good. Burned-out lamps will not glow at all.

Recently the farm security administration has broadened its rehabilitation program by making loans to children of its borrower families in order that they may take part in activities of 4-H clubs and Future Farmer organizations.

Brazil's 1937 cotton crop, largest in the country's history, was only two-thirds as large as Texas' production for the same year.

UNITED STATES SEEN AS DIAMOND CENTER

JOHANNESBURG, Union of South Africa, Dec. 11.—That the United States is destined to become the world's diamond center is the view taken by the heads of one of the biggest diamond mining and trading companies of Johannesburg, which has announced that it will form an American corporation in the United States to cut, market and distribute South African diamonds.

Antwerp and Amsterdam, formerly the chief diamond centers, are out of the picture, and the Johannesburg diamond men believe that London, which now ranks as a center, cannot serve the American market adequately. They hold that the United States and Johannesburg are the only centers available to diamond purchasers. Johannesburg's importance in the American market is growing.

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INCREASING FARM BUYING POWER BY COOPERATION

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 4.—Efficiency of the machinery which processes, transports and distributes farm produce, C. E. Bowles, extension cooperative marketing specialist for Texas A. & M. College, believes has not kept pace with improved methods of production.

Buttressing his conclusions with demonstrable facts, Mr. Bowles

contrasts the share of the consumers' food dollar received by farmers in the periods 1913-1917 and 1930-1938. In the former period farmers received an average of 55 cents of each consumer's dollar, but in the latter period this share had declined to 39 cents. Comparably, 45 cents of the 1913-17 dollar went to distribution, including processing and transportation but this climbed to 61 cents in the eight years after 1930.

"One of the most noticeable results of this loss of farmers' exchange," says Mr. Bowles, "is the piling up of surplus of feed and fibre in warehouses surrounded by needy people on farms as well as in the cities."

Check and recovery lies in co-operation because farmers can do little about the problem individually. Cooperatives now are being used to increase farm incomes by carrying farm produce through some of the processing and marketing steps. Cooperative gins have demonstrated they can add an average of about \$2.00 a bale to farmer's return on cotton, and another \$2.00 may be added by cooperatively crushing the seed, records of some of the older cooperative Texas cotton oil mills show.

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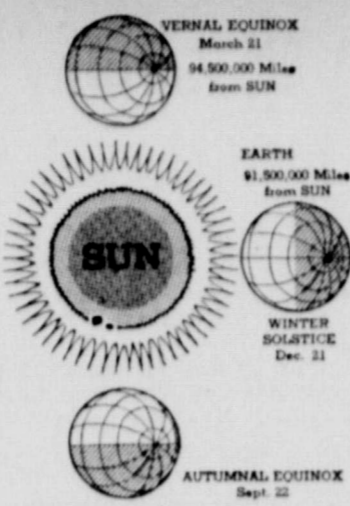
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Winter's Debut



Winter begins December 21 in the Northern hemisphere, when earth is closest to sun. Sketch shows angle at which sun's rays strike north pole at equinoxes.

state. Cooperative gins at Munday, Quanah, and Childress, averaging 21 years of age, have paid their members more than \$1,000,000 in savings since organization, in addition to paying for eight gin units.

Mr. Bowles says the blackland belt or north Texas has had more cooperative expansion in recent years than other parts of the state, and official records show 84 cooperative gins and 24 other cooperatives within 65 miles of Greenville.

"Farm people may well ask themselves who is going to break up the system of 'toll bridges' which has grown up in our complicated distribution machinery," Mr. Bowles suggests. "Relief through legislation usually has been disappointing. The simplest solution seems to be for farmers to own the bridges and pay the toll to themselves. Certainly they can own enough of the processing facilities to establish yardsticks by which the services and charges of privately owned enterprises can be measured."

The moon is approximately 237,000 miles from the earth, a short distance as astronomers view things.

Ten Days Granted Ballinger Students For Xmas Holidays

Ballinger school authorities have announced Christmas holidays to start on December 20 and end December 29, the term to be resumed December 30. Students will have ten days in which to celebrate.

College students will begin arriving home on December 18 and most of them will not return to their studies until January 2 and 3. There are approximately 80 Ballinger boys and girls attending college and practically all will be home for the Yuletide.

Jack Bandy McGregor, who is a member of the A. & M. College Band and also the Aggieband Orchestra, will not get to be at home for the holidays, the orchestra being engaged for the entire period. His parents will meet him in San Angelo for the big dance there Christmas night, for which the A. & M. orchestra is to furnish the music.

Most of the other schools in Runnels county will be dismissed on December 20 and give pupils a full week away from their studies.

Buying Christmas seals will greatly reduce the unnecessary tax tuberculosis exacts each year in economic security, money, health and life itself.

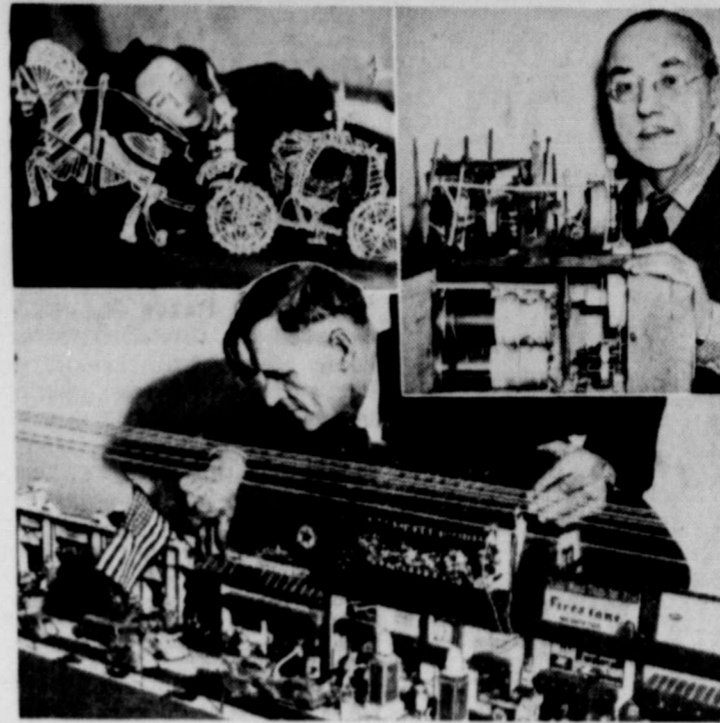
"You say you can recommend this hair restorer?" "Yes, sir, I know a man who removed the cork from the bottle with his teeth, and within twenty-four hours he had a moustache."

Two-thirds of the tires manufactured are sold as replacements.

Jack: "I can see that I'm only a little pebble in your life." Gladys: "Well, you might try to be a little bolder."

There's nothin' will make a man look quite so foolish as a hat store mirror.

Observe National Hobby Week



Avocations will be featured December 25 to January 1 during National Hobby week. Some unusual hobbies are pictured above. The "Cinderella Carriage," upper left, was made entirely of pipe cleaners. (Upper right): Gelett Burgess, noted author, with his "nonsense machine," which only makes noise. Below, tiny buildings made of boiled match sticks.

Schools to Offer Office Practices To Adult Classes

Mrs. Fred Kiechle and local school officials announced Tuesday a plan to offer studies in office practice to adult classes beginning January 6. This is part of the program of adult education sponsored by the federal and state governments in cooperation with the Ballinger public schools.

Classes will assemble in the senior high school building for study from 5 to 6 p. m. two or three days a week. Mrs. Kiechle will be the instructor. Those eligible for the classes will be 16 years old or older, not attending day school, and employed in

office occupation. The study units include bookkeeping, advanced typewriting and filing.

The purpose of the courses is to provide training for office workers which will enable them to better perform their present duties, assume additional responsibilities, or enter employment in closely allied commercial pursuits.

A small fee will be charged for the courses. Anyone interested is requested to contact Mrs. Kiechle or some school official and make arrangements for starting with organization of the classes.

With war come renewed attacks from tuberculosis. Continued control of the disease will be more costly in 1941 than ever before.

The kings on modern cards decks all contain the jovial physiognomy of King Henry VIII, the husband of many wives.

PRUNE FED DOGS SEEM TO LIKE THE NEW DIET

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 11.—"Try it on the dog" meant testing a new play on a small city audience in the days when the theatre was associated only with the spoken drama, but from California comes a story with real dogs as the subject of a test.

The office of information, U. S. department of agriculture, reports "a rather astonishing superiority in rate of growth and general conditions developed in prune-fed dogs." Dr. Agnes Fay Morgan, of the University of California, says she recently reared a litter of five fox terriers at the university laboratory on a mixture of four dry commercial foods, three of the dogs receiving a diet which included 20 or 30 per cent prune paste.

Increased vitamin A value in the prune diet accounts for the extra growth, Dr. Morgan said. Thus the venerable boarding house dessert wins new fame.

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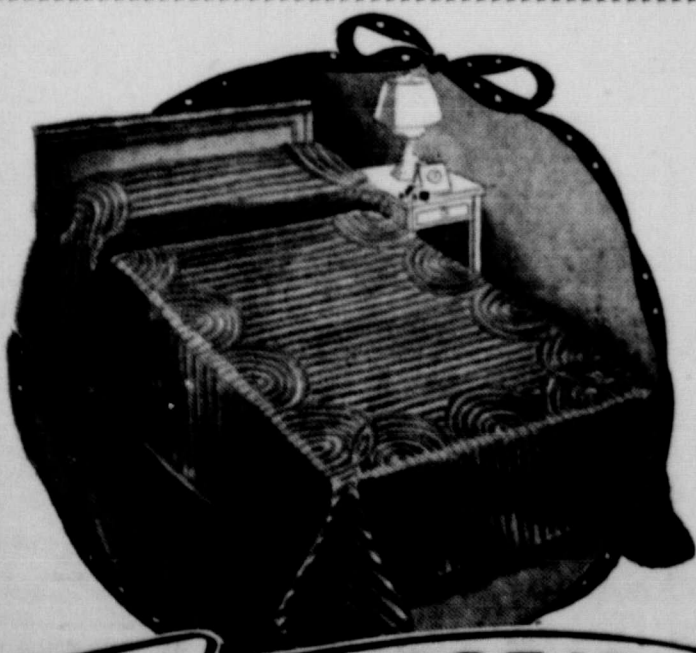
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Gifts Wrapped

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HOMESICKNESS, perhaps, had brought him back. Old Peter Johansen buttoned his threadbare overcoat, blew warm breath on his rough hands and jumped to the ground. There was no railroad detective to grab him for riding that freight train, because this was the day before Christmas. All but the homeless, like himself, seemed busy preparing for the Day of Days.

Forty years, Peter reflected, since he last set foot in Clark City. It had been a year after the big earthquake; a year after all hell broke loose, killing his parents and sister as they sat at dinner in the little house on Vine street.

Peter remembered: How he had come home late that evening; how the earth began quivering like a beast possessed; how he had



Peter stood alone for a long time watching the star appear.

searched like a madman through the ruins of that shock-wracked, fire-swept bungalow. Then, as Clark City began rebuilding, he had drifted off in a daze to roam up and down the earth—a ne'er-do-well, a hobo!

But always he remembered Linda, dear little sister Linda. In 40 years her memory always came back stronger than ever on Christmas Eve, for it was then that they used to climb Lookout Hill hand-in-hand at dusk, watching the evening star rise in the heavens.

That, perhaps, was why he was back this Christmas Eve. "Almost dusk now," he reflected, trudging along Clark City's busy thoroughfare. Christmas crowds jostled him, for he was a hapless wanderer with no place to go.

No place to go? Not Peter! Soon he found his way to the old residential district where Lookout Hill rose like a sentinel.

"The same old hill," he told himself. "Little Linda! If you were only here now to see your big brother! No—thank God you're not here, for your big brother is ashamed of himself!"

At the crest Peter stood alone for a long time, watching the star appear as it had since that first night over Bethlehem. He didn't notice the old lady until she spoke.

"Beautiful, that star, isn't it?" Peter fumbled with his greasy-stained cap.

"Yes'm, it is. Especially from Lookout Hill."

"Many years ago," she continued, almost in a trance, "my little brother and I used to watch that star rise in the heavens each Christmas Eve, until—" (she wiped a tear away)—"we were separated somehow during the big earthquake. He was killed, they found out later."

"Each Christmas Eve ever since I've come back here, just to remember him. I hope he's happy up there in Heaven."

Peter was staring at her, fairly ready to shriek, for it was Linda! No doubt about it, now!

He recognized the tilt of her nose, unchanged by the years; the familiar ring of a voice that somehow had failed to grow old. But he held himself back, for Peter was ashamed of himself.

She didn't notice him shuffle off after awhile, for Linda was still watching the star.

In the freight yards he found an empty boxcar and bedded down under some straw in a corner. After a while he felt the car move, and somehow he was glad.

"Yes, it was Linda," he sobbed to himself, "but I just couldn't tell her. Thank God she's alive and happy. And Thank God she remembers me on Christmas eve as I was, not as I am."

After awhile he fell asleep.

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Cakes Printed in Germany
A famous Christmas cake in Germany is Aachen Frinten, from which the English word "print" is derived. In the days before book-printing the idea of imprint belonged to the baking business to express the making of patterns in cakes. Many of these cakes have figures representing the old gods Wotan and Thor.

Santa May Not Smoke Cigars
Santa Claus, perhaps, doesn't smoke—or he would be better informed on the quality of cigars.

The odor of cooking turnips can be greatly lessened by adding a teaspoon of sugar to the cooking water.

An average automobile of today could travel more than 300 miles if all the energy contained in one gallon of gasoline were utilized.

The elephant is not generally used as a domestic animal in Africa as in Asia.

A Burglar for Christmas

by Rolana Flagel

IT WAS midnight on Christmas Eve. Seven-year-old Jack, having baffled the sandman since eight o'clock, tossed back the covers and crept downstairs.

Now, at long last, he would learn the truth about Santa Claus. Man or myth? Chimney sweeper or a lovable old red-nosed gentleman?

When the clock struck one Jack was still sitting patiently in the chair by the fireplace, watching the embers glow and wane. Tinsel on the nearby Christmas tree glistened. It was all very exciting, but where was Kris Kringle?

The noise Jack heard a moment later might have been Santa but it didn't come from the chimney.

Quickly the boy jumped back in the shadows while he heard the dining room window raise slowly. A gust of cold air, heavy footsteps, and then Jack heard the window close.

Frightened, he crept forward until he could see where blue moonlight filtered into the dining room. There Jack saw—not Santa Claus but a masked burglar, systematically looting the silverware!

Seconds later his softly slipped feet carried the lad upstairs into his parents' bedroom. The boy shook his father.

"Dad!" he whispered loudly, eyes blazing. "Dad! Wake up!" "Grrumph," came the sleepy answer.

"A burglar, Dad! Wake up! Call the police!" Not waiting, Jack reached for the bedside telephone himself. His mother still slumbered.

"Operator?" he asked. "Send the police over to our house right away! There's a burglar downstairs!"

By that time it was out of Jack's hands. His parents were wide awake now, clinging to their hero



Jack reached for the telephone himself.

son and listening. During the next two minutes they heard a stark drama—downstairs the dining room window opened and closed. In the distance, growing ever nearer, was the hum of a motor which they knew would be the police car.

They heard it stop outside. Then came a shout, "Stop thief!" A brief scuffle, and they knew the burglar was captured.

Next morning Jack was awakened by his father.

"Son," he began, eyes twinkling. "I forgot to ask last night how you happened to hear that burglar."

Jack blushed.

"I was downstairs, Dad, waiting for Santa Claus. Wanted to see if he really does come on Christmas eve."

His father laughed heartily.

"But Jack!" he protested. "Don't you know that Santa Claus never comes when little boys and girls are watching? I'll bet he's been here by this time, though. Let's go see!"

Downstairs Jack's surprise was divided between two equally fascinating subjects. Around the Christmas tree were more presents than he'd ever seen before, including a brand new bicycle!

But off to one side was a jolly looking, blue-uniformed policeman.

"Sentry," the copper began. "That burglar you captured last night was 'Lightning Pete,' a most notorious house breaker."

Jack's jaw dropped.

"Best of all," the policeman continued, "there's a \$500 reward for his capture, and it all belongs to you. Here's the check."

Jack could barely say "Thank you," so amazed was he.

"I guess," he finally mumbled, "that Santa Claus is wearing a blue uniform this year."

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Shepherd Village Plays Bethlehem
Les Baux in France, a village of shepherds, puts on one of the most dramatic Christmas celebrations in the world, and has done it yearly for over a thousand years. The peasants act out the whole Bethlehem story with real oxen. Thousands of visitors come every Christmas eve to see the event.

Christmas in Sweden
Sweden celebrates her Christmas December 24 with fish and rice porridge.

The automobile industry uses 75 per cent of America's annual consumption of plate glass, or some 117,725,000 square feet.

According to the national highway users conference, the average motor vehicle owner in the United States paid \$27.36 in excess of his fair share of road costs in a single year.

Be wise—advertise.

Christmas In the Churches

Ballinger churches will present Christmas programs on December 15 and 22. In addition to the presentations for the general public, a number of Christmas trees and other Yule entertainments will be held for the Sunday school departments and organized adult classes will have socials.

Most of the Christmas programs will be offered on the same evening, Sunday, December 22, in which music and beautiful decorations will be featured.

First Methodist Church
The feature program for the holiday season will be given by the choir of the First Methodist Church Sunday evening, December 22. A cantata, "On Wings of Angel Song," by Ira B. Wilson, is to be presented. A large committee is working on some elaborate decorations for the auditorium and these will be blended with beautiful electrical effects.

The music is tuneful and tells the Christmas story as recorded by Luke in a simple manner. The thirty voices used in the concert are well balanced by sections and the singing presents much four-part harmony for men with answering effects by a women's trio. Mrs. Joe Paxton will play the organ score and soloists will include R. W. Earnshaw, Joe Paxton, Mrs. Troy Simpson, Mrs. J. A. Schnable, Mrs. Levy Lee and Mrs. Jack Nixon, Jr.

At the forenoon service the annual White Christmas will be held with all Sunday school departments participating. Cash offerings will be brought for the orphans' home at Waco as well as gifts for "adopted" local families. Rev. Elmer C. Carter, pastor, will deliver the Christmas sermon. There will be no intermission between the Sunday school and church services, the entire school assembling in the auditorium at 10:30 for the program.

First Baptist Church
Christmas observance will start at the First Baptist Church Sun-

day morning at 9:45 when the annual White Christmas program is to be held and offerings taken for Buckner Orphans Home. Next Sunday evening a Christmas drama, "The First Christmas Candle," will be presented at the regular evening service hour.

The feature Christmas program is scheduled Sunday evening, December 22, when the choir under the direction of R. E. White offers a musical program. Numbers include solos, duets, quartets, octets and a number of special chorus renditions. The music has been rehearsed for two weeks and the choir of 36 voices will be ready for a finished performance. The concert will commence at 7 p. m. and last a full hour.

As a special feature Herbert Preston will play a group of violin selections.

A committee has been named to look after the decoration of the church and it is planned to change the appearance of the entire front of the auditorium.

Card of Thanks
We want to thank all our friends and neighbors for their kindness and help during the illness and at the death of our father, T. J. Morrison. We especially appreciated the beautiful flowers.

The Morrison Children
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Wylie Stobaugh left Wednesday night for Chicago, where he will be enrolled in Northwestern Uni-

versity for a three months' naval training course, after which if he passes, he will be sent on a world cruise.

ACID FOODS NOT HARMFUL AS MANY PEOPLE THINK

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 11.—An idea many persons are sold on that "we eat too many acid foods" is without foundation, says nutritionists of the federal bureau of home economics. Persons so obsessed with oranges, tomatoes and other good foods for fear of acid. The taste is acid, but actually these foods tend to counteract acidity, the nutritionists say. There is no need to worry about acid-forming and base-forming foods if one has a well-rounded diet that includes plenty of milk, eggs, fruits, vegetables and cereals with some meat, fish or poultry. It is better, they emphasize, to focus attention on adequate diets than to fret about acid-forming diets.

Another false food idea is that different kinds of fruits should not be eaten together on account of possible danger in combining the different acids. Nutritionists explain that there is no possible harm in fruit combinations because nature combines different acids within a single fruit.

It is estimated that residents of farms and towns under 2,500 population utilize 41 per cent of the motor cars in use in the United States.



Health Clinic Free

One day only—Saturday, December 11. No clothing removed! No pain experienced! No obligation! Blood pressure taken!

Don't try to guess at your ailment! Let this scientific instrument aid in diagnosing your condition. A FREE examination is given to one member of a family. Married women should be accompanied by their husbands if possible so both will have an understanding of the examination.

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Oranges Texas Sweet Bu.	\$1.39	Sweet Apple Cider	
Apples Black Twig Bushel	85c	White Raisins lb.	15c
See us for prices on boxes of Fruits!		Currants lb.	19c
Potatoes No. 1 White 10 lbs.	15c	Ritz Crackers 2 Boxes	45c
Onions No. 1 Yellow 4 lbs.	10c	Fruit Cocktail 13 1/2-oz.	10c
Cabbage lb.	1c	Pineapple Broken Slices No. 2	15c
Cranberries lb.	19c	Cranberry Sauce 2 Cans	25c
Green Beans Florida 2 lbs.	25c	Cherries No. 2 Ptted 2 Cans	25c
New Potatoes lb.	4c	Green Beans Del Monte No. 2	15c
Turnips Rutabaga lb.	4c	Candy Chocolate 5 lb. Box	98c
Chestnuts lb.	25c	Coffee Break o' Morn lb.	17c
Stuffed Dates lb.	25c	Sugar Pure Cane 25 lbs.	\$1.20
Syrup Ribbon Cane No. 10	49c	Soap P. & G., Crystal White 6 Bars	19c

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Fancy Chuck Beef Roast lb.	15c	Home Made Brick Chili lb.	12 1/2c
Home Made Hog Lard 2 lbs.	15c	Kraft's Elkhorn Cheese lb.	22c
No. 1 Salt Pork lb.	13c	Nice Lean Pork Chops lb.	15c

GARDNER WILL SPEAK AT WINTERS SUNDAY

Dr. T. C. Gardner, of Dallas, state Baptist Training Union secretary, will be the principal speaker at the Associational Baptist Training Union meeting at the Winters Baptist Church Sunday afternoon.

Dr. Gardner has served as secretary of the Texas B. T. U. for 25 years and has done much to inspire the youth of the state. The secretary will speak at Bronte Sunday morning and leave after the service there for the meeting at Winters. The public is invited to hear him.

5,000 BRITISH CHILDREN GET WARM COATS AS 'BUNDLES' GIFT



"NIGHT is drawing nigh," and with other thousands in the British Isles these children are entering an underground air-raid shelter "somewhere in England," in care of their guardian as little ones do every time the sirens shriek and every night. Most of them must sleep on concrete or dirt floors, frequently with nothing more than a blanket under them. Bundles for Britain is making garments and seeking funds to purchase children's coats for use in these shelters through its 300-odd branches over the nation.

NEW YORK—Through an immediate response to a cable request, some 5,000 destitute children of the war-ravaged British Isles today are equipped with warm coats for winter. The garments were purchased in London at a cost of \$10,606.77, with funds cabled from New York by Bundles for Britain, Inc., to meet the emergency.

The request came from Mrs. Edward Murrow, who with the Dowager Marchioness of Reading, is supervising the needs of civilians in England as the representative of Bundles for Britain. Her cable described "an immediate and desperate need among these unfortunate children." A large number of these children are reported to be the sons and daughters of British soldiers, sailors and airmen.

Upon receipt of the cable, Mrs. Wales Latham, president of Bundles for Britain, acted at once to transfer funds to purchase the coats. Mrs. Murrow stated that heavy wool coats were available at from nine to twelve shillings each, estimating that 5,000 would be sufficient for the present to "protect these innocents from the severe winter weather."

Large numbers of these children have been obliged to sleep at night on concrete or dirt floors in underground air-raid shelters in districts removed from the scene of their former homes. The accompanying photograph of children being led into one of these shelters by their guardian, shows them clothed as they were sometime in October when the picture was made.

"Through the cooperation of Mrs. Winston Churchill, honorary sponsor of Bundles for Britain, we now have the assistance of both the Dowager Marchioness of Reading and Mrs. Murrow, who keep us closely advised of the most urgent needs of civilians, including children," said Mrs. Latham. "Cables are received from them at least twice a week. Thus we are able to employ our funds to meet specific and immediate requirements beyond the demand for clothing, knitted garments and surgical supplies."



RURAL NEWS

CREWS

Rev. J. A. Branaman, of McAdoo, preached at the Baptist church Sunday. He and his family were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jackson and family.

Mrs. Edgar Jayroe is reported improving some. She is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Grissom and family recently moved to Stephenville.

The tri-county singing here Sunday afternoon was well attended and is reported very successful.

Mrs. Thea Lucas and children visited her father in San Angelo the previous week-end.

Walter Schwartz transacted business at Waco Thursday of the previous week.

Sympathy is extended to relatives of T. J. Martin, who passed away Thursday of the previous week. Mr. Martin had been an invalid for years but his death came as a shock to his loved ones. He left a host of friends who regret his passing.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Green and Mrs. Maud Lewis have moved to Buffalo Gap. Mr. and Mrs. Wes Miles have moved on the Lewis farm.

Miss Alta Mae Schwartz visited relatives at Fort Worth the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pumphrey and family visited their son and brother, Leon, in San Antonio the previous week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Jayroe, of Pecos, are at the bedside of the former's mother, Mrs. Edgar Jayroe.

Mrs. Suggs visited her son in Abilene Sunday.

Leslie Phillips recently accepted a position in a garage at San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Branham and Dan are reported ill.

Lavoy and Royce Neal King have been on the sick list but are reported better.

EAGLE BRANCH

The G. T. G. Club will meet with Mrs. R. A. Hunt Tuesday, December 17, the meeting to last all day. Each member is to bring a covered dish for dinner, and Christmas gifts will be exchanged. The hostess will have quilting to be done and embroidery work.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kurtz and family and Mrs. A. J. Kurtz and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deike of the Cochran community Sunday.

Spanky Kurtz attended a Christmas party Sunday. This party was given by Mrs. L. Hoppe for the cradle roll at Winters.

We are glad to report that Rita Hunt is well and able to be out. She visited Spanky Wednesday.

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

A grand time was reported at the sock supper Thursday night of last week. J. D. Moore received a pie for being the most handsome man, and Selma Berry was given a cake for being the most popular young lady. Olga Deike won a cake in the cake walk. Bingo was played for prizes before the socks were sold. Quite a nice sum of money was raised for fruit, nuts and candy to be given to the kiddies at the Christmas program.

The program for Xmas is planned for Thursday night, December 19. There will be readings and some short plays. Everyone is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Adkins and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davidson visited Mr. and Mrs. Nick Henson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kurtz visited Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kurtz Sunday night.

George Miles and Hoyt Berry visited J. D. Stinebaugh Tuesday night.

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

Gwen Berry visited Margie Wood Saturday night.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends for their deeds of kindness during the illness and at the death of our loved one, J. R. Ashton. Especially did we appreciate the lovely floral offerings.

His Children and Grandchildren.
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COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETS TONIGHT AT WINTERS

The Runnels County Medical Society will hold its regular winter meeting at Winters tonight. A dinner will be served for the doctors and members of the auxiliary at the opening of the meeting and a professional program is to be presented following serving of the meal.

Dr. S. W. Bowls, of Austin, will be the principal guest speaker. His paper is "Diagnosis and Treatment of Pneumonia." Special emphasis will be given chemo and serum therapy and this address will be followed by a round table discussion of the subject.

At the conclusion of the program a short business session will be held at which officers for the ensuing year are to be elected and other items considered. Officers for the current year are Dr. C. F. Bailey, president, and Dr. O. H. Chandler, secretary.

MISS HEARN IN WASHINGTON TO STUDY HOME AGENTS' PART IN NATIONAL DEFENSE

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 11—Miss Maurine Hearn, of College Station, district agent for the Texas A. & M. College extension service, who supervises home

demonstration work in district 7, is in Washington this week to attend a conference on the part home economists can play in national defense. She will return after December 16.

Counties included in district 7, in which Miss Hearn is widely known are: Blanco, Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Gillespie, Jones, Llano, McCulloch, Mason, Mills, Palo Pinto, Runnels, San Saba, Shackelford, Stephens and Taylor.

SENATOR DUNN VISITS HERE

Senator Aubrey C. Dunn, of Alamogordo, New Mexico, is visiting relatives and friends and attending to business here. Mr. Dunn was elected to the senate in New Mexico the past summer and will begin his term of office on January 14. A former Ballinger citizen, Mr. Dunn engaged in various lines of business here a number of years ago.

Miss Marjorie Mae Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morris, returned recently from a three months' visit in Houston with an aunt, Mrs. Virgil Barnett, and in Galveston. Miss Morris will return to Houston after the holidays.

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Club Rate Both Papers \$5.45	Club Rate Both Papers \$7.95
San Angelo Standard-Times	Fort Worth Star-Telegram
One Year With Sunday\$5.95	Daily Without Sunday, One Year\$6.45
The Ballinger Ledger, One Year\$1.00	The Ballinger Ledger, One Year\$1.00
Club Rate Both Papers \$6.45	Club Rate Both Papers \$6.95
San Angelo Standard-Times	The Houston Chronicle
One Year Without Sunday\$4.95	One Year With Sunday\$7.90
The Ballinger Ledger, One Year\$1.00	The Ballinger Ledger, One Year\$1.00
Club Rate Both Papers \$5.45	Club Rate Both Papers \$8.40
San Angelo Weekly Standard	The Houston Chronicle
One Full Year for Only\$1.00	One Year Without Sunday\$6.40
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The best plan for all concerned is to send the change of address in advance.

Members of the Civic-Garden Club are appealing to Ballinger citizens to dress up their homes and yards for the holiday season and to do this as soon as possible. Some have been slow to decorate this year, but a number have indicated that they will have decorations up for the contest which will be judged December 20. Club members point out that as soon as a few artistically prepared spots appear others will get the spirit and follow suit. Few have become very enthusiastic about Christmas yet, partly because of the lack of decorations and other activities.

Hazards that take a heavy toll of life and property generally come with the Christmas season. Traffic accidents, caused by an enormous increase in travel, will probably mount, and fires supply another hazard. Both can be forestalled by a little thought and care. Careful driving, reduced speed, and a full regard for the other fellow can prevent many highway accidents. Christmas is supposed to be the happiest season of the whole year, yet many have to mourn then because of avoidable tragedies. Let's resolve to be careful so that sorrow will not visit our community.

More than 100 young men will leave Ballinger next Tuesday for the military camp near Brownwood and the national defense program will come a little closer home to everyone here. Ballingerites are reminded not to forget those who are away from home serving their country when making up their Christmas gift lists. It will be lonesome in camp for most of these youths and a few boxes from friends at home would do much to cheer them up and make army life more palatable. It might be well to remember that it will also be Christmas in Britain, but due to the war, there will be little happiness during this normally joyous season. Hitler will send them gifts—bombs—but America should remember the children with real presents, the kind that bespeak friendship, sympathy and love.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors
No. 1717.
Estate of J. R. Orr, Deceased, pending in the County Court of Runnels County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Runnels
To those indebted to or holding claims against the estate of J. R. Orr, Deceased.
The undersigned having been duly appointed Administratrix of the Estate of J. R. Orr, Deceased, late of Runnels County, Texas, by Paul Trimmier, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 19th day of November, A. D. 1940, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement and those having claims against said estate to present them to her within the time prescribed by law at her residence, Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, where she receives her mail, this 25th day of November, A. D. 1940.

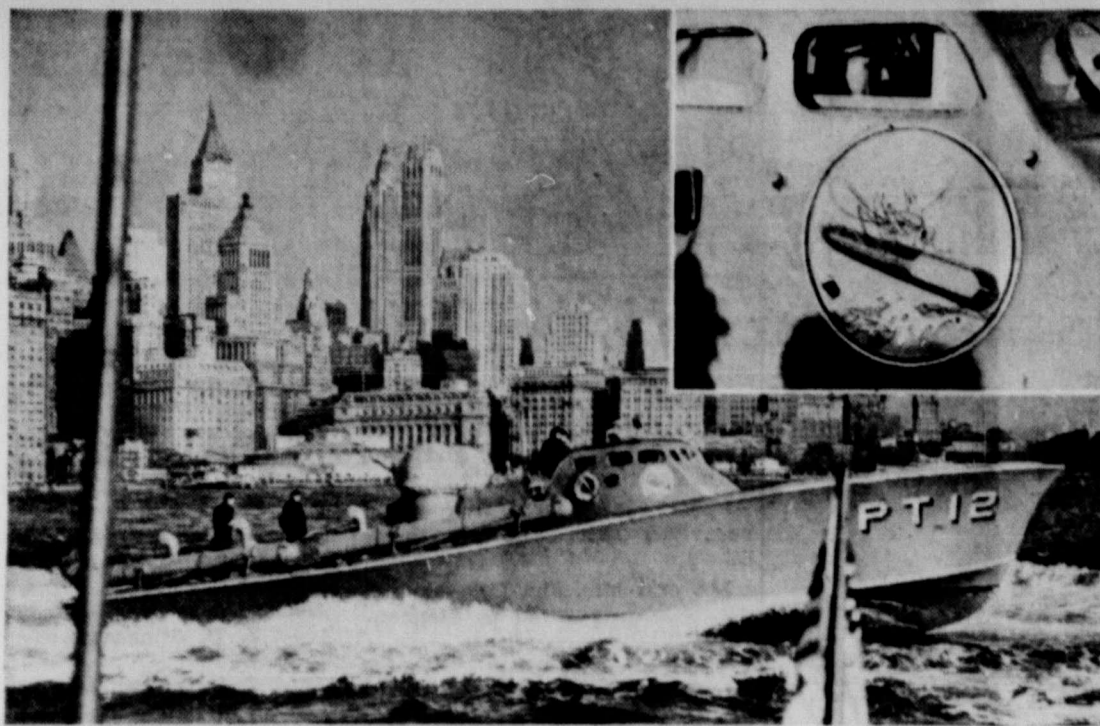
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Navy 'Mosquito'—Boat With a Sting!



The PT-12, one of the "mosquito boats" of the U. S. navy, buzzing along at about 50 knots with the grand skyline of Manhattan for a backdrop. The little boats carry a deadly sting in the form of turreted machine guns and four torpedo tubes. (Inset) Section of pilot-house on one of the mosquito boats, and the insignia of the mosquito fleet—a mosquito riding on a torpedo. The insignia was designed by Walt Disney.



**WEST TEXAS
NOTES**

The junior class of the Comanche high school sponsored an unusually entertaining lecture by Rev. Roy E. Curtis, of Brownwood, Tuesday night. Rev. Curtis, who was commissioned by Governor James V. Allred in 1938 to erect a memorial at Barrow, Alaska, where Will Rogers and Wiley Post "ended life's flight," told of adventures in the Arctic and showed motion pictures and stills of this remarkable territory and of the expedition of which he was co-director as well as one of three sponsors and organizers.

Dr. Seth W. Kellam, practicing physician at Menard several years, left last week to report for medical duty at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio. Dr. Kellam is one of the 19,000 physicians being called all over the United States.

According to figures released recently, Eastland county this year doubled its cotton production over 1939. To November 14, over 900 bales had been ginned. It is understood that in some parts of the county there is still some cotton to be picked.

This is one of the wettest years in the modern history of Coleman county, according to figures of the volunteer weather observer. The heavy rainfall of November—4.20 inches—helped to bring the year's total thus far to 30.89 inches.

Two Winters boys who enlisted in the United States army in November have been assigned to posts. Urban Watkins will report to the medical department, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio; and Albert F. Groham was assigned to the infantry at Fort Sam Houston.

Mrs. Inez Daniel assumed her new duties as acting postmaster at Norton December 2, succeeding W. L. Haley, who has retired. Mr. Haley had served as postmaster at Norton and at Bronte for 39 years.

The Lions Club, the Boy Scouts and the county old age assistance investigator at Stephenville are cooperating in plans for collecting and distributing old clothing to needy families.

Coach Herman Gibson has tendered his resignation to the Melvin school board and it has been accepted. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson will move to Strawn where he has accepted a position as coach in the public school.

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Brady man, has been released from the state penitentiary at Huntsville, where he has served nine months of a two-year term for cattle theft, because he is important to the national defense program. Army officers asked for his release because, it was pointed out, he is the man in this area best qualified to ferret out and supply horses for the army, considered vital to the defense program.

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**RANKING OF TEXAS BOYS
AT INTERNATIONAL SHOW**

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 11.—Woodrow Mills, member of the Sterling county 4-H club team in livestock judging at the 1940 International Livestock show, Chicago, was placed third in the individual cattle judging contest, according to information received at A & M. College from Chicago.

Mills was one of the 42 boys from Texas attending the national congress of the clubs held in connection with the International. The Texas team placed second in cattle judging, 12 points behind the Oklahoma team and one point ahead of Minnesota. The Lone Star boys ranked eleventh out of 25 teams in "all classes," or the entire contest, with Mills, nineteenth and his teammate, George Mills, also of Sterling county, in twenty-fourth place, in individual scoring.

In horse judging, the Texas team captured third place, with Claude Broome, of Sterling county seventh in the individual ranking. The Texas swine judging team finished tenth and last, with Colorado leading in that division. Texas boys won first honors for team judging of livestock the two previous years. Reagan county youths winning in 1939 and a group from Menard county in 1938.

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**Hints for
the Farm**
Furnished by the
Extension Service
A. & M. College

People who have never eaten smoked turkey have a treat in store for them. And while smoking a turkey requires more time than just roasting one, the finished product pays big dividends, according to George P. McCarthy, poultry husbandman for the A. & M. extension service and Nora Ellen Elliott, extension specialist in food preparation.

Curing the turkey is the first step. Prepare the turkey for roasting, removing the tendons from the legs, and cool the bird overnight. Then make a brine solution consisting of six pounds of salt, three pounds of sugar, three ounces of saltpeper, and four and one-half gallons of water. This mixture is sufficient to cover two turkeys packed in an 8-gallon crock. Should you desire to cure more than two turkeys make sufficient brine to cover all of them. Be sure to use an earthenware crock. The size will be determined by the number of turkeys to be cured. Submerge the birds and weight them down to see that all parts are covered by the mixture. Then place in a cooling vault with temperature of 34°-38° F. for two weeks.

At the end of the first week, stir the mixture and change the position of the turkeys. At the end of the second week remove turkeys from brine, wash in tap water, and place back in the cooling vault for 24 hours.
The turkeys are then ready to be smoked. Hang them in a cloth sack made of thin cheese cloth or similar material and smoke for 8 to 12 hours or until a good nut-brown color is obtained. Good woods for smoking are hickory, oak and pecan. Other good materials are clean corn cobs or any of the hard woods. Be sure to avoid resinous woods such as pine, Mr. McCarthy warns.

In cooking smoked turkey, Miss Elliott says:
"Place turkey in a utensil large enough to cover it with cold water and bring to a simmering point (185° F) and then drain. Add 3 cups of water, cover and bake in a moderate oven (300° F) for 20 minutes per pound. Baste occasionally. If covered roaster is not available, strip with bacon or place a cloth dipped in melted fat over the turkey to protect the skin as much as possible. Smoked turkeys are seldom stuffed but if stuffing is desired, very little salt should be used in the seasoning. Smoked turkey may be served hot or cold. It makes a delicious meat for lunch or supper. Baked apples, broiled peaches and pears, and sauteed apples make nice garnishes for these turkeys."

**THIS IS SHRUB HUNTING
TIME SAYS MISS HATFIELD**

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 11.—While any time of year is a good time to visit a nursery or to explore field corners and pastures to discover attractive shrubs, and trees, this time of year has three definite advantages for the amateur gardener.

Sadie Hatfield, extension service specialist in landscape gardening, says:

Now it is easy to distinguish be-

tween evergreen trees and shrubs and those which lose their leaves. This is a good time to observe brilliant fall colors of various plants and choose the most attractive ones to give bright spots in the landscape where flowers have quit blooming.

And third, shrubs and trees may be taken up and transplanted now with more certainty of success than during the summer or spring.

In suggesting evergreens for planting, Miss Hatfield points out that for the warmer regions of Texas the cenizo or purple sage is popular. It does well in alkali soils or natural soils. Then the agarita or algerita will grow almost all over the state. Native hollies which are popular include the well-known Christmas holly, the evergreen, deciduous, and desert yaupon. Among the other beautiful native plants are swamp myrtle or bay berry, cherry laurel, Indian cherry, buckthorn, evergreen sumac or kinknik, mountain laurel, madrona or Texas arbutus, cedars, Arizona cypress, and live oak.

Some of the shrubs which add color after the flowers are gone are the sumacs, maples, dogwood, Spanish oak, red oak, wild cherry, bald cypress, deciduous yaupon.

"Shrub hunting, like deer hunt-

ing, can be fun and frequently it's more successful," is Miss Hatfield's comment.

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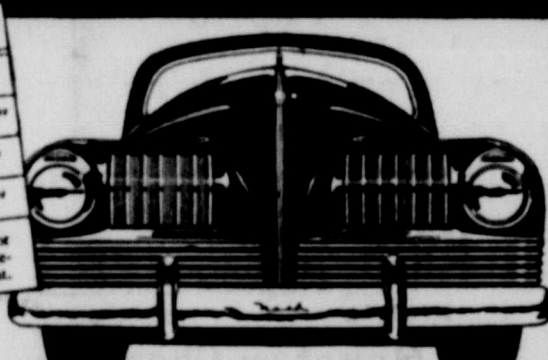
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CAR D	\$945	119"	100	NO	NO	4	148"	



1941 Price Reductions of \$70 to \$159 Put Sensational Nash Ambassadors in Price Brackets Never Before Reached by Such Big, Powerful, Value-Packed Cars!

Even a quick glance at the chart above tells you something's happened in the 1941 Automobile World... and it has! The Nash Ambassador Six (compared above) is typical of the amazing values Nash offers America this year. Reason? \$7,000,000 spent for new and more modern methods of construction enables Nash to reduce prices while the rest of the industry raises prices. These great cars enter new lower-price fields—and you get more car, more luxury, more size and features for your money! Let these figures whet your appetite—then come in and drive it. A complete comparison is even more amazing.

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City Discontinues Horse Drawn Wagon For Trash Hauling

The city of Ballinger will discontinue its horse drawn trash and sanitary wagon on December 15 in favor of motorized equipment. In making the change it is believed a fewer number of men can do twice the amount of work in the same time with the new units. The commission recently authorized the purchase of a Chevrolet dump truck for the city. Old material was bought and city mechanics have built a large trailer which will be used for the trash wagon and a smaller trailer has been constructed for a steel dump truck for sanitary work.

The three units will be operated with the new truck and early mornings will be used to pick up trash from all the alleys, on afternoon twice a month for sanitary work, and the truck unit will be free most of the afternoon to do street work and remove dirt from pavement.

The new units were built at small cost to the city and will modernize the equipment. For many years horse-drawn wagons have been in service and the slowness of this method has made it necessary to employ more men than will be needed with the motorized equipment.

Lions once were valued at \$1,000 a pair, but now are sold for as low as \$50 a pair.

"Iodine" was taken from the Greek word meaning "violet," because of its violet-colored vapor.

Alien Registration Deadline Approaches



December 28 is the deadline for an estimated 3,500,000 aliens residing in the United States to register with the government. These pictures show aliens in the various steps of registering, as they try to beat the deadline.

Metal Heat-Treated By Electric Process Makes for Hardness

DETROIT, Dec. 11.—A new method of heat-treating metals by electrical induction, which makes possible hardening of the inside diameters of cylinders, has been developed here.

The new process, which already is being utilized in production work, makes possible the hardening of the inside diameters of metal cylinders from 2 to 30 inches in diameter and up to 50 feet or more in length, it is announced.

The area treated, depth of treatment, and the degree of hardness developed are controlled within exceedingly close limits, while timing of the operation is a matter of seconds. Because of the extreme hardness which may be developed by the process, internal bores may be finished to hitherto unattainable smoothness, it is claimed.

It is anticipated that the process will find wide use in the metal industry. Practical applications where it can be used to advantage, according to metallurgists, are the cylinder bores of diesel, gasoline and steam engines, oil-well casings and the inside diameters of sleeves used in sleeve-valve internal combustion engines. Many other applications are under consideration at the present time, it is stated.

On the machines now in regular operation the bore of automobile hub forgings is hardened to make the roller-bearing race an integral part of the hub. Approximately 2,000,000 units have been

turned out on these machines without a failure being reported, it was revealed.

Any material which may be hardened, drawn, tempered, annealed or normalized by generally used methods can be hardened by the new process, according to engineers. As the material is treated only where hardness is needed, machining is possible on untreated portions of cylinders and bores after the heat treatment is completed.

Uniformity of product is assured by an automatic control system, and annealing or normalizing treatments are less frequently required before hardening by the new process than with conventional heat treating methods, it is claimed.

MATRIMONIAL AGENCY IN BELFAST IS BUSY

BELFAST, Dec. 11.—Northern Ireland's only professional matrimonial agency is busier than ever. At its office in Belfast wives can be had for \$2 apiece—and husbands, too. There romance boils down to filling out a form and hoping for the best. The client states age, religion, height, description of figure, income, nationality, position, interests and hobbies. Preference in the type of spouse wanted is also given.

The agency then finds another client as nearly as possible approaching the stated ideal. Introductions are arranged until a client is suited. "In most cases shyness makes people consult an agency such as ours," says Miss Conway, the capable secretary. "They come from all walks of life."

England gleaned six million pounds on entertainment tax from football games between the two

Recreation Center Announces Exhibit Of Toys, Program

The Bethel home demonstration club met with Mrs. Richards on December 5, with the fall group entertaining.

There will be a meeting for everyone on the night of December 13. The community is invited with a small fee being charged of 25c per couple, as the club is badly in need for funds. Gifts will not be brought to this meeting as formerly announced and that affair will be held later.

Officers for the next year are Mrs. H. T. Calk, president, and Mrs. Clyde Simmons, secretary.

VISITING PREACHER TO DELIVER SERMON AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Lawrence Hayes, pastor of the Park Heights Baptist Church, San Angelo, will deliver the morning sermon at the First Baptist Church here Sunday. Rev. Clarence A. Morton, pastor, is still confined to his home because of illness and Rev. Hayes is supplying for him at this service.

At the evening hour a Christmas drama will be presented by the young people of the church.

Snakes were unknown during the earth's Age of Reptiles.

The Ballinger recreational center will hold "open house" at the Carnegie Library from 5 to 9 p. m. Tuesday and the public is cordially invited to attend and see what has been accomplished in building and repairing toys during the past several weeks.

More than 300 toys will be on display. Some of these have been repaired and repainted and all look like new. This project is being speeded as much as possible to have a large number of toys ready for distribution at Christmas. They will be delivered to organizations and individuals "adopting" families for Christmas.

Those who have been helping in the repairing and construction of toys are Grace Walker, Viola Manning, Petra Cortez, Velma Manly, O'Neil Overman, Charlie Davis, A. B. Steifel, Reginald Cotton, Sterling Jameson and F. A. Gilbert.

A program will be presented Tuesday while visitors inspect the toys.

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BALLINGER SCHOOL NEWS

By Clara Beth Lynn

1940-"Paw Prints"-1941

At last our annual has a name! "Paw Prints," a title which popped out of none other than Mr. Sublett's fertile brain, was selected by students over "Bearcats School days." Now even after the dear old Bearcat has passed on, we will still see his "Paw Prints" and remember.

The actual panelling of pictures has begun, and anyone who does not have the preferred picture in yet, is urged to get in touch with the staff immediately. Since the arranging and pasting has already begun, someone may be left out, if arrangements are not made very soon. The staff room is a hummin' these nights; work is going very nicely, except for the unfortunate few who got their heads trimmed instead of their chests.

"Los Conquistadores"

The second year Spanish club met Monday, December 9, with Mary Ruth Duke in charge.

During the business session Odessa Parrish gave a report of the program committee. Also, it was decided that the club would have a representative in the "Miss Merry Christmas" contest. Mary Lou Davis will represent both clubs.



Holiday Glamour Goes to Your Head

For those "special affairs" and "that special formal," let us style your hair best suited to your personality, gown and occasion.

LACY BEAUTY SALON

The rest of the period was devoted to handcraft and pottery in Mexico. Winnie Adair reported on "Mexican Faience." She discussed how pottery was made and painted. The making of pottery was further emphasized by a report given by Robert Lowry on "New Discoveries in Mexican Clay." For the past three hundred years, the best grade of clay has come from Guerrero, a state in Mexico. It is found in creek-beds and is very distinct from other clay.

Odessa Parrish gave a report on "The Mexican Exhibit of Arts." The Mexicans did not prize their art until 1910, after the social revolution. At that time a new factor, machinery, was introduced. Dwight Morrow, ambassador to Mexico, was so impressed with this type of art that he had some of his friends organize a traveling exhibit, in which was displayed a collection of art dating back to the 16th century. By this method, Americans were privileged to see all types of pottery, which is Mexico's most outstanding artistic product.

Talk on Highway Safety

Messrs. Gilbert and Rice, of the state highway department, visited us in chapel Friday. Mr. Gilbert gave an interesting and instructive talk on the work of the department. He told us, among other things, that they are not "cops," but helpful friends; that they did not like to stop us by the roadside and give us a ticket, but to teach us, through educational lectures, how to avoid those mistakes in driving. In conclusion, he said, "This department, which is only one of seven safety units, wants to serve you; and we can best do that with the cooperation of all."

Odessa Trip Discussed Monday
A rehash of that grand game the Bearcats turned in against Wink plus other items concerning Saturday's Odessa trip was discussed in assembly Monday.

Mr. Williams announced that Ballinger's share of the more than \$1,300 gate was about \$700, which, after subtracting our car expenses, added about \$300 to the local athletic fund. This will possibly go into new stands and jerseys for next year.

Coach Wright reported on the football boys' special trip, praising highly the kindness and

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Senate Convenes in Old Court Chamber



Scene as senate convenes in the original U. S. senate chamber used by them from December, 1819, to January, 1839, then used by the Supreme court from 1860 to 1935. The move was made because of repairs to roots of the regular house and senate chambers. Photo shows Sen. William King, president pro tem of senate (right) on rostrum.

generosity of the Odessa people. All in all, everyone was well pleased with Ballinger's showing.

Senior Personalities

Cora Ellen Allison has been to school in Ballinger four years. Her favorite subjects are home ec and commercial law, besides which she likes swimming, dancing and horseback riding. Her pet hates include Hitler, Mussolini, and stuck-ups. Cora Ellen is a member of the pep squad and home economics club, and she hopes to be an aviatrix some day.

Harold F. Gerhardt, sometimes called "Perk," has been with us only two years. So far, he likes band, physics, and typing. Hobbies include hunting, fishing, tennis, and baseball. He hates people who are always getting out of their places. Ambition: to study medicine and learn how to fly. (Rather a large bite, no?) Harold says that he has enjoyed his work here very much.

Harley ("Lefty") Goetz has been here only two years. He likes English and physics best in school, and fishing, tennis, and softball out of school. He wants to be a diesel engineer. In conclusion, Harley wants all to know that "I live in Rowena and like the community very much; yet I enjoy going to school here very much."

JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

By Martha Sharp
Highway Patrolman Talks
Last Friday Patrolman Gilbert gave us a talk on the value of fingerprinting. This was very interesting.
Miss Carr led us in singing Christmas carols.

Reptile Exhibit Shown

Miss Spears, of the U. S. Zoological Society, gave a talk on reptiles, showing some live specimens. The talk was divided, (as the reptile family is), into two parts: the lizard and the snake.
The lizard can be told from the snake by his movable eyelids and outside ears. Snakes have neither of these. The gila monster, of our Southwest, is the only poisonous lizard in our country. No man has ever died from this lizard's mouth, however.
There are 300 species of non-poisonous snakes in the U. S., as compared to four poisonous ones. All sleep with their eyes open and hear with their tongues. They swallow their prey whole.
Reptiles such as the Chinese dragon, from the Fiji Islands, have to be forced to eat if captured; they will starve to death before taking food voluntarily.
The alligator cannot drown, because of the formation of his skull. The alligator grabs its prey sideways, while the crocodile gets his straight.

This exhibit (which high school students also saw) was highly interesting and we enjoyed it.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to the County Judge of Runnels County, Ballinger, Texas, for additions to the modernizing and remodeling of the Runnels County Court House, in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by Roy E. Lane, Architect, 510 Construction Building, Dallas, Texas, will be received at the office of the County Judge, Ballinger, Texas, until 2:00 o'clock p. m. December 30, 1940, and then publicly opened and read.

A Cashier's Check payable without recourse to the County Judge of Runnels County in an amount not less than five per cent (5%) of the total bid, including consideration of alternates, must accompany such bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the bidder will promptly enter into contract and execute bonds as provided in the specifications and instructions to bidders. A bid bond will not be acceptable. A performance bond for the full amount of the contract price and public liability to cover any probable damage will be demanded from the successful bidder.

Payment in part for such improvements will be made by the issuance of Runnels County Warrants not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars, which warrants shall mature serially over a period of not to exceed ten years from date of issuance and shall bear interest at a rate of not more than three per cent (3%) per annum. The warrants may be issued for interest to be payable semi-annually.

Plans and specifications may be obtained from Roy E. Lane, Architect, 510 Construction Building, Dallas, Texas, or from the County Judge, Ballinger, Texas, upon deposit of \$15.00 as a guarantee for the safe return of same at the time bids are delivered to said County Judge; whereupon \$10.00 will be returned to the bidder and \$5.00 will be retained as rental for the use of said plans and specifications.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and to waive all technicalities.

PAUL TRIMMIE,
County Judge, Runnels County, Texas.
(Seal)

Attest:
MRS. LYNNIE HARRIS,
County Clerk, Runnels County, Texas. 12-31

Scientists at the Cornell University (New York) agricultural experiment station are "pasteurizing" soils with electricity to eradicate pests and weed seeds. A soil temperature of 150 degrees Fahrenheit was found sufficient to kill all important disease organisms and most weed seeds.

Christmas is Theme For Olden Catholic Women's Meeting

The regular meeting of Court S. Monica, Catholic Daughters of America, was held at Olden last Friday evening. Rev. G. A. Boeckman, chaplain; Mrs. Paul Halfmann, grand regent; and forty-nine members attending. Each member brought a package for the Christmas box for poor people and Mexicans.

Miss Adeline Halfmann read the interesting life of St. Nicholas and the origin of the person of Santa Claus was explained by Miss Cora Wilde. The lecturer, Miss Elsie Hafernik, gave the different kinds of Christmas greetings in various countries.

Chaplain Boeckman stated that while we know Christmas is the day we celebrate the birth of Christ, many of the world do not know this true meaning. Many celebrate with the idea of Santa Claus and exchange gifts and he added that we only understand its true meaning when we celebrate the Infant King.

Miss Hafernik gave a quiz on the Christ Child, his blessed mother and St. Joseph. Mrs. Leo Fuchs answered the most questions correctly.

The birthday prize was given to Mrs. R. A. Lange, whose name was drawn from the box of those having anniversaries in December. After the regular session a play, entitled "Honest Peggy," was presented by Mmes. Ben Holtman, Arnold Fuchs, Rudolph Gerngross, J. J. Hoelscher, R. A. Lange and Paul Halfmann.

Santa Claus made his appearance and each member received a gift package.

Candy, nuts and fruit were enjoyed by the members at the refreshment hour.

For the first time since 1929, farmers in the United States this year will receive a total cash income of at least nine billion dollars, the department of agriculture predicts.

Dr. Spellman Speaks To Local Methodists At Fellowship Dinner

A large number of Methodists were present for the first fellowship dinner of the conference year in the church basement Tuesday night. Tables were arranged in the Doss Bible class room for about 200 and women of the church served plates at 7 o'clock.

Rev. Elmer C. Carter, pastor, presided as master of ceremonies and introduced numbers on the program which followed the meal. All present participated in a sing-song and listened to Mrs. J. A. Schnable in a humorous reading.

The guest speaker of the evening was Dr. L. U. Spellman, pastor of the First Methodist Church, San Angelo. Taking a theme from the Methodist discipline the speaker pointed out why

the church should live. Dr. Spellman said the church should live because of what it gives to the world and the place it occupies in the hearts and lives of men. He emphasized the need of the church today in a world that has tried many other things and has wound up in strife, distrust and war.

Rev. Carter announced that the next fellowship dinner would be held in January.

LEDGE SAVES CLIMBER

BEN NEVIS, Scotland, Dec. 11.—When he slipped off a narrow ledge while climbing a mountain near Ben Nevis, D. J. Livingstone, a student of Glasgow, saved himself from a fall of 2,000 feet by clinging to a spar of rock. He sprained his ankle, but scrambled back to the ridge.

During 1939, automobile, trucks and various automotive accessories, totaling \$281,842,679 were exported from the United States.

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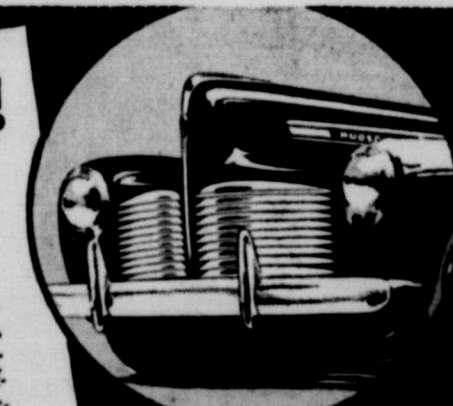
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Football Program For Lions Friday; To Present Awards

Friday will be football day for the Ballinger Lions Club with Raymond McKee, of Brady, the honor guest. The program for Friday is the annual meeting when the H. Ford Taylor award is presented to the most valuable player in district 8-A. To select this player ballots are provided each coach in the district and the man receiving the highest number of points gets the trophy.

This year McKee was the high point man, winning over Starnes, of Coleman, by one point. The Brady delegation will be composed of Coach Russ Holland, Assistant Coach Vernon Short, and McKee, Coach J. K. Cloyd, of Coleman, and Starnes, second high man in the district balloting, have been invited; and Coach Hardegree and the third high man, Frank Glaze, of Winters, will also be guests of the club.

The entire Ballinger Bearcat squad and coaching staff will be present and Supt. Nat Williams, chairman of district 8-A, will present the local team with the district championship trophy.

Mr. Taylor will present the most valuable player trophy to McKee and the remainder of the program will consist of short talks by the visiting coaches.

Newspaper sport writers at Abilene and San Angelo will attend the meeting to get stories and pictures of the features.

BOB WRIGHT BREAKS ARM IN BALL GAME AT ODESSA

Bob Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Felton T. Wright, sustained a broken arm in the Ballinger-Wink football game at Odessa Saturday. He received the injury in the first three minutes of the game but remained in until the finish. The boy was taken to a doctor and X-ray examination revealed a fracture of a bone of the left arm between the wrist and elbow. He was able to resume his school work Monday.

No examination for tuberculosis is complete with a chest X-ray. And no physical examination is complete without an examination for tuberculosis.

Liza, the negro cook, answered the telephone one morning, and a cheerful voice inquired: "What number is this?"

Liza was in no mood for trifling and said with some asperity: "You all ought to know. You done called it."

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Bearcats Lose Bi-District Game to Wink Wildcats

The 1940 season is over for the Ballinger Bearcats. The Wink Wildcats, with a big weight and experience advantage, took the local boys out of the bi-district running at Odessa Saturday with a 39 to 12 defeat. The several hundred fans that followed the team there for the bi-district contest came home pleased with the performance of the Bearcats and declared that the game was much better than the score indicates.

The Bearcats started the game with a bang, scoring in the first three minutes. The Wildcats received the kick-off but were unable to get started with their ground attack and kicked to Ballinger's 42. Bell picked up a yard and was thrown for a 12-yard loss on the second play and kicked back to the Wildcat's 20. Wink tried a running game again with only three yards gained in three efforts and went into punt formation to kick out on the fourth and Bearcats broke through in several places to block the kick which

rolled out on the 17-yard line. Striplin was rushed into the game and tossed a short pass over the line to Long who took it on the run, cut to the side line and went over near the coffin-corner for the touchdown.

The Wildcats came back fighting and with off-tackle plunges and long passes started a game which netted more than 200 yards from running and an equal amount for passes. Four times during the game they heaved long ones for touchdowns, one of these coming in the last seconds of the game.

In the second half the Bearcats came back with lots of fight and staged their longest drive of the ball game. Starting after an exchange of kicks on their own 15 they worked the ball down the field with running plays, making six first downs before finally putting the ball across for their second touchdown of the game. On this drive, Bell, Long, Striplin and Wright carried for repeated gains.

The Bearcats had many supporters in the stands during the game and after the affair was over citizens of Odessa and visitors from other towns praised the fight of the local lads who were against the biggest disadvantage of the year, being outweighed about 13 pounds per man, according to the score card.

There was plenty of action and color in Odessa during the day. Bands from Odessa, Wink, Andrews, Crane, Ballinger, McCamey and Kermit staged parades and also were seated at the game to help furnish music.

Ballingerites praised the hospitality of the Odessans who were on duty to help entertain their guests. Homes were open to the Ballinger people and everything was done for the entertainment of those there for the day. About 60 cars left here at 7:30 Saturday morning to assist in transporting the 200 band and pep squad members.

Supt. Nat Williams stated this week that the Bearcats' share of the gate receipts totalled \$759. This will take care of all expenses and leave a nice sum to be used in buying new equipment at the beginning of the season next fall.

Women Perform Essential Duties In War-Torn Britain

LONDON, Dec. 11.—About 630,000 women now belong to the women's voluntary services and are carrying out essential war duties in all parts of the country. Some of them do full-time work, others can spare only an hour or so a day from their household duties. Their jobs vary from mending soldiers' clothes to feeding shipwrecked sailors.

An important part of their work is to distribute the miscellaneous gifts which come to Britain through the Red Cross. Among recent gifts were eighty-four miles of pajama material, a large proportion of which has already been cut out by experts using electric machines, and made up by women's working parties. The finished garments will be distributed among refugees and air-raid victims. Other presents from the United States include 1,149 cases of boots and shoes, 83 tons of rice and 1,000,000 cans of evaporated milk.

The women's voluntary services are assisting in the collection of salvage in 1,700 English boroughs. They visit housewives and show them how to sort their kitchen refuse. Another branch of their activities is to give lectures on first aid, gas and other A. R. P. subjects. One hundred and fifty thousand members are making 600,000 wasp nests last year on hospital supplies, 116,084 work on spent for seals, the less money evacuated children, 68,079 are can- there will be spent for hospital teen workers, 66,139 act as billers, auxiliary nurses, 36,080 are motor drivers, 15,000 do office work. There are more than 600 laws 14,000 find homes for refugees, pertaining to wildlife on the and 67,367 perform miscellaneous Texas statutes.

The W. V. S. has been able to do much to alleviate the lot of foreign refugees. Besides meeting and feeding them at railway stations, they find them empty houses, collect and make gifts with which to furnish them and, when the refugees are duly installed, visit them daily, so they can help with language difficulties, do their shopping for them and deal with the many problems which arise in their daily lives.

"Conductor," demanded the imperious-looking woman, as she paused on the platform of a crowded streetcar, "I told you to let me off at Rasput Avenue."

"But—" began the conductor.

"Don't make excuses. I know about your not being able to remember where everybody gets off. I've heard that before."

"But—"

"You may be sure," interrupted the woman, "I shall report you."

She alighted, and the car started again.

The conductor touched his cap and called to the woman being left behind: "Sorry, but Rasput Avenue is a mile farther on."

Tuberculosis is a tremendous economic problem. Over \$70,000,000 was spent last year on hospital care alone. The more money spent for seals, the less money there will be spent for hospital teen workers, 66,139 act as billers, auxiliary nurses, 36,080 are motor drivers, 15,000 do office work. There are more than 600 laws 14,000 find homes for refugees, pertaining to wildlife on the and 67,367 perform miscellaneous Texas statutes.

Sport Slants

The Ballinger Bearcats will have their pictures "look" for the highschool annual this week-end and will then check in their equipment and call the season over. From the traveling squad eleven will be graduated at the end of the term and ten will remain for another year.

The Bearcats complete a successful season financially and will be able to begin the 1941 season with shiny uniforms and be one of the best dressed teams in the district. At Odessa the Bearcats received \$759 for their part of the proceeds and will clear about \$300.

Ballinger athletes will not have basketball this season as they have no gym and outdoor work at this time of year is not satisfactory. They will lay off until February when track work will start and all football players will be out in an effort to increase their speed. Coaches believe that the Ballinger backs need speed more than any other one thing and efforts will be made to give it to them. Coach Weyman Wilson is a track man and will have charge of the boys.

Ballinger fans at Odessa last Saturday are loud in their praise of the reception given them and the many courtesies shown during the day by the Odessans. After the game there was praise on every hand for the Ballinger team and the great fight made against such big weight advantage and no one gave the local fans the razz.

More than 300 people were transported by private cars to Odessa which shows the loyalty of fans in this city. The trip was also made without accident or serious car trouble.

MALE QUARTET SINGS FOR ROTARY CLUB

The Ballinger Rotary Club had practically perfect attendance at its luncheon Tuesday and a number of out-of-town visitors were present. Two new members were introduced and plans announced for the annual Christmas program, which will be held at noon December 24. At that time gifts will be exchanged and other presents brought to be donated to a needy family.

This week's program was musical, presented by a male quartet composed of "Pinky" Byers, R. E. White, O. C. Sykes and Elmer Tabbutt. The quartet led a sing-song and closed the program with a group of harmony numbers.

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WANTED—To lease grassland or secure pasturage for twenty cows. Ralph Koenig, Ballinger, Texas. 12-11

FOR SALE—Bundled Cane, priced to sell. Hugo A. Braden, Rowena, Texas. 12-11

FOR SALE—Team of horses, harness and two iron wheel wagons. See J. L. Moreland. 11

NOTICE—Will transfer balance due on nearly new, standard make Spinnet Piano. Continue monthly payments starting February. Write Credit Adjuster, P. O. Box 1432, Fort Worth. 12-11

LOST—Lady's white gold Wrist Watch on Hutchings Avenue. Reward for return to Ledger. 12-11

FOR SALE—250 Rambouillet bred ewes. Ben Liverman, four miles south Pony on Concho road. 12-11

FOR RENT—Three room furnished apartment. J. L. Williams, 502 Twelfth Street. 5-21

FOUND—Gray horse about 1100 pounds. Scars on back. C. L. Rogers, Wrigate. 5-21

FOR SALE—Extra good Conota seed Oats at farm. See H. J. Zappe or call 146. 28-31

FOR SALE—Bundle Cane, 3 1/2 miles southwest of Rowena on highway. Edwin Muller. 28-31

SORE THROAT-TONSILLITIS! Nothing equals a good mop for sore-throat or tonsillitis and ear Anesthesia-Mop is guaranteed to give prompt relief or your money refunded. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. N-21-181

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DON'T SCRATCH! Every jar of Paracide Ointment is guaranteed to relieve itching of eczema, itch, ringworm, athlete's foot or other minor skin irritations. Large jar only 60c at Weeks Drug Store. N-21-181

WANTED—Clean cotton Rags. No small pieces. Ledger office. 7-11

FOR SALE OR TRADE—40 head Rambouillet registered ewes, registered buck and ewe lambs. W. R. Kennedy, Winters. 17-11

Yellow-billed cuckoos have furnished stomachs from eating fuzzy caterpillars, their favorite food.

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RAIN, SNOW, COLDER FORECAST

Telegrams received in Ballinger this afternoon predicted rain, snow and much colder weather, with a hard freeze by Friday night. A steady mist was falling this afternoon and clouds indicated more moisture.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parrish returned Wednesday night from Temple, where Mr. Parrish spent three days in a clinic.

City of New Orleans Likes Its Fireworks In Christmas Season

Christmas without firecrackers just isn't Christmas down in New Orleans.

"If anybody not got no firework he mighty po'," say the Creoles gaily. The more the fireworks, the better the Christmas on the lower side of Canal street.

While other people are shooting off fireworks on July 4, New Orleans is sweetening the celebration with intense heat. Outside activities are out of the question.

With noisy July 4 festivities out of the question, it was easy to begin celebrating Christmas, instead, with the firing of skyrockets, Roman candles and firecrackers. Once started, there was no stopping it.

Shooting starts several weeks before Christmas, and every night the tumult increases. Parents consistently caution their children to save the firecrackers until the twenty-fifth, because they won't get any more. The boys and girls refuse to believe this prophecy, but feel that Providence will not allow them to go crackerless.

Even the almost penniless have firecrackers, but the more wealthy win the envy of others with their rockets.

Enthusiasm is not limited to the young boys, but it is shared by the entire family. Boys and girls parade up and down the streets at night, making a racket with tin trumpets and "instruments" they picked up on the way. They ring doorbells, then run away with joyful laughter. The sky is lighted up with rockets and firecrackers beat a constant staccato.

The fun begins again the next morning, with greater enthusiasm than ever. Although a boy may have bankrupted himself the day before, firecrackers have taken a great drop in price. He must have a new supply because they are cheap.

Now the juveniles grow reckless. Whole packages of firecrackers go off at one full blow; those who were firecracker boys yesterday are skyrocket boys today. As night comes on, the streets seem ablaze with explosives and colored rockets.

The second morning after Christmas the streets are strewn thick with burned pieces of fireworks; but the air is clear. The acrid odor of fireworks is again replaced by the perfume of Christmas roses.

Sugar and Water Stops Fall Of Christmas Tree Needles

It's easy to stop the fall of Christmas tree needles. Saw off a portion of the tree's base—enough so the fresh wood will be exposed. Set a shallow pan of water beneath the base of the tree, in which the base should be immersed. A teaspoonful of sugar should be added to the water. The water provides needed moisture and the sugar nourishes the needles, giving them strength to hold on longer.

CHILE TO IMPORT COAL FROM UNITED STATES

VALPARAISO, Dec. 11.—Lessening coal output and the increasing fuel needs of domestic industry have made it necessary for Chile to import coal for the first time. Orders were placed in Great Britain last summer but the outbreak of hostilities prevented deliveries and Chile turned to the United States. Already more than 130,000 tons have been contracted for.

This will be of no particular advantage to the development of trade between the United States and Chile. Chile's supply of dollar exchange has been under heavy pressure and the unusual demand for American coal will only serve to divert a large amount of exchange from normal trade channels developed between the United States and Chile.

Ski Troops Drill on Mt. Rainier



Members of the Forty-first division of the United States army are here shown on a cross-country trek on Mt. Rainier, the highest peak in the state of Washington, and the second highest peak in the United States proper. This is the first group of ski troops which has been organized for snow work in the army.

Olfen Club Boys Leading County On 1941 Records

Olfen 4-H club boys are leading in the county in regard to the number of record books turned in, according to County Agent John A. Barton. The club has turned in 19 complete record books and only four more are to be completed and turned in to make it 100 per cent for the Olfen boys.

In a meeting at Olfen last Monday four new members made application for joining the 1941 organization. All livestock project boys received a gift from the West Texas Cotton Oil Company a booklet entitled "1941 Feeding Practices," which has been dedicated to 4-H clubbers of the South, with pictures of boys and girls who have done outstanding work in practically all of the southern states. A vote of thanks was extended Manager H. W. Lynn, of the Ballinger mill, for the gift booklets.

In the monthly contest to draw a hog self-feeder first place went to Wilbert Palmer, second to Ralph Gerngross, and third to Arnold Lange.

January 8 was set as the date for the community 4-H club show, "Boys at Work and Play." The performance will be free and all citizens of the community are invited to attend.

Mrs. Jack Hall, of Carlsbad, New Mexico, is here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Straley, and other relatives.

Sale of New Flags Is Being Sponsored By Legion Post Here

The Pat Williams Post of the American Legion is sponsoring the sale of new sidewalk flags in Ballinger this week and has contracted with the Donovan Decoration Company to make the sales. For \$5 the company will sell a good 3 by 5 foot flag and flagpole, and prepare the container on the sidewalk, giving a completely installed job.

All Ballinger merchants are requested to place their flags on the sidewalks Monday afternoon not later than 4 o'clock for the parade of the national guard company and the farewell "party" on the court house lawn.

While a number of local merchants have flags, most of these are worn or dirty and need replacing. All the holes along the sidewalk should be moved farther back so that poles will not be broken by car bumpers. The new flags will all be lined up perfectly and of uniform size and material.

The Donovan Company will be glad to move the holes for those who already have flags. They will take in flagpoles that do not match the new kind and make other separate trades and adjustments with local merchants.

The American Legion post will share in the receipts from the sale of the flags and asks every merchant to place one or more flags in front of his store.

Guard to--

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All Runnels county citizens are asked to join in a farewell party for the company next Monday afternoon at 4:15. The Ballinger band will lead a parade down Hutchings Avenue with the guard company following and other units will join in this procession. On the court house lawn the soldiers will form in ranks to hear addresses by officials. Mayor C. P. Shepherd will represent the city government; Rev. Dwight A. Sharpe, the churches; Supt. Nat. Williams, the schools; and Troy Simpson, the American Legion. Daughters of World War veterans will pass out cigarettes to the men. Captain Marchison will respond to the farewells, concluding the program.

The local company began the regular regimental training schedule Monday morning and will continue this until departure for camp.

100 Families--

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out making an effort to look after every needy person. The first man to "adopt" a family said he could not fully enjoy his own Christmas unless he had done something to take care of those not so fortunate. Teachers of Sunday school classes for children pointed out that in previous years the members of the class get real joy and a wonderful lesson in looking after a family.

Below are a few of the families on the lists that were turned in first and who look for all their Christmas from others more fortunate:

Read the ads and SAVE!

BIRTHS

Michael Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wright, was born Saturday at the Halley & Love Sanitarium, and the young man and his mother are both doing nicely. Michael weighed 8 1/2 pounds upon arrival.

The American elk is really a deer, and it is the largest of the deer family. Its scientific name is wapiti.

There are 44 buttons on the coat of each West Point cadet, largest number of any masculine coat in America.

Red Cross--

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dozen trips a day to render aid or to investigate worthiness of applicants. They urge that citizens save food left over from banquets and parties and it will be distributed to those needing it the most.

The common white potato belongs to Solanum Tuberosum plant family. There are 1,200 known varieties of the potato.

The German Ju-87 dive bomber has a level flight speed of 245 miles an hour.

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