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Christmas Parade Slated Friday Afternoon at 3:00

Cold, drizzly weather made it necessary to postpone the Christmas parade last Saturday afternoon and the entries in the "Miss Merry Christmas" and "Toyland" contests will march tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. A freezing mist made it decidedly inadvisable to present the pageant and the committee in charge telephoned all entries to hold their costumes and decorated vehicles over until tomorrow and the parade will be made bigger than ever as several other entries have come in because of the later date giving time for preparation.

No changes will be necessary. Supt. Nat Williams stated Saturday that school children would be dismissed at 2:45 p. m. tomorrow for the year-end holidays and would be in the procession at 3 o'clock. All entrants will assemble at the city hall and the positions will be assigned at that point. A stage will be erected on the court house lawn for the judging if the weather permits, otherwise the judges will review the characters in the city hall auditorium.

This will be the last public feature in connection with Christmas with the exception of programs in churches. The parade will be headed by the high school band and entries in the "Miss Merry Christmas" division will follow. Included in this section will be the entire high school pep squad of 100 girls and the national guard company. The American Legion colors and color guard will precede the local post's representative and in a number of other entries Old Glory will be featured.

Thousands of people are expected here for this program of the Christmas series and special advertising has been distributed to inform the public of the change in date.

MISS MARY JO WEBB HONORED AT BELTON

Miss Mary Jo Webb, daughter of Mrs. Aurelia Webb, was initiated into the Royal Academia literary society at Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, on December 14. Membership in Royal Academia, one of the two senior societies on the campus, is based on scholarship, conduct and leadership. Miss Webb, a sophomore, was one of twenty-one accepted for membership this year.

Health is a major concern of the nation as well as of the individual.

Ledger to Publish Paper on Tuesday

The Ledger will be published next Tuesday evening and distributed to Ballinger Christmas eve. This will be the annual greetings edition and solicitors will call on all business men this week-end and Monday to arrange for thank-you space.

Those who have news for the paper next week are requested to get it in as early as possible.

At this season of the year many people are arriving for visits here and others are leaving for trips elsewhere. The Ledger will appreciate telephone calls informing of all personal items. Phone 27 and give this information.

More Local Homes Entered In Xmas Decoration Contest

Christmas decorations are appearing in Ballinger yards and homes at a fast clip this week and Tuesday afternoon there were 32 entries already in the contest. Others are expected before tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, the deadline for entries before the judging.

Mrs. J. A. Waide and two other Paint Rock women will be here tomorrow and will be escorted to the places entered in the contest, and after judging three awards are to be made.

Many beautifully lighted scenes have appeared in Ballinger the past few days and many inside decorations have been set where they can be seen from the street. All the lights will be turned on

85 Children Will Eat Xmas Dinner At School Tuesday

The Ballinger school lunch room will be host on December 24 at noon to 85 underprivileged children at a turkey dinner, which is to include all the trimmings. The children are among those attending school and being fed regularly in the lunch room.

The special dinner is being arranged and will include all the good things usually found at a Christmas feast. In addition to the dinner, Santa Claus will arrive at the conclusion of the meal and bags of nuts, candy and fruit will be distributed to the 85 children before they are dismissed.

Supt. Nat Williams and Mrs. Ruth Clappitt, supervisor, are making preparations for the meal. The turkeys have been purchased and various side dishes will be included.

The home economics class will assist in preparing the bags and candy, nuts and fruit have been bought for this purpose. This will be the last meal served in the lunch room before the Christmas holidays as school will be dismissed the Friday before. Workers in the room will have Monday and Tuesday morning in which to get the dinner ready and only the invited 85 children will be present for the meal and Santa's visit.

Jack Bandy McGregor, student of A. & M. College, came in Monday for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. McGregor, before he starts a tour with the Aggieband Orchestra.

Mrs. Lyle Currie and Mrs. Hugh Parrish have returned home after a visit in Fort Worth.

Association Formed Here to Raise Funds For Crippled Kiddies

The Rannels County Infantile Paralysis Association was formed Monday to direct activities in this county during January, at which time the annual money raising campaign will be conducted for the care of crippled children.

Dr. J. W. Macune was named chairman; Gus Barr, vice-chairman; George Clements, secretary; Harry Lynn, treasurer; and board members are Miss Hazel Hunt, Tom Caudle, Miss Myra Tankersley, E. C. Grindstaff, and Jack Nixon, Jr.

The board decided to order all supplies for the annual campaign including lapel buttons, cards for the "march of dimes," money containers to be placed in stores, and other items. The cooperation of business houses and schools will be sought in raising funds.

No plans were made for holding the President's Birthday Ball and if this event is held here, it must be sponsored by some organization which will turn the proceeds over to the association. Since the national guard armory is to be used as a temporary court house it will be difficult to find a hall large enough for the annual ball, it was pointed out.

Read the ads and SAVE!

Good Luck for Tommy—Bad Luck for Il Duce



Left: A British pilot with his mascot, beside his badly damaged plane, which he brought back to its base with most of the tail shot away. Right: British soldier looking over the remains of one of Il Duce's bombers which was shot down in southeast England by British anti-aircraft. Fourteen Italian planes were brought down the same day, according to the British.

November Clothing And Food Issues In County Heavy

The Rannels county commodity distribution project issued a large amount of food and clothing to families on relief as well as supplying school lunch rooms of the county in November.

There were 570 eligibles on the rolls last month and 561 were given help. Ten lunch rooms were maintained and 775 children were served meals at these places.

A tabulation of food and clothing distributed during the month is as follows:

- Evaporated milk, 1,773 cans
- Eggs, 2,610 dozen
- Corn grits, 5,723 lbs.
- Corn meal, 6,076 lbs.
- Flour, graham, 4,667 lbs.
- Rice, wheat, 9,960 lbs.
- Rice, 3,523 lbs.
- Wheat cereal, 3,124 lbs.
- Apples, fresh, 16,770 lbs.
- Peaches, canned, 163 cans
- Pears, fresh, 1,316 lbs.
- Prunes, dried, 2,408 lbs.
- Raisins, 1,623 lbs.
- Cabbage, 9,005 lbs.
- Onions, 5,028 lbs.
- Potatoes, 26,861 lbs.
- Salt pork, 1,781 lbs.
- Smoked ham, 779 lbs.
- Lard, 3,541 lbs.
- Peaches, dried, 1,896 lbs.
- Blankets, regular, 69
- Blankets, infant, 3
- Mattresses, 13
- Infants' garments, 785
- Boys' garments, 424
- Girls' garments, 407
- Men's garments, 385
- Women's garments, 400
- Household articles, 2.

POSTOFFICE TO BE OPEN UNTIL 6 P. M. SATURDAY; EARLY MAILING IS URGED

It was announced Wednesday by Postmaster Tom Caudle that the Ballinger postoffice would remain open Saturday afternoon until 6 o'clock to sell stamps and receive Christmas parcels. He urges everyone who can to get packages in the mails Saturday as Monday will only give two days for delivery before Christmas.

Employees of the local office will make every effort possible to render satisfactory service to patrons during the holiday period, Mr. Caudle said. Packages will be delivered on Christmas day to all who receive them.

Usually the postoffice closes at 3 p. m. Saturday but to expedite the mailing of parcels Mr. Caudle stated that the office would be kept open until 6 p. m. No money orders will be taken or other business transacted after 3 o'clock, however.

H. G. AGNEW HAS OPERATION

H. G. Agnew underwent surgery at the Shannon Hospital, San Angelo, Monday morning and reports from his bedside today stated that he was doing as well as could be expected. Mr. Agnew has been in the hospital for some time for treatment and getting in condition for the operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Parker and children, of Cleburne, will arrive Sunday to spend Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Bell, Dava June Bell and Mary Brian Woody spent the week-end with friends at Stamford.

Many Local Families Still On Xmas Aid-Needed List

Walter Woodward Dies at Coleman; Burial Wednesday

Walter C. Woodward, 58, died in a Coleman hospital Tuesday morning after being ill since last summer. Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church of Coleman Wednesday afternoon and interment followed in a Coleman cemetery.

Decedent was a native of Coleman and for many years an outstanding figure in state politics. He was a former state senator, representing the 25th district, and for the past 22 months served as state life insurance commissioner. He was a candidate once for the post of attorney general and held many important committee appointments in Texas.

In addition to his political life, he was a prominent lawyer and practiced in many courts, acting as counsel in some of the state's most important cases. For many years he attended all district court sessions in Ballinger and appeared here many times to address important meetings. His father, Judge J. O. Woodward, was district judge for this district many years and came to be recognized as one of the leading trial jurists of the state.

Decedent graduated from the Coleman high school and attended the University of Texas, where he graduated in 1906.

Mr. Woodward rendered much service to his town and during the World War was active in Red Cross work. Before entering state politics he served as county attorney at Coleman, resigning the office to become assistant state attorney general.

Survivors besides the wife include a son, Walter McLeilan, a student in medical school at New Orleans; four sisters, Mrs. J. K. Baker, Mrs. Roy W. Howell and Mrs. Mabel W. Henson, all of Coleman, and Miss Jessie Woodward, of Dallas; a brother, G. A. Woodward, of Houston.

Be wise—advertise.

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EDITORIAL

Let's Not Be Asleep

The question is being asked on every hand if Ballinger expects to make any effort for a military camp or airport in connection with the national defense program. San Angelo was successful in securing a training field for air pilots, Brownwood landed a camp that will take care of upwards of 22,000 soldiers. Abilene has been successful in obtaining a huge military reservation that probably will be made an artillery range where thousands of soldiers will receive training, and more recently an airport has been designated at Brady where primary training will be given.

Army authorities look with favor on this section of the state because of the climate, the topography and other features and this city would do well to make every effort to obtain an approved application for some kind of camp or air field to link up with the national defense scheme.

Such a project would provide a permanent payroll, bring new people to Ballinger, increase business and stimulate building of more homes. It would pay dividends to everyone and more than likely would develop into a permanent asset.

These bonanzas do not come without effort on the part of local citizens. Civic leaders must go after the project they want and are most likely to get. If the sought-after camp or airport is looked upon favorably by army experts, sites must be offered and this takes money. A relatively small expenditure now might bring permanent and regular income and an opportunity for further growth and progress. Think about this prospect and be ready to assist when called upon.

County Officials to Take Oath of Office January 1

Departure of Local Guards Postponed; Leave December 27

Company C, 142nd infantry, will remain in Ballinger at least until December 27. Information was received by Captain A. R. Murchison, company commander, last Friday announcing a ten-day postponement of mobilization at Camp Bowie on account of the delay in construction caused by rain and bad weather.

Plans at present are for the Ballinger guardsmen to leave on December 27, following the same schedule as previously ordered, and to be transported by trucks to the camp. The first troops arrived at Brownwood last week and were quartered in tents to prepare for the arrival of other soldiers. Most of those already at Camp Bowie are members of the quartermaster and medical units.

Trucks arrived here last Thursday night to bring new woolen uniforms for the men. The heavy clothing was received just before the week-end cold wave which was accompanied by rain and freezing temperatures and the "O. D.'s" were issued just before the frigid blast struck. The new style uniform is attractive and the soldiers were issued excellent fitting garments.

Members of the kitchen force started decorating the windows at the company mess hall Monday and will get the quarters ready for the holidays. Captain Murchison said he expected to receive a new schedule for training during the holidays which will probably give most of the men time off for Christmas.

The company will take part in the Christmas parade here tomorrow afternoon and the farewell party for the guardsmen will be held on December 26 unless another postponement in entraining for camp is posted.

Pasture Furrowing To be Demonstrated At S. C. Routh Place

A pasture furrowing demonstration will be held tomorrow (Friday) afternoon from 1:30 to 2:30 on the S. C. Routh place, 1 1/2 miles east of Ballinger on the Coleman road. This demonstration will be held instead of the one announced for November 25 which was postponed on account of wet and cold weather.

S. A. Debnam will be present to answer any questions concerning the work or the machine which he designed to do this furrowing.

John A. Barton, county agent, stated that half an hour would be all that is necessary to witness the demonstration and everybody interested in this work on his ranch is urged to be present for a short time. Those in charge of the demonstration are anxious to get expressions on the value of holding water on pasture land to produce more grass.

The 1941 range practices will be started in the near future and ranchmen will be making decisions as to what they will do during 1941 and future years. For these reasons it is hoped that many will see this demonstration and learn of its importance.

M. S. ("Buster") Caudle left today for a ranch near Mason, where he will spend the Christmas season visiting and hunting. He will return here shortly after the holidays to prepare to take over the district clerk's duties on January 1.

R. E. Bruce, Gus Barr, J. A. Schnable and Ben Denny left Wednesday for San Antonio to attend to business.

County officials elected at the last general election and one recent appointee are looking forward to being sworn in for duty on January 1. Most of the new officers-elect have made arrangements for bonds, deputies, office assistants, etc., and will begin their terms without delay.

For the first several months of 1941 the county's business will be more or less disrupted as offices are moved to another building while the court house is being remodeled and improved.

Several considered as new officials are not new faces in the county's official group. Three of the five have held other offices and are not strange at the court house but will begin new work with the end of 1940.

E. C. Grindstaff, for a number of years county school superintendent, will vacate that office to be sworn in as county judge. His change will only be moving from one office to another and assuming a new kind of work.

His successor, Ernest Caskey, for a number of years connected with the Winters school, will take over supervision of the common school districts of the county. Mr. Caskey was appointed to the two-year unexpired term about a month ago when Mr. Grindstaff announced he would resign and vacate the office January 1.

J. L. Moreland, a peace officer for many years, will take the oath of office as sheriff of the county. As Ballinger's chief of police for years Mr. Moreland has assisted many other officers in their work and while he will occupy a new office the work will be similar to that he has done for many years.

John Rayburn will become county clerk and vacate the office of district clerk. Mr. Rayburn is thoroughly familiar with this work and will only be changing from the district to the affairs of the county and assuming more work and responsibility.

M. S. ("Buster") Caudle will be one of the new faces as he becomes district clerk of Rannels county. For the past month Mr. Caudle has been spending most of his time in the office to get better acquainted with the work and assisting Mr. Rayburn during the final weeks of the fall term of the 11th district court.

The new officers are expected to announce their aides within a short time.

Retaining the same offices because of reelection are: W. A. Forney, county tax assessor-collector; Mrs. Aurelia Webb, county treasurer; Roy L. Hill, county attorney; Dee Oliver, commissioner of precinct No. 1; and G. A. Jarrett, justice of the peace, precinct No. 1.

Mrs. J. E. Gentry, of Ballinger, and Claude Gentry and children, of Norton, will leave Saturday for Ventura, California, to spend Christmas with relatives.

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SOCIETY and CLUBS

Philathea Class Entertained
 Mmes. Tom Agnew, W. L. McAdams, L. M. Lovelace and Tom Caudle were hostesses to the Methodist Philathea Class Monday evening in the Agnew home in Wilke Terrace.

A beautiful decoration, with wreaths, lighted red tapers, Xmas bells, garlands, a tree and myriads of colored lights were used both out-of-doors and throughout the entire reception rooms. Mrs. Caudle presided over the business and Mrs. Sam Behringer gave the Christmas devotional.

The birthdays of Mmes. C. L. Armstrong, George Clements, E. S. Cox, McAdams, Ralph Vancil, Rother O'Kelly, Behringer, and Miss Thelma Midgley were celebrated. Marilyn Agnew and Patricia Caudle distributed exchange gifts and the class gave gifts to Mrs. Caudle, Mrs. Claude Stone and Mrs. A. B. Legate. Ambrosia was served with fancy cookies.

Others present were: Mmes. Ona Penn, O. R. O'Neill, Troy Simpson, Ford Taylor, W. C. Redwine, Fred Davidson, J. M. Jones, E. C. Carter, Cecil Jones, Glenn Morrison, Jack Nixon, Sr., C. A. Glover, John Barton, R. W. Earnshaw, J. B. Striplin and Robert Bruce.

Annual Xmas Affair for O. E. S.
 The Ballinger Eastern Star Chapter were hosts Monday evening to seventy-five guests at the annual Christmas celebration in the Masonic Hall.

The decorations were lovely and centered around the large gift-laden tree placed on the front platform.

Dr. W. B. Halley was master of ceremonies for the Christmas program. A group of high school girls, Clara Beth Lynn, Sybil Kenley, Katharine Hayes, Irene Wilson, Bonnie Kenley, Janie Taylor and Mary Tyson, under the direction of Miss Ruth Carr, sang a capella "In the Gloaming," "Star of a Summer Night," "Jingle Bells," and "Softly Now the Light of Day." Miss Carmen Demmer played two violin numbers accompanied by Mrs. Alex McGregor.

Shirley Anne Brown, Charles Bailey, Jr., Martha Saunders, Joyce Boswell and Joe Baker distributed exchange gifts. Miss Pauline Morley, worthy matron, and Mrs. G. P. Teague, program chairman, planned the affair. Mrs. Alex Saunders and Mrs. O. R. O'Neill served doughnuts tied in red and green cellophane bows and decorated to represent Xmas wreaths with coffee.

Baptist W. M. S. in E. Shepperd Home
 The Baptist W. M. S. social committee, composed of Mmes. C. W. Jennings, R. E. White, Henry Doss and E. F. Lawless, and the general program chairman, Mrs. Carl Black, planned an enjoyable social affair for members Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Elmer Shepperd on Eighth Street.

Spacious rooms were elaborately decorated for the Christmas season where Mrs. J. H. Endacott presided over a short routine business period preceding the Christmas devotional from Luke given by Mrs. Malcolm Morgan.

Carols were sung by all and Mrs. Roy Worley read the Christmas story, "Anniversary." Mrs. Black, Mrs. O. T. Toney, Mrs. Claude Mansell and Miss Janie Flynt in vestments and carrying lighted candles accompanied by Mrs. Myra Smith sang "Silent Night, Holy Night."

Angel squares decorated in Xmas trees were served with coffee and candy Santa Clauses. Others present were: Mmes. E. E. King, R. E. Lane, B. C. Kirk, L. E. Bair, T. J. McCaughan, George Howell, E. L. DeWitt, E. P. Talbot, Frank Cameron, Fred Moncrief, Ernest Moody, J. C. Gook, O. L. Parish, A. W. Wright, James Wear, C. J. Lynn, Clarence Morton, Charles Hambrick, A. S. Lone, M. M. Alexander, L. L. Stroble, L. C. Alexander, R. P. Canady, Fred Holliday, L. Varley, Ed Lenzfeld, J. A. Norwood, Mark Davis, Mattie Holliday, A. F. Brock, A. A. Wallace, Albert Morgan, and Miss Alice Thomas.

Mrs. Byler Hostess to Forty-Two Club
 Mrs. Hamp Byler gave a prettily appointed Christmas luncheon in her ranch home last Friday for her forty-two club and a few added friends.

Oak leaves and sprigs of mistletoe were used in profusion about rooms and to center quart tables. The dining table was lace covered and centered with a potted poinsettia surrounded by mistletoe and tall red candles burned in low holders. Miss Wayne Byler and Mrs. Hugh Campbell assisted in serving the delectable two-course luncheon preceding games.

Others included: Mmes. John A. Weeks, R. W. Bruce, J. G. Douglass, James Wear, B. C. Kirk, E. C. Baskin, Elmer Shepperd, E. L. Hagan, Ed O'Kelly, J. F. Currie, Warren Lynn, James E. Brewer and E. C. Carter.

Xmas Party for Sewing Club
 Mrs. A. O. Bartlett and Mrs. Ruth Bankston were hostesses in the Bartlett home on Eleventh Street last Thursday afternoon to members of their sewing club with the annual Yule party.

Multi-colored Xmas lights were used on the beautifully decorated tree laden with exchange and polyantha gifts, on the mantel and to form a lovely dining table centerpiece.

A salad plate was served with Japanese fruit cake and coffee to: Mmes. Austin Harper, Lee Sykes, S. M. Jonas, Lyle Currie, Hugh Parrish, Paul Best, R. E. White, E. S. Cox, J. H. Parrish, O. C. Sykes, Weidon Howell and T. H. Crockett.

Cobdens Are Hosts
 Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Cobden were hosts to their supper club Friday evening in their home on Eighth Street.

Colorful decorations gave a festive atmosphere to the living room while an exclusive white theme was featured in the dining room. A white tree covered with spun glass and white tapers centered the lace-laid dining table where the supper menu was served buffet style. In the living room one long green table was laid in stripes of red to represent

a large Xmas package and a clever bow was fashioned of mistletoe and pine cones with red tinsel balls.

A gift exchange from the tree and Xmas games and bingo were the supper aftermath.

Included were: Messrs. and Mmes. F. T. Wright, J. G. Tuckey, George Stowe, J. C. Sturges, Jr., G. G. Harwell and Claude Collins, Jr.

Mrs. Murchison Entertains Triple-Four

The conventional signs and symbols of the Christmas season were used in attractive ways by Mrs. Ross Murchison last Friday afternoon when she entertained the Triple-Four contract club in her Fourth Street home. Game accessories and refreshments served in two courses with favors of tiny candle holders with tiny lighted tapers were in the green and red colors.

Mrs. Alex McGregor won high score prize. Others present were: Mmes. Delbert Vancil, E. W. Stasney, Bruce Creasy, Edgar Boelsche, R. W. Earnshaw, Tom Agnew, J. B. Striplin, L. R. Tigner, Claude Stone, Harry Lynn and J. A. Schnable.

Sew and Chat in Phillips Home
 Mrs. Elmo Phillips included only Sew and Chat members last Thursday afternoon when she was hostess in her home on Ninth Street.

Xmas decorations used at vantage spots were climaxed in the pretty lighted tree. The hostess received an attractive gift. She served a salad plate with cookies and coffee to: Mmes. Tom McEntire, E. C. Tinsley, Fred McKay, Ross Causey, Ray Tisdale, Luther Wood, Leon Russell and Henry Moody.

Costume Design is Shakespeare Club Topic

An interesting program on "Costume Design" given for the Shakespeare Club last Thursday afternoon at its meeting in the Carnegie Library on Eighth Street began with "My Color" given in answer to roll call. Mrs. Ed Schuchard discussed "Color and Appropriateness in Dress;" Mrs. J. B. Striplin, "Dressing to Suit Your Type;" and Mrs. R. T. Williams, "What Constitutes a Well-Dressed Woman?"

The Christmas program will be given next Thursday afternoon in the R. T. Williams home on Broadway. Toys brought to this meeting will be sent to the Marlin Foundation for Crippled Children.

Twenty members were present.

Additional society items on next page

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Wear and family will leave Friday afternoon for New Orleans, where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Woody and daughter, Mary Brian, left Tuesday for Detroit and other points in the East for a Christmas holiday visit. They will drive home a new car from Detroit.

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Cranberry Sauce Minot 15½ oz. **10c**

Pure **Lard** 4 lb. 29c 8 lb. 59c

Chocolate Covered **Cherries** 1-lb. box **17c**

Salad Dressing (Our Favorite) 8-oz. jar 9c Pint jar 13c Quart jar 19c

Apples Red Delicious box **\$1.89**

Colorado Spuds 10 lbs. **15c**

Fresh Tomatoes lb. **5c**

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Oranges Texas doz. 10c bu. **\$1.25**

Grapefruit Texas doz. 15c bu. **59c**


Cranberries Eatmor lb. **17c**

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Women's, Society and Club News

Mrs. Hawk is Complimented
Mrs. R. J. Hawk, who is leaving Ballinger to make her home in Abilene, was paid a pretty compliment by Mrs. Gene Galbraith last Friday afternoon when she was hostess at contract in her home on Sixth Street.

Red blossoms were used about trees where white bells, a lighted tree and other Christmas symbols, together with Santa Claus talleis and score pads, gave elaborate emphasis to the Yule season's theme. Mrs. Hawk received a gift and Mrs. G. A. Swann the high score prize.

Others included: Mmes. Jack Rudd, J. G. Tuckey, George Stowe, C. W. Cheatham, Ralph Payette, James Parrish, O. L. Huddleston, W. May, C. A. Glover, John A. Barton, Henry Doss, Bill Gallop, Tom Guin, Gus Barr, Jack Scales, Sam Malone, Jr., Alden Thorp and Joe Eubank.

Sweet Pea Girl Scouts Feted
Mrs. Ed Lengfeld entertained the Sweet Pea Girl Scout troop and its sponsor, Miss Helen Thompson, Saturday afternoon in her home on Eighth Street.

A short business meeting followed in rooms gay and bright in their holiday dress, it was voted to adopt a family. Gifts were exchanged from the pretty tree. Refreshments were served to: Mary Brian Woody, Dorothy Ann Holliday, Martha Saunders, Elizabeth Wear, Betty Jean Lengfeld, Ercely Ritter, Joan Eubank, Virginia Baker, Dava June Bell, Mary Evelyn O'Neill and Bonnie Davis, members; Ann Stasney, Joy Lengfeld, Sally Bailey, and Lillie Ann Thomson of Corpus Christi.

Baptist Althean Class Has Christmas Party
The Baptist Althean Class held its annual Christmas party Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. Weldon Howell on Ninth Street with Mmes. Jack Hirschfeld, R. E. White, Delbert Vancil, B. C. Kirk and M. B. Healer joint hostesses. Outstanding among the beautiful Christmas decorations was the tree lighted exclusively in blue and the dining table centerpiece, a tree, fashioned of blue cellophane quills and topped with a glittering silver star was reflected in a large mirror outlined with

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low red candles and cedar sprays and nandina berries.

Following the short business meeting, finished gifts, which had been formerly exchanged as lengths of material, were returned and gifts presented to Mrs. B. C. Kirk, Mrs. Robert Lowry and Mrs. Bertha Hardin by Billie Weldon Howell and Virginia Nance.

Tiny Xmas trees were favors for the salad plate served with fruit cake and coffee. Others present were: Mmes. L. R. Tigner, Ruth Bankston, Mollie Morgan, Henry Doss, Freeman Owens, Lee Sykes, Everett Witter, J. A. Williams, R. E. Truly, E. F. Talbott, T. H. Crockett, A. O. Bartlett, Fred Holliday, J. B. Arterburn, Dee Ferguson, T. H. Forgy, C. W. Jennings, O. C. Sykes, and Austin Harper.

Methodist Young People Entertained

The Methodist young people enjoyed a Christmas party Tuesday evening in the church basement on Tenth Street.

Cedar garlands around the windows and at the entrance together with the lighted tree, from which gifts were distributed by Claude Stone dressed as Santa Claus, gave a gay decoration to the big assembly room where games were played and plans made for the department's adopted family. A gift was sent Miss Joddie La Raine Morrison, who is ill.

Miniature gum-drop candle holders with tiny red candles were favors for the refreshment plate of doughnuts and hot chocolate. Included were: Virginia Denny, Martha Neely, Leona Bell, Mary Ann Morgan, Dorothy Forgy, Winnie Marie Adair, Ruby Nance, Dixie Marie Barrett, Mary Lou Davis, Calvin Howell, Clyde Redville, Grady Cotton, Wilbur Redwine, Billy O'Neill, David Caudie, Ben Denny, Jr., Claude R. Stone, Lawrence Morrison, Byron McClanahan, Kenneth West, Robert Hartgrove, James Striplin, Mrs. Roy Powers, Messrs. and Mmes. Ben Denny, J. B. Striplin, Bill Clark, Joe Forman, W. C. Redwine, Sam Behringer, A. B. Fields, Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Carter; and Mary Lou Fields.

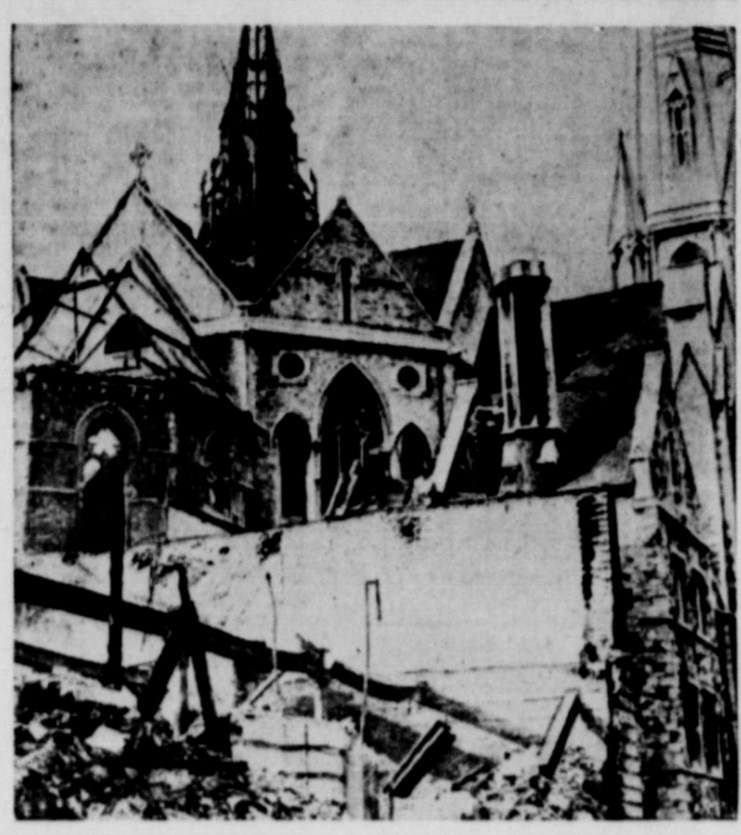
Virginia Douglass Class Entertained

Misses Griffie Atkins and Wayne Byler entertained Virginia Douglass Class members Monday evening in the Atkins home on Broadway with a prettily appointed Yuletide party.

Autumn leaves, potted poinsettias and mistletoe in baskets and vases were placed about the living room while mixed Christmas plants were centerpieces for the dining table and buffet lighted with red tapers in silver holders.

For the Christmas devotional "Silent Night, Holy Night" was sung, a reading was given by Miss Jewel Adams of San Angelo, and a prayer by Mrs. J. G. Douglass. During the business session a family was selected for adoption. Gifts were exchanged from the lighted tree and gifts were presented Mrs. Douglass and Mrs. H.

Lincoln Memorial Demolished in Air Raid



Christ church, on Westminster road, London, which was wrecked during a Nazi air raid. When this church was destroyed a memorial to Abraham Lincoln, in the form of a pillar commemorating the abolition of slavery in the United States, was destroyed with it. Christ church is one of the many huge edifices in Britain wiped out by air attacks.

J. Atkins

The salad plate served with spiced tea had as favors miniature Santas. Others present were: Mmes. Fred Middleton, Henry Moody, Bill Clark, E. L. Rampy, Price Middleton, Amy Lois Childers, Tom McEntire, A. B. Fields, Ray Tisdale, J. D. Forman, Bill Bell, W. E. Moss, B. Broyles, Roy Miller, J. B. Arthur, Edward Sommer, W. O. Middleton, and Miss Bernyce Simmons.

Eighth Street Presbyterian Society in F. C. Miller Home

The monthly program for home and foreign missions given for the Eighth Street Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society was held Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. F. C. Miller on Seventh Street.

Christmas decorations graced rooms where Mrs. W. A. Taylor gave the devotional and read the names in the Yearbook of Prayer. Mrs. Rufus Allen discussed the home topic "The Bowery Mission," and Mrs. A. H. Wiesepape told of the work of Dr. Judd in China and Japan.

Mrs. John Reese and Mrs. Miller,

social hour hostesses, served fruit cookies with coffee to: Mmes. Oscar Routh, E. S. Malone, Wiesepape, Taylor, Dee Oliver, Allen, A. W. Sledge, and Miss Ada Allen.

Mrs. McFarland is Luncheon Hostess

Mrs. Harper McFarland was hostess at her ranch home Tuesday with a luncheon to honor her five sisters, Mrs. Henry Vandevanter of Water Valley, Mrs. Rufus Allen, Mrs. Kathleen Windham of Cisco, Mrs. Altus Stokes and Mrs. S. C. Routh.

A dainty sugar plum tree centered the dining table where the delicious turkey menu was served in two courses.

Others present were: Miss Jane Routh, Mrs. Harold Routh and son, Gene, and Mrs. Bill Clark.

Mrs. Guin is Club Hostess

Mrs. Tom Guin was hostess to her contract club Tuesday afternoon in her home on Broadway. A large, brilliantly lighted tree, a mantel adornment of tall red candles and pine cones and the dining table centerpiece of a crystal tree and lighted red cel-

lars were unusually attractive.

Following games, old members exchanged gifts and Mrs. Guin gave remembrances to the three new members, Mmes. Roy Worley, Alden Thorp and Gene Galbraith.

She served a plate of fruit cake and coffee with salted nuts. Others were: Mmes. Jack Scales, Sam Malone, Jr., George Grandstaff, Gus Barr and Buster Parrish.

Dinner for Sewing Club

Members of an afternoon sewing club included their husbands and added friends as guests Tuesday evening at dinner in the banquet room of the Central Hotel.

Red and green streamers hung from the prism chandeliers to the four room corners and windows and doors were outlined in cedar garlands adorned with tinsel stars for room decoration. A tall lighted tree stood in one corner. Red grape clusters and silvered cedar sprays extended the entire length of the T-shaped table and a sleigh with reindeer formed the centerpiece.

After the three-course turkey dinner gifts were exchanged. Included were: Messrs. and Mmes. Levy Lee, J. D. Forman, H. J. Zappe, J. A. Schnable, Troy Simpson, K. V. Northington, Billie Cordill, E. C. Grandstaff, George Stowe, J. G. Tuckey and Neil McAlpine.

Bible Day for Junior Woman's Club

An unusual program which dealt with religion and was called "Bible Day" was given for the Junior Woman's Club Wednesday afternoon with the key sentence being "Thy Word is a Lamp to My Feet." Mrs. Ernest Moody directed the program; Mrs. C. M. Hambrick discussed "Famous Houses of Worship"; Mrs. J. H. Endacott, "Religion Throughout the Year"; and Miss Mary Jane Kiechle, "The Bible as Literature."

On January 8, the Shakespeare Club members will be guests and the meeting will be in the City Hall auditorium. A \$500 Xmas seal bond was bought by the club. Twenty members and the sponsor, Mrs. J. G. Douglass, were present.

Other society items on page six

In 1937-38, corn production in the United States was five times that of all Latin America.

SCHOOL AUCTION SALE PROVIDES FOR FAMILY

The Ballinger high school is taking care of a number of families through different departments. The Bearcat Band selected one of the largest and most needy and other high school students wanted to "adopt" a family but had no money to buy the groceries so badly needed.

Supt. Nat Williams thought of a plan and all the lost articles were gathered which had been left in various offices unclaimed for some time. Students were assembled in the auditorium and an auction sale staged. Receipts quickly brought enough money to go ahead with the work and a committee was named to pick a family.

Junior high school also started plans for an "adoption" Monday and a committee called at The Ledger office stating that these pupils would take three families to look after.

200 VIEW ATTRACTIVE EXHIBIT OF PLAYTHINGS AT RECREATION CENTER

More than 200 people attended the "open house" at the Ballinger recreational center Tuesday evening, viewing more than 400 toys attractively arranged. Most of these playthings had been renovated by recreational workers and some had been constructed new in the work shops.

A program, consisting of carol

singing by the elementary playground group under the direction of Mrs. Viola Manning, and numbers by a stringed orchestra, was offered.

All the toys will be turned over to the city and Red Cross to be distributed to local needy children Christmas eve. The exhibit included everything from the smallest items to wagons, scooters and tricycles.

Miss Helen Merwin, supervisor, announced that all local playgrounds would be closed tomorrow and remain closed until December 26.

The first World War gave everybody jobs. The threat of a second World War has put four hundred thousand of the nine million unemployed back to work. Are we to understand from all this that only a war can guarantee jobs for all?

Christmas seal funds finance medical research in tuberculosis.

TURKEY DINNER
Sunday, December 22
and
CHRISTMAS DAY
35c
STROBLE'S CAFE

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Join with other Ballinger merchants in placing uniform size flags along the sidewalks
Flag, Pole Installed \$5
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Through
Donovan Decoration Co.
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We hope this Christmas will be the merriest ever for you and your family. The directors, officers and staff of this bank all wish you a very

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Out of the question? Not at all. Look: We're not suggesting that you add the cost of a new Buick to your Christmas budget. But you probably will be buying a new car soon and we are simply proposing that you buy it now, a few months ahead of time — and make this a holiday long to be remembered.

We're suggesting that there's no time like the present to get back of that big FIREBALL Eight — no time like right now to start piling up gasoline mileage economies that run as high as 10% or 15%.

There's no time like holiday time to dress up yourself (and family) in smart, fresh Buick aerodynamic styling, or to introduce your brood to the roomy comfort of this BuicCoil-cradled traveler.

You can do that — if you act promptly. A trial ride to give you a hint as to what Buick can do — a little figuring on your present car's worth (at today's trade-in values, not next spring's) — a little working out of convenient terms — and you'll have a FIREBALL to celebrate this Christmas!

How about it? It's one thing your wife would never expect — and just about the finest gift any man could give his family!

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Adventure, Romance, Thrills Abound in Epic, 'Kit Carson'

Based on the real-life story of one of the boldest and most dashing adventurers in American history, "Kit Carson," with Jon Hall playing the title role, is slated for its local premiere at the Texas Theatre Saturday midnight thru United Artists release. The picture also will be shown at the Texas Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 22, 23 and 24.

The stellar cast in "Kit Carson" features, in addition to Hall, Lynn Bari, Dana Andrews, Ward Bond, Harold Huber and Clayton Moore. Others in important roles are: Rosita Riano, Rowena Cook, Raymond Hatton, Harry Strang, C. Henry Gordon, Lew Merrill, Stanley Andrews, Edwin Maxwell, Peter Lynn, Charley Stevens and William Farnum.

Spotlighting the adventure-filled episodes of Carson's life when he joined John C. Fremont of the U. S. army to survey and map the shortest overland route to California, "Kit Carson" abounds in spectacular scenes involving bitter fighting with the Indians, dangerous treks in wagon trains, plots and counterplots engineered by sly and cunning Mexican schemers.

Most of the sweeping outdoor scenes for "Kit Carson" were photographed on location at Kayenta, Arizona, next door to the Navajo reservation, and hundreds of the Navajos participated in the filming. This vastly picturesque location was chosen for the major scenes because of its natural magnificence and complete isolation. The weird formations combine the eroded fantasies of wind

"Sing, Dance, Plenty Hot" and "Cherokee Strip" at Texas Theatre Tomorrow

The two full-length pictures at the Texas tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday are "Sing, Dance, Plenty Hot," and "Cherokee Strip."

In "Sing, Dance, Plenty Hot," which co-stars Ruth Terry and Johnny Downs, thirty-six youngsters appear in a scene as an orphanage band, led by little Mary Lee, starlet of Gene Autry pictures, in a performance for charity. In the scene Mary sings the number, "Whatcha Gonna Do When There Ain't No Swing?" and the kids help swing it with gusto.

A rollicking cast includes Billy Gilbert, Vera Vague, Elizabeth Risdon, Lester Matthews, Claire Carleton and Cyril Thornton.

The "tequila costume," daringly cut and carried out in chartreuse and purple chiffon was specially designed for the finale production dance number of "Sing, Dance, Plenty Hot."

"Cherokee Strip," Paramount picture, starring Richard Dix, is an historic romance of the settling of the West. The story concerns the feud between two clans of Texas cattlemen, the Lovells, headed by Dix, and the Barretts, headed by Victor Jory. After signing a truce the Barretts move to a border town on the Cherokee Strip where they continue their outlawry, one opening a bank, another a saloon and a third runs a gambling house. Dix is appointed U. S. marshal to restore law and order. He cleans up the town after many exciting experiences ending in a fierce battle between the two clans.

Featured with Dix are Florence Rice, William Henry, Andy Clyde, George E. Stone and Morris Ankrum, as well as Victor Jory.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express appreciation to our friends who have been so kind to us during the illness following a car wreck at San Angelo several weeks ago. We deeply appreciate everything done in our behalf and hope that we may serve our friends in the future to repay them for all they have done for us.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. McKean
19-11

Medicine men now believe we have sufficient knowledge to eradicate tuberculosis. Christmas seal funds are used to put this knowledge into practice.

8 Dead, 8 Injured, in Airliner Crash



Daylight view of the wreckage of the airliner which crashed near Chicago's airport, taking a toll of eight lives and injuring eight persons, some critically. The ship lost headway as it was gliding in to its landing, stalled, fell, crashed into a house, a garage and an electric power line, and then crashed its 12 tons to the ground.

Texas Theatre Will Give Children Free Christmas Shows

Ballinger children will be guests of the Texas Theatre management next Tuesday morning, Christmas eve, at a special free show. This is an annual custom of this Ballinger showhouse and every year the theatre is filled to capacity for the special performance.

There will be free candy for all who attend and a genuine Yuletide greeting to the little folk from the management. A program of fun has been arranged, to include "Mickey Mouse," "Donald Duck," a "Stooge" comedy, a "Popeye," and other cartoon films. The show will start at 9:30 a. m. and run until about noon.

Everything is free and there are no requirements for admission other than being a child. Anyone who desires to bring a bundle of used clothing, toys, food or fruit for needy families in the city may do so, however, and there will be large boxes at the entrance in which to deposit the packages.

Manager Jack Scales stated that a program which would delight the children had been booked, and added that the more who attend the better the theatre staff will enjoy the occasion. In case the house will not accommodate all the youngsters, additional performances will be run until all the tots have seen a program or until noon.

Percy: "The moral law is easy to remember."
Flace: "So what?"
Percy: "If you're good you go to a place of everlasting bliss. If not, you go to a place of everlasting blisters."

"How did you lose your job at the dress shop, my dear?"
"Just because of something I said. After I had tried twenty dresses on a woman, she said, 'I think I'd look nicer in something flowing,' and so I asked her why she didn't go jump in the river."

Hotel Page: "Telegram for Mr. Neidspondavanci. Mr. Neidspondavanci."
Mr. Neidspondavanci: "What initial, please?"

It is Christmas again and time to remember folks like you who have helped to make the past year more enjoyable and interesting. Please accept our sincere thanks and our good wishes.

May You Have a Merry Christmas and
a Happy Prosperous New Year

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Mid-Night Show Xmas Eve at 11 p. m. Also Xmas Day



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"The Church of the Jesus Way"
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MORNING WORSHIP: 10:45 o'clock.
Organ prelude, 10:35.
Communion with Christ.
Minister's message.
EVENING PRAYER: 6:00 o'clock.
Organ recital, Miss Iola Clayton.

Church of the Nazarene
"The Friendly Church"
(Ninth at Harris)
Sunday:
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
N. Y. P. S. 6:45 p. m.
Evangelistic service, 7:30 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.
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Foursquare Gospel Church
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Sunday:
9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
Be sure to study God's word somewhere this morning.
11:00 a. m.—morning worship.
Here's your chance to grow spiritually.
7:30 p. m.—evangelistic service.
Special service.
Monday:
7:30 p. m.—Special young people's meeting with Evelyn Wilson McGowan, Gulf States District Commander of Foursquare Crusaders in charge.

Church of Christ
(Eighth Street, Bonsall Avenue)
Sunday:
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.

NORTON SCHOOL NEWS
By LeVern Allen
Donkey Basketball Game
A donkey basketball game is to be played in the gymnasium Thursday night, December 19. One team consists of Mr. Elkins, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Cook and the bus drivers. The opposing team will be headed by D. W. Williams and will be made up of outsiders. The admission will be 10c for all school children and 25c for adults. At 6:45 p. m. the Robert Lee and Norton high school teams will play. No admission will be charged for this game. Come early and see both games.

Christmas Holidays
School will be dismissed Friday evening, December 20. It will reopen December 30, 1940.

Junior Class News
The junior class selected as its class song, "God Bless America," motto, "Deal square the year round," flower, red rose, colors, red and white. This class will have a Christmas party Wednesday night, December 18, in the homemaking cottage.

Senior Class News
The senior class will have its Xmas party Wednesday, December 18, in the school house. Class members drew names and gifts will be exchanged from a Christmas tree.

Homemaking Girls to Have Xmas Party
The homemaking club will be entertained by their teacher, Miss Rhea Da Lee Friday afternoon in the homemaking cottage with a Xmas party.

Seventh Grade News
The seventh grade has been busy decorating its room and also a Xmas tree. For an exchange of gifts the class drew names. The class party will be held Friday at 2 p. m.
(Additional Norton School News on Page 1)

Walter Pidgeon is In Thrill Film, 'Sky Murder'

Nick Carter, in the person of Walter Pidgeon, goes in for hectic new adventure in "Sky Murder," third of the popular detective series, coming to the Ritz Theatre next Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, December 21, 22, 23, and 24.

Pidgeon crosses swords with a mysterious band of international criminals following a murder in a luxury airliner, traces the organization to its lair and captures the "man behind," amid such thrills as walking on an airplane wing, fighting on a careening truck and, between thrills, getting into all manner of hilarious comedy scrapes through flirtations with Joyce Compton and other feminine charmers.

"Sky Murder" also introduces Karen Verne, new discovery from England. Players include Donald Meeke, Edward Ashley, Tom Conway, George Lessey, Dorothy Tree, Frank Reicher, Chill Willis, Tom Neal and William Tannen.

Mills Pay Texas Farmers \$4,146,625 In Previous Month

DALLAS, Dec. 18.—Texas cotton growers received \$4,146,625 from the sale of cottonseed to oil mills during the month of November, according to an announcement made here today by Bennette Wallin, secretary of the Texas Cottonseed Crushers' Association. This estimate is based upon the reports of two federal agencies, the bureau of the census and the agricultural marketing service.

Growers' cash income during November was approximately \$1,200,000 greater this year than in the same month of 1939. During the first four months of the current season, beginning August 1, Texas oil mills have paid growers a total of \$19,482,000 which is \$3,400,000 greater than was paid during the same period last year.

Despite an increase in the Texas crop of about 440,000 bales, seed receipts by Texas mills have been only slightly larger this season than last.

A road in California, built in 1926, is 11 miles long, and has for its foundation gold ore which assayed at \$7 to the ton.

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Tom CONWAY
Directed by George B. SEITZ • Produced by Frederica STEPHAN

CHRISTMAS DAY
One of the finest pictures of the year—
"Hired Wife"
Rosalind Russell
Brian Aherne
and Virginia Bruce

How Good Boys Act the Week Before Christmas



BRUSHES HIS TEETH



"POLISHES APPLES"



WRITES TO SANTA



SAYS HIS PRAYERS



EATS HIS SPINACH

A young lady walked cheerfully into the postoffice, stopped at the wicket and asked for a three-cent stamp. The clerk was not in a very good humor, and he snarled, "This is the information window, can't you read?"

The lady meekly proceeded to the proper place, purchased her stamp, and returned. "You say 'can't you read'?"

"Yes," yapped the clerk.

"Well, if I mail this letter tonight will it be in New York tomorrow?" she continued.

"Sure," the clerk barked.

"That's funny," was the final squelch, "it's addressed to Indianapolis."

Typewriter ribbons at Ledger office.

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Too precious to sell... so you throw it away. Sounds ridiculous, but that's the attitude some persons take with their most valued possession—Health. Guard your health carefully. It is an asset worth preserving.

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May we add you to the list for 1941?
4 more days—for Christmas shopping—start now—do your Christmas shopping at Higginbotham's—
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Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men



Our Sincere Wish is—

a merry
Christmas
for all.

Higginbotham Bros. & Co.
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McKee Given District Trophy At Lions Football Luncheon

The meeting of the Ballinger Lions Club last Friday was one of the best ever held by the organization and brought together football coaches and players from four schools in district 8-A. It was the day for awarding the H. Ford Taylor trophy to the most valuable man in the district and this year it was also the occasion of awarding the district championship trophy to the Ballinger Bearcats. All members of the Bearcat squad were guests of the club as well as players from Brady, Coleman and Winters who were the three high men in the most valuable player contest.

After the meal was served, Nat Williams, chairman of the committee in district 8-A, was presented and made the award to the Ballinger team. He called C. A. Long, senior member of the Bearcats and a three-year letterman, with Coaches Felton T. Wright and Weyman Wilson to the stand to make the award, and presented Long with the trophy.

Coach Wright responded to the presentation and complimented all clubs in the district because he declared that they played the cleanest type of ball in Texas. "Coaches and schools can be trusted as to eligibility, games, officials and anything they promise to do," the Ballinger coach said. He expressed appreciation to Ballinger fans for their part in making football a great game here.

Mr. Taylor was introduced and called Raymond McKee, of Brady, to the front and in a few words presented him with the most valuable player trophy. Mr. Taylor announced that next year there would be another bigger and more beautiful cup for the best player and that all coaches would vote in

making the award.

McKee, a three-year letterman at Brady, kicker for the team the past season, and one of the best place kickers in the district all three years, accepted the trophy and told what a pleasure it had been to work for it and how honored he felt to be given the award.

Don Starnes, of Coleman, who was second in the voting and Frank Glaze, of Winters, third in the ballots, were presented and accorded hearty applause for their great work on the football field the past season.

Coach Russ Holland, of Brady, made a short talk in which he also complimented the district for fine sportsmanship and stated that "we like to win but all teams in the district know how to lose like real sports."

Jimmy Cloud, Coleman coach, stated that he was new to this district and that it had been a pleasure to meet and play the splendid teams he had met the past season.

R. V. Hardegree, Winters coach, complimented the feeling of fans in the eight towns and stated that he believed Mr. Taylor was doing a fine thing in offering the trophy each year. He pointed out how it gave a boy something to work for the entire three years he was in high school. He announced that he and the assistant coach at Winters were retiring from coaching and that the Blizzards would have a "new deal" for 1941.

Approximately 80 plates were served at the luncheon to members of the Lions club, athletes and fans.

United States farms and ranches produce annually ten times the amount of beef Argentina exports in a full year.

NORTON SCHOOL NEWS
By LaVerne Allen

Annual Football Pep Squad Banquet

The annual football pep squad banquet was held Thursday night, December 5, 1940, in the gymnasium. A most enjoyable time was had by all. Guests included Superintendent and Mrs. Dale Douglas, Coach and Mrs. W. E. Elkins, the Reverend and Mrs. John R. Merritt, the Reverend and Mrs. W. T. Sparkman, Mrs. E. A. Cope, and the sponsor and hostess, Miss Rhea Da Lee.

The patriotic motif was used in the decorations. The U-shaped table was beautifully decorated with mistletoe and United States flags mounted on big red apples. Plate favors were booklets made of construction paper in the school's colors. Place cards were tiny United States flags held by a gum drop and a tiny card attached.

The following program was given: Invocation... Rev. W. T. Sparkman
Address... Supt. Dale Douglas
Address... Coach W. E. Elkins
Special Music... Panay, Setzer, Stuart, Setzer and Wandzell
Hambright
Song, "Good Old Norton Line"

Entire Group Benediction... Rev. John R. Merritt
Coach Elkins was presented with a photo album containing pictures of football boys and pep squad girls of the 1940 season.

Climate is no longer of primary importance in the treatment of tuberculosis. With rest and competent medical care the disease may be cured in almost any climate.

When placing tie-backs for new window draperies, you can get them more even by lowering the shade and using it as a marker.

Christmas In the Churches

First Baptist Church
The feature program for the First Baptist Church will be presented Sunday evening, with the choir of 35 members singing an entire program of Christmas music and Herbert Preston, teacher of violin at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, as the guest artist. Mr. Preston will play "Meditation" from Thais by Massenet and other selected numbers, with Miss Wanda Mae Clements as accompanist.

R. E. White will direct the program and Mrs. L. Schermerhorn will play the organ score. Hymns, anthems, solos, duets, quartets and a girls' octet will be featured in the program composed of eighteen numbers. The chorus has been rehearsing several weeks and will be ready for the audience Sunday evening.

A decoration committee headed by E. Shepherd is doing much work to present a beautiful Yule scene for the program. Decorations will be made more beautiful at night by special lighting effects.

Special numbers will include a solo by Mrs. Carl Black, a duet by Mrs. Black and Miss Janie Flynn, a solo by Mrs. Elmer Shepherd, and violin renditions by the guest artist.

Regular services will be held at the morning hour when a guest speaker will bring the Christmas message and Christmas music will be provided by the choir.

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church
The Eighth Street Presbyterian Church will have its feature Christmas program tomorrow (Friday) evening, beginning at 7:30. The program is being offered by the young people of the church under the sponsorship of Mrs. W. A. Taylor and Miss Edith Cameron, and much thought and work has been given to the preparation.

Following this program the Sunday school will have its annual Christmas tree with candies and other items for the children and gifts will be exchanged.

The Christmas church service will be held Sunday morning when Rev. Fred Clark, pastor, will deliver a sermon, "There was No Room for Him in the Inn." A special music feature for this service will be a solo by Carl Black, "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne." Other musical numbers will be in keeping with the Christmas theme.

Regular services will be held at the evening hour.

St. Boniface Church, Offen
Christmas programs have been announced for the holiday period at Offen, to include the church and school celebrations.

Rev. G. A. Bueckman, pastor, stated that the first of the religious gatherings would be held Tuesday night commencing at 11:45, when the St. Boniface choir would sing carols until time for high mass at midnight. The sermon text is from "Let us now go to Bethlehem," and will deal with the story of the Nativity as recorded in the Word.

Second mass will begin at 10 a. m. Christmas day, at which time the choir will also sing carols.

A school program will be held at the amusement hall on December 20, when entertainment will be presented by the students for the general public. In the afternoon Santa Claus will visit the school and distribute gifts.

First Methodist Church
The choir of the First Methodist Church will present a Christmas cantata, "On Wings of Angel Song," as the special program for the holiday season. A well-balanced chorus of 30 has been rehearsing for three weeks and all numbers will be ready for presentation Sunday evening.

Mrs. Joe Paxton, organist, will

play the accompaniment and the singers will perform in a beautifully decorated setting.

The music of the cantata is light and tells the Bible story of the birth of Christ, including events before and after the arrival of the Holy child. Harmony often presents eight parts with women's voices singing in four-part against four-part groups in the men's section.

At the morning service a joint white Christmas observance will be held for the Sunday school and church service. White gifts will be assembled for providing for needy families and a cash offering will be received for the children's home at Waco.

Each department of the Sunday school will have a Christmas number on the program and Rev. Elmer C. Carter, pastor, will deliver a short sermon to close the forenoon service. Classes will meet at regular time and all will assemble in the auditorium at 10:30 for

First Presbyterian Church
The First Presbyterian Church will have three Christmas programs this week-end, the main program to be held Sunday evening beginning at 6 o'clock. Rev. Dwight A. Sharpe, pastor, said the time was set one hour early in order to permit members of the church to attend other programs if they desire.

Mrs. Paul Trimmer will be in charge of a Christmas pageant, "Abide With Us," Sunday evening. A number of performers will present the story, assisted by the choir in the musical numbers. The church will be decorated for the occasion with one manager scene and lighting effects by candles.

At 11 o'clock Sunday morning Rev. Sharpe will deliver his Christmas sermon and the choir will render special musical selections. Mrs. John I. Gulon will be at the organ console and Mrs. A. Me-

Oregon will direct the singers.

The annual Sunday school Christmas tree and program will be held at the church Saturday evening at 6:30. A program in which the kiddies of the church will have parts has been arranged and Santa Claus will appear to distribute gifts from the tree.

CEYLON MOBILIZES FISH TO CONQUER MALARIA

COLOMBO, Ceylon, Dec. 18.—In its campaign against malaria, Ceylon is mobilizing fresh water fish. The species are being prepared for the attack.

Dr. R. Arunachalam, field medical officer, who has been experimenting for some time, gave a demonstration in Colombo of the destruction of mosquito larvae by larvicidal fishes, which was watched with great interest by Sir D. B. Jayatilaka, minister for home affairs.

The doctor declared that the handaya, thitaya and dhandiya fish could be utilized with advantage in all parts of Ceylon for the destruction of the malaria-carrying mosquito. These fish are found in great numbers in many parts of the country.

The general program.

MALAYAN CRAB INDUSTRY THREATENED BY MONKEYS

SINGAPORE, Dec. 18.—Monkeys becoming so adept in catching crabs in Malaya they are driving native fishermen out of business. Reports received in Singapore say large colonies of monkeys swarm over the ocean sands at low tide and stick their tails into the crab holes.

Playing the appendages up and down in the hole in crab-like fashion, they lure the crabs to the surface and catch them. The monkeys are so thorough they leave nothing for the fishermen.

COTTON GINNINGS PASSES 35,000-BALE MARK FOR '40

Cotton ginnings in Runnels county on December 1 totalled 35,210 bales, according to an announcement made Monday by the local representative of the U. S. department of commerce, A. J. H. Borders.

This puts the figures for actual production above the predictions of conservative cotton men at the opening of the season but is about all the ginnings for the year. Ginnings on the same date a year ago totalled 16,853 bales.

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IN SOCIETY

Annual Christmas Dinner for Needleworkers

The annual Christmas dinner for the Needleworkers Sewing Club was held Tuesday afternoon in the Sixth Street home of Mrs. E. P. Talbot.

Christmas decorations were used in profusion. The lace-covered dining table was centered with a large white angel cake elaborately decorated in the Christmas motif while Christmas evergreens and fruit graced the buffet. From a large decorated native cedar exchange gifts were distributed by Mrs. B. N. Wilke of San Angelo, Mrs. W. J. Morrison and Mrs. E. S. Cox.

The serving of the delicious two-course turkey dinner concluded the festivities. Others present were: Meses. O. B. Corbett, Mary Spreen, J. H. Wilke, J. W. Bladell, A. F. Brock, O. P. Dorsey, W. A. Forney, W. A. Nance, O. R. Lasater, D. R. Hall, and Chester Cherry.

Recent Bride Complimented

Mrs. Jack Fry, who before her recent marriage was Miss Virginia McShan, was complimented by Mrs. Ross Smith and Miss Gladys Fry Tuesday afternoon in the Smith home on Tenth Street.

Conventional decorations of the Yule season were placed about rooms where games were played and the shower presented.

Sandwiches and cookies were served with punch. Included were: Misses Wanda Williams, Helen Merwin, Mabel McMillan, Doris Lane and Gladys Davis; Meses. L. H. Ousley, Leon Stephens, J. D. Hoff, Wix Currie, Jr., B. M. Batts and V. L. McShan.

Dinner for Baptist Esther Class

Miss Gladys Kemp was hostess to the Baptist Esther Class Tuesday evening with a Christmas dinner in her home on Ninth Street.

In rooms decorated for the Christmas season the dining table

was lace-laid and centered with red gladioluses flanked by tall red tapers. Smaller tables were centered with single red candles, and individual favors were small Santa Claus candles.

The three-course turkey dinner was served to: Meses Beatrice Collier, Gladys Spann, Ena Talbot, Ann McFarland, Evelyn Smauley, Anna Lee Wiginton, and Evelyn McAden.

LEGIIONNAIRES HOLD CHRISTMAS MEETING

Members of the Ballinger American Legion post met at the city hall auditorium Wednesday night for a business session and to make plans for activities during the Christmas holidays.

W. O. Wallace was appointed chairman of a committee to look after needy families in the city not "adopted" by any individual or organization, and considerable time will be spent in this work. A number of veterans and families of veterans will be included in the Christmas relief work.

Commander K. V. Northington reported the largest membership for several years and an effort will be made to secure about 30 additional members in order to receive a citation from national headquarters.

Plans were made for an oyster supper to be held at the regular meeting in January to which the families of Legionnaires will be invited.

FIRST CHRISTIANS TO HAVE XMAS TREE MONDAY NIGHT

The primary department of the First Christian Church will present a Christmas program Monday evening at 7 o'clock, which will be followed by a Christmas tree and the appearance of Santa Claus. All members of the church are invited.

Read grocery ads and save.

Down on the Farm—And Stylish, Too!



Stepping right out—and right stylish, too, by the way—are these 4-H club girls who designed and sewed these winning garments for their annual contest in connection with the International Live Stock show which was held in Chicago last week. Their costumes were approved by the stylist Jane Alden, who is shown in the center, wearing dinner gown. The girls are, from left to right: Gertrude Burbank of Dover, Massachusetts; Jean Wisecup of Oxford, Ohio; Hester Roberts of Lumber, North Carolina, and Mabel Tremper of Coldenham, New York.

HATCHEL BOYS' 4-H CLUB

Hatchel boys' 4-H club members are sponsoring a moving picture from extension district 7 headquarters showing 4-H club accomplishments. The picture, entitled "4-H Clubs at Work and Play," will be shown at the Hatchel school on January 8.

Two sides have been formed to ask each other questions about their work during the year. Bob Mathis, president, stated that the contest would enable each member to learn something of the work being done by the other club boys. At the close of the contest the losing side will entertain the winners.

County Agent John A. Barton told the club of the 1941 program and explained the handbook that would be given each 1941 member.

BLANTON BOYS' 4-H CLUB

The Blanton boys' 4-H club held its last meeting of the year last week and signed up seven members for the year 1941. Those joining were as follows and their demonstrations for the year as shown: Calvin Reese, two pigs; Harrell James, sheep; Curtis Patton, pigs; Clyde Reese, pigs; Wilbur Gotcher, chickens; Earl Cotton, dairy calf; and one new member, Raymond Wade, beef calf.

The club was divided into sides and will conduct a contest during the year by asking questions about others' projects. A record will be kept to determine the winner. John A. Barton, county agent, was present at this meeting and told about the program for the year and said a handbook would be issued to guide members in their activities during 1941.

BLANTON WORKERS' CLUB

The Blanton Workers' Club held its last meeting of the year in the home of Mrs. R. L. Boothe Tuesday of last week, twenty-two members and two visitors being present.

Two quilts were quilted and tea towels were embroidered for the hostess.

During the business session officers were elected as follows: Mrs. Flay Brevard, president; Mrs. Arlis Toungett, secretary-treasurer; Mary Reese, reporter; Mrs. Jo Lee Cooper, Arlene Boothe and Virginia Fowler, sick committee.

A report was made on work done by members this year, which was: thirty-six quilts quilted, five quilts pieced, and embroidery work done.

Mrs. D. L. Brevard will entertain club members in her home December 22 with a farkey dinner and gifts will be exchanged from a Christmas tree.

FEW CASES OF FLU ARE REPORTED HERE

With influenza raging in many nearby cities, a check up here Wednesday revealed only a few mild cases so far.

A. & M. College was dismissed early to prevent an epidemic among the students. Abilene colleges were dismissed Wednesday and public concerts and other entertainments were called off on account of the flu, but doctors there said only a few cases were being treated.

So far there have been numerous colds here but not many cases were diagnosed as influenza.

The term "spud," once a popular equivalent for potato, originated from the initials of a dietetical society, now deceased, called the Society for the Prevention of Un-wholesome Diet.

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This is the season of the year when strict precaution against catching cold is of vital importance. Any sudden change of temperature, such as occurs when you go from a warm room into an unheated part of the house, chills your body and makes you an easy prey to the attack of the cold germ. Play safe! Don't give a common cold an even break! Provide adequate heat and a circulation of pure, warm air in every room of your house during the short winter season.

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President Roosevelt has authorized the use of his birthday, January 30, to raise funds for infantile paralysis sufferers. The committee for the celebration of the President's birthday is here shown. L. to R., George Allen, of Washington; Eddie Cantor, noted radio, stage and screen star; and Keith Morgan, national campaign chairman.

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL TO PRESENT PROGRAM

Students of the St. Joseph's parochial school at Rowena will present a program Sunday evening, December 22, the feature number being "Follow the Star," in which a modern Mary and Joseph, a young couple honeymooning in the Holy Land, witness a colorful pageant representing in an appealing way the dramatization of the real story of the Nativity. The curtain rises at 7:30 p. m.

Other numbers will be in the form of dances, playlets, and songs, all suggestive of the true Christmas spirit. A matinee performance will be presented tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock.

Admission will be 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children.

LAMPASAS COUPLE ARE MARRIED HERE

T. H. Stillwell and Miss Rachel Huling, of Lampasas, were married here Sunday afternoon at 3:30 at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. Elmer C. Carter officiating. The couple will make home at Midland.

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SANTA CLAUS APPEARS ON BALLINGER STREETS

Santa Claus appeared on the streets of Ballinger Wednesday afternoon, mingling with the crowds and greeting the kiddies here with their parents. He carried a huge bag of candy with him and passed confections out to the children and many of the women shoppers. He will remain here until late Christmas eve and hopes to greet all the children of this and adjoining counties.

REV. MORTON IMPROVES

Rev. Clarence A. Morton is reported to be improving at his home on Broadway but will be confined to his bed and at home for some time before he is able to resume his services for the First Baptist Church.

NEW POLICE CHIEF TO BEGIN WORK IN CITY TOMORROW

J. D. McNutt, newly appointed chief of police, will commence work for the city of Ballinger tomorrow (Friday), assisting Chief J. L. Moreland until January 1, when he takes over the full duties of the office.

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Check-up on Seal Sale Shows Some Still Haven't Paid

The final check-up has started on the annual sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals and efforts are being made to get remittances in for the seals that were mailed in November. Miss Hazel Hunt, county health nurse, when asked what becomes of the unpaid-for seals, replied as follows:

"Well, the best way I can describe them," she answered, "is they're dead soldiers in the war against tuberculosis. Yes, each seal was a soldier, alive and equipped, sent out to meet one of the worst enemies of mankind. But, if they aren't paid for, if they are allowed to remain in the desk drawer or buried among papers at home, they are useless."

Many Ballinger and Runnels county citizens received blocks of seals in the mails in November and were asked to send in the money for them. Most of the recipients responded, but a few still have the seals and have not returned the pay for them.

SINGERS TO GO TO WINGATE FOR PROGRAM DECEMBER 29

Singers from a wide area in this part of the state have been invited to Wingate Sunday night, December 29, for a musical program. A number of well known quartets from West Texas towns have accepted invitations and the program promises to be exceptionally entertaining. The public is cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Little and Jimmy, Jr., of Stockton, California, are here for a Christmas visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Scales and other relatives.

Mrs. Emma Nash has been in San Antonio this week to attend several of her children and grandchildren who are ill.

Air Transport Crashes in Missouri Ditch



This picture shows the wreckage of an American Airlines transport, which overshot the runway while landing at St. Louis, and bounced into a ditch which borders the airport. The pilot and co-pilot were slightly injured. Fortunately, five other persons who were riding in the plane escaped injury.

TOYS TURNED OVER TO LOCAL RED CROSS

Approximately 400 toys made or repaired by the Ballinger recreational center have been turned over to the local chapter of the Red Cross. Those who require toys in making up Christmas baskets for "adopted" families Christmas may get them by asking Wix Currie, Jr., or Mrs. H. T. Forson, Red Cross committee members.

JOHN "DUSTY" KING COMING TO TEXAS

John King, the new western movie star, is coming to the Texas Theatre in person, with his musical show on January 1. King is a 6-foot, 3-inch cowboy who has a wonderful baritone voice, and is starred in "The Range Busters," with Ray Corrigan and Max Terhune, two of the original "Mesquiteers" stars.

King is a talented young man, who started his movie career by accident in 1934 when he was working in a lumber camp in New Mexico and a talent scout for Universal was looking for a real "he-man" to play a part in one of his pictures. He was rushed to Hollywood and given a test, and since then he has appeared in a number of pictures, one of which was "The Gentleman from Arizona," a color film for Monogram, in which he was starred, and from this he was given a contract to co-star in the new western series to be released through Monogram, known as "The Range Busters"—an action-packed musi-

PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 2 HERE IS BURGLARIZED

Ballinger primary school No. 2 was entered Wednesday night, a small amount of Christmas seal money taken and a meal eaten in the lunch room. No arrests have been made but police have excellent fingerprints and are working on the case. Entrance was gained by breaking out a window pane.

SHOOTING OF FIREWORKS PROHIBITED IN FIRE ZONE

Chief of Police Lee Moreland issued a warning today against shooting fireworks in the fire zone. This applies to all kinds of fireworks and special police employed during the holidays will arrest every person violating this ordinance.

The fire zone in Ballinger is between Sixth and Eleventh streets and between Railroad and Strong avenues. Fireworks vendors must keep their stocks inside the buildings, it was pointed out, and are not permitted to put tables on the sidewalks.

In other sections of the city parents are urged to watch their children to see that they shoot the pyrotechnics carefully to prevent fire.

Mrs. Ruth Bankston and daughters and Mrs. Harris Russell have returned from a visit at Dallas.

Bearcats Will See Cotton Bowl Game New Year's Day

The Ballinger Bearcats, district 8-A champions, will receive their most appreciated reward January 1 when they occupy seats for the Cotton Bowl game between Fordham University and Texas A. & M. College. School officials have ordered a block of 23 seats which will take care of the 21 players on the squad and two coaches. A big bus has been chartered and the boys will leave Ballinger in the early morning of the first day of 1941 to witness the biggest football classic in the Southwest.

Last year the local football players witnessed the University of Texas-A. & M. game at College Station but had bus trouble, rain and cold to battle all day.

The trip to the bowl will climax a big season for the squad and will give the youths something to look forward to for another year. Such trips have been given here for the past several years, but this is the first one to a bowl game.

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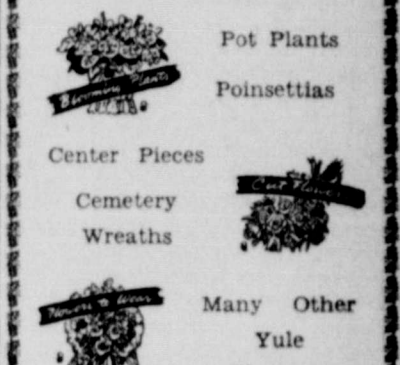
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Thomson and children, Lillie Ann and Gordon Cole, of Corpus Christi, were week-end visitors in the home of Mr. Thomson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Thomson.



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Gr. Beans 2 lbs. 25c	Peanuts 2 lbs. 20c Extracted	
Carrots 3 bunches 10c	Honey 5 lbs. 59c Ribbon Cane	
Yellow Onions 3 lbs. 10c	Syrup No. 10 49c Crushed or Sliced No. 1	
Potatoes 10 lbs. 15c	Pineapple 3 for 25c Grapefruit	
Smooth Kiln Dried Yams lb. 4c	Juice No. 10 29c	
Candy We have too many kinds to mention. Come in and see our display	Dates 2 lbs. Pitted 39c 2 lbs. Unpitted 29c	Cherries Chocolate Covered lb. 19c

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- Brush Wool Gowns Pajamas: \$1.95 \$2.95
- 51 Gauge Nylon Hose: \$1.50
- Lunch Cloths: 59c to \$1
- Satin Slips: \$1 - \$1.95
- Campus Sox Red-Beige: 2 for \$1
- His and Her Bath Room Sets: \$1.25
- Fancy Bath Towels: 39c to \$1
- Ladies' Queen's Lace Hose: \$1.65
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Firemen look with dread to each Christmas season as they have been called upon to fight some of the most destructive fires in the history of the city in previous years.

The Christmas season is approaching fast and shoppers have started their mad scramble for last minute gifts. The rest of this week and Monday and Tuesday should bring large crowds here for their final holiday buying.

There is one group of people who do not get any time off for Christmas and who put in more hours on Christmas eve and Christmas day than other.

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.

LIZZIE ORR, Administratrix of the Estate of J. R. Orr, Deceased. 23-4

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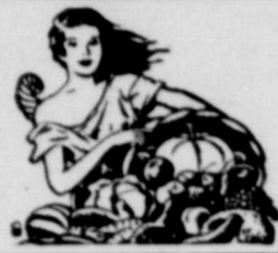
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Kings and Queens of Health—And of Corn



Left: 4-H club members chosen as the nation's healthiest at the live-stock show held at Chicago. L. to R.: Veneta DeWitt, 15, Milford, Iowa; Tom Wiley, 17, Ashland, Ohio; Vernon Duncan, 16, Silver City, N. C.; Robert Bolen, 15, Lauren, Iowa; and Edith Reynolds, 17, Seminole, Okla. Right: Charles Fisher, 33, of Shelbyville, Ind., who won the title of corn king at the stock show. His land yielded 65 bushels to the acre.



WEST TEXAS NOTES

Marl Westerman, vocational agriculture teacher at Melvin, is in a San Angelo hospital, being treated for a wound in his left leg, sustained a week ago. He and others were preparing to go on a hunting trip when he dropped a small shotgun, which was discharged when it struck the floor. Westerman is improving and will soon be able to resume his work.

Noble Jobs, of Segovia, has the record for killing the deer with the greatest number of points in Kimble county this season. The buck killed had 28 points. Only one was reported in the state with more points than the one bagged by Jobs, it being killed near Fredericksburg and having 34 points.

Construction is under way in Comanche county on new rural electrification lines. The contract is for \$135,453 and will provide 262 miles of new lines in Comanche county and smaller sections in Brown and Eastland counties. A crew of 250 men will be employed.

The Paint Rock high school library is being enlarged and during recent weeks has received a number of new books. One woman donated 42 current magazines last week and others have been given by individuals. The library now has 884 books on its shelves to serve 85 students.

The Dale school will have its Christmas program tonight and dismiss for the holidays. The rhythm band, drills and other special numbers are to be presented and at the close of the entertainment program gifts will be distributed to the pupils. W. E. Hall is principal of this Runnels county rural school.

Dave Hinds, candidate for sheriff in the last Democratic primary, has been elected chief of police at Winters and will assume the duties on January 1. N. C. Terry, who has served as chief for 11 years, tendered his resignation several weeks ago and the Winters council had been considering application for two months.

The Eastland county Junior Red Cross chapter closed its most successful campaign last week, and 2,700 school children are now wearing 1941 buttons. This is about 1,000 more than for the previous year and the largest number since organization of the junior unit. Membership in the national

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decorations." A Christmas tree kept in a bucket of water will retain much of its normal dampness and thus cut down the danger of a hot blaze. However, the commissioner warned against placing trees in such a way as to block exits, and admonished against their use near stoves and steam radiators.

They should be decorated only with asbestos, glass or metal. The tree alone will make a dangerous fire, without the added fuel of paper, cotton snow and pyroxylin decorations.

The wide use of electric extension cords, Christmas tree lights and lights in windows bring new hazards to every home. The use of tinsel on lighted trees creates a danger of short circuit. Some of the load should be cut off circuits when fuses begin to blow, but fuses should not be bridged under any circumstances.

Exits and aisles must be kept unobstructed, and every effort should be made to dispose of packing materials as quickly as possible.

TECH STUDENTS RELATE JOYS OF CHRISTMAS LUBBOCK, Dec. 18.—Many frontier Christmas customs still prevail in the Southwest, a check among Texas Tech students shows.

James Alton Bloomer, 18, of Richland Springs, who had been working at a CCC camp near Burnet, was the victim of a fatal shooting affray Sunday of last week. Spencer Jamar, 19, also a CCC enrollee from Richland Springs, was charged with murder at Burnet. The fatal shooting occurred in a cafe, where Mrs. Jamar was working. A bullet from a .38 calibre pistol felled Bloomer.

Miss Stella Jeffers, of Brady, who has been saving tinfoil in order that a little blind boy at Austin might get a "seeing eye" dog, has been receiving publicity recently by radio, newspapers and mail. A letter from a Ft. Worth woman enclosed a sample aluminum milk bottle cap and said she would be glad to send more for the cause.

Coleman county and the city of Coleman expect to save \$3,300 or more a year by retiring as co-sponsors of one WPA and two NYA projects, in obtaining a reduction of the personnel in the sewing room, and by making a thorough check of the relief rolls. The changes become effective on January 1, 1941.

COMMISSIONER ISSUES WARNING OF XMAS HOME FIRE HAZARDS AUSTIN, Dec. 18.—Faced with the danger of a mounting death toll brought on by the widespread use of highly inflammable Christmas decorations, Marvin Hall, state fire insurance commissioner, today urged Texas to request local firemen to make a pre-holiday check of fire hazards in the home.

Where at all possible, firemen will welcome the opportunity to eliminate the hazards, Hall said. "Firemen have a special responsibility to guard against fire hazards at Christmas, and the owners of homes and business establishments should call upon them to make inspections when in doubt as to the safety of their holiday

stead of an evergreen at her home, a Plainview student says. Large gum-drops serve as ornaments, and strings of popcorn and cranberries are draped from the twigs. Gifts are left on doorsteps by friends exchanging presents in Lovington, New Mexico.

Santa announces himself variously by sleigh bells, a cowbell, a train whistle or doll's voice at the door. He is rewarded by fruit cake and milk left on the hearth, homemade candies, or hot soup. In Magdalena, New Mexico, one student explains, a small bundle of hay is left on the hearth for Santa's reindeers and soup in a boiling pot within the fireplace for Santa himself.

Community trees continue to serve in many smaller towns. School plays and songs are the main source of entertainment on Christmas eve near Mason. Gifts from a tree are distributed following the program. In many towns, the church is the community center on Christmas eve.

In the Whiteface community near Lubbock, Santa visits the community tree in the guise of an elderly lady, very large and very jovial.

A Dallas family whose daughter attends Tech has for years risen at 3 o'clock on Christmas morning, in order to exchange gifts and breakfast together before relatives arrive for the day. In the home of a White Deer boy, Christmas eve is a day of fast until the supper hour. Then all the family attend midnight mass. A Lubbock family entertains itself by "riddles" to mystify the children and add zest to distribution of gifts from the Christmas tree.

Seated round the fire, many families sing carols before they exchange gifts. In Lamesa, the high school glee club goes on a hayride about town singing. If there is snow, horse-drawn ladders serve as sleighs for carolers in another West Texas town. Young people of Albuquerque, New Mexico, form a torchlight parade a thousand or more strong, and march through the city's streets singing Christmas songs. The custom is said to have been borrowed from Indians living near the city.

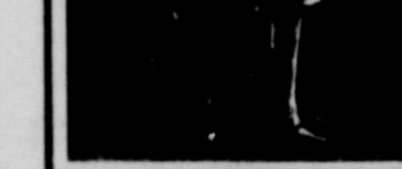
W. T. U. CO. XMAS PARTY AND TREE SATURDAY

All employees of the West Texas Utilities Company in district G, comprising 24 towns, will be here Saturday for a safety meeting in the afternoon and the annual Christmas party at night.

The Christmas party will be held in the city hall auditorium where a short program will be presented including the Apple Trio of Ballinger. This will be followed by the appearance of Santa Claus and the distribution of gifts from the tree.

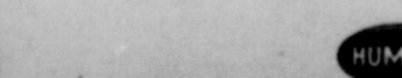
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EXTENSION SERVICE SEEKS ANSWERS ON WHAT KIND OF FOLK ARE CLUB WOMEN

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 18.—How old are home demonstration club women? How many children do they have? How long have they been club members? What are their families' annual incomes?

These are some of the questions the extension service of Texas A. & M. College asked of home demonstration club women in 193 clubs in one county in each of the 12 extension districts. Findings of the study have been compiled by Louise Bryant, extension specialist in home management.

She found that 22 per cent of the home demonstration club women in Texas are below 30 years of age, 29 per cent are between thirty and thirty-nine, 24 per cent are between forty and forty-nine, 17 per cent are between fifty and fifty-nine, and 8 per cent are over sixty years of age.

Forty-four per cent of the club women answering the questionnaire reported the family's net cash income for 1939 under \$500, while 31 per cent said their families' income was between \$500 and \$1,000. About 16 per cent said their families' incomes were between \$1,000 and \$2,000 for 1939, and only six per cent of the women listed their family incomes above \$2,000

for the last calendar year. More than half of the women questioned have been in home demonstration club work from one to five years, while about one-fourth of them have been club members from five to ten years. Not quite a fifth of them—about 17 per cent—have been identified with home demonstration activities for more than 10 years.

"Figures show that there is about one and one-third child per family, and about 25 per cent of the children in club families are over 19 years of age," Miss Bryant commented.

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Wildlife Briefs

While no figures are available on the number of hunters killed or wounded in Texas during the hunting season...

The game department wages an intensive campaign each year to prevent accidents. Hints on how to handle guns are given sportsmen...

Despite the fact there is more natural food for deer in South-west Texas than there has been for many winters...

three weeks of trapping brought 151 deer into the traps. They are transported to areas suitable for raising deer...

The new traps, of which the game department will soon put all its 122 in operation...

Anteloped does, a freak of nature, are killed occasionally in Texas. One weighing nearly 100 pounds was shot by a San Antonio hunter...

The marine biologists for the Texas game department will soon start research on speckled trout, an excellent sport fish which is

Pretty Girl Does Lineman's Togs, Offers to Help Restore Electric Power in Ice-Stricken Panhandle

Grim, leathery-faced linemen found nothing to laugh about when they reached the ice-stricken Panhandle to begin the serious business of restoring light and power following late November's freakish storm.

But they smiled when they learned that a pretty girl had volunteered to help them.

Fellow workers with the West Texas Utilities, which had anticipated just what happened and had lined up the emergency crews from as far as 400 miles away a day ahead of the actual breakage...

"We thought she might distract attention from the task at hand," smiled a harassed line foreman, dog-tired after 36 sleepless hours.

The company, serving four counties in the storm area, including the principal towns of Dalhart, Texline, Dumas and Stratford...

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Men, trucks and equipment were on their way north from as far as San Angelo, McCamey and Abilene within a few hours after power and telephone lines were cut...

Not only did the crews forego sleep during the emergency but also short wave radio operators with the company remained at their posts 24 hours a day.

Like the Anson girl, inspired to offer her help because "it's the neighborly thing to do," many workers pleaded for the assignment.

At intervals it was the only station (1,000 watts) able to communicate with Amarillo, it was learned, in event and served as a clearing house for



The West Texas Utilities alone had 200 men at work at one time repairing damage wrought by the Panhandle's worst ice and sleet storm. Among volunteers who pleaded for the assignment of "helping out" was a girl, Miss Sarah Smith...

The stand-by plant at Dalhart made the West Texas Utilities independent of its interconnection with the Southwestern Public Service Company of Amarillo.

A portable set, W5-BAY, was rushed by truck to Dumas, on an overnight drive made hazardous by 90 miles of icy pavement...

Power was extended from the standby plants to Stratford and Dumas as quickly as distribution lines could be restored.

Gifts for the ENTIRE FAMILY. Advertisement for various household appliances including record players, mixers, toasters, radios, and heaters, with prices and descriptions.

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far from being as plentiful on the Texas coast as it was ten years ago. The biologists, who are being equipped with a boat, will study all phases of trout and hope to ascertain their habits...

It is possible coastal residents of Texas will cause a bill to be proposed before the legislature at its next session to take speckled trout off the market.

Sealed proposals addressed to the County Judge of Rannels County, Ballinger, Texas...

Contributing to the most complete collection of horse lore yet compiled, are such authors as Dobie, John A. Lomax, G. C. Robinson...

Seldon Robinson, teacher at Sul Ross State Teachers' College, Alpine, killed an 18-point buck recently which was the largest killed in Brewster county this season.

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deposit of \$15.00 as a guarantee for the safe return of same at the time bids are delivered to said County Judge...

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AUSTIN, Dec. 18.—It's no tall Texas tale that mustang herds of 40,000 roamed the Great Plains...

MISS LOUISE HASH WILL SPEND CHRISTMAS AT HOME. Miss Louise Hash, director of Christian education in the North Shore Baptist Church, Chicago...

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BALLINGER T. C. U. STUDENTS WILL SPEND HOLIDAYS HERE. FORT WORTH, December 18.—Miss Ann Kiechle and Wm. Weaver, sophomore and senior respectively at Texas Christian University...

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Fire Chief Urges More Precaution As Holiday Aim

Fire Chief Chester Cherry this week issued a warning to citizens of Ballinger in regard to Christmas fires. The chief said most of the big fire losses have occurred here in recent years during the Christmas holidays...

Mr. Cherry believes that many bad fires originate by piling leftover decorations in a corner and a small spark is sufficient to start a blaze.

The chief also asserted that every string of Christmas tree lights should be carefully examined before being put in service and never left burning on trees when residents are away from home.

Chief Cherry believes that if people take every possible precaution, most Christmas fires can be forestalled.

1940 COTTON CROP LARGER THAN 1939 PRODUCTION

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 18.—The 1940 United States cotton crop will exceed last year's harvest by one million bales and stand only 700,000 bales below the ten-year average...

From this source prospects for a yield of 12,847,000 bales is reported, exceeding the department of agriculture's October 1 report by 100,000 bales.

Favorable weather also boosted yield prospects by 115,000 bales in large crop outlook in the five

states more than offset poorer prospects in Georgia, Mississippi and Alabama, the agricultural marketing service reported.

Ginning is behind the corresponding period of last year over much of the cotton belt, but the crop's quality, on the basis of cotton ginned, is showing somewhat better than at the same time in 1939.

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FORESTS OF SANDALWOOD RESCUED FROM DISEASE

MADRAS, India, Dec. 18.—India's rich forests of sandalwood have been rescued from a dread disease after a scourge lasting forty years. Called "spike disease," owing to the spike-like appearance it produces on the foliage of the tree...

Although the exact species of insect responsible for the disease has not been discovered, government forestry officials have found measures to control and eradicate the pest.

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