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Red Cross is Organized For War Work in 1943

The Runnels county chapter of the American Red Cross is being organized and preparing to continue the work for another year. A meeting was held recently with a field representative of the national organization at which the proposed program for next year was explained and since then places on the official board have been filled.

Robert Caskey will continue as county chairman and will be actively in charge of the chapter. The work has been broken down into a number of different phases with chairmen and supervisors in charge of each.

E. Shepperd, war relief chairman, will have charge of the campaign for funds in the spring, probably about March. The annual roll call was postponed from last fall and will be held in conjunction with the drive for war relief funds in the spring. No quota has been announced for Runnels county but will be received several weeks before the drive is launched.

J. A. Killough has been appointed home service chairman and will assume the duties at once. This post has been held by D. G. Posey for several years but with so many men in the service this work was requiring so much time Mr. Posey was forced to give it up. The home service office checks on all applications for furlough asked on account of illness or death and reports back to the service man's commander. In cases where discharges are considered, a report from the home service chairman is also necessary, and the correspondence is heavy all the time.

Mrs. E. A. Saunders will serve as production chairman for a time or until soldier kits have been shipped. Mrs. Ila G. Ferguson has held this position but recently moved from Ballinger, and a permanent appointment will be made later. Mr. Caskey announced this week that all articles needed for the overseas kits had been received and 100 would be packed and shipped immediately.

Knitting will continue under the supervision of Mrs. Troy Simpson and Mrs. Jim Duncan. Quotas for the army and navy are being made at this time and will be ready for shipment in the early part of 1943.

Surgical dressings will be made under the direction of Mrs. Fred Harman and Mrs. Jack Nixon, Jr. The plant is ready to start operations but materials have not been received.

J. G. Tuckey has been reelected treasurer; K. V. Northington will continue as first aid chairman; Troy Simpson is publicity chairman, and home nursing will be directed by a committee of Ballinger women who have had charge of the work several months and have organized and instructed a number of large classes.

20 18-YEAR-OLD YOUTHS REGISTER IN FIRST WEEK

Late Tuesday afternoon only twenty 18-year-old youths had registered at the local draft board office for military service in the first group of those who were born on or after July 1, 1924, but not after August 31, 1924.

Registration started Friday of last week and it was thought the twenty registered covered most of this group in the county.

Beginning tomorrow (Friday) men will register who were born on or after September 1, 1924, but not after October 31, 1924.

Big War Bond Rally Scheduled Tonight; Objective is \$50,000

Every person in this territory is urged to attend the war bond rally at the Texas Theatre tonight sponsored by the Ballinger Lions Club and the local committee for the sale of bonds and stamps. A goal of \$50,000 has been set for the sale tonight and is part of the December effort to sell \$175,000 in bonds and raise enough to purchase a medium sized bomber plane which will bear the name of Runnels county.

The sale will be conducted by local leaders and a few short talks are to be made before selling begins. One of the speakers will be Mrs. David Jones of Winters, wife of Major David M. Jones, who was a member of the bombing squadron commanded by General James Doolittle on the historic flight over Tokyo. In recent weeks Major Jones has been leading flights of bombers in Tunisia, where he has scored triumphs over the Germans. Mrs. Jones is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Roy Maddox of Winters, and is making home here while her husband is overseas.

Wayne Morgan, son of O. K. Morgan of this city, and a veteran of Pearl Harbor, Midway Island and Guadalcanal, is due to arrive in time to appear on the program.

All denominations of bonds will be offered for sale tonight and members of the Lions Club have been soliciting buyers all this week to attend the show and purchase bonds at the special sale.

For the children a special war stamp booth will be operated where they can make purchases of any denomination stamp as they enter or leave the theatre.

Bond sales in the county were excellent until December 7 but have dropped off considerably since and only a few purchases of large denomination bonds have been reported.

A "thermometer" has been erected by the side of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank to show sales as they are tabulated and if enough bonds are sold to name the bomber heavy buying must be done in all sections of the county the remainder of December.

BALLINGER SCHOOLS WILL BE DISMISSED TOMORROW FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The Ballinger schools will be dismissed at the end of the day tomorrow (Friday) for the Christmas holidays and two full weeks will be allowed, classwork to be resumed on January 4. Pupils in a number of rooms will have Yule programs Friday before they are dismissed but no general entertainments for the public have been planned.

BALLINGER BOY MAKES HONOR ROLL AT A. C. C.

H. E. Fulcher is at home after spending several weeks in a hospital at Dallas. His condition is reported good and he will be able to be up and about soon.

R. A. Smith, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross A. Smith, of Ballinger, is listed on the honor roll at Abilene Christian College, which has just been released for the second six weeks. This honor roll is composed of the upper ten per cent of the class in one of more courses.

Captor and Captives in British 8th Army Push



One of the first trains to get to Cairo, Egypt, from the Alamein front after the British Eighth army started its victorious drive is shown at left. The train was jammed to the doors with thousands of Axis soldiers taken in the early stages of the fighting. At right, Lieut. Gen. George Montgomery, head of the Eighth army, poses for his picture right at the front. The general leans on a tank and smiles for a photographer, as if he were in some London studio. Shells are bursting less than a half mile away.

Approximately 900 Men From County in Service

A group of twenty-three Runnels county men left here Tuesday morning to begin military service. The inductees left from the Central Hotel at 9:45 by bus for Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, and were given the usual good-bye party for thirty minutes preceding their departure.

The high school band played a short concert after which O. C. Sykes in a brief talk told the men good-bye and wished them the best of luck in this service for their country. Cigarettes from the Ballinger Board of Community Development and candies from the Fannie Stephens Study Club were passed out to the men.

At the end of the first year of actual war, Runnels county has approximately 900 men serving in the armed forces. A check at the county draft board office revealed about 882 in the services and a large number of recent volunteers yet to be reported which probably will push the total well over the 900 mark. This is considerably more than the number who served in the first World War when approximately 770 were called into the various branches of armed services.

Other quotas are to be filled in the near future and there is no let-up in the calling of men for training. Paper work is being speeded on the call for 19 and 19 year old men and they probably will be inducted in the January quotas.

Those leaving Thursday morning were as follows:

- Ben Kendall Allen, Winters route 2
- Roy Veri Cody, Winters route 3
- W. E. Curtis, Ballinger
- Marcel Macabee Cade, Winters
- Felipe Navarette Lugo, Ballinger
- Thurman Eldorn Kennimer, Comanche
- Max Bernard Miller, Ballinger route 1
- Rafael R. Lorenzo, O'Donnell
- J. T. Jones, Tuscola
- Jerome Joseph Lange, Ballinger route 1
- Melvin Craven Fagle, Ballinger route 1
- A. G. Hagar, Winters
- Ted Douglas Boatright, Winters route 2
- Elvis Weldon Cook, Ballinger
- William Thomas Rampey, Miles
- Ramundo R. Cortez, Winters
- Marvin Glyn McClelland, Ballinger route 2
- Alfred Ralph Koenig, Cross Plains
- Rudolph Rincholt Bahlman, Norton
- Kenneth Earl Blount, Winters
- Pedro Mondragon Ramos, Ballinger
- Herman Lee Wilson, San Angelo
- Warren Neil McWilliams, Wintate route 1.

On December 17 Walder Gus Gonske will leave for Camp Wolters. He has already passed the physicals and has been accepted.

TEXAS TECH CHOIR WILL BE ON THE AIR SUNDAY

The Texas Technological College choir will be heard in a special broadcast Sunday from a large hook-up of stations. Miss Patsy Doss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Doss, is a member of this group and will sing in the Yuletide broadcast.

SERVING UNCLE SAM

Wayne Morgan, son of O. K. Morgan, arrived home Tuesday on a furlough and will visit here for some time. Wayne is a veteran of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japs on December 7, 1941, and more recently saw service in the Solomons.

Charles H. Thomas, son of Mrs. Grace Thomas of Ballinger, is now stationed at the army air force basic training center at Kearns, Utah. He reported there for training on October 9.

Pvt. and Mrs. Floyd Little, of Fort Bliss, El Paso, were here the past week-end for a visit with relatives and friends. Mrs. Grayson Wiley and son, of San Antonio, also spent the week-end here, visiting Pvt. Little and other relatives.

Nathaniel Paul Arrant, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Arrant, has completed a six weeks' court of basic training with a grade average of 97.2 and was named an honor man of the class which graduated December 4 from the hospital corps school at the Great Lakes naval station. He is now rated a hospital apprentice, second class, and will be sent to other hospitals for additional training. Arrant is a graduate of the Ballinger high school and was employed by the Pearce Drug Co. before entering the service.

Pvt. Lyle Currie, Jr., has been transferred from Camp Wolters to the 13th engineering battalion at San Luis Obispo, California. He will begin training at once in his new organization.

Cards were received by Ballinger friends this week from Frank Holliday, written at a port somewhere in the South Pacific. Frank recently transferred from the "seabees" to the marine corps.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Erwin received a message this week that their son, Staff Sergeant Ralph James Erwin, had landed safely in a foreign port. Sgt. Erwin is serving in a special weapons battalion of the marine corps. His address is in care of the San Francisco postmaster.

J. D. Reneau is now stationed at Fort Bliss, where he is Pvt. Reneau, Co. C, Recreation Center, 1815th Unit, 8th Service Command, U. S. Army, Ft. Bliss. He left here last Thursday for induction.

Staff Sergeant Ralph D. Crockett is now stationed at Mitchell Field, California, leaving Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, with the 64th squadron several days ago. A turkey dinner was given him just before he left.

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Bond Sales in This County To December 15 \$90,163

Cherry Points Out Extra Fire Hazards During Christmas

Fire Chief Chester Cherry issues a plea to citizens of Ballinger to use every precaution during the Christmas season to prevent fires. He stated that last year was the first Christmas in five years in which the city did not have a big fire with heavy damage.

The Ballinger chief calls attention to the large number of fires occurring all over the nation at this time and states that this is only one reason why every precaution should be taken to prevent fire before it starts.

Special care should be taken with Christmas decorations, the chief said, as this is one of the most common causes of fires at this season. Most decorative material is easy to ignite, electric circuits are often overloaded, patched up extension cords and holiday lighting sets are often used and any of these are dangerous. The shooting of fireworks is also a serious hazard and one that should be watched.

Stores that do wrapping are urged to keep trash collected and permit no haphazard accumulations.

All Ballinger firemen are assisting in keeping the city free from a bad Christmas fire and are constantly alert for hazards.

CLASS 43-D DEPARTS HERE SUNDAY MORNING FOR RANDOLPH FIELD

Cadet class 43-D completed its primary training at Bruce Field last week and left Sunday morning for Randolph Field, San Antonio, to begin basic flight training. Buses arrived here Sunday to transport the men, and a new class, 43-F, came in this week to begin primary training.

Classes 43-E and 43-F will be in Ballinger during the Christmas holidays and efforts are to be made through the churches to provide homes for all men on Christmas day.

The new class will meet citizens of Ballinger for the first time this week-end and many of them will attend the Christmas dance next Saturday evening at the Army and Navy Club.

Publication of the number who graduated last week or the number in the new class was not permitted. With the new class are a number of wives who arrived the first of the week and began at once looking for places to stay while in Ballinger.

127 BALES OF COTTON AT LOCAL COMPRESS DAMAGED BY FIRE

A fire at the cotton warehouse of the Texas Compress Co. late Monday afternoon damaged 127 bales of cotton and caused other minor loss. Quick work of the employees and local firemen kept the loss to a minimum, however, in what could have been a disastrous fire.

The blaze originated in some way from the stacking machinery used in the warehouse to handle compressed bales. W. B. Woody, local manager, stated that fire and water damage touched 127 bales but there was considerable salvage in each of these and that the loss would not be heavy. The building was not damaged.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ueckert and little daughter, of Lubbock, came in the past week-end for a visit with relatives. Mr. Ueckert returned home Sunday evening.

Ed Schuehard left Sunday for Legion for a physical check-up at the government hospital.

\$250.00 Reward
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Runnels County Livestock Association

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The sale of war bonds for the month of December in Runnels county reached a total of \$90,163.25 up to December 15 and was about half the quota set to buy a medium bomber named for the county by the purchase of \$175,000 in bonds this month.

All selling places in the county reported fair sales since December 7, Ballinger leading with \$24,098.56 for the past week. This figure was expected to be greatly increased tonight at the bond rally at the Texas Theatre. A special goal of \$50,000 has been set for tonight's rally and if reached the objective for December will lack only about \$30,000 of over the top.

A check-up of the four selling centers was made this morning by County Chairman R. E. Bruce and revealed the following amounts:

Ballinger	\$24,098.56
Winters	30,130.76
Rowena	3,635.50
Miles	3,798.00

\$90,163.26

War bond committees in the county stated there would be let-up during the remainder of the month and added that every effort would be made to complete the sales of \$175,000 in bonds by Christmas day so that a bomber could be the county's Christmas gift to the men in service.

FORMER BALLINGER BOY IS HERO OF AIR BATTLE

A gripping and thrilling story of how Captain Mack McKay, of Compton, California, guided a group of flying fortresses safely home after a blistering attack by roaring Nazi planes following a recent raid on St. Nazaire, France, was told in the November 30 issue of Time.

McKay lived in Ballinger but left here when only a small boy. He is a nephew of John McKay, who resides here now.

Lieut. Warren George, Jr., 22, of Palestine, Texas, gives Capt. McKay credit for guiding the fortresses safely home. Lieut. George, co-pilot of "Chanault Pappy," another flying fortress heavily damaged, said Capt. McKay piloted his plane alongside the wounded fortress and guided the flock to the nearest landing field. "Chanault's Pappy" was severely raked in the attack by German planes. It was struck by two cannon shells, one of the crew was killed, three wounded, but landed safely at an American field.

Lieut. George told how fire was directed at his fortress after it was damaged but after the battle Capt. McKay and others pulled alongside the crippled plane and guided it to the home field. Capt. McKay received advanced training at Brooks Field, San Antonio, and his wings at Randolph Field, same city.

Miss Gayle Hirschfeldt is at home from Houston where she is attending school and will be here after the Christmas holidays visiting with relatives and friends.

LEDGER TO BE DAY EARLY NEXT WEEK

The Ledger will be published next Wednesday afternoon instead of Thursday. This was decided so that all papers could be delivered in this section before Christmas.

This issue will contain special Christmas greetings and ad sollicitors will begin calling on the merchants with a special service Friday.

YOU ARE INVITED

To Worship With Us
Sunday, December 20

- 8:30 a. m. "Young People's Breakfast"
- 9:45 a. m. Sunday School "White Christmas"
- 11:00 a. m. CHRISTMAS SERMON: "The Forgotten Man" by the Pastor
- 5:00 p. m. Fellowship Hour for Cadets and young people home from college. Miss Elizabeth Truly of Africa, guest speaker.
- 6:30 p. m. Baptist Training Union.
- 7:30 p. m. CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: "One Star to Follow"

First Baptist Church

400 Eighth Street
Clarence A. Morton, Pastor

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Women's, Society and Club News

Xmas Buffet Supper for Eighth Street Presbyterians

Eighth Street Presbyterian members were included for a festive Xmas fellowship supper given last Wednesday evening in the church parlors with Misses Ben Smith, Rufus Allen, A. H. Wiesepape, R. M. McMillan, E. S. Malone, H. T. Russell, and Carroll Bell serving the delicious no-host supper.

Decorations were all in the yule motif and colors with red pyroanthus berries and greenery forming the centerpiece for the long table laid in white damask and lighted by burning red candles.

The invocation was spoken by the Rev. W. A. Erwin, pastor, and Christmas songs were sung by the group with Miss Carmen Demmer at the piano.

Others present were: the families of Messrs. and Misses. Walter F. Lange, Roy Hill, B. H. Erwin, Eugene Crawford; Messrs. and Misses. W. A. Taylor, Kevin, U. S. Daniel, Carl Black, Dee Oliver; Misses. Erwin, J. W. Black, Laura Ferguson, C. A. Dooze, C. M. Cude, A. W. Sledge, Joe Ostertag, W. F. Hinsey of Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin; John Reese, Allie Fuller, and Mary Stubbiefield; Misses Ruby Ischar, Lillian and Mary Ann Allen, Mae Stubbiefield, Neil Mackey, Mildred Hill, Dorothy Mae Cope; Messrs. Allen, Wiesepape, Malone, Bell, H. F. Demmer, and Rufus Allen, Jr.

Christmas Programs for First Presbyterian Circles

A Christmas program, entitled "Christmas 1942" was given to the four circle groups of the First Presbyterian Woman's Auxiliary this week. The theme was discussed in three phases, "Love, Joy, and Peace."

Circle One met with Mrs. Leonard Stallings in her home on Eighth Street. The symbols of the yule season were used about rooms and red candles on each side of a poinsettia centered the dining table. Mrs. M. R. Wormuth gave the devotional and Mrs. Stallings the lesson. A dessert course was served. Others present

North African Nerve Center Falls to AEF

were: Misses J. Y. Pearce, Nell McAlpine, George Holman, Tommie Hall, G. G. Harwell, Alex Saunders, F. M. Pearce, and J. C. Johnson.

Mrs. M. H. Wolverton was circle two hostess in her Eighth Street home. Mrs. Bruce Cressy directed the program presented by Miss Jennie Bennett, Misses Paul Trimmer, Estes Lynn, and Grace Thomas. A salad course was served with nut rolls and tea.

Others were: Misses Q. V. Miller, Jack McGregor, and C. R. Stephens.

Members of circle three were guests of Mrs. E. W. Stasney in her Eighth Street home. A lighted Xmas tree featured seasonal decorations in rooms where Mrs. Alex McGregor was devotional leader and Mrs. W. B. Woody of the lesson. A plate of fruit cake, cookies and sandwiches was served with tea. Others were: Misses E. L. Ingram, Julian Hadley, W. W. Schaedel, John Wagner, Warren Lynn, Harry Lynn, and Will Dooze.

The Business Women's Circle met in the home of its sponsor, Mrs. C. R. Stephens, on Eighth Street.

Mrs. Stephens gave the talk "Christmas 1942" and Miss Margaret Crocker taught the regular study from Luke. Mrs. C. J. Bell presided over the business period. Others were: Mrs. Elma Mann, Misses Louise Batta, and Maggie Underwood.

Homemaking Day Observed by Classes

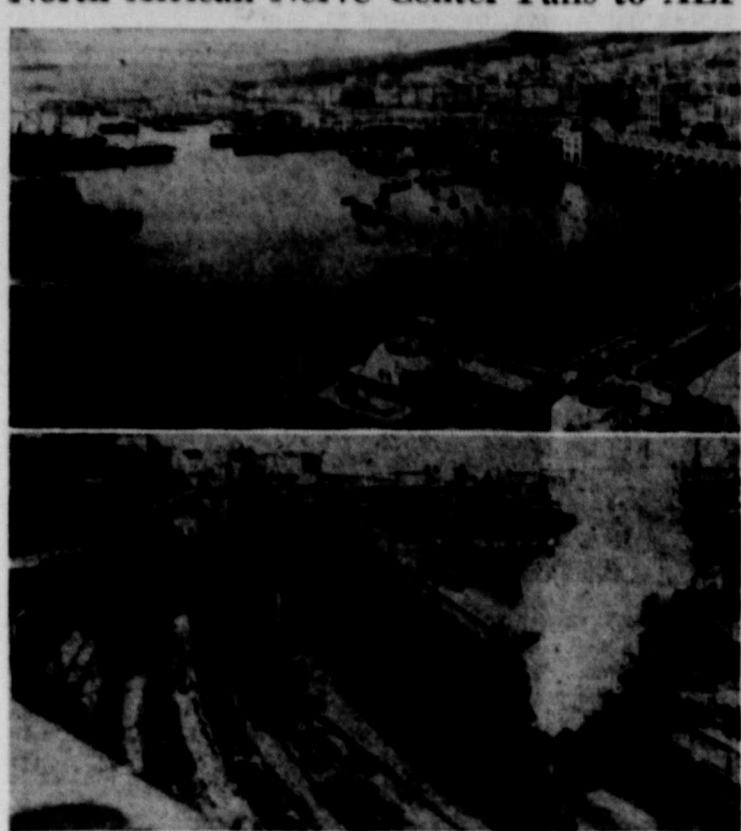
About seventy-five guests attended an open house at the high school homemaking cottage last Thursday in response to clever hand-made Christmas invitations.

The entire cottage was beautifully adorned, with all decorations being planned and made by girls in the classes taught by Mrs. F. L. Lovelace and Mrs. Bob Lindsey, Jr. At every vantage spot were lovely table centerpiece arrangements featuring many different Christmas ideas.

The tea table was centered with a clever tree fashioned of algerita branches with thorns tipped with cranberries and lighted in blue lights surrounded by angel Christmas figures. Cookies were served with spiced tea.

The morning hours were used for a style show of sports and street dresses and coats. Models were: Evelyn Bankston, Wanda Beard, Mary Dorsey, Lavinia Paulson, Edna Fowler, Margaret Routh, Janey Taylor, Mary Ann Fowler, Earlene Webb, Mary Ann Allen, Bettie Jo Baxter, Allene Blackmon, Clayton Campbell, Ann Cressy, Elen Jo Early, Anne Sgan, Mary Green, Anne Guynes, Geraldine Halfmann, Alene Hill, Gladys Hoelscher, Winona Howell, Marjorie McGregor, Mary Ann Morgan, Margie Neil Muncy, Mildred Burka, Mary Lou Davis, Virginia Denny, Flora Laxton, Mary Lynn, Edith McAden, Dorothy Miller, and Mary Routh.

Elementary Pupils To Have Christmas Program Tomorrow



The city of Algiers, important transportation nerve center in French Algeria, North Africa, surrendered to attacking American forces shortly after the long-awaited second front was opened. At top is shown a panoramic view of the harbor. Below: A view of the railroad and terminal at Algiers.

Eastern Star Has Meeting

On Monday evening, December 14, the Ballinger chapter of the Eastern Star met in a regular business session. Among business items it was decided that the Ballinger chapter would join other organizations in the rally to sell war bonds to enable Runnels county to purchase a bomber.

Those attending the meeting were: Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Halle, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lindsey, Jr., Lola Eubank, Mary Jane Kiechle, Mrs. Nellie Campbell, Mrs. Effie Hulsey, Mrs. Frances Zedlitz, Miss Agnes Gieber, Mrs. Luna Mae Foy, Mrs. Thelma Gabbert, Mrs. Rachel Boswell, Mrs. Lydia Norwood, and Miss Marie Norwood.

Church of God (Corner Strong and Sixth) Church school, 10:00 a. m. Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.

The Ballinger elementary school pupils will have their annual Christmas program tomorrow (Friday) morning, the Bible story of the birth of Christ to be the theme. The story from Luke will be read and followed by a musical program with children in all the rooms participating.

The program follows: "Luther's Cradle Hymn" "Away in a Manger," first grade "O Little Town of Bethlehem," third grade "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," fourth grade "O Come All Ye Faithful," second grade Brahms' "Lullaby," fifth grade "Christmas Bells," sixth grade "Silent Night," violins, Miss Carmen Demmer and Mrs. C. L. Kincaid, with Mrs. Crawford at the piano.

Chorus by elementary pupils.

For the Christmas season a number of large "V" wreaths have been made and placed above the entrances to the elementary building. These were made at art periods by Miss Lola Eubank.

Pupils will be dismissed Friday afternoon for a two weeks holiday.

Church of the Nazarene (Ninth and Harris)

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11:00 a. m. N. Y. P. S., 7:15 p. m. Evening worship, 8:15 p. m. WAYNE SEARS, Pastor

St. Mary's Catholic Church (608 Sixth Street) (Telephone 521)

Winter Schedule: Mass first, third and fifth Sundays and Holidays of Obligation at 8:30 a. m. Second and fourth Sundays at 11:00 a. m. Week-day mass at 8:00 a. m. FATHER EDW. B. POSTERT, O. M. I.

Church of Christ (1109 Ninth Street)

Services: Sunday, 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, 7:45 p. m. The minister will preach at both services Sunday. You are always welcome. L. W. HAYHURST, Minister

First Christian Church (Broadway and Murrell)

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Worship, 11 a. m. and 6 p. m. Come and join the fellowship. J. T. SIMMONS, Minister

Foursquare Church (104 North Twelfth Street)

"Where you're a stranger but once." Services: Sunday school, 10:00 a. m., Mrs. Dollie Bollier, superintendent in charge. Morning worship, 11:00 a. m. Sunday, 8:00 p. m., evangelistic service. Monday, 8:00 p. m., program practice. Tuesday, 8:00 p. m., Christmas program. (Notice—Because of program Tuesday eve, no service on Wednesday eve of this week.) REV. AND MRS. LALE E. GREEN, Pastors

Church of God (Corner Strong and Sixth)

Church school, 10:00 a. m. Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.

Junior meeting, 7:30 p. m. Young People's meeting, 7:30 p. m.

Evening evangelistic service, 8:00 p. m. Wednesday prayer service, 8:00 p. m. A Christian welcome to all. GEORGE HARRINGTON, Pastor

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COME TO CHURCH

First Presbyterian Church (301 Broadway)

Sunday: 9:30 a. m., Young People's League. 9:45 a. m., church school. Classes for all ages. 11 a. m., morning worship. Sermon subject, "Lights All Over the World." 6:00 p. m., vesper service. Carols, meditation, and candle lighting. The "joy gift" will be received at this time.

Wednesday: 7:30 p. m., Christmas tree for the church school. Program by the children. The public is cordially invited to worship with us in all services. J. C. JOHNSON, Pastor

First Methodist Church

Sunday, December 20, 1942: Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11:00 a. m., White Christmas. Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Intermediate and Youth Fellowship, 7:00 p. m. W. E. SHIPP, Pastor

First Baptist Church (400 Eighth Street)

Sunday, December 20: 8:30 a. m., young people's breakfast. 9:45 a. m., Sunday school and "White Christmas." 11:00 a. m., Christmas sermon, "The Forgotten Man." 5:00 p. m., fellowship hour, with cadets and students home from college as honor guests. 8:30 p. m., Baptist Training Union. 7:30 p. m., a sacred Christmas program, "One Star to Follow," a musical drama with fourteen characters and supported by a choir of forty voices. The public is invited. CLARENCE A. MORTON, Pastor

Don't Waste Your Cooking Gas

For years we have been telling you this, because it belongs to smart cooking. And now, with the country at war in both hemispheres, we tell it again for the sake of the nation's economy.

Spin the dial for correct oven heat; it saves gas!

Use tiny simmer flame for flawless vegetables. Easy boiling is just as hot as rambunctious boiling.

Line up a whole meal in the oven, choosing foods that use the same heat.

Don't Use the Oven to Heat Kitchen

- Chief gas waste, in the winter time, is that extravagant habit of opening the oven to heat the room. (Insulated ovens hang on to their heat, instead of giving it out.) A small room heater will do the work with far less gas.
- Do not over-cook anything. This will save vitamins, besides cutting down the gas used.
- Use very little water in stewing vegetables and fruits on the simmer burner. (And hark back to the vitamin sentence in Number 2.)
- Instead of running two or three top burners at once, use one two-section or three-section vessel.

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As far as Lone Star engineers and production men can see, Lone Star System will be able to meet the wartime demands of all residential, commercial, and war customers this winter. (We have more than a thousand plants on our network producing war materials.)

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Green Beans Yams
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Women's, Society and Club News

Xmas Party for Baptist R. A. S.
Junior Royal Ambassadors were guests at a Christmas party given by their sponsor, Mrs. J. H. Endacott, Monday afternoon in her home on Ninth Street.

In rooms, festively decorated for the season, gifts were exchanged from a lighted tree and games were played.

Christmas candies were favors for the dessert plate served to: Down Smith, Jimmy Lee and Joe Earl Vaughn, Buddy Jeffries, Joe Beck, Jr., Bobby Moody, Everitt James Grindstaff, James Marshall, Tommy Buchanan, Carl Black, Jr., Gene Hirschfeld, and Jimmy Endacott.

Baptist Naomi Class Meets in Dawson Home

The Baptist Naomi Class held its annual Christmas party Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. C. A. Dawson in Wilke Terrace with Mrs. Frank Flynt, Mrs. W. D. Davenport, and Mrs. Herbert Dean co-hostesses.

The Xmas decorations featured a lighted tree, from which exchange gifts were distributed, and other symbols of the Yuletide. Mrs. J. G. Tuckey gave the devotional and Mrs. John Rayburn presided over the business period. Mrs. Ed Lengfeld was elected president to succeed Mrs. J. A. Killough, resigned. Plans were made to care for a needy family.

A dessert plate was served with coffee. Others present were: Mmes. W. L. Jeffries, Joe Vaughn, Vivian Marshall, Clyde Gabbert, Melvin Patterson, Clarence Morton, Carl Black, Lee Maples, O. T. Toney, Wesley Whitman, Naomi Keithley, Jim Golden, L. L. Stroble, Wallace Seipp, Ted Whitehead, Joe Flynt, and J. H. Endacott.

Cordills Are Honor Guests

Pvt. and Mrs. Bill Cordill of San Angelo were named guests of honor Tuesday evening when members of an afternoon sewing club were hostesses to their husbands at the annual Xmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schnable in Wilke Terrace.

Pretty red potted plants at vantage points, an arrangement of holly and candles on the dining table, the lighted tree, and other decorations lent a gay air to rooms where a two-course Mexican supper was served preceding the gift exchange.

Others included were: Messrs. and Mmes. E. C. Grindstaff, Levy Lee, W. J. Hembree, George Newby, H. J. Zappe, E. C. Caskey, and J. A. Killough.

Current Book Club Entertains Husbands

Current Book Club members and their husbands were entertained with a Christmas forty-two party Tuesday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Behringer on Tenth Street.

Place cards and all other game appointments were in the holiday theme, as were all room decorations. Santa Claus favors for the dessert plate served with coffee, and humorous prizes won by Mrs. Chester Cherry and John A. Barton.

Included were: Dr. and Mrs. J. Dexter Eoff, Dr. and Mrs. O. R. Lasater, Messrs. and Mmes. W. A. Taylor, C. A. Glover, Jack Nixon, Sr., Cherry, J. E. Dankworth, O. R. O'Neill, A. B. Legate, Barton, Alex Saunders, Tom Caudie, O. C. Sykes, James Wear, and Mrs. Gertrude Woods.

Junior Class Fetes Seniors

The junior class of the senior high school named senior class members honor guests Tuesday evening when they entertained with an all-school Christmas affair at the Army and Navy Club.

Decorations were in the Yule motif and the punch bowl was surrounded with greenery. Games in the downstairs rooms and dancing to nickelodeon music upstairs gave diversion for the more than 200 registering.

Those who sponsored the event and their assistants were: Miss Christine Settle, Mrs. F. L. Lovelace, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Wright, Misses Kay Evans, Hlah Blankenship, Ruby Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lindsey, and Gurthall Gilligan; Harold Richards, Albert Routh, Rothal O'Kelly, Jr., Tony Alvarez, Ross Murchison, Jr., Donald Williams, Harold Dawson, Mildred Hill, Zane McWilliams, Arrena Kendrick, Billie Blair, Billy Butler, Allene Blackmon, Pauline Witter, Billy Curtis, Mary Ann Morgan, Edon Moody, Jones Bell, Dorman Amarine, Mary Green, Johnny Jones, Leota Smith, Fred Carroll, Dorothy Jones, Billy Jack Jones, James Duke, Norma Baker, Lavinia Faubion, Don McGregor, Betty Jo Baxter, and Winona Howell.

Other adults present were: Messrs. and Mmes. Alex McGregor, O. C. Sykes, R. W. Earnshaw, Nat Williams, J. B. Striplin, Clarence Richards, Rothal O'Kelly, J. E.

Dankworth, Ernest Moody, R. E. Bruce, J. A. Killough, F. M. Pearce, Mmes. Estes Lynn, D. C. Caffey, J. M. Connor, Malcolm Morgan, Misses Margaret Crocker and Tillie Settle.

Three Entertain Airfield Allies
Mrs. I. J. McCook, Jr., read Alice Duer Miller's "White Cliffs" and a humorous monologue entitled "Isn't Nature Wonderful" when Airfield Allies were entertained Wednesday afternoon in City Hall auditorium with Mrs. Fred Harman, Mrs. Virgil Reynolds, and Mrs. C. C. Stratton hostesses.

The table centerpiece was especially lovely. A white satin Christmas tree and Santa Claus were flanked by tall white tapers set in angel's hair. Apple cider was served with date-nut bread and Christmas candy. Gifts were brought for the adopted needy family and plans made for a New Year's dance.

Others present were: Mmes. F. B. Miller, Jack Crow, Ruth Hartquist, Vashti Riley, Jack Warner, Sam Greenspan, Howard Mattheson, Hector Billia, W. L. Barber, E. L. Ingram, Doug Henson, Boone Roberts, William Moss, Bob Crawford, John Wagner, V. V. Bounds, Tom Peays, Julian F. Hadley, Lee Maples, V. C. Langford, Lawrence Muller, L. E. Burnett, Melvin Hackman, and Rothal O'Kelly.

Venison Supper for S. S. Class

The First Baptist Sunday school class of which O. C. Sykes is teacher, and their wives were guests at a venison supper Tuesday evening in the church parlors. The deer was one killed by Mr. Sykes on a recent hunt.

The steaks, with all the trimmings, were prepared by Dr. O. H. Chandler, Carl Freeman, Malcolm Morgan, C. D. Branham, and Drury Hathaway.

Present were: Messrs. and Mmes. Sykes, Dick Ayres, Branham, Ernest Moody, Bob Lindsey, Jr., Morgan, L. B. Rudder, Freeman, Roy Worley, W. E. Elkins, Wallace Seipp, Lee Parks, Cam Blackmon, Joe Vaughn, Ted Whitehead, Dr. and Mrs. Chandler, Misses Tommie Mansell and Hattie Mae Dunlap; Mr. Hathaway, Billy Whitehead, and Bob Sykes.

Morton Home is Scene of Class Party

Mrs. Clarence Morton, Mrs. R. C. Bledsoe, Mrs. Jones Parrish, Mrs. Doyle Condra, and Mrs. Elliott Kemp were hostesses to the First Baptist J. O. Y. Class Monday evening in the Morton home on Broadway.

The pretty decorations of rooms were all in the theme of the

Christmas season and the Christmas devotional was given by Mrs. Bledsoe. Exchange gifts were given members and a gift presented the Rev. and Mrs. Morton.

Mrs. Bledsoe and Mrs. Kemp presided at the refreshment table where a dessert course was served with coffee with Xmas mints as favors. Carol singing concluded the affair.

Others present were: Mmes. Arthur Crockett, Carl Freehan, Barnett Frank, Park Kemp, Odie Campbell, M. S. Caudie, France Jones, Claude Mansell, J. W. Reese, Harold Routh, and W. R. Murphy, Jr.

Xmas Program for Fannie Stephens Club

A pageant, "Christmas Customs in Other Lands" was given as an observance of the annual international goodwill program for the Fannie Stephens Study Club, directed by Mrs. Ernest Moody for the regular meeting Wednesday afternoon. Club members in typical native costumes represented the pan-American and Asiatic countries. These were portrayed by Misses Christine Settle, Eugenia Baskin, and Carmen Demmer, Mmes. Raleigh Reese, W. E. Elkins, Jack Rogers, and Lee Maples. "Joy to the World" was sung to open the meeting and "Silent Night, Holy Night" at the conclusion.

Mrs. J. Dexter Eoff presided over the business session. Mrs. C. L. Kincaid and Mrs. J. M. Williams were elected to membership and Mrs. W. R. Wormuth resigned. Mrs. Gurthall Gilligan read the executive committee's report.

Houseparty Honors Jack Williamses

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams were honored at a houseparty given the past week-end by Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Boswell at their home on the Wardlaw Ranch near Concho.

Games were played and delicious ranch meals enjoyed in rooms gaily decorated for the Yuletide. Hunting provided other diversion. Others included: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Currie, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Price, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Currie.

Christmas Party for Methodist Young People

Members of the Young People's Department of the First Methodist Church and invited friends were guests at the annual Christmas party given Wednesday evening in the young people's assembly room at the church on Tenth Street.

Garlands of cedar at the win-

dows and massed arrangements on the piano and tables together with the lighted tree were used for room decorations.

Games were played and fun gifts exchanged. Refreshments of sandwiches tied as gift packages and cookies were served with hot chocolate. Favors were small, lighted red candles in green gum-drop holders.

Those present were: James Striplin, Clayton Bond, Grady Cotton, Mary Lou Davis, Dorothy Bruce, Pauline Witter, Clyde Harville, Mary E. Smith, Don Williams, Bobby Parr, Walter Jones, Anne Guynes, Dorothy Forgey, Rothal O'Kelly, Jr., M. L. Forgey, David Caudie, Catherine Clampitt, Jimmy Agnew, John Weeks Earnshaw, Winona Howell, Norma Baker, Carolyn Cheatham, Joanne Glover, Eloise Dankworth, Calvin Howell, Bob Wright, Virginia Denny, Clayonae Campbell, Jimmy Dankworth, Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Shipp, Messrs. and Mmes. J. B. Striplin, C. L. Kincaid, A. B. Fields, Ernest Caskey, Sam Behringer, Bill Clark, Mmes. Rothal O'Kelly, R. W. Earnshaw, Nat Williams, Mary Lou Fields, and Lucia Clark.

Free Kiddy Show At Texas Theatre Thursday Morning

The Texas Theatre has announced its annual Christmas eve party for the kiddies of Ballinger and vicinity. It will be held next Thursday morning, Christmas eve, starting at 9:30 a. m. and continuing until about 11:30 a. m.

There is no admission and all children are invited to attend. No bundles or toys are required but any who desire may bring old keys and these will be collected and placed in the scrap drive.

A special program has been arranged consisting of short subjects, mostly comedies and cartoons, and children may occupy any seat in the house.

For many years the management of the Texas has staged this free show for kiddies on Christmas eve and has presented programs to their liking. This year W. D. Scales and Leonard Scales extend an invitation to all the children of this section to be their guests. The house will be made comfortable for any kind of weather and the entire personnel of the theatre will be on duty to help look after the children.

Parents who leave their children can return at 11:30 when the performance will be concluded.

BALLINGERITE PUBLISHES STORY IN MUSIC MAGAZINE

"Jean Baptiste, and the Grande Princess," a story by Louise Rebecca Schawe, Dallas, teacher of piano and harmony and a daughter of Mrs. A. Schawe of Ballinger, is the cover story for

Keyboard, Jr., a new music magazine published at New Haven, Conn., for children.

Ian Mininberg is editor in chief and associate editors include Hans Barth, Dr. Felix Guenther and Miss Schawe. The magazine is issued quarterly and is distributed

through teachers all over the nation.

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The people of Ballinger and surrounding trade territory have been very, very good to me and whatever I might do I would never be able to repay you for your kindness. I feel that it is indeed a privilege to live among such good people, and sincerely hope that I and my family and employees may be able to contribute more in the future to the welfare of our community than we have in the past.

I wish to express publicly our appreciation for our many good churches and realize without them our town could not survive. I also wish to mention our school system, and will say that I think we have one of the best in the country, and will say that "our hats are off" to the entire faculty, and to our local school board. May I also say a good word for our city officials, our city commission, also one of the best fire departments that could ever be had. I would like to express a word of thanks to my competitors, for being so square in your business tactics, and will say that I have tried to be the same.

To Mr. Fred Harman, of the Harman Training Center and his entire personnel, may I say thank you. It has been a real pleasure to serve you, and that no finer piece of work could be done than that which you are doing—and no one could have done a better job than you. To the army personnel located at this field, you are doing a swell job, and represent the finest of the land.

I could not forget my farmer friends. Many thanks to you, for without you none of us could exist. You have a great duty to perform in winning this war, as well as the armed forces, and I know you'll get the job done.

Just let me say that we wish each and every one of you just as happy a Christmas as it is possible for you to have, with the best of health and prosperity for 1943, and that by the time another Christmas rolls around we will have finished our job across the waters. And of course we know it will be victory for us, and that our boys, who are so dear to our hearts, will be home again and we can all go back to living that good old American way again.

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A New Year



Bearcats Defeat Stamford In Regional Championship

The Ballinger Bearcats, playing behind for the first time this year, came back with a great passing game in the second half to defeat the Stamford Bulldogs Friday afternoon and become regional champions for the second straight year. Coach Wright's men played the game without a substitution and after trailing 3 to 0 during the first half, came back to solve the stubborn defense of the Bulldogs and take complete charge of the offense in the second half and emerge with a 19 to 9 victory over their opponents.

A big and powerful line had practically stopped the Bearcat running attack and during the first half Harville and Batts were completely covered with two and three-men on each pass attempt, but with Wilson and Routh trailing behind during the second half, receivers were in the open and the overhead game started clicking with Striplin hitting his targets with his usual precision.

Stamford took the lead a few minutes after the opening of the second quarter with a field goal from the twenty yard line. It was a long kick against a slight breeze, the ball traveling 39 yards before it dropped over the cross-bar for

the three points.

Midway in the third period Striplin shot a 40-yard pass to Batts but it was brought back because of a penalty. A pass to Harville netted 33 yards and would have been a touchdown but Harville stepped out of bounds as he turned after the catch to start his run. On the next play Harville was well covered but Wilson trailing a few yards behind him was well open and took Striplin's heave for a touchdown to place the Bearcats in the lead, 6 to 3.

Stamford received and on the first play threw a long pass down field which Striplin went high in the air to intercept. On the next play Striplin passed to Wilson for a 20-yard gain and then shot one to Batts for fifteen. Striplin dropped back and shot a pass to Harville in the end zone for the second counter. On the next play he charged over for the second score. This time Striplin added the extra point and the score was 13 to 3.

In the last quarter, Ballinger took over on their own 20 yard line and started a passing and running drive down the field. The first heave was to Harville for 26 yards, Batts took the next one and twisted and ran to the 9 yard line before being brought to the ground. On the next play Striplin dropped back to pass but found the left side of the field open and turned the play into a run, going to the one-foot line. On the next play he went across for the touchdown, making the score 19 to 3.

A few plays later Rogers connected with Prewett for a long pass down the field which placed the receiver in a clear field for the last score of the game.

Inspect Jap Tanks in New Guinea



Australian and American soldiers inspect Jap war tanks knocked out in the New Guinea jungle, where the brown invader is being pushed back to his beach-heads, after advancing almost to Port Moresby. These tanks are lightly armed and very vulnerable.



A large number of Ballinger fans followed the Bearcats to Stamford Friday where they saw them win their second regional championship in a row. The fans stayed with the team as never before and left Stamford a happy crowd after the game.

Too much cannot be said for the fine sportsmanship showed by the Stamford fans and students. They supported their team until the last whistle and after the game was over rushed on the field to congratulate the Bearcats and then stand and sing their school song. Only compliments were heard of the Ballinger team and traffic cops and other Stamford people were extremely polite and courteous to the visitors.

As the Ballinger band and pep

squad paraded through the streets after the game, the Stamford people stood along the sidewalks and applauded them, although there were tears in their eyes because the Bulldogs had lost.

Coach Walker, of Stamford, was with the Bulldogs in his last game. He was to report to the army Monday morning and the boys had dedicated their last game to him as a farewell gift. This made the Stamford crew double tough.

There were no outstanding Bearcats. The team played the entire game without a substitution and every man gave a good account of himself. Striplin and Harville sparked the offense with W. Buxkemper perhaps the outstanding man on defense. It was a ball game in which eleven men played

as a machine and the boys have played no better game during their high school career than the last.

It was the last game for a large number of the boys. For two years they have been one of the best class A ball clubs in Texas and fans hate to see them pass on to college football or to the war groups.

During the game the Bearcats had two more scores in the bag. Once Striplin passed to Harville behind the goal line for a touchdown but a clipping penalty brought the ball back to nullify the score. Again the ball was on Stamford's one yard line and a fumble lost the ball to Stamford.

The season is over except for suppers, entertainments and other such activities for the Bearcats given them by fans. The district trophy will soon be awarded and lettermen will be designated to receive jackets.

NEW DEPOSITS OF GYPSUM FOUND IN GILLESPIE COUNTY

AUSTIN, Dec. 16.—A new source of gypsum, useful in treating soil and in manufacture of such products as plaster of paris, was discovered during the mineral resource surveys conducted by the University of Texas bureau of economic geology, Dr. E. H. Sellards, director, has announced.

The bureau report on a survey of Gillespie county estimated that approximately 7,500,000 tons of gypsum are present in the area and easily available by open pit mining. The Gillespie county survey was one of many which the bureau has made to determine Texas' mineral resources and to make the information available to industrialists.

Lions Will Hold Christmas Party And Ladies Night

The Ballinger Lions Club will hold its annual Christmas and ladies night party Friday evening at 7:30 at the Central Hotel. President E. C. Grindstaff will be master of ceremonies for the evening and a program of music and fun has been arranged. There will be no speeches.

At the conclusion of the program R. W. Earnshaw will be in charge of the initiation of new members and a special program feature will be made of this work. During the past few weeks a number of new members have been accepted by the club and they are to be officially initiated tomorrow evening.

Other program features include renditions by the boys' trio of the local high school composed of Bob Wright, Bob Richards and Troy Smith. Miss Kay Evans and Miss Luna Belle Beachum will be presented in a group of musical numbers. Messrs. Van Liere and Tom Murphy will render a group of musical numbers on the accordion and violin, and a jitterbug contest will be held with a number of local dancers taking part. Recognition of all key members will be made during the evening as well as making awards for special service in club work.



RATION BOARD RECEIVES NEW ORDERS THIS WEEK; FORM R-555 DISCONTINUED

Oscar Barber, chief clerk of the county ration board, announced Tuesday that institutional and industrial users of sugar would be able to secure certificates for purchase between December 15 and January 5. The allotment for institutional users is 60 per cent and for industrial users 70 per cent. All such consumers are urged to make application for purchase certificates between these dates.

The use of OPA emergency receipt form R-555 for the purchase of gasoline was discontinued on December 15 and will not be used any more in the future except in emergencies involving serious threats to life, health and valuable property.

Members of the ration board are still working full time in an effort to get all applications for additional gasoline either approved or rejected. As fast as approval slips are received, books are being issued and mailed to the vehicle owners.

MR. AND MRS. WOOD WILL OBSERVE 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wood, former citizens of Ballinger and parents of Mrs. W. A. Bridwell of this city, will observe their 60th wedding anniversary at the Diaz Wood ranch near Georgetown Monday. Friends will call there during the afternoon and evening and letters and cards addressed to them in care of the Wood ranch will be delivered Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood made home in Ballinger for many years and were engaged in the grocery business here. Soon after the first World War they moved to Granbury and have since resided there and at Georgetown, where two sons lived.

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- Plan to move your business; or
- Plan to replace or install additional gas-fired equipment; or
- Make application for gas service for a new business or in certain cases when you apply for reconnection.

Application should be filed by customer with the War Production Board and certified by Gas Company in order to obtain gas service under above conditions.

We respectfully call this restrictive order to your attention so that you can make your plans accordingly. The restrictions apply only to NON-RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL and INDUSTRIAL Customers. While we do not anticipate any fuel shortage on our lines, the purpose of this nation-wide War Production Board order is to curtail additional non-essential gas consumption, because natural gas is vital to war production.

These new restrictions along with earlier

limitation orders on gas and gas appliances affect many of our customers. We are sure that some of you have questions to ask. So, in a co-operative spirit and to help you understand these orders, we have available at our office a qualified company employee who will be glad to advise with you whether under your particular conditions it will be necessary to file an application with the War Production Board, in order to obtain gas service under above conditions.

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Besides these direct investors, there are thousands more whose interest is indirect but no less real. Very likely your savings bank and other institutions such as lodges, colleges, churches or your life insurance company, for example, have put a large part of your money into sound electric securities.

In a very real sense, Your Electric Company represents the savings of the people it serves... people who have entrusted their savings to business management under public regulation — the same business management that has given the average West Texas home twice or three times as much electric service for its money in the last 10 to 15 years.

This company is assisting with the heavy burden on taxpayers by contributing \$1,200,000 in 1942 taxes to the various local, state, and federal governments. It is co-operating with America's many other electric companies, under free enterprise, to provide over 90 per cent of the Nation's vast supply of power.

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"When Government Goes Into Business"

(Excerpt from an editorial in the Southwestern Railway Journal)

A retired railroad man*, of Little Rock, Ark., invited 600 other stockholders of a local utilities company to attend a meeting to "see what we can do to protect our stock" following announcement that a hearing had been set on applications by two government projects to start a Federal power development program.

This man and the other 600 Little Rock stockholders are a small part of the total number of citizens owning stock in the established utilities affected by the hearing. Holdings of some of these no doubt represented the savings of a lifetime. They know that their securities are in jeopardy... This is FACT, not fancy...

... The point we want to make here is that government has gone too far in going big scale into business in competition with free enterprise through direct operation or through subsidization...

When government, through adventures into business destroys properties, wipes out the savings of workers and the holdings of financial enterprises in which savings of workers and others are invested, it does seem that it is about time the people awaken to a realization that there is something wrong with the theory that the remedy for our economic ills is to destroy the enterprises which have made this the greatest country in the world...

—Southwestern Railway (Labor) Journal.

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COCKTAIL 2 Tall cans 35c

Fruits-Vegetables
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TOMATOES 2 lbs. 25c
LEMONS doz. 19c
CARROTS bunch 6c
SPINACH lb. 5c
CELERY lb. 12c

Meats
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Christmas in the Churches

Practically all Ballinger churches will observe the Christmas season with special services Sunday. Both the morning and evening services will present varying Christmas themes and all citizens are invited to attend the church of their choice. Special programs will also be held next week for the Sunday school students in the primary and beginners departments.

First Baptist

Next Sunday at the First Baptist Church will be Christmas Sunday and a number of very attractive programs will be presented during the day and evening.

The first affair of the day will be at 8:30 Sunday morning when the young people of the church will have breakfast at the Central Hotel.

At 9:45 a. m. the Sunday school will observe White Christmas and all gifts will be sent to the Buckner Orphans' home at Dallas.

At 11 a. m. Rev. Clarence A. Morton, pastor, will deliver his Christmas sermon, "The Forgotten Man at Christmas." The choir will render special music, including a Christmas carol, a hymn-anthem, and a Christmas chant. An organ and piano offertory will be played by Miss Hattie Mae Dunlap and Miss Tommye Mansell.

At 5 p. m. there will be a special fellowship hour for the cadets of Harman Training Center and the young people who are at home from college the honor guests. This program will be sponsored by the church brotherhood and Miss Elizabeth Truly, missionary from Africa, will be the speaker.

At 7:30 p. m. the church is to present its Christmas program, a sacred cantata-drama, "One Star to Follow." The dramatic personnel is composed of fourteen people who are supported by a choir of forty voices. The music by the choir also includes solos, duets,

and quartets, with R. E. White directing and Misses Mansell and Dunlap playing the accompaniments.

The drama is woven around the Biblical story of the quest of the wise men who have seen the star in the East and have come to worship Christ. The scene is in the Orient and the drama is in three acts. Mrs. Susie Faye Kallina is director, Mrs. Ernest Moody is in charge of costumes, Ernest Moody is manager, and Miss Lillian Knowles is in charge of properties.

Performers include: Elliott Kemp, Mrs. Felton Wright, Bobby Joe Moody, Mrs. Malcolm Morgan, Bob Lindsey, Miss Gladys Kemp, Miss Grace Jo Bondurant, Frank Flynt, Lanham Flynt, E. C. Grindstaff.

The committee in charge of scenery and decorations in the church is composed of E. Shepherd, chairman, Ernest Moody and Drury P. Hathaway.

A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend this program as well as the other services of the day.

First Presbyterian

Rev. J. C. Johnson, pastor, will deliver his Christmas message at the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning and the choir will render special music.

At six o'clock in the evening a candle-lighting service will be held with a program in connection on the theme of Christmas. Special lighting effects will add greatly to this program and the general public is invited to attend.

The Sunday school Christmas tree will be held on Wednesday evening, December 23, at the church, with a program preceding the arrival of Santa Claus.

Eighth Street Presbyterian

The annual Christmas service will be held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, when the pastor, Rev. W. A. Erwin, will deliver his Christmas sermon. Special music will be a part of this service and the public is invited. At night regular services will be held with Christmas carols being sung and a brief message delivered by the pastor.

The Christmas tree and program for the Sunday school will be held Wednesday evening, December 23, at the church, and Santa Claus will make his annual visit to the children at the close of the program.

First Methodist
 Sunday morning the church hour will be used for the annual White Christmas program presented by the Sunday school departments and a short message by the pastor, Rev. W. E. Shipp, at the close. On this day the annual offering for the orphans' home at Waco will be taken and departments and individuals will bring their cash offerings for this cause.

Departments and classes will also bring their white gifts to be used in caring for needy families in Ballinger. Each group will present a program number as they proffer their gifts.

In the evening Rev. Shipp will deliver his Christmas message, to be preceded by a short program of music by the choir.

During the first part of next week a number of Christmas tree programs will be held by various departments of the church.

First Christian

Rev. J. T. Simmons, minister, will deliver his annual Christmas message to the congregation Sunday morning.

At 6 o'clock Sunday evening the women of the church will have charge of the entire service and will present a program, as follows:

Special music, Mrs. Lola Crawford

Song by the choir

Prayer, Rev. Simmons

Scripture reading, Mrs. M. A. Foy

Report of missionary activities, Mrs. W. O. Wallace

Solo

Speaker of the evening, Mrs. C. F. Bailey

Benediction, Mrs. A. B. Legate.

St. Mary's Catholic Church

At the local Catholic church there will be a midnight mass on the eve of December 24. For this occasion the choir under the direction of Mrs. Sim Coffelle is preparing to sing a special mass, together with several of the better known Christmas hymns.

As a particular feature for the midnight mass several small girls preceding the mass will enter the church in procession bearing the image of the Infant Christ to the miniature crib which is being arranged in keeping with Catholic custom.

A cordial invitation is extended to all visiting Catholics and to the boys in the armed forces of our country, as well as to all non-Catholics to attend these services.

Confessions will be heard Christmas eve from 5 to 6 in the afternoon, and again from 9:30 to 11:30 in the evening.

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FBI Chief Receives Highest Cuban Award



Because of valuable services rendered by the FBI to the Cuban police in capturing espionage agents, the Cuban government awarded J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director, the "Order of Police Merit." Photo, taken in Washington, shows, left to right: Dr. Aurelio Conchoso, Cuban ambassador; Capt. Oscar Gutierrez, of the Cuban national police, and Mr. Hoover.

Funeral Services For J. A. Walker Saturday Morning

Funeral services for J. A. Walker, 80, pioneer West Texas grocer and philanthropist, will be held at Brownwood Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. He passed away Tuesday and the funeral was delayed pending arrival of a daughter from New York.

The First National Bank and the Walker-Smith Company, of Ballinger, will be closed Saturday on account of the funeral.

Walker-Smith Co., of which he was president, founded and owned wholesale grocery houses at Hobbs, New Mexico; Brownwood, Ballinger, Brady, San Angelo, Abilene, Sweetwater, Stamford, Lubbock, Dublin, Plainview, Midland, Pecos, Lamesa, Childress and Amarillo.

Since 1909 Mr. Walker had been an officer and director of the First National Bank of Ballinger.

Decedent contributed more than \$200,000 to Howard Payne College over a period of years and also assisted many students to secure an education. Besides his connection with Walker-Smith Co., he served as president of the Rosario Mining and Milling Co., Fort Worth, West Texas Telephone Co., First National Bank of Brownwood and director of the First National Bank of Ballinger.

For a number of years he had been regarded as Brownwood's wealthiest citizen.

Main Winter Project Of Bethel Club Boys Is Feeding Swine

The Bethel 4-H boys' club is composed mostly of new members this year, practically all the former members attending the Ballinger high school. The new members as well as the old ones are carrying swine projects this winter and plan to hold a spring show, after which they will take their pigs to Fort Worth to sell.

The club boys, their leader, and County Agent John A. Barton made a trip of inspection last week and visited the Herbert Wilde farm. On this farm was found some 45 fine hogs about ready for market. Mr. Barton explained the fine points of hog farming which Mr. Wilde is practicing on his place, such as good hogs, self-feeders, green small grain pastures, sheds, shade, a concrete wallow, and drinking fountain. It was also pointed out that Mr. Wilde had some eight or ten pens and small pastures for breeding hogs, sows, gilts, pigs and fattening hogs.

The Bethel club is meeting each second Friday and plans to prepare a regular room for meetings. Mr. Barton stated that he would bring a special motion picture to show as soon as the room was ready.

Horticulturist Says Fall Work in Orchard Brings Best Results

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 2.—A touch of frost is the green light to begin fall work in the orchard, says J. F. Rosborough, horticulturist for the A. & M. College extension service.

If the winter cover crop hasn't been planted there still is time. Use about 20 pounds of hairy vetch seed and put down 100 pounds of 20 per cent superphosphate an acre when the seed is planted. Be sure the seed is inoculated, Rosborough cautions. The county agricultural agent or seedman can furnish instructions on how to do this. A good crop

of vetch turned under next spring will be equivalent to 300 pounds of nitrate of soda per acre.

Check the orchard for replacements and disease. Grub out and burn dead trees. Leave the holes open for new plantings. If the trees were killed by crown gall, which is identified as a wart-like growth on the roots, it is not advisable to replant in those openings, but leave them open for two or three seasons.

Examine each tree for scale, which first appears on the body and framework branches and has the appearance of ashes sticking to the bark. Lose no time in spraying with oil emulsion or concentrated sulphur. If only two or three trees are affected the trunks and branches may be washed with a concentrated lye mixture, applied with an old paint brush or mop. Two and a half teaspoonsful to a gallon of water is sufficient. Lye is not recommended as a spray.

For the regular orchardist, oil emulsion using a 2 per cent solution, or concentrated lime sulphur will put trees in good winter condition. For the latter use one gallon of liquid lime sulphur to 15 gallons of water, or 15 pounds of dry lime sulphur to 50 gallons of water.

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This bank will not be open Saturday on account of the funeral of J. A. Walker at Brownwood, an officer and director in this institution since 1909.

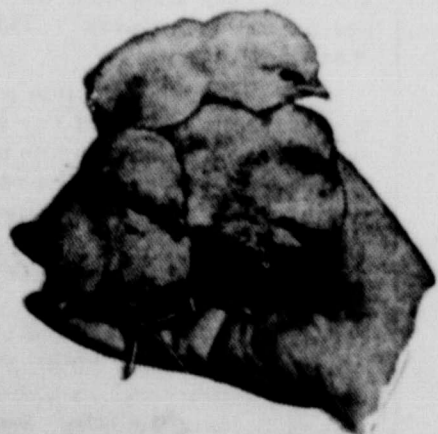
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RURAL NEWS

HERRING

We are having some very warm weather for this time of year, which is causing a lot of bad colds.

We had 42 in Sunday school Sunday. We hope to have more next Sunday at our regular preaching services.

Marion Kerby is resting better after receiving treatment from a specialist in Abilene last week.

Several from here attended the funeral of Mrs. R. L. Wells at Norwood last Friday. She died in the home of a daughter, Mrs. Hazel Dietz, near Crews, Thursday.

Pvt. August F. Powe, in the air force at Tampa, Florida, is home on a 14-day furlough.

Samuel J., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brevard, who is somewhere in Australia, has been promoted to corporal.

Ewing A. Fuller, assistant instructor in the armored force gunnery school at Fort Knox, Ky., has been promoted to private first class.

Mr. and Mrs. Rube Whitley and Lois visited Mr. and Mrs. Dewey McDaniel in Oxien community Sunday.

Miss Naomi Davis, student in the Ballinger school, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Davis.

Miss Lexie Brevard, of Ballinger, spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Dell, of Talpa rural, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Weiby Fuller.

Pvt. and Mrs. Noel Hale, of San Angelo, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hale, Sr.

Roy Fuller registered for military duty in Coleman Monday. He is the only boy in our community to register in this group for a year or more.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Dietz spent

Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kerby.

CREWS

Regular church services were well attended during the week-end.

R. J. Fortson, with the U. S. coast guard at New Orleans, La., returned to his post of duty today after spending several days with his mother, Mrs. Maud Fortson.

Miss Zena Young and Mrs. Chester McBeth spent Monday with Mrs. Milton Young at Glen Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. King visited their daughter, Mrs. Dave Crim, in Abilene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Olmer Brooker are the parents of a new son, born Sunday.

Andy and J. B. Broyles, of Talpa, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Walden.

School will dismiss Friday for the Christmas holidays. A program and tree will be in the gym Friday afternoon.

A Christmas service and short program will be conducted at the Baptist church Wednesday night, December 23. The public is invited.


Sympathy is extended to the loved ones of Mrs. R. L. Wells. Mrs. Wells had been ill for several months and passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hazel Dietz Thursday.

Bro. Hallford conducted funeral services at the Baptist church Friday afternoon. Burial followed in Norwood cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, one son, four daughters, and several brothers and sisters.

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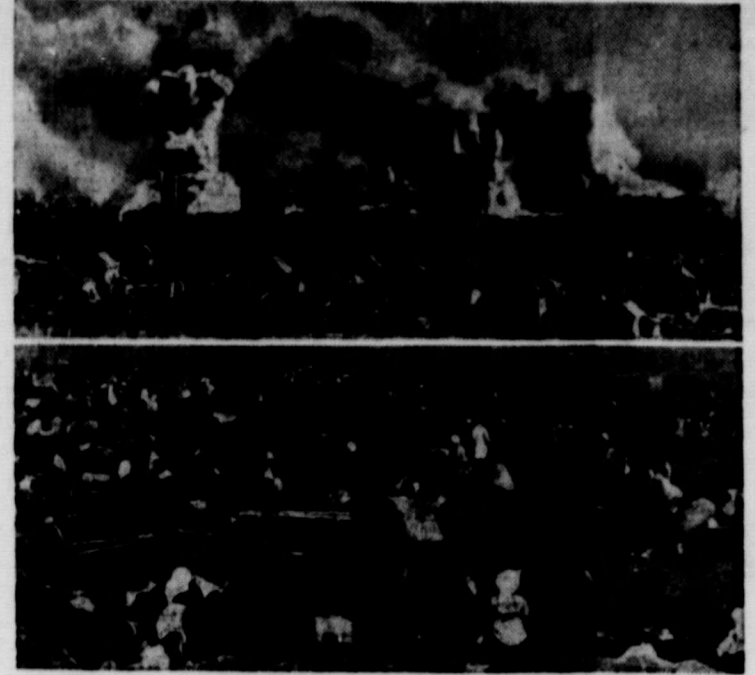


Photo at top, taken from a German propaganda magazine, shows a section of Stalingrad after mass bombing by Sikas. As a propaganda photo it was a boomerang, for all the world now knows that the heroic city fought and on and repaid the Nazis with compound interest. Below: Photo from same magazine shows men, women and children who were driven from the Russian city by German bombs. The wreckage of their homes was used by the gallant defenders.

Ev'rybody Ev'ry Pay Day

6,000,000 Women Enrolled in War Savings Payroll Plan.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Women At War Week, opening Nov. 22, during which women will seek to sell the greatest single week's volume of War Bonds and Stamps will serve to put the spotlight on the mighty contribution women generally are making toward financing the war.

Six million women are on War Savings payroll plans. Their monthly deductions total \$70,000,000.

The customers of 300,000 newspaper boys who have sold more than \$50,000,000 in War Bonds and Stamps are mostly women.

Volunteer saleswomen run nearly all the Bond booths in theatres from Maine to California. They also are sparking the War Bond sales in retail stores.

Ralph G. Engelsman, Associate Field Director of the payroll savings section of the War Savings Staff, readily admits that without the support of women the phenomenal record of payroll savings enrollments would not have been achieved. Payroll savings plans are now in operation in 148,000 businesses and factories. Employees of twenty-five thousand of these firms are converting at least 10 percent of gross payrolls into War Bonds every payday.

Associate Field Director Engelsman says that women have contributed directly and indirectly toward this record. When a man devoted 10 or more percent of his pay envelope to War Bonds, the woman at home has had a powerful voice in the decision. Her planning, her economies and her cheerfulness play their part in the success of payroll savings.

The Treasury Department is counting upon this woman influence in its current campaign to "top that 10 percent by New Year's." By the first of the year the Treasury hopes to enroll at least 3,000,000 women workers in a pay-

'This Is My Fight Too'



Proud of her investment in the American way of life and equally proud of the grime of war production on her face and arms, the young lady in this "Women At War Week" poster symbolizes two of the chief activities of women at war.

WOMEN AT WAR

Janey

Janey closed the bedroom door and locked it. Alone at last! She threw back her head and heaved a deep sigh. Then she peered out of the corner of her eye at the mirror to see whether she really did look like Hedy LaMarr. Quite a lot, she decided.

And now to business. She drew forth from the bottom of her top bureau drawer the sheet of pink writing-paper and the envelope that she had been saving for this day. She sat down at the table by the window and dipped the pen into the bottle of green ink that her sister Rose was such a nig about. She wrote, with beautiful arabesques, "Dear Mr. Morgenthau," and held her head back to admire this effort of the best pupil in penmanship class.

"Here are my stamps for a bond, \$18.75. I started last Christmas when I got \$3.00. Not counting 50 cents, I have earned all the rest, working one or more days a week at a local grocery store, and I'm quite proud to say I worked hard to get it."

Janey stared out of the window at Pierson's house and beyond at the big yard where the kids were playing football. She held her pen elegantly in air.

"Sitting here looking out the window, I see a peaceful little town, and I wonder how the world can be in such a turmoil and the people of this world can have such hate for their fellow men. So I'm proud to send these stamps because I know I'm helping to make the whole world peaceful again like our little town."

She signed her name with an important flourish, not forgetting a conspicuous "Miss" in front of the "Janey." After she had sealed the letter she went on staring out of the window. It really was awfully peaceful. Overhead she heard a plane go humming by through the sunny afternoon air.

Then the voice of her best friend, Betty, called from outside—"Janey!" In an instant Janey was on her feet and tearing downstairs and out. She was not Hedy LaMarr nor a deep philosopher any more, but exactly twelve years old.

(Letter from an actual communication in the files of the Treasury Department.)

WOMEN AT WAR

Betsy

The little girl tugged gently at her mother's sleeve.

"Now, Mother?" she asked. "Now can't we write my letter?"

"Why, of course, Betsy," Mrs. Carson grinned. "Are you going to write it or am I?"

Betsy said, "Maybe you'd better kind of say it to me. Only I'd love to write it."

"All right, then, Miss Carson, take a letter," her mother said, walking slowly up and down the room.

"Ready?" "Dear Mr. Morgenthau: The way I save money for War Stamp buying is to steer all the small household jobs toward my daughter, who is eight years old. She is so keen about buying War Stamps that I know all the money I might have paid to someone else for doing the jobs will go toward Victory when paid to her."

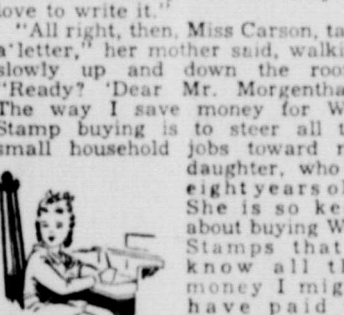
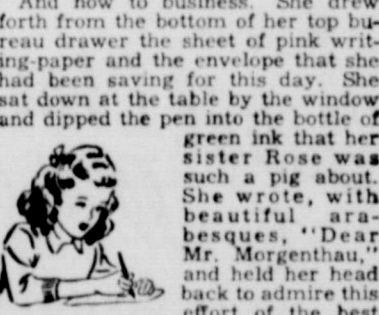
"Now make a list, Betsy. 'Windows washed in 60 cents. Apples picked from under the tree, 25 cents. Emptied trash cans, 4 cents. Sold string beans from the garden, 15 cents. Sold strips of spoiled film to children for sunbathing, at one cent a yard, 20 cents. Total, \$1.24. Yours helpfully, I hope,—and then I'll sign it at the bottom."

Betsy was puffing like a grampus from her labors. The tall, painstaking letters tottered bravely across the sheet of paper. Gravely Mrs. Carson took the pen to sign.

"Mother, would it be the proper etiquette if I signed it too?"

"Perfectly proper, I think," Mrs. Carson said without a smile, and handed the pen back to Betsy.

(Letter from an actual communication in the files of the Treasury Department.)



Grown-ups and children alike should all help the "breadwinners" of the family to budget for War Bonds. Let's all join a payroll savings plan and "top that 10% by New Year's."

U. S. Treasury Department

Every member of the family should invest in America's future. Make certain at least 10 percent of the family's total income is pledged to victory no later than New Year's Day.

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POULTRY HUSBANDMAN SAYS ELIMINATE LOAFERS AND SAVE LAYING HENS

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 16.—There's no place for loafers in the poultry flock in these days, says George P. McCarthy, poultry husbandman of the A. & M. College extension service. The loafer can't conceal herself from an owner who knows the signs. Before finishing the laying year, she looks slick, with glossy, oily feathers. On the other hand the dry and frayed laying clothes of the hard-working, well-fed hen are easily identified. The oil and fats from her feed went into egg yolks. The loafer stopped laying and made feathers. Her place is in the stew pot.

Another way to test is to examine the back and shanks. If the hen belongs to one of the common yellow skin varieties and is a layer, the color will be faded or bleached out, and the comb will be full of blood, red and

MRS. ROY MILLER DIES AT COLEMAN TUESDAY

Mrs. Roy Miller died in the Coleman hospital Tuesday morning and funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon. She had been ill for several days and a patient in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller lived here until a few weeks ago, he being connected with the Lone Star Gas Company booster station at this place the past two years.

While here Mrs. Miller was active in club and church activities and has a host of local friends.

MISS PERRY WITH FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION HERE

Miss Iona Perry, of Miles, has accepted a position with the Ballinger National Farm Loan Association as assistant secretary. Miss Perry is the daughter of R. A. Perry, county commissioner for the Miles precinct, and for some time had been teaching commercial subjects in a school near Houston.

She began her work here on December 15 and will assist Paul Trimmer in handling the business of the association in Runnels county.

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COCOA Mother's	2 lb. 19c
SALAD DRESSING Fresh Maid	qt. 25c
EGGS Country Fresh	doz. 37c
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There are a few families in Ballinger who need help during the holiday season if there is any Christmas in their homes. More people are at work this year than for any year in the last ten, but even then some are destitute condition because of illness or other unfortunate circumstances and need help. In practically all these homes are children who still believe in Santa Claus and expect him to call Christmas day. Local organizations, including Sunday school class, and individuals who desire to participate in this fine work are asked to "adopt" a family from the list at The Ledger office and supply their needs before Christmas.

Due to war conditions there are fewer yard and home decorations this year than ever before and there will also be fewer Christmas programs. Most local churches are observing Christmas Sunday and several will present programs, but only a few have prepared elaborate programs because members have been too busy to give time to rehearsals. Shortage of labor is affecting all business houses this holiday season.

Christmas always brings an added number of fire hazards and everyone is asked to take extra precautions this year to prevent fire that might cause death and property loss. State fire officials are stressing the importance in wartime of preventing fire, advising extra care in the use of decorations, Christmas trees and in shooting fireworks. Hardly a Christmas season passes without a big fire loss in Ballinger and this year special effort is being made to prevent this.

Mrs. W. E. Shipp returned home the past week-end after visiting her daughter at Cleburne for the past three weeks.

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Gestures Pep Up Talk in Mexico; Women Adepts

MEXICO, D. F., Dec. 16.—In Mexico there is a wealth of pantomime and oddities of gesture, heightened in amusing superlatives of fiestas and holiday celebrations. The survey bureau of a large travel agency points out some of the regional languages in a country of gestures. Nearly everywhere women employ gesturing to add vehemence and charm to discourse. Of the national gestures the languages of the fan and of love are fascinating in subtlety and so is the language of budding flowers and the flirtations of the handkerchief, used in most Spanish districts.

When waiting for a seat at a bullfight or in crowded places there is the common gesture "momentito" signifying "wait one little moment, please," made by placing the forefinger and the thumb almost together, while the short space between the two indicate the interval of time to wait. A tap on the right elbow with the palm of the other hand tells the person is "stingy." Clapping the hands means "I give up."

Hands raised with the palm toward the face means "Goodbye," while the hand held upright, palm out, means "stop." A wide open trembling hand held transversely to the body is indignation and disgust, while extended hands downward means "what's the use." A closed fist clutched against the chest expresses great admiration for the woman.

Of expressive beauty are the feminine gestures which show dexterity and skill representing modesty, shyness, caution, reserve and fear, seen mostly in the states of southern and central Mexico. Guadalajara is famous for Spanish facial nods.

WOOD CELLULOSE SUBSTITUTE FOR GRAIN SUPPLEMENT AND COW THRIVES ON IT

AUSTIN, Dec. 15.—It isn't news that a cow can eat wood cellulose as a supplement to a diet of grain and thrive on it, but the explanation of how the cow does it is something new.

A University of Texas zoologist, Dr. E. E. Hungate, has found by laboratory study of the protozoa-microscopic one-celled animals—living in the cow's rumen, or "first stomach," how the cellulose can support life.

The protozoa actually ferment the cellulose and convert it into carbon dioxide, hydrogen and acetic acid, all of which the cow can absorb as nutritive food. Dr. Hungate's study is considered significant in the light it throws on the ease with which cellulose can be substituted for at least part of the grain normally fed to cattle—a practice long followed in Germany.

Commissioner Fred Bedford, of the Winters precinct, is ill at his home and was unable to attend the regular December meeting of the commissioners' court here Monday.

War Cuts Deeply Into Yule Jewel Business



Factories that made Yule baubles are now making other things that have little to do with good will towards men. There are still a few, however, turning out trimmings for the Christmas tree. At left a pretty maid applies the glitter to oodles of glass ornaments. Right: Here is where those paper festoons are made by the mile. The paper roping rolls off the machines in red, white and blue rivers without end.

WEST TEXAS NOTES

Twelve army officers arrived in Coleman the past week-end to make home. In the group was a lieutenant-colonel, several captains and the rest lieutenants, who recently had been stationed at Camp Hood and were transferred to Camp Bowie, Brownwood. A large number of other officers and men stationed at Camp Bowie are residing at Coleman.

Purchases of war bonds at Fort Stockton on December 7, Pearl Harbor Day, was sufficient to put the December quota for Pecos county over the top. Banks and other institutions selling bonds and stamps were crowded all day as citizens asked for bonds dated on the first anniversary of the bombing of a United States possession by the Japs. More than \$31,000 of the securities were sold during the day.

More than 950 Comanche county pupils are eating lunches each school day at the various WPA-school lunch rooms. Most of these cafeterias are being operated for the second year and trained staffs are preparing the meals and attending to other details.

Two negroes, giving their home address as Brownwood, were arrested last week and charged with burglary at Menard. The pair was alleged to have burglarized a package house at Menard of six cases of whiskey. Arrested at Brownwood, the men will be tried at Menard at the next term of district court.

Sweetwater women began operation of a surgical dressings plant last week with the first quota 32,400 units. The plant has been ready for some time and supervisors have been trained. Many women have signed up to work in the center and shifts are being organized so that ample help will be on duty every day.

A detention and rehabilitation center at Camp Bowie has been prepared and the personnel organized, according to an official report released last week. It is thought prisoners in the camp, which cost \$1,000,000, will be U. S. soldiers who have been placed under detention.

The Brady aviation school, which has been operated for more than a year to provide basic training for flying cadets, will revert to a primary school at once. A class of primary students began training the first of this week and a class of basic students will continue training and be graduated in January, at which time the field will be solely a primary training center.

Members of the Future Farmers of America chapter at Melvin are holding their annual father-and-son banquet tonight. The boys will serve the meal and provide the program. This chapter has been very active and members have a large number of projects underway which will be completed by the time of the spring livestock shows.

Junction Boy Scouts are gathering toys and will reconduct them for distribution Christmas to needy children. The boys are cooperating with adult citizens in the movement to make Christmas a happy season for all residents of the section.

C. T. Rives, formerly a doctor at Winters, has been promoted from

POST-WAR ERA EXPECTED TO BRING GREAT CHANGES IN AIR TRANSPORTATION

AUSTIN, Dec. 16.—Retail merchants and manufacturers expecting to profit by post-war buying must take into consideration the enormous development in air transportation during recent years, Dr. John H. Frederick, University of Texas professor of transportation told the Chicago chapter of the American Marketing Association in a recent address.

"The national market will be shrunk, in terms of time-in-transit for travel or shipments, to the size of the state of Pennsylvania," he declared. "Marketing centers are certain to shift, since inland cities will be just as accessible as those on the coast."

In addition, the shopping area of buyers will be considerably enlarged, since speedy air transportation of passengers is certain to become increasingly popular after the war, Dr. Frederick predicted.

"Air lines to all parts of the country will make it possible to reach all the wholesale buying power and most of the consumer buying power of the country by direct air transportation," he said. "That being the case, one certain development in marketing will be the tendency to manufacture and distribute for a national rather than a regional market."

Bonds or bondage? Buy U. S. savings bonds.



TEXANS ASKED TO SUBMIT IDEAS ABOUT SUBJECTS FOR HANDBOOK ON STATE

AUSTIN, Dec. 16.—Any Texan with ideas about subjects which should be discussed in an omnibus "Handbook of Texas" is asked to submit his suggestions to the editorial committee for a forthcoming Texas encyclopedia, Dr. H. Bailey Carroll, University of Texas associate professor of history, has announced.

Dr. Carroll is acting director of the research in Texas history project which was authorized by the last session of the legislature. Purpose of the research group is to prepare a two-volume encyclopedia of Texas facts—including information about agriculture, Texas heroes, industry, labor, folklore, housing, the press, radio, ranching, and transportation.

"We want to issue an invitation to every Texan who loves the state and who is interested in some phase of its history and development to write us, giving us a list of subjects he'd like to see included," Dr. Carroll said.

The book is to be published in 1945, anniversary of Texas statehood.

Misses Mary Simpson, Billie Weidon Howell and Mary Ruth Duke, students of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, came in Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents and friends. They will be here until about January 15.

For Allied victory—buy bonds.

CIVILIANS ASKED NOT TO TRAVEL BY RAIL IN CHRISTMAS SEASON

All western railroads are asking the public to postpone holiday trips until after January 12. The railroads are cooperating with the office of defense transportation in an effort to take care of hundreds of thousands of men in the armed services who will receive furloughs from December 12 to January 12, and all civilians are requested not to use any type of transportation during that period in order to provide travel service for U. S. soldiers, sailors, marines, etc.

The Santa Fe Railroad is carrying an ad in this paper this week making the request to civilians in this section. It was said that the railroads must transport a million service men exclusive of those on furlough during the 30-day period. It is pointed out that if civilians also try to travel there will not be enough coaches and everyone is asked to postpone trips until after January 12.

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Catholic Youth Leader Assigned To Local Church

The Rev. Edward B. Postert, O. M. I., who was born at Bandera, has assumed the pastorate of St. Mary's Church here, coming from the assistantship of the St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans, a position he held for more than six years.

Rev. Postert exchanged places with Rev. H. A. Settlers, who had been in Ballinger for some time and who becomes assistant pastor of the New Orleans cathedral.

The large crowd which gathered at the New Orleans station when Rev. Postert left for Texas was a testimony of the affection held for him by the parishioners as well as Boy Scouts of which he was the spiritual director.

On the Sunday before leaving New Orleans, 35 boys of his troop and its leaders attended holy communion and received the sacrament from his hand.

Rev. Postert went to New Orleans in 1936, two years after his ordination to the priesthood at San Antonio.

As evidence of his interest in scouting, at the age of 40 he studied and won the rank of eagle Scout, the following year won his scoutmaster's pin, and at the next court of honor in New Orleans would have received the scoutmaster's key.

Last summer he saw one of the projects nearest his heart brought to completion when his excellency the archbishop dedicated, with the solemn rites of the church, the Catholic chapel for Boy Scouts at Camp Salmen.

Father Postert took a personal and direct interest in matters pertaining to the general welfare of the children of the cathedral school. He was organizer of the Cathedral Knights, a group of boys training in the serving of the mass.

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BALLINGER SCHOOL NEWS

By Catherine Clappitt and Marjorie McGregor

Style Show

The homemaking girls of classes IIB and IIIB presented a style show at 9:30 last Thursday morning. Betty Jo Baxter was the announcer for the program and read short verses to identify each dress modeled. Jany Taylor and Lavinia Faubion played accompaniments.

The mothers, friends, and teachers were invited to attend a tea from 10:00 to 5:00. All homemaking classes helped with the tea at their respective periods. Two girls from each class were hostesses, two from each class helped with the serving, and two girls worked in the kitchen. The hostesses and the girls serving wore long dresses.

The cottage was decorated for Christmas with centerpieces and table decorations. Spiced tea and Christmas cookies, prepared by the IA class, were served to the forty-seven guests who attended sometime during the day.

Special Assembly, December 14

Superintendent Nat Williams was the first speaker on the program of recognition of the regional champions of class A football. He said that his object was to "give credit where credit was due." Mr. Williams called on each player to stand as he was given recognition. Mr. Williams told of each boy's outstanding plays in the game last Friday and also that Clyde Harville and David Batts were chosen district ends. Coach Wright then made a short talk on "his boys." Mr. Williams spoke to the students again on getting all that's possible from your schooling. He said, "Stay in school, work hard and get all we have to offer you."

All-School Social

The junior class of senior high school sponsored a Christmas all-school social at the Army-Navy

building Tuesday night, December 15.

Games were played on the first floor during the evening. They were: Chinese checkers, dominoes, 42, and ping pong.

Dancing by nickelodeon music was the entertainment on the second floor. Prizes were awarded to the two "most sociable couples" of the evening. These couples were: Mable Loika and Fred Carroll, Clayonae Campbell and Dwain Forbus. Mary Lou Davis and Chester Caffey received honorable mention as extras.

Those assisting at the punch bowl were: Mesdames Wright, Lindsey, and Lovelace, Misses Evans, Blankinship, and Thornton. Students assisting were: Norma Baker, Betty Jo Baxter, Lavinia Faubion, Marie King, Eldon Moody, and Winona Howell. In charge of the guest books were: Zane McWilliams, Annena Kendrick, Billie Blair, and Billie Butler.

In the receiving line were: Miss Settle, sponsor of the junior class; Mrs. Lovelace, co-sponsor; and Harold Richards, class president.

There were 173 students attending, including 64 seniors, 59 juniors, and 50 sophomores, and 30 parents and teachers. Parents and teachers who attended were: Mrs. J. L. Lovelace, Miss Margaret Crocker, Miss Christine Settle, Miss Kay Evans, Mrs. D. C. Caffey, Supt. and Mrs. Nat Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Striplin, Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Rothal O'Kelly, Mrs. J. M. Connor, Miss Tillye Settle, Mrs. R. E. Bruce, Senior High Principal and Mrs. Bob Lindsey, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moody, G. Gilligan, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Alex McGregor, Mrs. Estes M. Lynn, Miss Thornton, and Miss Blankinship.

Xmas Program to be Presented

The Cue and Curtain Club and Glee Club of Ballinger senior high school will present a Christmas program Thursday evening, December 17, in the high school auditorium at 7:45 p. m. Admission will be ten cents per person. The Christmas music, old favorites and new, will consist of the girls' trio, Lavinia Faubion, Eula Mae Payne and Bonnie Nell Kenley; and the boys' trio, Bob Wright, Bob Richards and Troy Smith.

The cast of "Guest House, Very Exclusive" by Reby Edmond, is cast as follows: Miss Kemble, Velma Rayburn; Jenny-Jean Young, Kelly Baxter-Lanham Flynt; Mary Jones, Gwen Morgan; Mrs. Bennett, Marie King; Waldo Jennings, Troy Smith; Sheila, Natilyne Williams; Patsy, Yvonne Waldrop; Clipper, Helmer Wagner; Bobby, M. J. Cole. The scene is the living room of a very fine old house now a select "guest house." The time is about 6 o'clock Christmas evening of this year.

This Christmas play is different. It is the story of a woman who longed for a family. She opens a very exclusive boarding house and attempts to weld the various individuals into one family. However, as Christmas Day dawns, they all have their own plans and she seems doomed to disappointment. What brings them together is a story in itself.

F. F. Chapter to Have Party

The Ballinger F. F. A. chapter has decided to have a party the first or second week after the Christmas holidays. Details of the place and type of entertainment will be planned at a later meeting.

The boys are carrying on their feeding projects this year with more interest than in the past. About twenty-five calves are on feed, five of which are milk fed. Chester Caffey, who is feeding two calves, reports that one gained 80 pounds in twenty-eight days and the other 70 pounds during the same time.

In this year's program about sixty pigs are being fed. About twenty brood sows and several dairy and beef cows are owned by the boys. The chapter is in real earnest about this work.

Christmas Party for Homemaking Club

The Homemaking Club held a party in the homemaking cottage Tuesday, December 15. The Xmas theme was carried out with decorations made by Mrs. F. M. Lovelace and the homemaking classes.

Names were drawn for the exchanging of gifts, and were distributed by Jany Taylor, president, and Dorothy Dahmann, secretary, after which games were played. This was enjoyed by forty members and was a help to bring on the Christmas spirit.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Chapel Program

The dramatic club, under the direction of Miss Griffith, presented the chapel program Thursday, December 10. Three monologues were presented in this order: "How Not to Study for a History Test," by Jack Hamilton; second, "The Reverberating Revenge," with Carl Black, Helen Clark, and Bill Heavenhill, with Dava June Bell as the reader; and last, "Patriotic Jo," by Clara Beth Sutphen. Last on the program was "Thanks Awfully," with Joanne Glover, Charlotte Miller, Wanda Wright, Carolyn Cheatham, Wanda Crager, Virginia Routh, Charles Miller, and Elizabeth Routh was announcer.

Handicraft Club

We are very glad to say that the two handicraft clubs in junior high are taking the lead in making Red Cross projects. Everyone in our club will have turned in one or more articles by the first of the year.

Y. D. O. A. Sub-Deb Club

The Young Defenders of America had a party Wednesday, December 16, during their club period. Ice cream and cookies were served and Charlene Burk led the group in musical games.

Health Club Party

The ninth grade health club met in the home of Mrs. Standridge Monday night to have their Christmas party. After exchanging gifts, the guests were served ice cream and cookies.

Delta Sub-Deb Club Has Program

The Sub-Deb Club of junior high had a Christmas program at the regular meeting Wednesday. Addie Manske gave a negro dialect reading, Alma Dahmann read a Christmas letter; Imogene Wood, Bonita Tappee and Mary Ida Smith sang "Silent Night;" Willa Faye Wood told a Christmas story; Louise Liverman gave several popular numbers on the harmonica; Mrs. Heavenhill, club sponsor, gave several old Christmas superstitions; and Herminia Esquivel sang a carol in Spanish.

Who's Who?

He was born on July 29, 1927. He is 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighs 137 pounds. He has green eyes and dark hair. His ambition is to be a rancher, his favorite sport is football.

Last week—Jackie Russell.

NORTON SCHOOL NEWS

By Doris Stewart

Christmas Holidays

Supt. Dale Douglas announced that the school would observe the Christmas holidays from December 23 to January 4. All classes have drawn names and are having their trees on the day we dismiss for Christmas.

Chapel

The chapel program opened last Friday, December 11, with the

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entire group singing "Silent Night" and "White Christmas," and Supt. Dale Douglas leading in prayer. The seniors, who had charge of the program, presented a one-act play "All Cows to the Rescue," which was entertaining to the entire group and a few visitors.

Initiation of Future Homemakers

The Norton chapter of the Future Homemakers of Texas met Friday, December 11, for the purpose of initiating the new members. A very beautiful candle-lighting service was held in which the president, Lewis Hensley, pledged the new members to their task as Future Homemakers of Texas. After the new members had lighted their candles from the "Mother of Homemaking" candle and pledged themselves to do their jobs as Future Homemakers, the entire club sang "When a Home Ec. Girl Walks Down the Street."

The members who were initiated were: Annie Raye Briggs, Charlene Carlton, Evelyn Cowan, Betty Jo Fletcher, Lavanda Forbes, Molly Fowler, Francis Gottschalk, Desmae Hilliard, Inoyce Hilliard, Leonette Hoelscher, Bonnie Louise Hughes, Dorothy Mae Lacy, Ruby McKenzie, Juanita Lee, Wanda Merle Morgan.

Our advisor, Mrs. Janie B. Hull, introduced our area III supervisor, Miss Florence McAllister, who spoke a few words to the club about "Service, Neighborliness, and Health."

Just before adjournment, the president appointed several com-

mittees for the club.

Senior News

The Seniors held a class meeting last Friday, December 11, for the purpose of selecting a sponsor. Mrs. Roy Roper was elected.

Who's Who

He's a junior boy who was born August 29, 1925. He has gone to school here for four years. He has black hair, brown eyes, is five feet and eleven inches tall and weighs 170 pounds. His favorite sports are football and basketball and his ambition is to be a great athlete. He is always being chopped up!

She's a senior girl who played one of the leading roles in "All Cows to the Rescue." She has been the main leader of the pep squad for two years and assistant leader for two years. She has light hair, blue eyes, five feet and two inches tall, 17 years of age, and weighs 103 pounds. Her hobbies are singing, tap dancing, and collecting pictures. She wants to be a singer for Glenn Miller's Orchestra.

Birdies

Jack, what if the women went on a strike? James, what are you going to write on?

Wayland, do you know a certain little girl named Naomi?

Miss Mathis, what did Santa bring you in that big package? Oh, it was a bottle of perfume!

Norman are you going to college? Why not?

Card of Thanks
We wish to express our appreciation to the friends who were so kind during the illness and death of our husband and father, J. J. Beck, and especially do we thank Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lusk. We express thanks for many beautiful cards and flowers as well as the deeds of our friends.
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Kurer's CORN Golden Bantam	2 cans	29c	Charmin TOILETTISSUE 4 Rolls	25c	Vita Popped Wheat	3 4 oz. pkgs. 14c
Sugar Pure Cane Stamp No 10	3 lbs.	21c	6 lbs.	40c	Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	
Sweet Potatoes No. 1		5 lbs.	29c	APPLES Giant Delicious	3 for	25c
SPUDS Colorado No. 1	10 lbs.	29c	CARROTS Fresh	2 bnchs.	13c	
LETTUCE Nice Firm	2 heads	19c	COCONUTS Fresh	2 for	25c	
PEANUTS Fresh Roasted	1 -lb. pkg.	21c	AVOCADOS	2 for	25c	
SPINACH Fresh	lb.	10c	GREEN BEANS	Fresh lb.	15c	
Market Specials		SAUSAGE Summer		lb.	27c	
CHUCK ROAST	Lb.	27c	HAMS Cured 14 to 18 lbs. Fine for Xmas baking	lb.	44c	
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3 Ballinger Teachers Resign Positions And Accept Other Work

Three more teachers have resigned from the Ballinger school faculty and one place is vacant at this time, making a total of four teachers needed.

Supt. Nat Williams announced this week the resignation of Gurdahl Gilligan, for the past three years band director and this year also teaching military drill to the boys of senior high school. Mr. Gilligan will go to Sweetwater to be an instructor in the Sweetwater flying school.

Mr. Williams stated Wednesday that no plans have been made for his successor and added that men of this kind were hard to find and the future of band work in the Ballinger schools will be at stake until a man is found for this position.

Mr. Gilligan's progress with the Ballinger musical organizations has been more than satisfactory, his bands having ranked high in state and national contests for the past three years. Not only has he developed a concert band, but the stunts, parades, color at football games and other gatherings have attracted much favorable attention.

W. E. ("Buck") Ekins, teacher

of mathematics and physical education at junior high, has resigned to accept a position at the Harman Training Center as an instructor in the ground school. In addition to his work at junior high school, he has been assistant coach of the regional championship Bearcat football team, assisting Coach Felton Wright the past season.

Miss Mary F. Wade, teacher of science in the senior high school, has resigned to accept a position on the Wink high school faculty. Since her resignation Mrs. Fred Harman has been teaching this subject but cannot continue indefinitely with the course.

Supt. Williams stated that a teacher was still needed in high school for bookkeeping and typing. This work is being handled at the present by Mrs. Bob Lindsey on a temporary basis.

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American Troops in Belgian Congo



American troops are now in the Belgian Congo (Africa), the strategic possession of conquered Belgium. Leopoldville is an important Congo river port, and the chief city of this rugged country. In this picture, which was taken in Leopoldville, our boys are shown marching on the outskirts of the town.--Soundphoto.

TWO WARNINGS ISSUED BY CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief of Police J. D. McNutt issued two warnings to residents of Ballinger this week. The first was in regard to double parking and it was stated that tickets would be issued for this violation. Special attention was called to the fact that Hutchings Avenue is a state highway and double-parking cannot be tolerated on this street.

Owners of dogs were advised to

keep them up and not permit them to run loose in the city. Dogs without proper license tags will be killed, it was said, if they are found running loose.

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Civil Air Patrol Has Meeting Here; To Form Squadron

Groups were here Sunday from the civil air patrol squadrons at Abilene and Stamford to meet with those in Ballinger eligible for enlistment in this service. Six planes arrived from the two towns shortly before noon and the men were met at Bruce Field by about fifteen local men interested in forming a squadron in Ballinger.

Organization of an air patrol is underway here and as soon as enough enlistments are secured, the squadron will be formed. Eligibility includes pilots with certificates or licenses, mechanics or apprentice mechanics, radio operators, and ground school instructors.

A check-up revealed about 15 or 20 men in Ballinger eligible for enlistment and at present there are about ten planes here with at least seven that could be entered in the service.

M. L. Bird, of Abilene, an executive officer in the squadron there, was here in his plane, and Roy Arledge, Stamford squadron leader, was also here. These men were in charge of the meeting and answered questions regarding requirements for the patrol. At least two more planes were

bought by Ballinger men Monday and delivery will be made on these shortly. A number of local men already have their pilot's license and others have about enough hours in the air to take examinations.

Texas Farm Youths Doing Their Share Of Work in Wartime

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 16.--Texas' farm youth is carrying its share of the war effort in the emergency of a labor shortage. Without fanfare the lads and girls on the farms in many cases have taken over the work of older brothers called to the colors and are doing it efficiently. In other instances they have stepped up efforts to keep pace with increased wartime production. Here's L. D. Rockwell, Jr., 17, of the Tell boys' 4-H club, Childress county, who pulled 2,013 pounds of cotton in eight hours one October day. Ray Grimes, his employer, weighed the cotton and several neighbors observed the feat. Folks in the community think it a state record. L. D. came to Childress in the evening and had his picture taken and attended a movie. Was he tired? "Well, not much!"

He received \$20.13 for the day's work plus a \$5 bonus from Mr.

Grimes. His father added \$10 to the bonus. He plans to enter A. & M. College in January and use the money he earned picking cotton to pay expenses.

Mary Ellen Lumpkin, of Clay county, is a scholarship 4-H club girl and the only child at home. In the labor shortage she put her 4-H training to practical use by helping with the plowing, hoeing, picking cotton, haying and other farm jobs. During her five years of club work she has served as president of her club and been a poultry, clothing and bedroom demonstrator. Amid these activities she found time to help can 3,230 containers of fruits and vegetables and raise turkeys. On account of her mother's health she took more of the responsibility in the care of the home during the past year. Her greatest "want" was a piano and music lessons. Again she drew on her training, and the harvest from a plot of popcorn which she planted and tended turned this desire into reality.

Mary Ellen is a high school senior and hopes to go to college. Read grocery ads and save.

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TOP THAT 10% BY NEW YEAR'S

Bette Davis in 'Now, Voyager' Promises Best in Film Interest

Bette Davis' newest starring picture, "Now, Voyager," will open at the Texas Theatre Saturday midnight in preview and continue its local engagement through Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 20, 21, and 22. Co-star of the picture is the romance Viennese actor, Paul Henreid, while the brilliant supporting cast is made up of such film favorites as Claude Rains, Gladys Cooper, Bonita Granville and Ika Chase. Miss Davis has a role that calls

for the finest of acting. In "Now, Voyager" the story of a New England girl who rescues herself from her inhibitions, she is unattractive to start with but later becomes a charming woman of the world who, through love, finds the courage to rebel against her tyrannical mother.

The picture starts when Bette's sister-in-law, played by saucy Ika Chase, a young woman who can stand her ground in defiance of the stiffest of Boston Back Bay tradition, decides to call in Dr. Jacquith (Claude Rains' role), a psychiatrist, to treat Bette. For Bette is suppressed in every sense of the word. Her appearance is fat, dowdy, showing a carelessness and apathetic outlook. She is constantly on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

At first she is antagonistic toward the doctor, but later becomes more sympathetic and reveals to him that all her life she has been under the strictest domination of her mother, a straight-laced disciplinarian who never would allow her the simplest of pleasures. Gladys Cooper, the fine actress of the London stage, is cast in the mother's role.

"Now, Voyager" was adapted from Olive Higgins Prouty's novel.

Tim Holt in Western and Pat O'Brien in Flying Picture Tomorrow, Saturday

"Fighting Frontier," a western featuring Tim Holt, and "Flight Lieutenant," with Pat O'Brien as the lead, are the two feature-length films at the Texas tomorrow and Saturday.

With its exciting action taking place in the mining country of the Far West, Tim Holt's latest film offers unusual opportunities for tense drama, hair-trigger action and sensational riding.

Based on the exploits of a young private investigator who poses as a bandit to unmask the man behind the series of gold robberies which are demoralizing a mining community, "Fighting Frontier" is crammed with thrills and excitement.

Comedy and music is supplied by Cliff Edwards (Ukulele Ike) and the love interest is furnished by auburn-haired Ann Summers. Others in the cast are Davison Clark, Eddie Dew, Tom London, Slim Whitaker and Monte Montague.

Pat O'Brien's screen roles have helped him become expert in handling various types of air-planes, and his current Columbia film, "Flight Lieutenant" is the fifth in which the Irish star has appeared as an aviator. Glenn Ford and Evelyn Keyes play romantic leads in the adventure-

Leaders of AEF



Leut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander of the forces directing the first great American blow at Italian-German military might in Vichy-controlled North Africa, is shown above at the left. Saluting with him is Gen. Mark W. Clark, who was named second in command to General Eisenhower. General Eisenhower made a proclamation in French to the people of North Africa immediately before the invasion.

swirling production.

O'Brien's "log" cinematically speaking, includes "China Clipper," "Devil Dogs of the Air" and "Ceiling Zero." In "Flight Lieutenant" the star is seen as a "forgotten man" of the air, testing planes for fighting men.

OLDFEN SCHOOL NEWS

By Grace Heilicher

The high school pupils of Oldfen are busy making waffle weavers which will be on display on Sunday, December 20, at the school house. They are also making slippers for the Red Cross.

The total sales of stamps bought by the students is now \$122.80.

The school will close for the Christmas holidays on December 23. Each classroom will have a party. Santa Claus will visit the primary grades.

A victory frame garden is being planned by the ninth and tenth grades. Miss Tankersley will help us with it Tuesday.

Community News

A motion picture show on bats and fish was given by Mr. Barton for the 4-H club members last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Rohmfeld and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Block are expecting their sons to be home on a few days furlough.

Adam Multer, of Rowena, who was admitted to the hospital recently, was visited by relatives from Oldfen and Rowena.

Rudolph Gerngross has been dismissed from the Halley & Love Sanitarium after an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Block have received word from Alex Block, who works in a factory in California, that he will be home on December 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Fischer are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Be wise—advertise.

Hedy Lamarr, Walter Pidgeon Star in Stage Hit, 'White Cargo'

Hedy Lamarr brings to the screen the sultry Tondelaya in a gripping screen version of the famous stage play, "White Cargo," booked at the Ritz Theatre next Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, December 19, 20, 21, 22. Teamed with Walter Pidgeon in this dynamic drama, she proves an alluring tropics heroine, wears a luring for the first time, and the play, in its modern screen technique, takes on vivid new life.

It is a story dealing with the moist, steaming tropics, where a group of white men oversee a rubber plantation. Pidgeon is Witzel, sullen and hard-bitten overseer. Bramwell Fletcher plays his assistant who deteriorates in the heat and brutality of the jungles. Richard Carlson plays a young executive sent to replace Fletcher, and Tondelaya's charms captivate him, in spite of Pidgeon's warnings. Finally the young assistant overseer marries Tondelaya, precipitating a dramatic, primitive situation. Frank Morgan plays the bibulous but kindly old doctor in the jungle station, and Henry O'Neill a clergyman in the settlement.

Miss Lamarr was never more exotic than as the dark-skinned Tondelaya, and Pidgeon handles his role with rugged strength. Carlson as the romantic young assistant is appealing, and wins great sympathy when his "bride" attempts to poison him.

Richard Thorpe directed the picture with subtlety and skill. The jungle scenes, including those in which actual rubber plants were transplanted and kept alive by chemical means, are convincingly real.

Remember Pearl Harbor! Remember it every pay day! Buy U. S. defense savings bonds and stamps.

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Walter PIDGEON
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REGINALD OWEN
HENRY O'NEILL
Directed by Richard Thorpe
Produced by Victor Saville
Screen Play by Leon Gordon
From the Stage Play by Leon Gordon
Based on a Novel by Rita Vera Simonson

WHITE CARGO

UTILITIES WILL HAVE ANNUAL XMAS PARTY NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT

Employees in district G of the West Texas Utilities Co. will assemble in Ballinger next Tuesday for their annual December meeting. In the afternoon the regular safety meeting will be held and at night the employees and their families will gather at the Army and Navy Club for their annual party and Christmas tree.

A huge tree is being put up in the auditorium this week and will be trimmed before time for Santa Claus' visit. It was also arranged so the tree would be left in the building during the holidays to serve other organizations having entertainments there. It will be decorated for the Christmas dance to be given by Bruce Field this week-end. Other sections of the building also will be decorated.

A committee of local employees of the utilities company is arranging a program for the gathering Tuesday night.

Typewriter ribbons at Ledger office.

For Allied victory—buy bonds.

Not everybody with a dollar to spare can shoot a gun straight—but everybody can shoot straight to the bank and buy War Bonds. Buy your 10¢ every pay day.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our appreciation to our friends and neighbors for their expressions of sympathy and kindness during the recent illness and death of our loved one. The friendly acts and the beautiful floral offering were real comforts to us in our sorrow.

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PAT O'BRIEN
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Screen play by Michael Blankfort
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Please Put Off Your Holiday Rail Trip until after January 12th

Please do not make a trip by rail, unless it is urgently necessary, between now and January 12th.

The Santa Fe, in cooperation with other western railroads and the Office of Defense Transportation, makes this direct appeal to the general traveling public, for these reasons:

Christmas Furloughs
Between December 12 and January 12, hundreds of thousands of our men in service will have holiday leaves.

We all want them to be able to travel without delay on these brief and precious furloughs.

In this same period the railroads must transport a million men of the armed forces moving on duty; handle the heavy seasonal flow of students; and care for the ever-growing number of persons who must make trips by rail on urgent government business or private emergency.

Not Enough Cars for All
If, on top of all this, civilian America "travels as usual" during the Christmas-New Year holidays, there just will not be enough passenger coaches and sleeping cars to go around.

So, if you possibly can, postpone your trip at least until after January 12—and thus do your share to ensure seats or berths for our men in service on their all-too-brief Christmas-New Year furloughs.

More than ever, in these difficult times, please turn freely to your local Santa Fe agent for friendly help on travel and shipping problems.

Santa Fe

HUMBLE

Christmas, 1942

In these turbulent times it is well that we pause to reflect upon the full meaning of Christmas and to pledge renewed diligence for the New Year to hasten that happy day when "peace on earth; good will toward men" will prevail once more.

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Want Ads

FOR LEASE—My building next door Sam Behring's Grocery, January 1st. W. A. Nance. 24-1f

FOR RENT—Two room furnished apartment. No children, no pets; all bills paid. Mrs. R. E. Willingham, 301 Twelfth Street. 15-1f

FOR SALE—Farming regular tractor, on steel, with planter, Cultivator and Triple-Disc. J. A. Killough, Ballinger, Texas. 5-1f-H

SORE THROAT—TONSILLITIS! Your Physician would recommend a good mop and our Anesthesia-Mop is unexcelled for this trouble. ANAESTHESIA-MOP relieves pain and discomfort instantly checks infection without injuring throat membranes. Generous bottle with Applicator only 50c at J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

FOR SALE—375 acre stock farm. Net Fence \$25.00. 159 A. \$30. A. M. King, Ballinger. 3-31-

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FOR SALE—Polled Hereford bull, three years old. Not a rambler. P. R. Dietz. 3-31-

FOR SALE—One jack, a few horses, and a mule. Mrs. H. L. Tooker, Winters, Texas. Phone 3912, Ballinger. 3-31-

FOR SALE—Bundles hegarl, 3c bundle. See Leroy Bryan, nine miles northeast Norton. 3-41-

A Suggestion Fuller Brushes make practical gifts for Christmas. Include them on your shopping list. E. L. DEWITT, Phone 437, 809 Ninth Street. 3-31-

WANTED—Job on ranch or stock farm. Experienced. J. Carter, Maryneal, Texas. 10-31

Farm for rent to man with tractor. Mrs. Tom Gibson, Ballinger star route. 10-31-

FOR SALE—One jack, a few horses and mules. Want to give away a good half Collie dog. Mrs. H. L. Tooker, Winters, Texas. Phone 3912, Ballinger. 10-21-

WANTED—To rent a farm. Young married man exempt from draft. C. J. Lange, Rowena, Texas. 10-31-

FOR SALE—Or Trade: Two young mares; good milk cow, fresh; twenty solid mouth ewes. L. F. Lolka, Ballinger, Texas. 10-31-

Plymouth coupe, new tires, price \$200. See O. K. Morgan. 10-31-

FOR SALE—24 cows from 2's up 15 spring calves 160 head ewes, 3's to 5's 260 acre lease. H. T. Marcus, Valera, Tex. 10-21-

WANTED—Quitting to do. Mrs. Addie Edmiston, Thirteenth and Broad streets. 10-31-

FOR RENT—Several furnished bedrooms. Phone 179. 10-11-

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174 acre stock farm for sale. 148 acre stock farm for lease. A. M. King, Ballinger. 17-11-

WANTED—Light two-wheel trailer, good tires, by Saturday. R. E. Van Cise, 407 Broadway. 11-

FOR LEASE—192 acres, 42 in cultivation, balance grass land, 3 pastures, good house, sheep shed, plenty water, fenced sheep-proof. (more tillable land available). Will Galloway, Glen Cove. 17-1f

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FOR RENT—One room furnished apartment. All bills paid. 501 Twelfth Street. 17-11-

WANTED—To buy good used fireproof safe. H. J. Zappe, Ballinger, Texas. 17-1f

LOST—Short, brown and yellow plaid Scotch coat. Finder call 146, Patricia Zappe. 17-11-

FOR SALE—Boy's bicycle, same as new. \$24.34. 17-11-

WANTED—Woman or girl, white or colored, for general housework. Phone 592 or call at 507 Tenth Street. 17-11-

Mine Detector



Mines, which take the place of barbed wire, are playing an important role in the war on the African front. The British mine detector is the best bet to counteract these hidden monsters. When the device detects a mine, certain sounds reach the earphones of the sappers, and they go and render the mine useless. Their work requires an unusually high degree of skill and courage. The detector, until now a little mentioned weapon, played an important part in the recent Allied victory in Egypt. Picture shows a sapper holding a mine detector.

Horticulturist Says Backyard Orchard Food Treasure-House

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 16—Backyard orchard is a treasure-house of food. According to J. P. Rosborough, horticulturist for the A. & M. College extension service, half an acre of fruit trees will produce as much tonnage as a bale of cotton, or almost as much poundage as an acre of corn. Found for pound it is worth more than either crop.

December marks the beginning of the tree-planting season in Texas. In planting a backyard orchard, he cautions, be sure the trees are not overshadowed by shade trees. By allowing 20 to 30 feet between peach trees, 25 feet for plums, 40 for pears and apples, and 50 for pecans, they will grow more rapidly and bear larger fruit.

For choice of trees and method of setting them out, Rosborough suggests seedlings two to three feet high which, he explains, should not be planted deeper than they stood in the nursery rows. For a backyard planting trees four to five feet or even larger would prove more satisfactory. After setting them, fill the hole with good soil and pack it around the roots. Then pour in a bucket or two of water to settle the earth, and be sure there is plenty of moisture thereafter to start off the tree to healthful growth.

Wrap the body of the trees with paper for possible damage by rabbits. The paper may be left on during the succeeding growing season, but the top portion can be torn off to permit buds to come out, and permit unhindered growth through the spring and summer.

"Nutritionists tell us that the average person needs about 300 pounds of fruit of some kind each year," Rosborough says. "They tell us that we should have at least one bountiful serving a day. The best source of supply is a backyard or farm fruit plot. Talk to your county extension agents about your fruit needs. Don't let 1942 pass without planting some fruit trees."

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Of course you want that new bathroom. But not now, for raw materials are going into War equipment and tools for our Boys on the battle front. But your investment in War Bonds today will buy that new bathroom when the War is won.



If you have not done so, join the Payroll Savings Plan at your office or factory today. Put ten percent or more of your earnings in War Bonds and get back \$4 for \$3 from Uncle Sam. Let's "Top that Ten Percent." U. S. Treasury Department

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DENTISTS

T. J. McCaughan
T. J. McCaughan, 71, died at his home, 506 Fourth Street, Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock after illness of only one day but failing health for several years.

Decedent was a pioneer citizen of Rannels county, coming here in 1903 and settling at Norton, where for a number of years he was a merchant and banker. After closing his business there he moved to Ballinger in 1938 to make home and since had devoted his attention to farm and ranch interests.

Mr. McCaughan was an active member of the Norton Baptist church for many years and since moving to Ballinger had been a member of the First Baptist Church here. He was a member of the Ballinger Rotary Club and devoted much time for many years to civic and other work for his home town and county.

Survivors besides the wife include two brothers, W. B. McCaughan, Winters; and J. L. McCaughan, Santa Anna.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. Clarence A. Morton, officiating. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Pallbearers were E. E. White, R. G. Erwin, O. L. Parish, E. Sheppard, Paul Trimmier and Charles Patton. Deacons of the Norton Baptist church and of the First Baptist Church of Ballinger were honorary pallbearers.

King-Holt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

J. E. Powell

J. E. Powell, 75, county surveyor and pioneer citizen of Rannels county, died at his home, 1101 Twelfth Street, Monday evening at 8 o'clock. He suffered a heart attack about one week ago and had been slightly ill since. His sudden death Monday evening was attributed to another attack.

Decedent had been a resident of Rannels county for the past 45 years. He moved to a farm near Winters when he first came to this county and after a short time moved to Ballinger where he served as county surveyor 37 years. He was born in Illinois and was at one time a civil engineer for the Illinois Central Railroad. His wife died on June 14, 1939.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Alda Mae Hirschfeld, Ballinger; and Mrs. Edith Riggs, Carlsbad, New Mexico, two sons, Donald Powell, Houston; and Owen Powell, Wichita Falls; one brother, T. A. Powell, Colorado; one sister, Mrs. Ida Bailey, Labelle, Missouri; and eleven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the King-Holt chapel, Rev. C. A. Morton officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen cemetery.

Pallbearers were John B. Rayburn, Arthur Crockett, Lottie Farris, Leop Thomas, Roy L. Hill, and Donald Powell, Jr.

King-Holt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. W. F. Jackson

Mrs. W. F. Jackson, 70, died at the Halley & Love Sanitarium Tuesday morning at 5:40 after being seriously ill for 24 days.

Decedent came to Rannels county in 1892 from Washington county and had resided here ever since. She had been a member of the Baptist Church for 55 years. Her husband died in 1929 and two children also preceded her in death.

Survivors include four sons, Walter Jackson, Los Angeles; Ernest Jackson, Denton; Willie Jackson, Ballinger; Milford Jackson, Camp Haan, Riverside, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. H. L. Barnhart and Mrs. Jewel Cooper, Ballinger; one brother, Lee Harper, Garland; 13 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Agnew chapel Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Rev. Raymond C. Wilson officiating, and Rev. Clarence A. Morton assisting. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be grandsons: Jack Brunson, Roy Brunson, Aubrey Brunson, Bobby Duke, Jack Tarter, Bill Tarter. Honorary pallbearers will be B. C. Kirk, B. M. Batts, V. L. McShan, E. L. Sargent, W. W. McElroy, Clyde Chapman, Claud Chapman, Sidney Chapman, H. E. Fulcher, W. R. Wiesepape.

Agnew Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. R. L. Wells

Mrs. R. L. Wells, 43, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Selma Dietz, two miles south of Crews, last Thursday at 2:20 p. m., following illness of some eighteen months.

Decedent came to Rannels county 41 years ago and resided practically all her life in the Crews community. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors besides the husband include one son, R. L. Wells, Crews; four daughters, Roberta, Willean and Janette Wells and Mrs. Selma Dietz, Crews; five brothers, Louis Martin, Crews; Walter Martin, Ross Martin, Talpa; Henry Martin, Ballinger; Homer Martin, Barnhart; three sisters, Mrs. Ellen Clayton, Abilene; Mrs. Mattie McDaniel, Oklahoma; Mrs. Ethel Cox, Wichita Falls; and two grandchildren.

Coffee-Making Tips Given by Extension Service Specialist

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 16—Arguments that coffee taken black is "better for you" than coffee with cream and sugar has no basis in fact. For coffee is not a food. It can neither build and repair the tissues of the body nor provide energy for the body to run on.

The cream in coffee is food, and the sugar, but not the coffee itself, says Hazel Phipps, specialist in food preparation for A. & M. College extension service. She says rationing will cause many people to change their food habits, and they may as well change them for the better.

For example, to "stretch" their coffee allowance, many people may want to try their coffee the French way—half hot coffee and half hot milk. This is a good beverage for making coffee go farther and for getting more milk into the diet. Miss Phipps says, too, that coffee and chocolate are flavors which blend well together. So for a change she suggests a cup of hot chocolate or cocoa with a dash of coffee in it, instead of a cup of coffee.

Homemakers who have any left-over coffee can make excellent use of it provided they store it in the refrigerator. It can be used as a

flavoring, especially in desserts. The specialist also suggests serving beverages which fill in the gaps where coffee formerly was served. At lunch or dinner a cup of steaming meat or vegetable broth is good. "The fragrance of that hot cup should give your appetite a lift," Miss Phipps says. With desserts, try a hot, spiced fruit juice. Hot grape juice spiced with cloves or stick cinnamon, or hot spiced cider go well with many sugar saving desserts.

Ten per cent of your income in War Bonds will help to build the planes and tanks that will insure defeat of Hitler and his Axis partners.

Funeral services were held at the Agnew chapel Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. Clarence A. Morton officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery. Pallbearers were T. J. Parrish, U. E. Hartman, Howard Martin, E. L. DeWitt, Joe Thomas, C. E. Maedgen, Jim Kelly.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Kelly Infant

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kelly died at the family home at 6 p. m. Wednesday, December 9.

Survivors are the parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kelly, of Oklahoma, and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Grey, Ballinger.

Funeral services were held at the graveside on Thursday of last week, Rev. Clarence A. Morton officiating.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Lena Harrison
Lena Harrison, 52, colored, died at the family home on South Seventh Street Sunday after illness of only four days. Decedent had lived in Rannels county for 20 years. She was the wife of Webster Harrison.

Funeral services were held at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. I. G. Gooden officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

SERVING UNCLE SAM
(Continued from Page 1)
before he left and served in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Crockett, of Norton.

Major A. R. Murchison, of Camp Hood, came in Tuesday to attend to business one day. Major Murchison is now with an anti-tank division at Camp Hood, transferring there from Camp Edwards, Mass.

Coast Guardsman Dan Woodroof came in Monday from Louisville, Kentucky, to spend a few days attending to business and visiting friends. He planned to return today to his station.

Coast Guardsmen Sonny Parrish and Joe Lee came in Wednesday for a few days' visit with relatives and friends. They are stationed at Galveston, where they are receiving the first phase of their training. They will return to duty Sunday.

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SAFEWAY Christmas Food Guide

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Chocolates Holiday Assorted	2-Lb. Box	62¢
Chocolates Dorothy Duncan	2-Lb. Box	97¢
Candy Chocolate Covered Cherries	1-Lb. Box	25¢
Candy Satin Mils or Jelly Beans	1-Lb. Cello	15¢
Candy Chocolate Drops Cello Pack	1-Lb. Pkg.	15¢
Walnuts Baby Emeralds	1-Lb. Cello	29¢
Pineapple Glass Sliced	Lb.	59¢
Mixed Fruit Glass Diced	Lb.	35¢
Mincemeat English Mold	2-Lb. Jar	37¢
Raisins Seedless Cello Pack	1-Lb. Pkg.	13¢
Sugar C & H Powdered	1-Lb. Pkg.	9¢

Coffee Values

Edward's Packed in Victory Bag	1-Lb. Bag	25¢
Folger's Drip or Regular	1-Lb. Jar	33¢
Nob Hill Roaster Fresh	1-Lb. Bag	24¢

Cherries Glass for Fruit Cake Lb. 43¢

Soup Heinz Tomato New Style 11-Oz. Can 11¢

Cocktail Heinst De-light Fruit No. 1 Can 18¢

Flour Bob Ross Regular 20-Oz. Pkg. 9¢

Flour Kitchen Craft ENRICHED 24-Lb. Bag 98¢

Pi-do For Fiskier Pie Crusts 8-Oz. Pkg. 10¢

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Waste-Free Lb. 37¢

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Perch Fillets	Lb.	32¢
Cheese Colby Wisconsin	Lb.	39¢
Cheese Wisconsin Red Skin	Lb.	43¢
Liver Young Beef	Lb.	25¢
Liver Fresh Pork Sliced or Piece	Lb.	25¢
Patties Brookfield Pure Pork	Lb.	39¢
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