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## Thousands Throng Here For Christmas Parade

Ballinger's annual Christmas parade was held Friday afternoon and attracted a crowd of several thousand people. Ideal weather made it possible for all the entries in the "Miss Merry Christmas" contest to appear in the parade and on the platform for judging in their costumes without wraps. The youngsters in the "Toyland" section were also favored by the weather and made a fine appearance on the streets.

Miss Dorothy McMillan is "Miss Merry Christmas" for 1941 and received the crown from Miss Mary Simpson, 1939 "Miss Merry Christmas." Miss McMillan represented the Ballinger chapter of Future Farmers of America. In the parade she was on a beautifully decorated float standing at the end of a cradle in which lay an infant, representing the Christ. Other attendants included shepherd boys and wise men kneeling at the foot of the manger.

Second place went to Miss Mary Lou Davis, representing the Spanish club of the Ballinger high school. She was dressed in Spanish costume and carried a large wreath on which were the words, "Peace on Earth and Good Will Among the Americas."

Miss Jane Cheatham, representing the American Legion, was third place winner. Miss Cheatham was in the uniform of a Red Cross nurse bearing baskets of gifts on each arm with signs "for our soldiers" and "for Britain." In the procession she was escorted by Legionnaires and their colors and the entire company C, 142nd infantry.

Other entrants in the "Miss Merry Christmas" feature included Miss Elva Lee Owens, Rebekah Lodge; Miss Odessa Parrish, Cue and Curtin Club; Miss Betty Jean Harper, pep squad; Miss Pat Lawrence, Rotary Club; Miss Winnie Merle Adair, Lions Club; June Wright, junior high school; Gwen Morgan, Ballinger firemen; Nancy Connor, Girl Scouts; and Ellen Jo Barty, Ballinger Band.

One of the most interesting features of the parade and one that gave the judges the most worry, was the large number of kiddies in the "Toyland" section. First place went to Stanell and Manell Skelton, twins, dressed as rabbits; second place to Ann Stasney, "Mary had a little lamb" and having the lamb with her; third place to Judie Ann Mathis, dressed in solid white; fourth place to Joan Holt, as a tambourine girl; and fifth to Donald Edward Strickland, as Santa Claus, himself.

Prizes in the "Miss Merry Christmas" contest were \$25 first, \$15 second, and \$10 third. For the kiddies first prize was \$10, second \$7.50, third \$5, fourth \$2.50, and fifth \$1.

Also participating in the parade were the Ballinger band, the high school pep squad, the junior high school choir, and the national guard company. Soldiers accompanying Miss Cheatham in the parade were Sergeant Frank Coker and Sergeant Billy Jack May.

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## Over 100 Kiddies Enjoy Christmas Dinner Today

One of the happiest Christmas affairs in Ballinger during the entire holiday season was held at the Ballinger school lunch room today at noon when dinner was served to more than 100 Ballinger children.

Supt. Nat Williams arranged the affair for kiddies who probably would not have had a Christmas dinner. Mrs. Ruth Clappitt and members of the school lunch room staff were busy the first two days of the week preparing the feast.

Rev. E. C. Carter offered thanks and told the children the story of Christmas. After that the kiddies were turned loose to enjoy the meal which was composed of turkey, dressing and gravy, Eng-

## 5,000 Boys Required For Nation's CCC Camps in January

The state department of public welfare has been advised that 5,000 boys will be required for the CCC in January to bring the corps up to full strength. Replacements are due to the large number returning home after serving their full time of 18 months and for others who have left camps for private employment.

Young men between the ages of 17 and 23½ years of age, of good character, unemployed and in need of work, regardless of their financial condition are eligible for CCC enlistments.

The members of the corps are being intensively trained so they may easily find private employment when leaving camp. Automotive repair shops are being centrally located where theory and practical experience meet on common ground, and hundreds of mechanically inclined boys are being offered exceptional opportunities to become expert repair men on all types of equipment. Radio classes are the most popular of all the training activities, although it is surprising how many boys are interested in becoming good cooks and bakers.

The January enrollment is set for the 15th and 16th and all boys wishing to become members of the corps and serve at least a six-month period should make application with the county welfare worker as quickly as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. George McCulley and sons, George Billy and Jimmy, of Kingsville; and Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Lemburg and daughter, Jamie Ruth, of Menard, are here to spend Christmas with Mrs. J. M. Skinner and other relatives.

## Bearcats Applaud Prospects of Trip To See Bowl Game

Twenty-one Ballinger Bearcats are looking forward to the trip to Dallas for the Cotton Bowl game on New Year's Day when they will see the famous Texas Aggies play Fordham University in one of the leading games of the country.

The trip comes as a reward for the fine season turned in by the Bearcats and the winning of the district championship. The announcement of the trip came as surprise to the boys who had heard nothing of the proposed plans. The local athletic association had written for tickets, enclosing a check, but did not want to announce the plans until the tickets were definitely secured.

When Supt. Nat Williams announced the trip the applause of the high school students spoke the appreciation of the team and each of the boys is anxious to get started. A large modern bus has been chartered and the team and coaches will leave here on January 1, early enough to get to Dallas before noon and then to the bowl in time for the kick-off.

Eleven members of the squad will be through with high school football and ten will be back next fall.

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## Moving Against Italians in Egypt



Newly arrived British reinforcements in Egypt leave camp in Cairo for a route march, part of the training they receive to accustom themselves to conditions of desert warfare. After a long quiet on the front in western Egypt, the British have retaken Sidi Barrani, which they lost in October.

## TRIMMIER PRESENTED WATCH BY COURT HOUSE EMPLOYEES AT 'PARTY'

County officials and employees of offices in the court house gave a farewell party to Judge Paul Trimmier Tuesday morning. Judge Trimmier, after twenty years' public service, will retire on January 1 from the office of county judge, and those who have been associated with him at the court house were the hosts at the affair.

Members of the commissioners' court had been invited to have coffee and cake in the office of Mrs. Aurelia Webb Tuesday and everybody was on hand. After the refreshments were served, R. A. Perry, senior member of the court, acted as the spokesman for the group and presented Judge Trimmier with a beautiful watch. On the back of the watch was engraved his full name and the date he entered office and the retirement date.

Judge Trimmier, taken completely by surprise, was deeply affected by the expression of friendship. His response to the presentation was brief and wholly unprepared.

## NATIONAL GUARDSMEN GET PAY DAY FRIDAY

Members of company C, 142nd infantry, received their first pay here Friday morning, getting paid for six days' service in November. The men lined up and signed the payroll and each received the cash inside an envelope.

The soldiers welcomed the pay, coming just before the holidays, and most of the money went into circulation within a short time.

## PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER GETS CHRISTMAS GIFT

Rev. and Mrs. Dwight A. Sharpe and family were made happy by members of the First Presbyterian Church Sunday. The day before members had prevailed on Rev. Sharpe to let them have his old car worked over. The job would require several days and he was informed that he would not get the car back before Sunday but that a member would call for the Sharpes Sunday morning and take them to church.

At the conclusion of the service Rev. Sharpe was taken outside by the one who brought him to the church and escorted him to a new Chevrolet sedan, informed to step inside and was handed the keys.

The gift was from the entire membership of the church to the pastor and family.

Mrs. Guy Middleton and son, Guy, Jr., are spending the holidays at Crane and Ft. Stockton with relatives and friends.

Jack Nixon, Jr., visited friends and attended to business at Abilene Monday.

## Goodfellows

Two more Goodfellows reported this week with cash offerings to be used in caring for those in need this Christmas. The donations were used in supplying food for one of the families on the list. Goodfellows not already reported are:

J. T. Wiley	\$1.00
Jack E. Brewer	2.50

## Guard Armory in Prospect; Company C Leaves Friday

Gus Barr, secretary of the Ballinger Board of Community Development, and Captain A. R. Murchison, commander of the national guard company here, were in Fort Worth Monday to confer with army officers and members of the state armory board. They received information which indicates Ballinger will be on the list of preferred towns for armories and that construction will be started in the near future.

Ballinger's application has been in for some time and a number of local sites have already been inspected and approved. Last week an announcement was made that work would start on a number of armories soon after the first of the year and the Ballinger men went to Fort Worth to see that the local application was in line.

They were informed that work might commence at several towns before the Ballinger project due to labor conditions. All the jobs will be built by WPA labor and this construction will have the right-of-way over all other work, since it is part of the national defense program.

All requirements have been met in Ballinger for the armory and officials in charge of the promotion expect a work order to be issued soon after the first of the year and the building finished while the local company is away at camp.

Clifford Howell, student of Texas Technological College, Lubbock, is here to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. E. Paxton and baby left Monday for Fort Worth, to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

## Lions Club Apple Tree-O Gets Start by Accident

A Ballinger music group that is gaining fast in popularity is the Apple Tree-O, composed of Mmes. Jack Nixon, Jr., J. A. Schmale and Levy Lee with Cal Adair as accompanist.

The popular harmony singing trio came into being by accident and since its first appearance has been called on numerous times here and have made several out-of-town trips.

At a Lions Club "ladies night" the three singers were asked to present a comedy number. They chose for their selection "The Old Apple Tree in the Orchard." In the costumes of typical mountain characters, one barefooted and with teeth missing, another in a poor attempt at dressing up and the third, just ugly and bashful, they scored such a hit with the number that the Lions Club officially "adopted" them and they earned their name from their first success, scored at an impromptu program.

The group filled an engagement at Coleman, Santa Anna, Robert Lee and Sterling City, will sing at the district Lions meeting at San Angelo in January, and expect to provide numbers for the model

Captain A. R. Murchison stated this morning that he had received no further postponement of the departure of company C, 142nd infantry, and that plans were proceeding to leave here Friday morning, December 27. The company commander was in Brownwood this week for a conference and said on his return here that the area in Camp Bowie to be occupied by the Ballinger unit was about completed and officers there believed the finished areas would be occupied by troops at once.

As far as known here today, the parade and farewell for the guard company will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The parade will be formed at the intersection of Tenth Street and Hutchings Avenue and pass down the streets to the court house lawn, where a brief good-bye program will be held.

Trucks are expected here Friday morning to transport the men and equipment to Camp Bowie.

## MERCHANTS ASKED TO PUT UP NEW FLAGS THURSDAY

Merchants are asked to place their flags on the sidewalks Thursday and leave them up until after the farewell party for the national guardsmen.

The party will be held on the court house lawn following a parade and a few two-minute speakers will bid the boys good-bye. At the conclusion of the farewells, Captain A. R. Murchison will respond for the guard and girls will distribute cigarettes to the boys.

Want ads are economical and bring results.

## Every Needy Family Here 'Adopted' for Christmas

### Home Decorations Here Are Judged; Winners Selected

Approximately 200 Ballinger homes were showing Christmas decorations Friday evening when judges inspected the homes and yards to decide winners in the contest.

Mrs. John Currie was given first place, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Agnew second, and Dr. and Mrs. Charles F. Bailey third.

Judges were Mrs. J. B. Waide, Mrs. O. L. Sims and Mrs. G. Houston, of Paint Rock, and several hours were required to drive over the city and look at the many beautiful pieces. More than 40 homes were listed in the entry blanks and members of the Civic-Garden Club stated that there were many other beautiful decorations not entered for competition. Some of these, one of the members stated, would have been seriously considered in the awards.

It was estimated that there were at least ten times more decorations Friday night than had ever been put up here before. Those who sponsored the move believe the home and yard contest will be one of the biggest Christmas features next year.

In some sections of the city the entire fronts of residences were lighted, others had Yule scenes on porches and in yards; Santa Claus was evident at a number of homes, there were many wreaths illuminated with colored lights, and Christmas trees, stars and candles were decorations at many places.

Civic-Garden Club members provided rides for all who wanted to inspect the decorations and from 7 until almost 11 o'clock there were many cars on the streets visiting every section of the city.

## Latin-Americans In Ballinger Form Lucal Organization

Latin-American citizens of Ballinger have perfected the organization of a Lucal society and the charter will be presented within the near future.

Officers and members of the board of directors have been elected and a meeting will be held soon after Christmas to which members of the city commission and a number of other citizens are to be invited. M. M. Machado, of San Antonio, will attend this meeting, accompanied by several other Spanish and English speakers who will deliver talks.

Officers are: J. E. Lopez, president; M. Ruiz, vice-president; G. M. Saenz, secretary; Joe E. Lopez, treasurer; E. Reeves, guard. The board of directors is composed of P. A. Almdarez, M. Cortez, and L. Castillo.

Members already accepted in the organization besides the above include: J. Almdarez, J. A. Perez, S. Garcia, D. Mermea, J. Guevara, D. Guevara, J. Ramos, D. Ledesma, J. Gomez, T. Gomez, Jr., T. Gomez, Joe Gomez, D. Rico, J. G. Rodriguez, E. G. Rodriguez, E. Garcia, Ed M. Mendito.

## BALLINGER CHORAL CLUB MEMBERS SING CAROLS

Senior and junior high school students have added much to the Christmas spirit in Ballinger by their nightly serenades of carols. Members of the choral clubs have alternated nights in providing the serenades and many have enjoyed the singing.

The carolers have made stops at many homes where parties were in progress and have added to the merriment of those occasions by their music.

Ballinger people had the real spirit of Christmas this year and every needy family on the list was "adopted" by some organization or individual and taken care of in a big way.

There were no families left on the list Monday morning and the local welfare office was asked to submit a number of others which also found alias Santa Claus in short order.

It was the first time since the "adopt a family" plan was launched that there was not some left for the Red Cross to care for. Included in the list were a number of Mexican and negro families who received supplies for Christmas which included clothing, food and gifts for the children. In a number of instances the needy families received Christmas trees already decorated and were able to have the happy annual event that all families look forward to.

Sunday school classes made a big occasion of their assistance to some needy families. Groups of children collected articles for more than a week, arranged huge food baskets and when they delivered them, sang Christmas carols and presented other numbers.

There were more children and young people interested in the movement this year than ever before; in fact, they did most of the work. School groups led the way in providing for worthy indigents and nearly every Sunday school class in the city participated in this worthy work. In a few instances where the need was great, organizations duplicated on some families in order to supply all their needs in a generous manner.

## POSTOFFICE TO GIVE PACKAGE SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Postmaster Tom Gaudie stated Monday that delivery of Christmas packages would be made on Christmas day. The local post-office crew has worked hard to render efficient service to citizens of Ballinger and disregarded closing hours in order to receive and deliver parcels and supply stamps.

While the office will be closed tomorrow, all incoming packages received in the mails will be delivered to their owners.

## BALLINGER STORES TO CLOSE TONIGHT FOR CHRISTMAS; NO BUSINESS HERE TOMORROW

Business will be suspended by all Ballinger stores tonight and a full observance of Christmas will be made here Wednesday. Numerous citizens have gone to visit elsewhere the remainder of the week, but all business hours will open as usual Thursday morning and the remainder of the week will be spent in exchanging gift merchandise, making regular sales and taking inventories.

Street decorations will be taken down by the end of the week and regular show window displays put up. Within a short time Christmas of 1940 will be a thing of the past and the city resumes its normal way.

Miss Luene Haverland, student of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, is spending Christmas with her parents at Rowena.

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# Women's, Society and Club News

## Lions Have Christmas Ladies' Night

The Lions Club members entertained their wives and added guests Friday evening with a Christmas dinner and program in the main dining room of the Central Hotel.

Long parallel tables were centered with red and white tissue trees and the room was decorated elaborately with red and green overhead streamers. Christmas evergreens and a big lighted tree. Preceding the three-course turkey dinner, R. W. Earnshaw led the group in singing "America," and Dr. W. H. Elkins of San Angelo pronounced the invocation. As the courses were served much "fun throwing" of cranberries swelled the Christmas fund for the club's adopted families, as did the Russian raffle conducted later by Mr. Earnshaw. Tommie Hall, club president, appointed Earl Baker, Jack Nixon, Sr., and J. M. Williams to deliver the Christmas boxes. He introduced Miss Winnie Merle Adair, the 1940 sweetheart and the Apple Tree-O, Mmes. Jack Nixon, Jr., J. A. Schnable and Levy Lee, and the accompanist, Cal Adair. Harry Lynn and Clarence Bissett conducted the initiatory rites for Wesley Whitman, H. E. Hembree and Dr. E. W. Stasney, and Mr. Hall presented pins.

Claude Stone was master of ceremonies for the program. The Apple Tree-O sang "Jingle Bells," "When You're Smiling," and "Marjorie" in the first group and returned later in their robe attire to sing comedy numbers.

Nat Williams introduced Dr. W. H. Elkins, a former University of Texas football star, a high school coach, and Rhodes scholar at Oxford, who is now president of the San Angelo Junior College, as the evening's speaker. Dr. Elkins talked in a serious vein on the "Spirit of the Season." He made an appeal that the humanitarianism, manifested at this season, be continued through all seasons. He said that any kind of international or even national peace, prosperity and happiness would come, only as a result of man's respect for his fellow man at all seasons.

Those present were: Dr. and Mrs. Stasney, Dr. and Mrs. Oren Chandler, Messrs. and Mmes. Hall, Stone, Tom Agnew, J. M. Williams, Baker, Jack Williams of Kaufman, Gus Barr, Nixon, Jr., Lee, M. A. Foy, Troy Simpson, Glenn Morrison, O'Neal Dendy of San Angelo, Lynn, Schnable, R. P. Canady, Nixon, Sr., Adair, A. B. Field, J. A. Killough, Derwood Bissett, J. D. Forman, Joe Paxton, John Purifoy, Layne Moreland, Clarence Bissett, Fate Parker, A. J. Hendricks, Wix Currie, Jr., Jack Rudd, Hembree, Nat Williams, George Holman, Whitman, Robert Bruce, Messrs. Ray Tadale, Joe Lee, O. R. O'Neill, John Persons, Elmo Phillips, Misses Mary Simpson, Adair and Ruby Nance.

## Christmas Party for Shakespeare Club

The Shakespeare Club held its annual Christmas affair last Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. R. T. Williams on Broadway. Red and silver were emphasized in decorations for the entire reception suite. A large tree and potted poinsettias were in the music room and the living room featured a mantel adornment of massed red berries and silvered foliage from which hung silver bells. Silver and red grape clusters outlined a reflected Xmas tree of wrought iron draped in silver icicles with small red candles burning at each branch end which centered the dining table.

Mrs. Edgar Boelsche, president, called attention to the large assortment of toys brought for the Martin Foundation for Crippled Children and appointed a nominating committee, Mrs. B. C. Kirk, Mrs. Leonard Stallings and Mrs. George Clements.

Mrs. O. T. Toney was program director. She was assisted by a group of women, in costume, in presenting "Christmas Customs of Other Lands." The skit represented a group of college girls, who, unable to return to their homes at Christmas, were comparing native customs. Mrs.

Horace Murphy was a girl from Uruguay; Mrs. Fred Kiechle, China; Mrs. J. B. Striplin, Mexico; Mrs. Clements, Chile; Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh, Aruba; and Mrs. Alden Thorp and Mrs. Jack Rudd were Mexican girls in Texas. Illustrative carols, "Deck the Halls" and "Silent Night, Holy Night," were sung by Virginia Claire Smith and June Wright with Mrs. Myra Smith's accompanist, and "The First Noel" and "Adeste Fideles" sung by Mrs. Carl Black and Mrs. Troy Simpson with Mrs. Sim Cottle accompanist.

Mrs. Williams was assisted by Mrs. Stallings, Mrs. Thorp and Mrs. John Hollingsworth in serving a dessert course with coffee. Others present were: Mmes. P. A. Cobden, J. G. Douglass, E. H. Forgy, Alex Saunders, Lela McAdams, T. J. McCaughan, F. C. Miller, Ed Schuchard, C. P. Shepherd, C. R. Stephens, J. C. Sturges, Jr., Ford Taylor and Tom Agnew.

## Dinner for Ace of Clubs Members and Husbands

Ace of Clubs members gave a Christmas dinner at the Cactus Coffee Shop with husbands as added guests last Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Rothal O'Kelly were hosts.

A rustic Christmas scene was arranged around an antique tree bottle, which had lighted candles on the branches, with snow-covered cedar branches and pyroanthus berries. Small Santa Clauses were attached to snow-flecked name cards to mark places for the three-course turkey supper.

The Ninth Street O'Kelly home was decorated in narcissus and Christmas greenery. A basket of gilded bois d'arc apples centered the dining table lighted with red tapers in old green bottles. For contract games the Santa theme was again combined with the rustic motif in the attractive tallies and score pads.

Mrs. Royal Bishop and Roy Miller won high score prizes and Mrs. W. E. Moss the bingo. Others included: Messrs. and Mmes. J. D. Forman, Edward Sommer, E. C. Grindstaff, Mike Wright, H. G. Agnew, Mrs. Miller, Messrs. Moss, Bishop, Clayton West, and Rothal O'Kelly, Jr.

**Sew and Chat in Moody Home**  
Mrs. Tom McEntire, Mrs. Henry Moody and Mrs. Fred McKay were hostesses Thursday afternoon in the Moody home in West Ballinger to the Sew and Chat Sewing Club and a few added friends to honor Mrs. W. R. Murphy, Jr.

In rooms, gaily decorated in the Yule symbols and colors, gifts were exchanged from the pretty tree. Mrs. Murphy received her surprise gifts, as winner in a clever contest.

Sandwiches and date-nut cake were served with coffee to Mmes. Murphy, Leyton Hill, Ross Causey, Harris Russell, M. A. Foy, E. C. Tinsley, C. M. Gibson, O. C. Cox, Milton Gibson and Ray Tadale.

## Additional society items on next page

## DR. WHITE WILL PREACH FOR BAPTISTS SUNDAY

Dr. W. R. White, president of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, will be here next Sunday to preach at both services at the First Baptist Church. He comes here at the invitation of Rev. Clarence A. Morton, pastor, who is ill, and it will be Dr. White's first visit to Ballinger since becoming president of the Abilene school. Dr. White is one of the most prominent preachers in the Baptist denomination and is numerously sought as a speaker. A number of years ago he conducted a revival for the Ballinger church and many people here will be glad to of the opportunity to hear him again and renew his acquaintance.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Healer and family are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends at San Saba.

Read grocery ads and save.

## COED SAYS IT IS EASY TO MAKE A DATE

LUBBOCK, Dec. 23.—Any girl can rate a date if she plays her cards right, no matter who she is or what she looks like.

According to the confessions of some of the Texas Tech campus co-eds, there are more than a few ways of wangling dates from stubborn males.

"A sure-fire way to get your man is to flirt with him at dances," one miss said. "Flatter him. He'll soak it up like a sponge and a date will probably be the result."

The classroom offers another site for the battle of the sexes. Calling 'him' to come over and help with assignment is a good and not very obvious method of approach.

Writing your name and telephone number on a conspicuous place in his notebook always makes the gentleman aware that you exist.

The telephone is a seldom-failing date-getter, many coeds vow. "If the boy is a good friend, I would feel free to ask him outright," was the bold assertion of one. Answering other people's phone calls and starting a conversation on your own hook sometimes puts the coveted rendezvous in the bag.

Another trick that is often tried is to call the boy's number. If he answers the phone, pretend that the operator has connected you with the wrong number. The smart girl never lets an opportunity like this slip through her fingers. After a prolonged chat the boy will finally ask her for a date as a bribe for her to hang up.

Other common methods of date baiting are asking for Dutch treat dates, taking a boy riding in your car if you have a car, getting some of your friends to arrange a blind date, and making it a point to be where he will see you on other dates having a hilarious time.

On being asked how she gets her man, one pessimistic coed replied, "I just sit home and pray."

Neighbor: "So you have twins at your house, Frankie? What have you named them?"  
Frankie: "Thunder and Lightning—that's what Pop said when they arrived."

Steno: "I have an awful cold in my head."  
Boss: "Well, that's something."

## HEALTH EDUCATION AID TO SCHOOL CHILDREN

AUSTIN, Dec. 23.—Today's Texas school child is more health-conscious than was his older brother a decade ago, believes a University of Texas health authority.

This stepped-up interest in and knowledge of health Miss Janie M. Pinckney, chief of the university's bureau of child health and nutrition, attributes to improved classroom instruction by teachers aiming at national standards.

Today's teachers, she pointed out, link health and sanitation with topics about which the children are curious. For example, a class studying transportation may learn that auto trailers present peculiar sanitary problems or that airplanes can spread yellow fever. "The entire trend of health education has been revamped," she explained.

Health topics such as cleanliness, and vitamins have been subordinated in a larger area of living and learning—such as cooperating in society and civic action; getting a living, and securing food for our community.

Research studies which the bureau has made in recent years directed toward curriculum improvement include causes of school absences, school service systems, nutritional status of 6,000 Texas school children and eye health of a similar nature.

Gill: "What a nifty overcoat. Where did you get it?"  
Nick: "I picked it up at Jobson's."  
Gill: "I don't know the place. Is it a clothing store or a restaurant?"

**Year End STOCK REDUCING Sale at PIGGLY WIGGLY**

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**Green Beans . . . No. 2 can 5¢**

**Prunes**  
gallon 29c

**Prunes**  
25-lb. box 98c

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**Choice Baby Beef Steak Round 1 lb. 29¢**

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**Pork Hams 10-lb. Average lb. 19¢**

**Sausage Pure Pork 2 lbs. 25¢**

**Turkeys and Hens Freshly Dressed**

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**Grapefruit . . . No. 2 can 5¢**

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**Spuds Colorado 10 lbs. 15¢**

**Bananas Golden Fruit doz. 15¢**

**Cabbage Nice Firm lb. 1¢**

**Oranges Texas doz. 10¢**

**Lettuce Fresh Crisp head 5¢**

**Spinach Nice Tender lb. 5¢**

**Mustard Greens, Onions, Carrots, 3 bunches 10¢**

**In Appreciation---**

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**Pickles . . . quart 10¢**

**Syrup . . . gallon 49¢**

**Chocolate 2 lge. bars 25¢**

**PIGGLY WIGGLY WISHES YOU A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**





# Women's, Society and Club News

**Third Year H. E. Class Entertains** evening at a prettily-appointed dinner to compliment the Ballinger school board in the home economics cottage on the high school campus.

A lovely color scheme of blue, white and silver was used in all details. A large silver tree decorated exclusively with blue balls, blue lights and silver icicles, was placed at the inside entrance. On each side of a smaller tree, which centered the damask-laid U-shaped table, were groups of tall blue candles. Favors were blue and white mints baskets and name cards, marking places were in blue.

Nat Williams was master of ceremonies. The senior girls' octette, Clara Beth Lynn, Sybil Kenley, Irene Wilson, Katharine Hayes, Bennie Kenley, Janie Taylor, Mary Tyson and May Belle Dean, sang Xmas carols a capella. Small Joan Holt also sang.

Girls assisting Mrs. Thorp in serving were Pauline Thorp, Ruth Davis, Cora Ellen Allison and Geraldine Burger. Guests were: Messrs. and Mmes. Williams, Tom Agnew, O. C. Sykes, Henry Doss, J. C. Sturges, Jr., Oscar Harber, James E. Dankworth and Alex McGregor.

**Tree for W. T. U. Co. Employees**  
The annual Christmas tree for District G West Texas Utilities Company employees and their families, with a few added guests was attended by a large group Saturday evening in the City Hall auditorium.

A huge native cedar tree, decorated with myriads of colored lights, tinsel balls, garlands and other ornaments was literally laden with gifts.

Charles Hambrick, master of ceremonies, presented new employees, their families and visitors as well as the program feature. This was a group of humorous songs sung by the Lions Club Apple Tree-O, Mrs. Jack Nixon, Jr., Mrs. J. A. Schnable and Mrs. Levy Lee, accompanied by Cal Adair, following a clever introduction by Harry Lynn.

Homer Mosley of Junction, acted as Santa Claus and in addition to gifts gave bags of candy, fruits and nuts to each child. The entertainers and Mr. and Mrs. K. V. Northington, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Posey, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Simpson and Mrs. Hambrick received gifts from the company.

The employees' gift to Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wallace was a beautiful set of matched luggage.

The general committee, Messrs. Hambrick, W. B. May, O. L. Huddleston, Chester Cherry and Theo Isbell, was given special assistance by Mrs. Hambrick.

**Virginia Denny is Hostess**  
Virginia Denny was hostess at a

## Envoy Pro Tem



Neville Butler, counselor of the British embassy, who will serve as pro tem ambassador to the U. S. from Britain, until appointment of successor to Lord Lothian.

gay Christmas party last Friday evening in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Denny, on Broadway.

In rooms, given a colorful and artistic decoration, games and dancing gave diversion preceding the refreshment hour when cookies and candies were served with punch.

Included were: Mary Lou Davis, Mary Lynn, Marjorie McGregor, Catharine Clappitt and Earlene Webb; Bob Wright, James Striplin, Johnny Miller, Byron McClanahan, Claude R. Stone and Donnie McGregor.

## Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Hosts to Employees

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Morgan were hosts Friday evening in their Murrell Avenue home to employees of the Morgan garage and their families.

Attractive Yule decorations and a lighted tree gave added charm to rooms where small tables were laid in Christmas covers. The dining table was centered with an arrangement of fruit flanked by tall red tapers. The delicious spaghetti supper was served buffet style.

For after-supper entertainment fun gifts were exchanged and games of forty-two and Chinese checkers played and songs sung by the high school carolers were enjoyed.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Morgan and Mickey, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fields and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barnett, Foy Farmer, Archie Gann, Gene Golden and Gwen Morgan.

## Telephone Employees Compliment Manager and Chief Operator

R. P. Canady, district manager of the Southwestern States Telephone Company, and Mrs. George Scruggs, chief operator, were guests of honor at a Christmas party given Saturday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Russell on Fourteenth Street by company employees.

Decorations appropriate to the festive holiday season featured a gift-laden lighted tree. Exchange gifts were distributed and games of forty-two played. A plate of chicken a la king was served with fruit cake and coffee to: Messrs. and Mmes. Canady, Scruggs, James Hadley of Winters, W. T. McQuary, Elmer Greenwood, Mike McConnell, Misses Lillian Dodson, Esther Wiesepape, Pearl Witt, Ophelia Haynes, Doris Phillips and Nita Serratt; Virginia McQuary and Jimmy Hadley.

## After-Supper Concert for Methodist Choir

Methodist choir members enjoyed an after-concert steak supper in the banquet room of the Central Hotel Sunday evening.

The one long table was decorated with red potted plants and red and silver grape clusters.

Informal talks were made. Present were: Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Carter, Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Douglass, Messrs. and Mmes. Troy Simpson, Jack Nixon, Jr., L. C. Adair, Levy Lee, Nat Williams, Joe Paxton, R. W. Earnshaw, Robert Bruce, J. A. Schnable; Misses Eugenia Baskin and Betty Lovelace, Donald Williams, Gwen and Natlyne Williams.

## Betty Lovelace Gives T. B. Q. Party

Girls, who belong to the T. B. Q. Club, were guests of Betty Lovelace last Friday afternoon in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Lovelace on Eighth Street.

In spacious rooms, beautifully decorated, games were played and gifts exchanged from the lighted tree.

Cookies and candies were served with punch. Included besides the hostess were: Natlyne Williams, Peggy McGregor, Gwen Morgan, Virginia Bell, Nancy Connor, Patricia Richards and Dorothy Bruce.

## Christmas Dinner for X. B. G. G.

Sheila Moreland was hostess to the X. B. G. G. Club members and boy friends Saturday evening in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Layne Moreland, on Tenth Street with a Christmas dinner.

The centerpiece for the dining table was fashioned of mistletoe and apple Santa Clauses and places were marked at quartet tables by Santa cards. Mrs. Moreland served the delicious menu in three courses to: Martha Sharpe, Mary Ann Morgan, Pauline Witter, Mary Armstrong, Mildred Hill and Sheila; Arthol O'Kelly, Jr., Jimmy Agnew, Donald Williams, Eldon Moody, Harold Richards and Wilbur Redwine, Jr.

## Christmas Birthday Party for Mary Frances Clark

Mrs. W. R. Clark, Jr., was assisted by Mrs. Derwood Bissett and Mrs. W. R. Clark, Sr., in giving a birthday party last Saturday afternoon for her daughter, Mary Frances, on her tenth anniversary.

The Clark Sr. home in West Ballinger was decorated throughout with manifold Christmas ornaments and a big lighted tree. Following games and the presentation of gifts, small guests were invited to the dining room, where a two-tiered angel cake topped with a miniature Santa and tree

was surrounded with ten tiny red candles to form the table centerpiece. This was cut and served with Santa Clauses.

Included were: Marilyn Agnew, Patricia Caudie, Marilyn Sommer, Dava June Bell, Sue and Margaret Ann Hampton, Mildred Ann Haas, Betty Jo Middleton, Billie Jean Herring, Shirley Anne Brown, Nettie Sue Cothran, Charlene Parish, Betty Jo and Nettie Jean Simpson, Jackie Bankston, Betty Jean Parrish, Bobby Marie Eoff, Dorothy Ann Holliday, Grace Ann Brian, Mary Evelyn O'Neill, Jessie Mae Henderson, Joan Rayburn, Bonnie Davis, Virginia Baker, Betty Jean Lengefeld, Martha Saunders, Elizabeth Wear, Cordie Lou Forgey, Nedra Glyn McCready, Barbara Ann and Betty Stewart, Mary Lou Fields, Patsy Ruth Paris, Cynthia, Harriette and Josephine Burkhardt.

## Christmas Party for B. & P. W.

The Business and Professional Women's Club members were guests at a Christmas party last Thursday evening in the recreation room at the Carnegie Library on Eighth Street with Miss Evelyn Smauley and Miss Helen Merwin hostesses.

In the large decorated room, a progressive skill game was enjoyed and gifts exchanged from the

lighted tree, in answer to quiz questions.

The hostesses served refreshments to: Misses Florence Westbrook, Media Pearl Davis, Maurine Batts and Zella Carroll, guests; Misses Bettie Stewart, Ann McFarland, Myra Tankersley, Hazel Hunt, Gladys Davis, Gladys Kemp and Mrs. F. A. Lawrence.

On the evening of December 12, Ballinger B. & P. W. members were honor guests at a beautifully appointed Christmas banquet given in the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo. English holly, pine cones, lighted tapers, lighted silver bells were used for table decorations. As the three-course menu was served Misses Betty Looney and Lola Barron presented a program of songs, dances, readings and Christmas carols.

Exchange gifts were given.

Attending from Ballinger were: Misses Ann McFarland, Vera Taylor, Evelyn Smauley, Jennie V. Tunnell, Helen Merwin, Hazel Hunt and Myra Tankersley.

Other society items on page six

Mrs. Kirk Gregory and son, of Stamford, are here to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

**UNCLE SAN-ta Says -**

**GREETINGS**

With me Christmas is every day. I rejoice and thank God for being an American, in such a great county as this of ours. For this is God's country, and all I can say is,

**"God Bless America"**

And I Wish All of You a

**Merry Christmas**

**RUBIN'S**

**We Want** **to Express**

OUR APPRECIATION for your kindness and favors of the past year. It has been a pleasure to serve you.

OUR APPRECIATION for your kindness and HAPPINESS AND CONTENTMENT DURING THE COMING YEAR

**SYKES MOTOR CO.**



**Greetings--**

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

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

We appreciate your friendship and wish for you all the joys of Christmas and the year 1941.

**Mr. and Mrs. John A. Weeks**  
**Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw**  
and  
**John Weeks Earnshaw**

**Merry Christmas**

**A REAL PRESENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

**INSTALL A TELEPHONE**

There isn't a member of your family that will be left out of the happiness, protection and greater comfort than a telephone in your home will provide. Everyday in the year it will be useful. It will help the family income and enlarge the social life of your family. What finer, more useful gift can you think of?

We can arrange to make the installation immediately. Drop in at the office and ask about it.

**Merry Christmas**

**Happy New Year**

The **Southwestern States Telephone Co.**

**R. P. CANADY, District Manager**



**Wildlife Briefs**

With more than fifty banded already returned, it appears as if the whitewing dove banding project undertaken by the Texas game, fish and oyster commission and the U. S. fish and wildlife service in the Rio Grande valley last spring will be eminently successful in providing the means of learning considerable concerning that species of birds.

Sportsmen killing whitewing doves with bands on their legs are asked to return them to the game department office in Austin or to the game manager at Victoria.

Whitewing doves nest only in the valley and in scant numbers in Southwest Texas counties. Their natural range is being depleted as more and more land is cleared for citrus groves and vegetable farms.

Game department biologists hope to learn much of the habits of whitewings before making definite recommendations concerning ways to aid in increasing the whitewings. It is hoped to ascertain how long the birds live, how many times they will nest in a year, whether they travel north after leaving the nest or how soon some of them go to Mexico ahead of the regular migration, which usually comes with cold weather, and how far they move from their nesting areas to their feeding grounds.

Sportsmen in the valley and hunters going into the valley for whitewing shooting have been cooperating with the game department to the fullest extent.

The contention of many veteran duck hunters that a wounded duck will dive to the bottom and drown itself by holding onto vegetation has been brought up again. A Texas game department warden reports that during the last hunting season he saw a duck wounded by a long shot. He marked the spot where the foul hit the water, but did not see the bird come to the surface. Reaching the spot, he observed bubbles coming up. Reaching down, he found the duck. Blades of grass, apparently broken from the main growth on the lake bed, were in the duck's bill.

Persons visiting the state capitol in Austin will see more squirrels scampering around the spacious lawn surrounding the capitol building. The game department last spring placed fifteen squirrel nests, made of old logs, in trees on the grounds. A recent check of nine of the nests disclosed that squirrels were using five of them. Several had young squirrels, from eight to nine weeks of age, in them.

Sportsmen are being warned by game wardens that shooting from public highways is not only illegal, but extremely dangerous. Dove hunters recently wounded a brother and sister who live in Hunt county as they returned from school. Game wardens immediately got to work on the case and discovered the identity of the three hunters who fled after wounding the children. They were arrested. To date, one has plead guilty and paid a fine of \$100, plus costs.

Hunting is not allowed, under the law, on public highways, nor from motor cars.

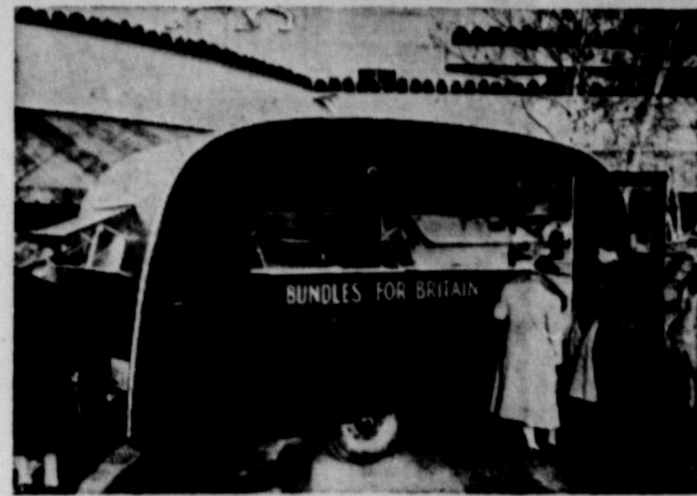
It is also being pointed out to hunters that carelessness in shooting live stock makes for considerable ill feeling between landowners and hunters and sportsmen are being urged to never shoot in the direction of livestock.

**Notice of Stockholders' Meeting**  
Notice is hereby given as provided in the by-laws that a regular meeting of the stockholders and lot owners of the Ballinger Cemetery Association will be held at 2:00 o'clock p. m. on the first day of January, 1941, at the City Hall in Ballinger.

M. Mcgregor, President  
Ballinger Cemetery Association  
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**NEW CANTEN TRAILERS RECEIVED BY 'BUNDLES'**



NEW mobile canteen trailer of which seven units have been contributed to Bundles for Britain, Inc., for shipment to the British Isles for the relief of hungry and homeless victims of enemy bombs. These units can be attached to the rear bumper of any automobile and readily towed to place where food is required. Kitchen trailers of this type can feed up to 300 at a stop when fully equipped and stocked.

NEW YORK—The first three of seven mobile canteen trailers contributed to Bundles for Britain, Inc., by individuals through the British-American Ambulance Corps have arrived in New York on their way to the relief of the people of beleaguered Great Britain.

They were officially turned over to Mrs. Wales Latham, national president of Bundles for Britain, by William V. C. Ruxton, head of the British-American Ambulance Corps in an informal ceremony at 484 Park Avenue in the names of the givers—Mrs. Emma W. Foy, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Moses and "Anonymously."

**Canteen Trailers Feed 300**  
These canteen trailers, the product of William E. Dettlor, of Detroit and Forest Hills, are a new departure in mobile kitchens. Each unit is about sixteen feet long and a little over seven feet wide, and of typical English Trailer design. They have six windows and counters for serving on both sides, front and rear, and will feed more than 300 persons at a stop. The inside equipment consists of the counters on all sides, two kerosene stoves for cooking and heating, a sink and assorted pots, pans and thermos type containers for carrying foods. The canteens may be lighted by electricity or oil lamps. Each has a complete coupling mechanism by which it may be attached to the rear bumper of any automobile.

**Costs From \$700 to \$1,850**  
Similar units are being purchased through various branches of Bundles for Britain along with other motor driven mobile kitchens manufactured in the United States. The cost of the trailers varies, according to the equipment, from \$700 to \$1,000. Still other types are being purchased in England.

**College Students Pick 10 Best News Stories of '40**

FORT WORTH, Dec. 23.—When a man bites a dog, 'tis said it makes news; but when the world makes war there is no doubt about it—the result it BIG news.

When students in the department of journalism at Texas Christian University were asked to name the "10 best news stories of 1940," they compiled a list in which eight of the 10 are war stories.

One exception—election of President Roosevelt to a third term—might be included without too much bickering concerning classification.

Roosevelt's third-term election rated first place in 1940 news stories by a wide margin.

- 1. The issues were unique, the characters dynamic," one student wrote. "The nation-old third-term precedent is shattered and Roosevelt and the Gallop Poll gallop on!"
- 2. Fall of France. The almost unbelievable event of World War II which shocked everyone but Hitler. The highly-touted Maginot Line could stand only so much, internal traitors were not among the things it was built to withstand. But the cry of "Liberty, Fraternity, Equality" is still cautiously heard.
- 3. Seige of England. The British "muddle through" an unending hail of German bombs. The eyes of the world are focused on England, declared to be the front line of western hemisphere defense. The outcome is unknown, but the white chalk cliffs of Dover still stand.
- 4. U. S. Peace-Time Conscription. A great protective step taken by a great nation is certainly great news. The war is brought home to everyone. And another "first" in our history, along with the third term.
- 5. U. S. Aid to England. The U. S. enters the war as a non-belligerent. Amid much discussion, pro and con, this country has embarked upon a policy of giving England all possible aid "short of war."
- 6. Italo-Grecian War. After much bragging and boasting, Mussolini finally invaded Greece. U. S. sympathies being instinctively with the underdog (to say nothing of its anti-Axis leanings), this episode of the Greeks' pushing Mussolini's "crack" troops around may have been overplayed. But it's tops as a news story.
- 7. British Retreat from Dunkerque. One of the most disastrous defeats in England's history, yet at the same time one of her most amazing accomplishments. Heroes are news, and this miraculous event had thousands of them.

**U. S. Rearmament Program.** Billions of dollars and millions of men are involved as a sleeping giant bestirs himself. We muster our muskets and prepare for the worst that we may retain the best.

**Japan Joins the Axis.** For the benefit of the U. S. a threat is designed of making the war a two-ocean conflict.

**Mexican Presidential Election.** Involved are U. S.-Mexican relations as well as important phases of the hemisphere defense program. All of the speculation about revolution kept the story alive for weeks.

**Christmas Dpms**



The Puritans predicted the disappearance of Christmas carols and did what they could to discourage the custom of singing them. But it has grown more and more a part of the Christmas tradition which began in early Christian days in Rome. The French Noel, dating to the Eleventh century, and the German Weihnachtslieder, have the same origin.

**Nation's Christmas Bill Set at \$62 per Family; Toys Cost \$183,000,000**

You're paying a part of this bill: Santa's middle men predict a \$183,000,000 national toy bill this year, which would be about the same as was spent last year to spread cheer among the youngsters.

The array around American Christmas trees this season, including toys, will cost each family an average of \$62.50, according to reliable surveys.

There's another side to it. Between 250,000 and 300,000 persons are being added to the nation's payrolls during the holiday rush, and the turnover should raise total 1940 sales for the year to at least last year's volume of nearly \$40,000,000,000.

**COTTONSEED OIL SHORTENING FOR RELIEF DISTRIBUTION**

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 23.—The surplus marketing administration has been authorized by Paul H. Appleby, acting secretary of agriculture, to buy cottonseed oil shortening and pork lard for distribution. The shortening and lard bought under this program will be consigned to state welfare agencies for distribution to families receiving public aid and for use in school lunches for undernourished children.

In the fiscal year ending June 30, the SMA bought more than 130,740,000 pounds of surplus lard in addition to other pork products for relief distribution. Lard also has been on the list of surplus foods obtainable with blue surplus stamps under the food stamp plan since October 1, 1939.

- 1st Sergeant: "Stand up straight, throw your shoulders back and button up your coat."
- Married Recruit (absent-mindedly): "Yes, dear, I'll do it right away."
- Wells: "So your engagement to that rich deb is off. I thought you said she doted on you?"
- Freshwater: "She did; but her father proved to be an antidote."
- Goofus: "I know a man who is very wasteful."
- Rufus: "What does he do?"
- Goofus: "Why he sharpens his pencils on both ends."

**PUERTO RICO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ON JANUARY 6**

SAN JUAN, Dec. 23.—American tourists may see Puerto Rico at the height of its Christmas holiday without missing traditional Christmas and New Year's celebrations in the United States.

"The Day of the Three Kings," on January 6, is the big gift day in Puerto Rico, just as December 25 is in the States. Every front garden, park and countryside in the island at this time is gay with poinsettia blossoms, which blend with the red and purple bougainvillea, white jasmine, roses and other flowers.

The children of Puerto Rico do not hang up stockings since there are no fireplaces in the island. Instead, they fill little boxes with grass and leave them under their beds on the eve of Three Kings Day, in the hope that "the Wise Men" will fill them with gifts.

In accordance with their established tradition, large numbers of Americans as well as some of the natives celebrate their Christmas with hundreds of Christmas trees which are shipped from the continent to the island.

Five ounces of whole milk cheddar is the equivalent in nutritive value of a quart of whole fluid milk.

Miss Louie McClanahan, student of Texas Tech, Lubbock, is at home for the Christmas holidays.

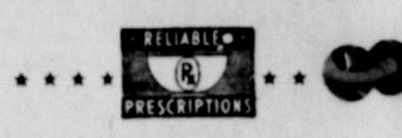
Mrs. Frank Paus, Jr., of Boundbrook, New Jersey; Mrs. J. S. Greenhill, Jr., and daughters, of Los Angeles, California; P. E. and B. A. Nunley, of Opelousas, Louisiana; and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Nunley and family, of San Antonio, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nunley during the holidays.

Orland Middleton, of Randolph Field, near San Antonio, came in Friday to spend Christmas with his parents.

**IS THE DOCTOR BILL PAID?**

The patient is up and about, well, happy, thankful—singing the praises of the skilled physician. But has the Doctor been paid? Of course, you've had a lot of other bills. But remember that the Doctor, too, has obligations to meet. Isn't it only fair to send him at least "something on account"? Make him happy, too.

J. Y. PEARCE DRUG CO.  
Phone 38 or 26  
We Fill Any Doctor's Prescription



**We Hasten To Bid You Merry, Merry Christmas**

In humble gratitude for your generosity and good will we wish you the very merriest Christmas you have ever known and a New Year filled to the brim with—

**GOOD LUCK, GOOD HEALTH AND PROSPERITY**

**Flynt's Grocery**

1110 Broadway Telephone 294

**A Great Occasion**

**We Feel that this Christmas**

is a great occasion because it gives us the opportunity to wish you and yours the best of everything for the holiday season and the New Year.

We will be closed Christmas Day to give our help a holiday.

**Cactus Coffee Shop**

**Merry Christmas**

**Our Friends**

To our friends, both old and new we extend the season's greetings. May our fellowship be closer during the New Year.

**We Hope to Serve You Often**

**Wiginton Auto Parts**

**Season's Greetings**

We wouldn't feel right at all unless we took this opportunity to give you our sincere greetings and best wishes of this glad season.

The progress of our business has been made possible through the loyalty of our friends and we are deeply grateful.

We want to express the hope that this will be the jolliest and happiest Christmas that has ever come your way.

**Tunnell's Grocery**

We Deliver Phone 107

*A Merry Christmas to All*

**A FRIENDLY GREETING TO YOU**

and Sincere thanks for your patronage

**CONNELLY'S BAKERY**

*For a Merrier Christmas*

In your pursuit of happiness may you achieve your aim.

**A JOLLY CHRISTMAS** and a **BOUNTIFUL NEW YEAR** is a wish sincere from us to you.

**FORMAN'S MEN'S STORE**



Teacher: "You know, the camel can go a whole week without touching water."  
 Willie: "So could I if mother didn't wash me."  
 Dinocan: "Do you believe that there are microbes in kisses?"  
 Harriet: "Yes. That's what the

scientists say."  
 Dinocan: "What disease do they cause?"  
 Harriet: "Palpitation of the heart I believe."  
 One half of the population of the earth lives upon less than one-seventh of its surface.

**Plots Dakar Defense**



General Weygand (left), former leader of French troops in war with Nazis, in Dakar, Africa, where he has been sent to solidify defense plans for this colonial outpost.

**Control of Mesquite and Shrubs In Grassland**

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 23.—Invasion of mesquite into Texas grasslands has become a nuisance. Robert R. Lancaster, extension pasture specialist for Texas A. & M. College, estimates that about 3,000,000 acres of farm pasture and ranch land in the state are infested.

Such food for animals as the tree provides, especially the rich protein pods, is more than offset by its competition with grass for moisture and sunlight. Growth of grass requires an average of about 500 pounds of water to produce one pound of dry matter, while mesquite absorbs 2,000 pounds in the same process.

Mesquite, however, is not the only shrub menace, and Lancaster estimates that at least 80 per cent of all pasture land in the state needs to be rid of some noxious shrub. Problems of control are seriously acute almost universally throughout the state, he explains, adding that Texas grasslands would be much improved by removal of worthless shrubs "amounting to 10,000,000 solid acres."

Analyzing data from the U. S. bureau of the census, the pasture specialist found that the area of "woodland pastures" in the state increased 110 per cent from 1924 to 1934, or from 11½ million to 23½ million acres. "Woodland pasture" includes only land that has trees suitable for fuel or posts. Examination, he says, revealed that only 10 per cent of that increase occurred in the 50 counties east of the 96th meridian. Therefore, "the indictment covers chiefly the western range country which originally was prairie and plains."

Considering means of control, Lancaster says that a kill of 75 per cent by the commonly used kerosene treatment is considered good, but questions the efficiency of having to retrace the whole area to clear up the remainder. The clean-up necessary from trial and error methods increases the cost of work 50 per cent.

Effective and discriminating control is a big question because research has not determined in what areas and types of soil mesquite growth is wholly destructive to grass. Moreover, the specialist says, "It is becoming increasingly and urgently important that we should learn more than is now known about shrub control, its value and the most economical means of getting it done." This points to the need of a long range study of climate, germination and seed distribution to find the cause for the spread of mesquite.

Lancaster endorses a conclusion of the agricultural experiment station of the college of agriculture, University of Arizona, that "the expense and labor of eradication of mesquite or other undesirable plants on grassland ranges is justifiable only where it is quite certain that palatable grasses and forage plants will take their places. The problem of rehabilitating deteriorated ranges must be solved by further experimental work."

Meanwhile the problem of evolving a broad and effective method of controlling shrub pests remains unsolved, Lancaster says.

**TECHNOLOGY IS MANY THINGS ON THE FARM**

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 23.—A definition is an explanation simply worded, but when the United States department of agriculture sought the definition of technology as applied to the farm, it was stumped. The department lexicographers compromised, however, and offered instead "an aid to understanding."

"Technology," they said cautiously, "is science, art and invention. It is tractors, combines, corn pickers, testing and breeding of animals, and conquest of diseases. It is hybrid corn, new kinds of wheat, soybeans, kudzu and lespedeza. It is ways to feed cows, plants and men; road building, rural electrification, plowing, man-

agement of forests, protection of wild life, marketing and distribution. It is a race between insect pests and ways to kill them.

"Technology is in the workshop, laboratory, barn, field and home. It is a social and economic force that challenges thought and ability to plan because its many-sided nature combines the intricate influences of getting and spending, saving and debt, employed leisure and unemployed relief."

In other words, all things to all men who till the soil.

Cotton growers are not required to pay lending agencies or warehouses any fee for filling out cotton loan forms under the 1940 cotton loan program.

**Christmas GREETINGS**

We offer our best wishes in Word and Spirit. We wish for your success and happiness during Christmas and 1941, and it is a wish straight from the heart. We seek your patronage during next year in order that we may serve you.



**Healer Chevrolet Co.**



FRESH snow crunched under Dick Wright's shoes as he stomped into the waiting room.

Old Peter was still there, still minding his telegraph key as he had when Dick was a boy. But now it was Christmas; now Dick was home from the city, a successful young architect.

As he walked up to old Peter's grilled ticket window, Dick recalled the last time he stood in this station. Two and a half years ago, it was, the day after Jean had left for New York in search of a career.

"Just can't stand Marysville," she had told him. "You'll understand, Dick, won't you?"

He had forgotten as best he could. Nothing in Marysville for him then, either. There had been a quick decision, a closing of half-open doors, a tearful good-bye to his parents and then—off to the city. It was odd how a blow like that could give a fellow determination. Today, just 30 months later, he was coming back home with a career already carved out.

Old Pete looked up from his sheaf of train orders.

"Well, Richard!" he cried. "Glad to see you, boy, and a Merry Christmas! Your folks know you're comin'?"

"Merry Christmas to you, Pete!" Dick answered. It was nice, at that, to see a familiar face. "Mind if I use your 'phone? I caught an early train and Dad wasn't expecting me until tonight."

A few minutes later the old family car was carrying him home. His Dad looked older, and a mite wor-

ried.

He came up sputtering to find her suddenly serious.

"Dick dear," she said, "I was wrong. Mother wrote that you'd be home for Christmas and—well, I had to come too. It's you and Marysville that I want, not New York. This morning when I saw you going past our house, I somehow knew that I should go with you. Not just today, Dick, but always!"

It was like ham and eggs, Dick thought, only the next day was Christmas—and Christmas meant turkey!

(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

**Beginning of the New Year**

Various dates were used in different countries, for the beginning of a year, but America followed the English custom of using the date of most early Christian countries—about the beginning of the ecclesiastical year. The Gregorian calendar, establishing January 1 as the beginning of the year, was adopted by England and her colonies in 1752.

**May Joy be Yours at This Yuletide**

May your Christmas be good and may the New Year deal kindly with your dreams and ambitions.

**J. N. NUTT**  
SEED-FEED-HATCHERY

**Christmas Joy**

"When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."—Matt. 2:10.

MAY THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS BRING YOU PEACE AND HAPPINESS

**L. R. TIGNER**  
Jeweler and Optometrist

**Holiday Greetings**  
**And All Good Wishes**  
**For the New Year**



We appreciate your cooperation during the past and extend you a cordial invitation to visit us often.

**GEORGE'S**  
READY-TO-WEAR



"Heard from Jean, son?" he asked.

ried. Something was on his mind.

"Heard from Jean, son?" he finally asked.

"No, Pop," he answered truthfully. The house loomed up ahead now. "Why do you ask?"

"Oh, just wonderin', son, that's all. Forget it. There's Mother wavin' at us up yonder!"

But Dick couldn't forget it. Marysville and Jean were like ham and eggs. He thought about her when he stopped at the drugstore that night—they used to drink sodas there.

Maybe Dick was looking for more of those memories next morning when he started out alone on skis for Murray's hill. They used to play there in the winter, he and Jean.

"Forget it, you imbecile!" he snapped at himself. "That's a closed chapter in your life!"

It was a couple of hours later that he saw her. Skiing down Murray's hill for the last time he rounded Horseshoe bend to find Jean directly in his path! There was a shriek, a thud, and then four feet sticking out of a snowdrift.

"Jean!" he cried, unstrapping his skis and running to help her. "Are you hurt?"

It was rather unromantic, perhaps, pulling her out feet first. But she laughed at him and fell down again, pulling him after her.

"You're going to get your face washed for that, Mr. Wright," she



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# Women's, Society and Club News

## Miss Maggie Herring Becomes Bride of Jack McKay

Miss Maggie Herring, of San Angelo, became the bride of Jack McKay, of Ballinger, Monday afternoon at two o'clock in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herring, in San Angelo.

Lights from the beautiful Christmas tree, and tapers at other spots about the reception suite gave a soft glow where tallman roses and yellow gladioluses were added for floral adornment in the living room and a low arrangement of yellow jonquils centered the dining table laid in handmade

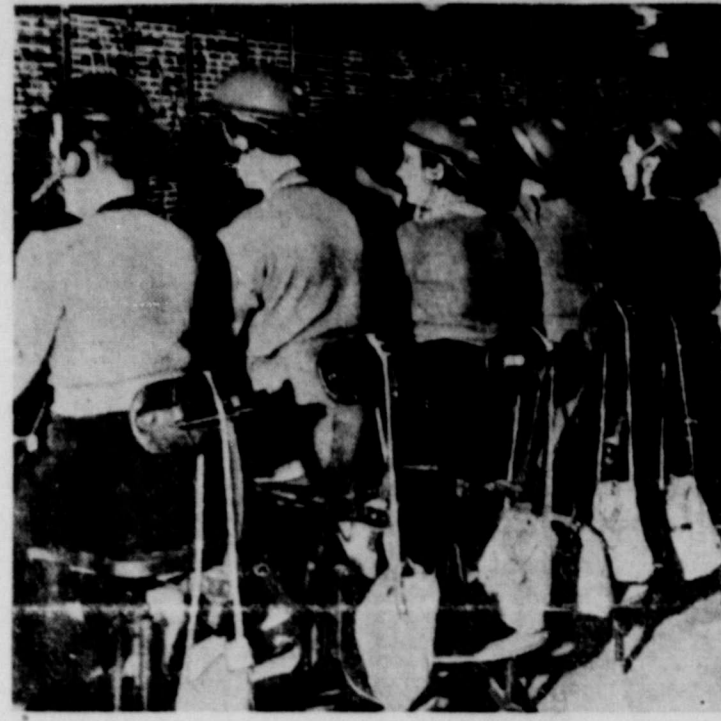
lace. The decoration for the mantel, before which vows were taken, was especially lovely. Tall silver cathedral tapers burned in three-branched candelabra in an embankment of silvered foliage.

Miss Edith Miller was at the piano for the nuptial music. She used Wagner's Wedding March from Lohengrin for the processional and continued softly during the service.

Only relatives and a few very close friends witnessed the single ring service read by Dr. B. O. Wood, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

The bride wore an early spring

## London's 'Hello Gals' Take It in Day's Work



When the air-raid sirens scream in London the only difference it makes to the heroines in the big city's telephone exchanges is that they must don their steel hats. They stick to their boards through what they call "the unpleasant periods." Often they must vary their stock phrases with "Sorry sir, that number was bombed last night."

original model of printed crepe made with coat of light weight gold wool. Her corsage was of violets and all accessories were black. Her only ornament was a single strand of pearls, the gift of the groom and for "something old" she carried a handkerchief of linen and lace sent from London, England, many years ago.

Mrs. McKay grew to young womanhood in Ballinger where her parents lived for many years, being one of Rannels county's most prominent ranch families. She is a graduate of the Ballinger High School, of Texas State College for Women at Denton, and is a former teacher in the Ballinger schools.

Mr. McKay graduated from Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene and has done post-graduate work at the University of Southern California and Texas University. He is principal of the Ballinger Junior High School.

Following a holiday wedding trip to San Antonio and Monterrey, Mexico, they will be at home at the Levy Lee apartment on Seventh Street.

Out-of-town guests for the wedding were the groom's mother, Mrs. Jack McKay of Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ellis, of Altus, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Vancil and son, Mr. and Mrs. Zid Herring and children, Grady Herring and children, and Clebert Kincaid, of Ballinger; Mr. and Mrs. Noble Touchstone and children, of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Cervenka and son, of Coleman; Tommy and Herman Elton Herring, of Abilene.

## Bishop-Clark Nuptials in San Antonio

In the home of her sister, Mrs. Norman G. Curtis in San Antonio, Miss Merna Sue Clark became the bride of William Doyle Bishop, of Fort Worth, at eight o'clock Monday morning.

Before an embankment of plums and other greenery and white chrysanthemums in tall floor baskets placed against a window group in rooms already prettily decorated for the Christmas season, the Rev. Ennis B. Hill, pastor of the Alamo Heights Methodist Church, read the impressive single ring service. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis were the only attendants.

The bride wore a frock of military blue crepe made on fitted lines trimmed in an appliqued flower of self material. Her only ornament was a brooch of old gold more than 100 years old, which was also worn by both her sisters at their weddings. She carried an exquisite handkerchief of organza and lace given to her at her high school graduation by a dear friend, with the understanding that she carry it at her wedding. Her shower corsage was of pink carnations and her accessories were black.

Mrs. Bishop is a daughter of W. R. Clark and has lived her whole life in Ballinger.

Mr. Bishop is connected with the Luther A. Turner Construction Company at Tilden, where the couple will live after a short wedding trip.

## Tom Agnew's Are Hosts

The Tom Agnew home in Wilke Terrace was opened Monday evening when they were hosts to a group of close friends.

In rooms elaborately decorated for the holiday season, some danced the old time Virginia reel and other square and modern dances as others spent the time in pleasant conversation.

Mrs. E. W. Stasney ladled frosted lime punch from the lace-laid dining table. Trays of mixed dainties, cookies, candies and

salted nuts, were served.

Included were: Dr. and Mrs. Stasney, Dr. and Mrs. Oren Chandler, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Bailey, Messrs. and Mmes. Jack Williams of Kaufman, Claude Stone, Jack Rudd, Robert Bruce, Alden Thorp, Gene Galbraith, R. W. Earnshaw, J. A. Schnable, Arthur Giesecke, J. B. Striplin, Gurthar Gilligan, L. R. Tigner, Harry Lynn, Jack Holt, Troy Simpson, Mrs. J. P. Montgomery, and Bill Riddling of San Angelo, Bobby Agnew and Marilyn Agnew.

## Four-Family Group Tree

In continuing a custom of more than ten years, a four-family group held its annual tree and dinner Monday evening in the Harry Lynn home on Seventh Street.

Following the two-course supper menu served at the damask laid dining table, which was centered with red tapers and a red potted begonia, gifts were exchanged from the tree in the living room.

Mrs. Kirk Gregory and son, Louis Kirk and Miss Edna Earl Moore, of Stamford, were added guests. Others were: Messrs. and Mmes. Lynn, L. R. Tigner, Joe Forman, Troy Simpson, Misses Bitsie Lynn and Mary Simpson and Mary Jo Forman.

## Miss Bankston is Hostess

Miss Norma Gene Bankston was hostess to a group of close girl friends Monday evening in her home on Tenth Street with a

## Christmas exchange tree.

A dessert course was served to: Ann Morton, Winnie Merle Adair, Ruby Nance, Mary Jo Webb and Mary Simpson.

## J. C. Penney Employees Entertained

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Maedgen, entertained employees of J. C. Penney Company here last Thursday night in their home on Eleventh Street.

The Christmas theme was stressed in all the decorations including a lighted tree from which gifts were exchanged.

Following games of forty-two and bingo and the singing of Christmas carols, a salad plate was served with fruit cake, coffee and tea. Chocolate Santas were plate favors.

Present were: Messrs. and Mmes. Joe Thomas, Sid Jones, E. F. Krc, Vernon Webb, Herbert Cotton, T. T. Ramey, Mmes. Luella Rampy, Mollie Morgan, Alton Williams, Cordelia Forgey, Miss Gladys Fry, A. R. Rutherford, Buddy Gray and Aaron Jackson.

## Worleys and Isbells Celebrate Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Worley and Mr. and Mrs. Theo Isbell were joint hosts Monday night when they entertained guests at the Worley apartment to celebrate the first wedding anniversary of the Isbells and the third for Mr. and Mrs. Worley.

The Christmas theme was carried out in all decorations. A lighted tree burning tapers added to the Yule spirit.

## New Year's Greeting

May the New Year's arrival be a momentous occasion in that it brings you happiness and prosperity.

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## Thanks---

for the fine cooperation given me during the past year by the people of Commissioners' Precinct No. 1 and all others of Rannels county. Your support has been deeply appreciated and a great help to me.

I wish for each of you—

**A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**  
**Dee Oliver**

## Announcing Sexed Chicks

Beginning with our first hatch, which will be January 21st, we will have Baby Chicks, which have been sexed and in this way you may have roosters or pullets according to your own wishes.

We hatch none but pure breeds and have both the heavy and light strains.  
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Ballinger

Refreshments of fruit cake and coffee were served to the following: Messrs. and Mmes. Tom Guin, Dick Stengel, Marion Connelly, Sam Malone Jr., and Messrs. John Q. McAdams of Galveston, and Maurice Bartlett.

## ARMSTRONG GETS POSITION AT SAN ANGELO AIR FIELD

C. L. Armstrong has passed all examinations had been awarded a position which he will assume January 8 when the air training camp is opened at San Angelo. He will be in charge of maintenance of plumbing for the camp, a full time job.

Mr. Armstrong recently passed a civil service examination, making a grade of 95, and was granted an additional 5 points for being an ex-service man, giving him a grade of 100.

He was called to San Angelo last Saturday and passed the physical tests and was awarded the position. He will move there with his family about January 1 and begin

his duties when the field is officially opened on January 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Smith and daughter, Barbara, of Eldorado, will be in this evening for a Christmas visit with relatives and friends.

Read the ads and SAVE!

WE have all heard at different times "there is no Santa Claus!" Santa comes to us at Christmas in spirit if not in person. How else could there be so much merriment, so much love, and so much unselfishness. It is the spirit of Santa. We definitely have a Santy.

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Welcome 1941. We welcome you because we feel you bring untold opportunities, countless hopes and promises. We realize that the way we use your minutes and hours will determine the success and outcome of the entire year. We are trusting that everyone of our loyal patrons will make the most of the New Year's privileges, that we may live a happier and more useful life during 1941.

We are wishing the best of everything for you all.

## The Hub G. O. Woodroof & Son

## For Christmas and The New Year . . .

The spirit of Christmas should never be commercialized on but we feel that it is proper at this time to express to our friends, appreciation for their patronage. May you have a joyous Christmas and we would not lose the opportunity to also wish a year of prosperity and contentment.

## Forson's Barber Shop

## At This Season---

We look around and see everywhere the spirit of Christmas manifested. It is a gay and joyful season. May you enjoy every minute of it and have continued happiness through 1941. We wish to thank you for past favors.

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'Too Many Girls' Hilarious Christmas Feature at Texas

Three all-American grid stars go scouting for a South American prep-school football flash, and the four of them end up as bodyguards for a beautiful heiress in college! This is the hilarious plot of "Too Many Girls," sensational film musical, to be shown in preview beginning midnight tonight and again tomorrow, Christmas day.

Our Goal

We feel this is the time and place to thank you for your loyalty and kindness during 1940 and it is our aim to serve you in the best possible way in the future.

In every respect may this Christmas bring you happiness and may you have peace through the New Year.

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Happy Holidays

With Christmas and New Year just around the corner, we are reminded of the friendliness and unselfishness that bring us closer together in spirit at this season.

A Merry Christmas, A Prosperous New Year and All in All May You Have Happy, Happy Days Ahead!

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A Cheerful Greeting

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We Look Forward Eagerly

to the annual visit of Old Saint Nick. The spirit of Christmas is in the air. The bustle and stir of Christmas is about us. Young and old alike look with eager expectation to this day of days.

We want to greet you in the spirit of the season, wishing you MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR C. C. Davis Dry Goods

Coming to Texas Theatre in Person



John King

Richard Carlson, Eddie Bracken and Hal LeRoy play the trio of gridiron stars who endeavor to interest the Latin football flash, Desi Arnaz, in their respective universities.

Lucille Ball is the madcap rich girl who enrolls at Pottawatomie College, a fictional house of learning where there are ten lovely co-eds to every male student and where proficiency in fun, music and romance is the desired end.

Ann Miller and Frances Langford are also featured, their talented dancing and singing contributing much to the frothy entertainment. More than a hundred beautiful co-eds appear in the spectacular song-and-dance numbers.

'City for Conquest' Week-End Offering at Texas A dynamic film about love in a dynamic city will be shown in midnight preview at the Texas Theatre next Saturday night, and in regular screenings Sunday.

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HOSPITAL NOTES

C. B. Looney is in the Halley & Love Sanitarium in a very serious condition. He suffered a stroke of paralysis the past week-end and today noon his condition had not improved.

M. H. Stovall, of Talpa, medical patient, who has been in the local hospital for two weeks is reported improving.

Steve Stubbelfield, of Maverick, was operated on here last week and is improving satisfactorily.

Joe Perez was operated on last week for a ruptured appendix and is doing nicely.

Miss Nelma Williams was operated on this morning and was doing nicely this afternoon.

More than 500,000 visitors entered Yosemite National Park in the 12 months ending September 22, establishing an all-time attendance record.

Fruit crops remove less phosphorus from the soil than do grain crops, but slightly more potash and a great deal more nitrogen.

Two adjoining meat-sellers were bitter business rivals. One posted this sign: "Sausage 10c a pound; to pay more is to be robbed." The rival scratched his puzzled head, and put up this sign: "Sausage 12c a pound; to pay less is to be poisoned."

The nurse was inquiring of the new patient, a husky looking six-footer from the country, whether he had brought any pajamas with him. "Pajamas? What are pajamas?" "Night clothes. Didn't you bring any with you?" "Heck no," answered the patient. "I ain't no social rounder. When night comes I go to bed."

Christmas Stockings



St. Nicholas rides Woden's horse on Christmas eve in Holland. There the children put up their wooden shoes in the chimney corners as a stop signal for the merry fellow. Children of France followed the custom by placing their shoes for Bonhomme Noel by the hearth. In England and the United States, boys and girls improved on the idea by hanging up stockings. These can hold more gifts.

Christmas Gifts



Romans exchanged gifts during gay celebrations. But giving of presents of course goes back much earlier. The Romans, however, gave it clearer identity as a part of their festival program. Christmas boxes and cards of today have a link to the ancient Roman festivities. In France, gifts are distributed to children New Year's eve instead of Christmas. In England, Germany, Italy, and most everywhere else, the custom is like in the United States. Santa comes a-visiting at Christmas.

Christmas Wreaths



In ancient times the Teutons regarded holly as a symbol of good luck. The custom was widespread of hanging evergreens in the interior of dwellings. Later the legend was widely circulated that all growing things blossomed and bore fruit the night of the Nativity. Holly came also to symbolize the crown of thorns worn by Christ. The Puritans, however, regarded holly and mistletoe decorations as pagan in nature, and they therefore were outlawed.

Two slightly inebriated men met on the street. Said the first: "Do you know what time it is?" Said the second: "Yes." "Thanks," said the first as he staggered away.

"How is Henny getting along with school, Eph?" "Not so well, Garge. They are learnin' him to spell taters with a 'p'."

Spectacular 'Spring Parade' Stars Mature Deanna Durbin

Presenting a more grown-up Deanna Durbin, the star's eighth picture, "Spring Parade," comes to the Ritz Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 29, 30 and 31.

For the past few years, the advent of each new Deanna Durbin picture has been one of the outstanding events of the cinema season. Each picture the young star in another phase of her growing-up process. The current offering presents her in one of the most grown-up roles and in the most romantic story in which she has yet appeared.

In the story Deanna is cast as a young peasant girl who goes to the city of her dreams and meets adventure and romance. Robert Cummings, who was the star's leading man in "Three Smart Girls Grow Up," is seen as her sweetheart in "Spring Parade."

MOVIE STAR TO MAKE PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT TEXAS THEATRE

John King, new western star, who makes a personal appearance at the Texas Theatre on January 1, is a talented young man who started his movie career by accident in 1934. A picture scout visited a lumber camp in New Mexico in search of a new man for such roles and found King. He was rushed to Hollywood for tests and since then has appeared in a number of western films, including "The Gentleman from Arizona" and "The Range Busters."

The new star is a 6 foot 3 inch fellow with a rich baritone voice and will be heard from the stage of the Texas Theatre Wednesday, January 1, in a musical show to be presented in connection with the picture program. King will sing groups of western songs from the stage.

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Christmas DANCE O. D. H. S. Hall Rowena, Texas Thursday December 26 Music by HARRISON'S TEXANS Admission 30c per person including tax

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Let us wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We can think of no better wish than this age-old greeting and when it comes from deep in the heart there is no room for improvement. During the more than fifty years which this paper has served the reading public, we feel that we have made many friends and we truly appreciate every one. With nearly the whole world in turmoil we are doubly thankful for this land in which we live and the friends who make possible such a land. May the spirit of Christmas, "Peace on earth, good will toward man," mean more than ever before.

It is time to begin making those 1941 resolutions. Merchants are involving their stocks to see what the past year has amounted to in a financial way, and individuals could well do the same thing and see if their activities have paid dividends. As a town we have progressed, there is a fine spirit of cooperation existing, and everybody is working together for the advancement of the community. The year 1941 can hold many things in store for Ballinger and Runnels county but it will require the efforts of all to make them a reality. Throw away selfishness and work with the leaders for a better town, county, state and nation during 1941.

It has been a real pleasure to have company C, 142nd infantry, in training at home these several weeks, to watch them work and drill, to see them line up for mess and to associate with the young men who have donned the uniform of their country in the national defense program. They will be missed when they leave Ballinger for Camp Bowie to be gone a year or more. While they are away, home folk can do a good turn by remembering them. A letter, a box of food or anything from home will be appreciated by the boys.

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**Card of Thanks**  
As we can't thank each one personally, we take this method of expressing our appreciation for every kindness shown us while Mrs. Stephens was in the hospital and since coming home. No better people live anywhere, than in, and around Ballinger, and may God's richest blessings be showered upon each of you during the Yuletide season and throughout the coming year.  
Mr. and Mrs. Willie Stephens  
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All bedrooms in a home should be accessible without going through another bedroom, according to farmers' bulletin 1738-F, which gives suggestions for building rural homes economically.

Mrs. Joe Forman is confined to her home on account of illness. She has been ill about two weeks.

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**THE HOLY NIGHT**

THEY FELL DOWN AND WORSHIPPED HIM AND PRESENTED UNTO HIM GIFTS

**WEST TEXAS NOTES**

The national youth administration is spending \$43,000 annually in Coleman county on salaries, groceries and other supplies. This was announced last week by Ben Jackson, district supervisor, who said six projects were underway in the county, employing 170 boys and girls. An NYA workshop and a girls' residence project are maintained in Coleman county.

Russell Shrader, for five years director of the Sweetwater band, tendered his resignation to the school board last week, effective January 1. He will become associated with the Victor Co., exclusive publishers of band music. During his five years' stay in Sweetwater Shrader's students have won 18 large trophies and 50 individual awards.

Ice forming on wires and trees did considerable damage in the Rising Star section on December 13. The West Texas Utilities Co. reported much trouble on high-tension lines and growing trees were shattered by the weight of the ice. Electric current was off for some time, stopping the city pumps, which caused a water shortage.

The Winters Auction Barns report increased business during December with large crowds attending every sale and many livestock owners putting animals on the block. Sales were made last week on 160 head of cattle, 116 sheep, 24 hogs and a number of other animals.

Wingate football players and members of the pep squad were tendered a banquet at the school Tuesday evening of last week. A number of students and fans attended and an interesting talk was made by Coach Dillard Woods, who also announced lettermen for the year. The Wingate team finished the season in second

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

The soil will not produce profitably unless plant food removed by growth of crops is returned in some form, counsels E. R. Eudaly, extension service dairyman for Texas A. & M. College.

Accordingly, efficient use of manure on livestock farms is paramount. Farm manure, the most primitive fertilizer, contains nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, the only plant foods additional to calcium of those removed from the land by crops that need to be replaced. Manure also is beneficial on account of the great variety of bacteria it contains. These cause chemical changes in the manure and soil, and convert in-

near future. A mass meeting held recently was attended by a large number of citizens as well as ranchmen from surrounding territory. It was indicated that many would use the lockers.

The Stephenville home guard company began accepting enlistments last week and 46 were recruited. Announcement was made that additional men were needed and that 18 more must be signed in order to obtain authority for the company. Forms have been received and officers hope to complete the sign-up and start drilling soon. This is one of the first units to be organized in West Texas.

Improvements are being made in the First National Bank of Melvin and the work is expected to be completed soon after the first of the year. The interior is to be altered and new furnishings and lighting fixtures will be installed. The exterior of the building was remodeled two months ago.

Brady produce houses handled more turkeys in 1940 than for several years and announced at the close of the Christmas market that 23 carloads had been shipped. During the Yule season 12 cars were shipped, 11 having been billed out for Thanksgiving.

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ary during the holidays.  
The Lions Club and the Garden Club of Robert Lee sponsored a community Christmas tree at the Methodist church Monday night. Donations were received from a number of business men and this money was spent to provide a happy Christmas for children of the town.

Eden officials are asking all the citizens to cooperate with them to curb the shooting of fireworks during the holiday season. Walter L. Pfleger, mayor, has appealed to everyone to assist officers in preventing fires from this cause.

Junction singers were formed into a chorus for presenting a Christmas program at the Church of Christ Sunday. The concert was directed by Mrs. Charles Cunningham. Junior performers also offered a dramatized story of the birth of Christ.

A frozen food locker program is being considered at Menard, probably to be launched in the

soluble plant food into forms adaptable to crop growth.  
Farm manure supplies plant food and the organic matter helps to increase the productivity of the soil. As the organic matter breaks down in the soil, the acid products help dissolve and make available to plants some of the otherwise insoluble plant food in the soil. Furthermore, the humus formed from the organic matter of manure helps retain soil moisture, improves its texture and renders it more resistant to wind action. The value of adding organic matter to the soil is demonstrated by the practice of turning under green maturing crops solely to increase humus content.  
To impress the material value of this important by-product of the farm, Mr. Eudaly translated it into dollars and cents. Horse manure, he says, is worth \$2.65 a ton; cow manure, \$2.11; manure from fattening cattle, \$2.64; sheep manure, \$4.88 and chicken manure, \$3.39.  
"Thus," he concludes, "if manure is wasted a considerable sum of money is wasted."

**PREHISTORIC ANIMALS GREW BIG IN TEXAS**

AUSTIN, Dec. 23.—Animals grew big in prehistoric Texas, and University of Texas geologists have had to open an extra-large workshop to clean and assemble some of the giant fossilized bones.

"If the bones are too big to take through the door, we can now drive the truck which brings them from the field right into the laboratory," Dr. E. H. Sellards, director of the statewide university WPA paleontological project, said today.

The new fossil laboratory—second opened within six months—is equipped to clean and assemble heavier fossils which cannot be handled by the first processing plant opened last June, he said. The laboratory's 30 workers are now in the process of assembling

a seven-foot 50,000-year-old armor plated glytodon and a giant 4 by 5½ foot turtle, both found by university-WPA geologist field crews in a sand pit in San Patricio county. Both are intended for display in the Texas Memorial Museum on the university campus. Geologists of the United States will hold their annual meeting in Austin, December 26 to 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Barr are spending Christmas with relatives and friends at Madisonville.

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# Life is Swell

As we come to the end of the year and look back we can recall new friends made and old friendships strengthened by our pleasant association during 1940. Then we look forward to a New Year with our old friends and the opportunity we have of serving all, and we feel that life is really worthwhile.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All

**L. B. Rudder**  
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## New Bed Developed By English Doctor Assists in Curing

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Too long have sick people been lying flat in bed by universal human habit. It is time, says Dr. F. C. Eve, distinguished physician, that sick folks rested upright, bent double, shaped like an S or in whatever form is best for each one's individual disease.

Doctors call themselves clinicians, says Dr. Eve, from a Greek word meaning bed, but few doctors ever think of beds as medical or surgical tools. No real improvement in them has been made, he says, since before the days of Tut-Ankh-Amen.

So Dr. Eve has made one: a new hospital bed equipped with levers, joints, tilting bars and other gadgets to do precisely what the doctor thinks each patient needs. Not only can this new bed fit the length, width, weight and so on of any individual, but it can suit itself to his disease. Tilted feet down, the bed is good for people with bad hearts or

asthma. A similar position, with knees bent slightly upward by another attachment, helps clear gas out of a disturbed stomach. This same position is recommended for tired women taking an afternoon nap.

A reversed, head-down position helps the lungs and throat to drain after gas poisoning or infections. Even people with the dreaded "death rattle" in their throats Dr. Eve has seen recover when tilted head down so that the rattling secretion can drain outward.

Rocking the new bed causes artificial respiration in persons unconscious from drowning, gas poisoning or electric shock. Gravity now will be a doctor's helper and a new art of "gravitational nursing" is born.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sessions, of Fort Worth, are here for the Christmas holidays, visiting in the home of Mrs. R. T. Trail.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Atkins and son, of Bryan, arrived today to spend Christmas with Mrs. H. J. Atkins and Miss Griffie Atkins.

Owen Boone, of San Angelo, transacted business here Monday.



"THANK goodness," said Martha Goodwin, bustling about her kitchen. "Christmas comes but once a year." She wiped back a loose wisp of graying hair with a weary gesture. "But it will be fine seeing you again, Lad," she murmured, thinking of her distant son. "Now, let's see. Those star cookies you're so fond of—"

She glanced at the hurrying clock. Loud shrieks of laughter under her window interrupted her thoughts. Those new neighbor children again. If they were dirtying up her freshly swept walk, she strode about to the porch. There was a path in the snow from their yard, around hers, and back again to their own, where all four of them had apparently trudged, pushing a snow ball, across her walk in two places. A fussel started suddenly, and they were all turning about at the snow, shrieking at the top of their voices.

Martha scolded shrilly at them, and they stood up, an abashed little line of stair steps. "The idea! On Christmas, too!" Martha chided. "Whatever is the matter with your ma, that she lets you make such a racket?"

"She's sick," answered the oldest girl. "Sick! Then all the more reason why you should keep still. Shame on you." The little group stood like statues.

Martha tucked in the wisp of hair. "You children come in here and sit still while I work, and I'll tell you a story," she invited. "Mind you wipe your feet."

"I suppose it should be a Christmas story," Martha began. "Do you know about the shepherds and the wise men?"

"Yes'm," they chorused. "We go to Sunday school," added the oldest girl.

"Then," Martha asked her, "shall I tell you about Santa Claus?"

Her face clouded a little. "Mother told us that," she answered soberly.

"Oh," said Martha. She dusted the flour from her hands and turned to baste the turkey. Four pairs of eager eyes watched her every move. The doorbell rang.

"Laddie! Good heavens," cried Martha, slipping off her apron, and rushed to the door.

But instead it was a telegram: "AWFULLY SORRY DARLING BUT I JUST CAN'T GET AWAY STOP DO TRY TO HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS STOP GO ON A SPREE AND I'LL FOOT THE BILL STOP EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO GET DOWN FOR NEW YEAR'S AND WILL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING THEN LOVE LADDIE."

Martha Goodwin read it twice. Then she smoothed the straying wisp of hair and went back to the kitchen.

"Well," the older girl was explaining, "it's sort of like a chicken, I guess, only ever so much bigger." The four children looked up as Martha entered. "Why, what's the matter, Mrs. Goodwin?"

"My son—I was expecting him—he isn't coming."

"Gee," came a sympathetic chorus. "And you'd fixed everything so nice and—and Christmas-y."

"I'm not going to have it spoiled," Martha decided. "Here," she said and draped the holly wreath over the youngest's arm. "You," she said to the next one, "carry the potatoes, and you take

the mince pie—careful, it's hot—and you," to the eldest, "take the vegetables. I think I can manage the turkey."

"But where are we going?" "Over to your house. Weren't you about to miss out on Christmas dinner?"

"Dinner first, then presents," she suggested, and when, having eaten all they could hold, they gathered about the holly, she found a crudely wrapped present for herself. It was a picture scrapbook, somewhat smudged.

Were those tears in Martha Goodwin's eyes? Surely not, for she was smiling.

"Why, thank you," she exclaimed. "Such a lovely surprise! My," she added, "I do wish Christmas came more than once a year."

Corbett Davis, of Kelly Field, near San Antonio, is here on furlough for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Myra Tankersley left Monday for her home at Tankersley, to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Miss Eulalia Nicholson, student of McMurry College, Abilene, is at home for the Christmas holidays.

## New Teeth Grown In Special Solution By British Woman

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Growing complete teeth in chemical solutions, like modern methods of growing flowers or vegetables with their roots in water charged with food materials, has been accomplished by Miss Shirley Glasstone, of the Strangeway Research Laboratory.

Human teeth have not yet been tried because of lack of suitable tooth seeds or germs from unborn embryos, but loose teeth apparently normal in every way have been grown for rats, rabbits and other laboratory animals.

For years the laboratory has had unusual success in growing living tissues in solutions. The late Professor Strangeways, who was founder of the laboratory, once succeeded in growing new tissues from living cells taken out of a meat sausage bought in the local market.

Some months ago Miss Glasstone began a similar attempt at growing teeth. Microscopic tooth germs were dissected out of unborn laboratory animals. These germs then were put in carefully designed nutrient solutions, kept continually at suitable temperatures and with every precaution to keep out bacteria.

Most of the tooth germs devel-

oped into teeth exactly like those of an ordinary animal, even the usual cusps and other shapes of molar grinding teeth being reproduced. Presence of the jaw, the gums or other surrounding tissues evidently is unnecessary for tooth growing.

Growing artificial human teeth in this way would be a boon to toothless individuals, but it will be necessary also to learn how to plant these teeth permanently in the new owner's jaw, something which no one now knows how to do.

## MEXICANS ORIGINAL "JUICE" DRINKERS

PIEDRAS NEGRAS, Coahuila, Mexico, Dec. 23.—While Americans are now becoming great juice drinkers—tomato juice, pineapple juice, orange juice, carrot juice, etc.—Mexicans have been doing this for centuries.

Delicious "refrescos" are made and drunk by the entire population, by the simple process of mashing to a pulp the meat of fruits in season, adding a little iced water and sugar to taste. Mexicans take "refrescos" made of watermelon, cantaloupe, mangoes, peaches, apricots, pineapple, all sorts of berries, wild apples and plums, papaya, orange, tamarind, and dozens of other fruits.

They need no expensive juice-pressing machines, nothing but the fresh fruit itself and the back of a spoon. And the fresh fruit in Mexico, though often small in size, is remarkably delicious.

He "A wagon maker who had been dumb for a number of years picked up a hub and spoke." She: "Yes, and a blind carpenter on the same day reached for a plane and saw, a deaf sheep ranchman went out with his dog and herd, a noseless fisherman caught a barrel of herring and smelt."

## May Santa Visit You---

Silently as the falling snow sweeps down your chimney to leave gifts that will make each member of your family happy on Christmas morning. May he find your household bright, cheery and looking to a happy New Year in 1941.

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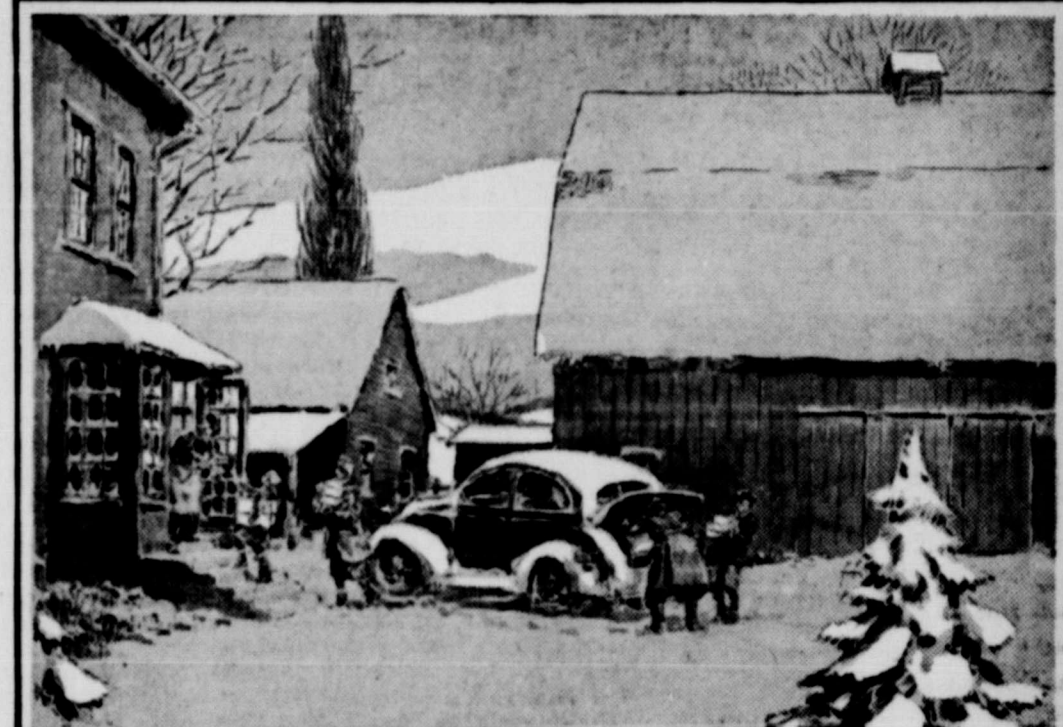
Down through the centuries the message of the Yuletide Season has come—the words unchanged but the Christmas spirit is stronger today than ever before.

As you seek joy in doing things for others—in spreading happiness through good fellowship—you become a part of Christmas itself.

With hearty appreciation of the friendships and greater goodwill the year has brought, we at this institution wish for you the brightest, merriest Christmas.

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## Christmas 1940

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- W. A. Forgey
- Myra Tankersley
- Roy L. Hill
- J. L. Moreland
- John Barton

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**BALLINGER SCHOOL NEWS**

By Clara Ruth Lynn

Next Section of "Paw Prints" Begun

Work is now underway on the next section of "Paw Prints"; namely, the "best all-round-student" section. The senior class is to choose three boys and three girls; the juniors, two boys and three girls; and the sophomores, two boys and two girls. While these pictures will not be full page size, they will be larger than the others, each one being accompanied by a list of that student's characteristics and activities. In separate meetings, each class nominated twice as many as it would finally have. Final voting will take place in assembly Friday. The points to be considered in choosing these students are as follows: (1) good scholastic standing; (2) attitude toward classes; (3) how liked by students; (4) general personality.

"Miss Merry Christmas" 1940

Well, the big Christmas parade is all over, and "Miss Merry Christmas" for 1940 has been chosen. She is Dorothy McMillan, who represented the F. F. A. chapter, of which she is queen.

Second and third places went to Mary Lou Davis, representing Spanish clubs, and Jane Cheatham, for the American Legion. Other contestants included Betty Harper, pep squad; Ellen Jo Early, band; Odena Parrish, Cue and Curtain Club; and Elva Owen, Rebecca Lodge.

**Rev. Mr. Sharpe Speaks Friday**  
Rev. Dwight Sharpe, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, gave a most interesting discussion on the Bible. Mr. Sharpe said that there is such a thing as possessing a wisdom that does not come from cleverness. "Some people who are extremely clever, but who are not very wise." He went on to say that the law of God was the secret of this wisdom, as well as everything else. "The Bible is absolutely essential to: (1) find the secret of a victorious life, (2) be able to possess our

**Football Classics That Hail the New Year!**



The principal grid battles which will be fought throughout the nation on January 1, New Year's day, are shown in the center panel. As in other years, capacity crowds are expected to witness these football classics in the great stadia, four of which are here shown. A festival, typical of the region, will precede the game at each of these focal points to which the eyes of the nation's football fans will soon turn.

own soul, (3) to be well informed and educated, (4) to know human life, (5) to get a long view of things. There is no true success without character, and precious little character without religion." This was a very helpful talk.

**F. F. A. Contestants Receive Tokens**

Norbert Halfmann, of the local F. F. A. chapter, presented each of the "sweetheart" contestants with tokens of appreciation Friday morning. Dorothy McMillan, 1940-41 sweetheart, received a beautiful white evening gown, while Winnie Adair and Virginia Denny, queens, F. F. A. sweaters. The losers, Jane Cheatham, Lou Hardin and Ellen Jo Early, received F. F. A. pins.

**Senior Personalities**

This is Freada Edwards' first year in this school. Her favorite subjects are typing and homemaking. She is a member of the pep squad and homemaking club. She likes to read and collect jokes on the outside. Freada wants to be a nurse.

Mercedes ("Sadie") Faltsek has been here two years. She likes typing, English and commercial law. Her hobbies include dancing, playing piano and hearing good orchestras, collecting post cards, and going to good football games. She does not like self-conscious, unfriendly, and conceited people. Activities are pep squad, choral club, and home economics club. Mercedes wants (a) to be a stenographer and work on higher into business, (b) to be an orchestra leader. She will probably go to San Angelo junior college, although she does not like the idea of leaving good ol' B. H. S.

Bessie Gillam has been a student in Ballinger schools for ten years. Her favorite studies are commercial law and civics; hobbies, horseback riding and collecting novelty china shoes. Her main hate is "small groups who think they are better than anyone else." Bessie is a member of the pep squad, and would like to be a secretary. Eugene Golden is also in his first Ballinger school year. He likes chemistry and commercial law, but hates English. His present ambition is to graduate from Ballinger high school.

**Flash! Flash!**

I almost forgot: the rafters fairly rang in B. H. S. last Monday morning, at which time Supt. Nat (F. E. Boone) Williams auctioned off several articles that had accumulated in the offices. Those fountain pens, ties, gloves, jackets, and purses and—oh, yes—that felt hat, will make very good Christmas presents for someone. The proceeds, which amounted to about \$8, will do toward helping a poor family.

**What's This?**

It seems that Mr. Cupid is a secret member of the Ballinger school faculty. Although his presence has not been officially affirmed, I hear that he will join (?) the other members very soon now.

Your reporter would like to take this opportunity of wishing each and every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Mrs. Ehinger to New York**  
Mrs. Mary Ehinger, teacher of English and speech arts, left December 11 for New York, where she will spend the Christmas holidays. During this time, she expects to get her master's degree from Columbia University. Mrs. Ehinger will return December 29 to resume her work on the 30th.

**JUNIOR HIGH NEWS**

The eighth grade was in charge of chapel Friday. Members gave a one-act satire on melodrama. The entire household of John

December 20. Different groups sang Christmas carols. The senior high school octet sang "In the Gloaming" and Miss Carr's version of "Jingle Bells." The junior high octet, composed of Sheila Moreland, Gwen Morgan, Virginia Bell, June Wright, Janice Skelton, Betty Lovelace, Natlyne Williams, and Nancy Conner sang "Silent Night." Billy Heavenhill sang "Away in a Manger," accompanied by Wilbur Redwine.

**Card of Thanks**

We wish to express appreciation to the friends who were so kind to us during our recent sorrow, the death of our dear baby. The expressions of sympathy and the many acts done for our comfort were a great help during this sad time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Davis and family.

**Earth Has Warmed Nearly One Degree In Past Fifty Years**

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The earth has warmed up nearly one degree since 1890, according to computations by G. S. Callendar, published by the British meteorological office. For several years weather experts have been turning up facts that point toward a

warmer earth. Especially in and near the Arctic Ocean signs of lessened cold have been discerned by a recent Russian expedition to the North Pole and by others. On Arctic islands more ice has melted than ever before, resulting in such things as the discovery of relics of the ill-fated Andree expedition and the finding on Wrangel Island of the carcass of a mammoth frozen since the Ice Age.

Mr. Callendar now confirms these signs by calculating average temperatures for overlapping twenty-four year periods beginning with 1880 to 1899 and ending with 1918 to 1937.

The data are from fourteen stations in the north temperate zone, five in the tropics and three in the south temperate zone. The north temperate stations, where data are most numerous and reliable, show an average increase of nine-tenths of a degree in earth temperature during the half-century concerned.

While this may seem not very large to people accustomed to temperature changes of many degrees in a day, this average change of nearly two degrees a century would need only two or three more centuries to make New York or London the climatic equivalents of Havana or Cairo, to melt all the ice in the Arctic Ocean so that Russian fleets could sail directly to Canada and also to melt the Antarctic ice and raise the level of the ocean to drown out every present seaport.

Frank Holiday, of Houston, came in Monday for a visit with relatives and friends. After the holidays he will have his five-state headquarters at San Antonio instead of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barton will spend Christmas at Comanche, visiting relatives and friends.

**Greetings**

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## ... But Once a Year

By Zebulon M. Pike  
(In Recruiting News)

SOMEWHERE in the army, in Puerto Rico or the Philippines, in Hawaii or the Panama Canal Zone, in Alaska or the continental United States, some growling cynic will poke his head out of his army blankets, sniff the festive air of the morning of December 25, snort "Yah! Christmas!" and go back to sleep.

He will be the sort of man who, when he was a little boy, got a fine delight from informing his playmates that there was no Santa Claus.

He would act the same way whether he were in the army or out of it. He would say "Yah! Christmas!" at home or abroad, for Christmas in the army is exactly like Christmas anywhere else. It is a day of rest and worship; of feasts and fun. It comes but once a year and when it comes it brings good cheer.

For the more than 350,000 men in the regular army, excepting the misguided cynic, Christmas will really be a day of good cheer. Smoke will begin curling from kitchen chimneys over hundreds of mess halls early in the morning for, as in thousands of homes across the country, the Christmas dinner will be a big event of the day. Chattering corps of volunteers, laden with holly and hailing, will descend on drill halls, canteens and Y. M. C. A. auditoriums to decorate them for parties to be attended by army children and grown-ups alike. Christmas trees will wink happily from the windows of recreation rooms.

Private and noncommissioned officers in the northern states and Alaska will be exposing their noses to the morning air to see if it's a "white" Christmas, then burrow into the covers again, for there will be no reveille on Christmas. In the south, in the Canal Zone and the Islands, they will glance out into tropical sunshine and, perhaps, grin at headlines in the papers: "Blizzard Sweeps Northern States."

Post church bells will chime the call to worship as Catholics and protestants attend services to reaffirm their faiths.

Soldiers will give and receive presents. On many posts a partial payment is granted soldiers a few days before December 25 so they may take advantage of Christmas bargains. Many soldiers will use the payment to travel, spending Christmas in the homes of friends and relatives. The army is liberal



with Christmas leaves of absence, some of which will be for as long as ten days during the holiday season.

Married noncommissioned officers will spend the day with their families in the quarters provided for them.

Mess sergeants and cooks will work hard and long preparing the Christmas dinner. Mess halls will be brightly decorated, tables laden with candy and cookies, cigars and cigarettes. At noon, or shortly thereafter, soldiers will help themselves to turkey, oyster dressing, cranberry sauce, white and sweet potatoes, creamed pear salad, pie, cake and ice cream—an American Christmas dinner. Seconds? Buddy, if you can cram them down, you can have them.

Civilians will attend the dinners, too. On many posts it is the custom for soldiers to invite friends and relatives to Christmas dinner. On some, the wives and families of noncommissioned officers are guests. On others, under-privileged children are invited. Baskets of food will be purchased from company funds for the poor in

### Musicians Meet



Dr. Howard Hanson, who will preside at the annual conference of the National Association of Schools of Music in Cleveland, December 26-27. Many noted composers and instructors will attend.

nearby cities, in many cases. In the afternoon, those men who do not feel an after-dinner nap is necessary will show the military sights to visiting friends, relatives and sweethearts. Perhaps they will attend a movie in a nearby town, or at their own theatre if there is a matinee.

In the evening, undoubtedly, there will be a Christmas dance and party somewhere nearby for soldiers. It may be in the Y. M. C. A. or, under the auspices of the garrison, in the drill hall of canteen.

Over all, as over the nation, will hover the crisp air of festivity and gaiety, of fun and laughter. Christmas in the army is just Christmas and the cynic will be grinned into silence, as he would be anywhere else.

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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

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

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

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

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

PAUL TRIMMIER,  
County Judge, Runnels County,  
Texas  
(Seal)

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

Annual meeting of the Texas Agricultural Workers' Association will be held in San Antonio on January 10 and 11.

Mary: "Well, Christine is engaged at last."  
Grace: "Did she tell you all about it?"  
Mary: "Mercy no, I only spent the afternoon with her."

Pastor: "I touched them rather deeply this morning, don't you think?"  
Deacon: "I'm not sure, I have not counted up the contributions yet."

### NEW FOOD STANDARD FOR RURAL FAMILIES

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 23.—Members of the Texas state nutrition committee have adopted a new Texas food standard which will soon be available for popular distribution through the extension service of Texas A. & M. College and other sources. The standard sets forth in simple terms for lay people what constitutes a good daily diet.

This nutritional guide was prepared by a sub-committee headed by Jennie Camp, extension specialist in home production planning, and it will be used by all Texas educational institutions and government agencies working in the field of nutrition. Other members of the sub-committee were Mattie Trickey, of the farm security administration, Ruth Huey, of the state department of vocational education, and Elizabeth McGuire, of the state department of health, with Dr. Jessie Whitacre, of the agricultural experiment station as consultant.

Use of movies and radio programs in a nutrition education program was also discussed at the committee's third meeting, which was held at Fort Worth recently. The idea is to make people want to eat the right food, to help them grow or buy it efficiently, and to help them prepare it properly after it has been obtained.

Miss Mary Gearing of the University of Texas home economics faculty was appointed chairman of a sub-committee to study nutrition clinics being conducted in other states. The appointment was made by Mildred Horton, extension vice-director, who is chairman of the committee.

Encouragement was given by these leaders in nutrition to registration of home economics for voluntary service in time of national emergency. This is a project of the American and Texas home economics association. In addition, consideration was given to organization of county association units of the Texas Home Economics Association to aid in the committee's educational work.

### Ambassador to U. S.



Vice Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, who has been appointed to the important post of Japanese ambassador to the U. S., succeeding Kenesuke Horinouchi.

### How the Idea Started

#### Christmas Candles



Christmas tree candles date back to the very earliest times in the Christian era. The Yule candle, of goodly size, lighted early Nativity celebrations. The lighting of candles is indeed a universal religious and national custom. Candle lighting featured the Norse mid-winter festival of the turning of the sun. The Jewish Feast of Chanukah or Lights is also celebrated similarly at the same season.

Urma: "Has Jack ever kissed you against your will?"

Helen: "No, but he thinks he has."

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Mother: "Johnnie, dear, I was hoping you would be unselfish and give your little sister the largest piece of candy. Why, even the old hen will give all the nicest dainties to her little chicks and take only a tiny one once in a while for herself."

Johnnie (after watching the old hen a while): "Well, mom, I'd do the same thing if it was worms."

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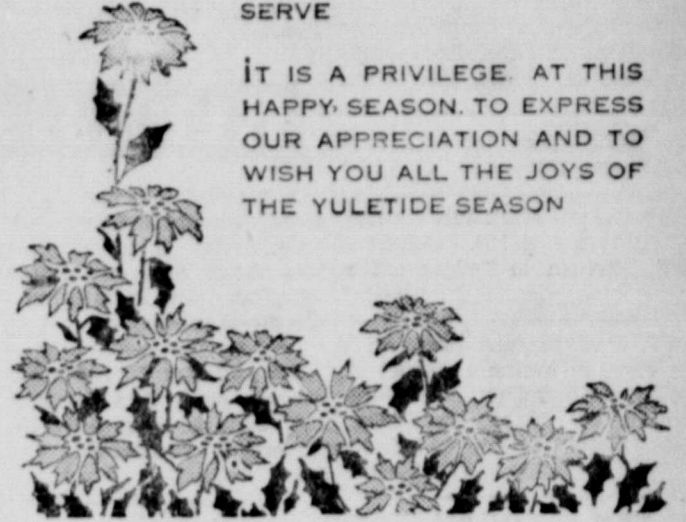
An estimated 2,000,000 Jersey cows are on Texas farms, representing 60 per cent of the cows milked in the state.

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## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

AMONG THE GOOD THINGS BESTOWED BY THE PASSING YEAR OUR MOST VALUED ONE IS THE FRIENDSHIP AND GOOD WILL OF THOSE WE SERVE

IT IS A PRIVILEGE AT THIS HAPPY SEASON, TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION AND TO WISH YOU ALL THE JOYS OF THE YULETIDE SEASON



Southwestern Sewer COMPANY  
"Guardian of Community Health"

### NOTICE

Our Studio will be closed from Saturday, December 21 until Friday, January 3.

Any work saved for us will be appreciated.

MARTIN'S STUDIO

### Holiday Greetings

To thank you for your Good Will and Patronage  
To wish you Happiness and Prosperity each day of the New Year

LACY BEAUTY SALON

Telephone 139



Let your joy be unconfined

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



The First National Bank of Ballinger

Since

1886

Our daddies said tell you...



## Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

"...and they said tell you we're glad you use 'lectric lights, and 'frigerators, and toasters and things because that's what makes jobs for them so we can hang up our stockings. Our daddies, you see, work for our West Texas Utilities. They 'preciate you and talk all the time 'bout ways to give you better service. They say it's because they work to find these ways that 'lectricity is so cheap and ev'rybody can use it. They say, too, it makes people happy and all our mammas don't work so hard any more since they got 'lectric servants in the kitchen.

"There are a lot of us West Texas Utilities children. It makes jobs for more than a thousand families, all because you use 'lectric things. And that's why we're wishing you A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!"

Our Local Offices Will Be Closed Christmas Day

West Texas Utilities Company





# Want Ads

**Rates and Rules**  
Two cents per word first insertion, no advertisement accepted for less than 25 cents. All subsequent insertions 1 cent per word each insertion.  
All classified advertisements must be accompanied by cash unless advertiser has a regular account with the paper.  
No classified advertisements accepted on an "until ordered out" basis. The number of times the ad is to run must be specified.

**FRYERS**—Purina fed, fat and clean, at J. N. Nutt's Feed, Seed and Hatchery. Phone 174. 26-1f

**LOST**—Small Boston Terrier Bulldog, black and white. Finder return to 407 Broadway. Reward, 24-1t.\*

**FOR RENT**—Furnished apartment, close in. Phone 179. 1f

**FOR SALE**—Used car at a bargain. Phone 179. 1f.\*

**LOST**—Lady's black suede purse, trimmed in gold kid. Generous reward. Return to Ledger office 24-1t.\*

**LOST**—Dark maroon purse with rolled edge, in business district of Ballinger Saturday, containing money, keepsakes and other articles. Return to Ledger office 24-1t.\*

**SORE THROAT-TONSILLITIS!** Nothing equals a good mop for sore-throat or tonsillitis and our Anesthesia-Mop is guaranteed to give prompt relief or your money refunded. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. N-21-18t

**FOR SALE**—\$650.00 DeLoe and Batteries, \$48.00 Carpet Sweeper, \$105.00 Radio. All wiring and fixtures. Everything in first class condition. Will sacrifice the whole outfit for \$150.00; real bargain. F. G. Hoelscher, Olfen, Texas. 19-2t.\*

**DON'T SCRATCH!** Every jar of Paracide Ointment is guaranteed to relieve itching of eczema, itch, ringworm, athlete's foot or other minor skin irritations. Large jar only 60c at Weeks Drug Store. N-21-18t.

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McNutt returned the past week-end from a pre-Christmas visit at Kenney with relatives and friends.

Argentine wheat production is not constant, but over a period of years the total yield does not equal that in Kansas and North Dakota.

## DEATHS

**Robert A. Davis**  
Robert A. Davis, 40, of Spur, died at the Halley & Love Sanitarium Monday morning at 9:20 as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident Saturday night about 8 o'clock. The accident occurred 8 miles out on the Ballinger-Bronte highway.

J. T. Herd, of Post, and Mr. Davis were en route to Mr. Herd's ranch in Menard county for a hunting trip. A calf ran into the car when they were near Ballinger and in some way Mr. Davis was thrown from the automobile to the ground. The car did not turn over and was not badly damaged.

Decedent was rushed to the Halley & Love Sanitarium but died early Monday.

Survivors include the wife and two children, his mother and two brothers.

A funeral coach from Spur took the body to Spur Monday and funeral services were held there this afternoon.

The body was prepared for burial by the King-Holt Funeral Home.

## BIRTHS

A 7-pound boy was born Friday to Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Candler at the Halley & Love Sanitarium. The young man has been named Jerry Lynn and he and his mother are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Campbell have parents of a fine 7-pound baby girl, born Monday at 2:15 a. m. Mother and daughter are both doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Giesecke have gone to San Antonio and Cuero for a Christmas visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. H. J. Atkins received word Monday of the death of her sister, Mrs. Martha Wilson, at Rome, Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Padgett Maddox of Russel, Kansas, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Padgett.

Dr. and Mrs. Horace Gustavus and baby came in Saturday from Houston to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Miss Camille Behringer, student of North Texas State Teachers' College, Denton, is at home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams, of Kaufman, are here to spend Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Wardlaw.

Johnny Barnett, stationed at Kelly Field, San Antonio, arrived Friday to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Lee Maddox left Tuesday night for Mexico, where he is spending Xmas holidays with his son.

## CHURCHES

**First Baptist Church**  
(400 Eighth Street)  
Sunday, December 29, 1940.  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m., E. C. Grindstaff, superintendent.  
Preaching at 11 a. m., Dr. W. R. White.  
Royal Ambassadors, 1:30 p. m.  
Baptist Training Union, 6 p. m., Miss Janie Flynt, director.  
7 p. m., Sermon, Dr. White.  
CLARENCE A. MORTON, Pastor

**First Methodist Church**  
9:45 Sunday school.  
1 a. m. Morning worship: Sermon, Rev. Elmer C. Carter.  
7 p. m., Evening worship.  
6 p. m., Young People's meeting.  
ELMER C. CARTER, Pastor.

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

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

**First Christian Church**  
"The Church of the Jesus Way"  
(Broadway and Murrell)  
Sunday school, 9:45.  
MORNING WORSHIP: 10:45 o'clock.  
Organ prelude, 10:35.  
Communion with Christ.  
Minister's message.  
EVENING PRAYER: 6:00 o'clock.  
Organ recital, Miss Iola Clayton.  
Special music.  
Minister's meditation.  
Benediction, 7:00 o'clock.  
WM. MACK WEAVER, Minister.

**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.  
H. C. SOWELL, Pastor.

**Foursquare Gospel Church**  
(104 North Twelfth Street)  
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:  
Wednesday:  
7:30 p. m.—mid-week service.  
Saturday:  
2:30 p. m.—Children's Church.  
G. F. McKEAN, Pastor

**Church of Christ**  
(Eighth Street, Bonsall Avenue)  
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.  
L. H. OUSLEY, Minister  
1212 Eighth Street.

**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

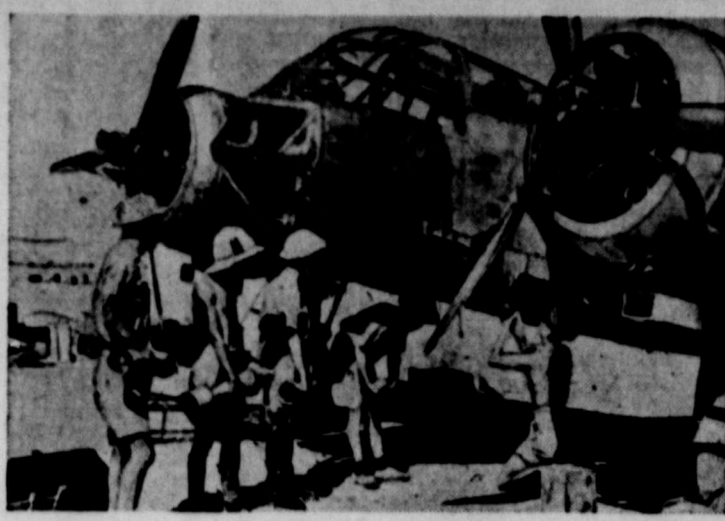
**Church of God**  
(Corner of Sixth and Strong)  
Sunday school, 10 a. m.  
General service, 11 a. m.  
Junior meeting at 5 p. m.  
Young people's meeting at 7 p. m.  
Service, 7:30 p. m.  
Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7 p. m.

Miss Mary Jo Webb, student of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, is here to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Aurelia Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Galbraith are spending the Christmas holidays in Abilene.

Advertisers' stocks are new and up-to-date.

## British Pack a Blenheim Bomber



This scene, somewhere in Egypt, shows a ground crew packing a bomb bay of a Blenheim bomber with a cargo of death and destruction. Planes like this have been battering the Italian base of Bardia, a port and key Fascist base 15 miles inside of Libya, as the British blitzkrieg sweeps on in its counter-invasion of Italian Libya.

## RURAL NEWS

### HERRING

(Received Too Late for Publication Last Week)  
We did not have Sunday school Sunday on account of the weather. We have had some real winter weather already so we just as well expect more as we usually have our coldest weather in January and February.

Mrs. W. L. Allcorn received a message Friday that her father, W. L. Day, had been carried to a hospital for treatment. She and her family left immediately to be at his bedside. They returned home Monday and reported him improving. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Arthur Fuller and family visited their daughter, Mrs. Marshall Belcher, and family, of Drasco, Sunday.

Perry Bragg and Miss Margaret Brookshier, of Benoit, were married Sunday, December 8, and after spending their honeymoon at Dallas are at home with Mrs. Joe Bragg. Perry has lived in this community all his life and has many friends who wish for them a long and happy future.

Mrs. Bragg moved into her new home last week. The house is built of native stone and is modern in every way.

Mr. and Mrs. Sprout Todd, of Glen Cove, visited in the Jess

### CREWS

We appreciate the lovely weather we are having these days. Church services were well attended during the week-end.

School dismissed Friday for the Christmas holidays and will open for studies again December 30. All teachers have gone home to spend the holidays.

Leslie Phillips, Troy Rainwater and Miss Norene Rainwater came in Saturday night to spend Christmas at home.

Mrs. Edgar Joyroe is still quite ill.

Mrs. Joe Irvin and son, Jerry, of Wink, and Mrs. Clifford Wood and children, of Monahans, visited relatives here Monday. Juanita Glenn and Dorothy Sue Wood remained for a longer visit.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Hallford and Baker are spending the week

## FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

**DIRECTOR GIVEN WATCH**  
Members of the First Methodist Church presented Troy Simpson, choir director, with a beautiful wrist watch Sunday morning at the white Christmas service. The director was called to the front of the church, expecting to lead a song, and Sam Behringer, Sunday school superintendent, presented the gift which came as a complete surprise.

Miss Cordelia Lynn, student of Rice Institute, Houston, arrived Friday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lynn, and other relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. O. H. Chandler are spending the holidays in Brownwood, visiting relatives and friends.

## May We Remember

- That the true spirit of Christmas is one of unselfish service. It is the only way to commemorate the birth of the Christ child.
- MAY THIS CHRISTMAS BE ONE OF CHEER AND MAY THE BLESSINGS OF THE NEW YEAR BE YOURS.

**J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.**  
Oldest—Biggest—Best

## A Cordial Wish For You and Yours

As you gather around your fireside for the Christmas festivities. May the warm feeling of love and friendship in your hearts prove a blessing and benediction that will last throughout the New Year to which we are all eagerly looking forward.



**M. H. Morgan Garage**

## CHRISTMAS CHEER

May this Christmas not only be one of mirth and joy but may the blessings and benedictions of peace be felt in your heart that you may understand the true meaning of Christmas. May contentment be yours. In sincere and friendly appreciation of your good will—

**Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year**

**Currie Produce Co.**

## A Twofold Message at this Holiday Season

A wish that this will be the gayest Christmas you have ever known and that the New Year will bring blessings in abundance.

Accept our sincere appreciation for your loyalty as patrons and friends during the past year.

**SEIDEL IMPLEMENT CO.**



### We Most Earnestly Hope

That your Christmas will be a merry one and that the New Year will be one in which your fondest hopes are fulfilled.

We appreciate your patronage in the past and offer our sincere services for the future.

**Wilson & Co.**

Real E. Bowell, Prop.

Ballinger

Telephone 722



May Your Christmas be  
**Joyful and Merry**  
May Your New Year be

**Happy and Prosperous**

**KING-HOLT**  
FURNITURE AND LIGHTING CO.

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