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City Will Launch Special Delinquent Tax Campaign

A special meeting of the city commission was held Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of planning the collection of delinquent taxes in the city of Ballinger.

J. Whit Patterson was named special delinquent tax collector for the city and will begin work at once. The commission ordered a statement prepared and mailed to each person owing taxes, showing the amount of taxes, interest and penalties, and this will be done at once so that the collecting campaign can get underway without delay.

Members of the commission pointed out that delinquent taxes owed the city are treated as expected income on the budget for the year and therefore must be paid. The legal department of the city government was made available to Mr. Patterson so that any necessary steps may be taken to collect back taxes and close the accounts.

Those receiving statements of delinquent accounts are asked to see the special collector at once and make arrangements for payments. As many of the accounts as possible will be arranged in January as collection of current taxes is underway.

The commissioners also pointed out to all property owners that any lowering of taxes in the city will depend largely on the success of the campaign. If all delinquent taxes are collected, or regular payments arranged it will help officials to meet all obligations in the general and bond accounts and build up a balance that will permit a smaller tax rate in the future.

City officials wish to be fair with all concerned and will cooperate with those trying to meet their obligations but say all tax accounts must be settled and therefore have ordered the special campaign and employed the special collector.

Big County Draft Quota Received; 4 Negroes Called

The Runnels county draft board will meet its next big quota the latter part of January. The quota has been received here but no official announcement has been made of the number other than it will compare with the largest to be met by this county.

A number of other counties in this section have met large quotas for the first week in January but the Runnels county board did not receive a call for this time other than for four negroes to report for examination.

To Saturday clerks in the draft board office had registered twelve 18-year-old youths and after tomorrow, January 1, all those who become 18 years of age will register on their birthdays, or should they fall on Sunday or a holiday, on the next day.

Last week a Mexican boy only 3 feet 7 inches tall was registered at the local office. At first clerks were amazed at the boy who appeared to be only a child and far below the height for army acceptance. His card was filled out, however, and he will be included on the regular registration list and classified later.

A number of 18-year-olds will be sent away on the next quota, having volunteered through the board for military service. Others are being classified as quickly as possible and will be put in future quotas for this county.

The four negroes ordered to report on January 1 for physical examinations are:

- Ivery Lee Wilbon, Winters
- Albert Harvey, Ballinger
- O. C. Slay, Ballinger
- Harmon Brooks, Ballinger

Victory Tax On Wages Will Start Tomorrow

Beginning tomorrow, January 1, 1943, every employer is required to withhold, collect and pay on all wages and other remuneration (regardless of when earned) of every employee (except for agricultural labor, domestic service, and casual labor not in the course of the employer's trade or business and other certain types of service) a tax of 5 per cent of the excess of each payment of such wages over the withholding deduction allowable. This withholding deduction is \$624 a year and corresponding amounts depend on the payroll period by which the employee is paid. Thus on a weekly payroll period the withholding deduction is \$12.

The amount of tax withheld must be paid to the U. S. collector of internal revenue of the nearest district not later than one month after the close of the quarter during which it was withheld.

The tax is known as the "victory tax" and special forms will be provided by the government upon which employers must make a complete report of the wages paid each employee and the tax deducted.

Strict records must be kept by all employers and each employee must receive a written statement at the end of each year showing the amount of wages earned and the tax deductions withheld from such wages. For regular employees these statements must be given them not later than January 31 following the close of the year on December 30. Should the services of an employee be terminated during the year a statement must be furnished him at the time he leaves the job.

Blanks providing all information on the new tax are available at the office of the collector of internal revenue and may be had upon request. The tax must be withheld from the first pay checks in 1943.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Forson visited relatives at Waco Christmas day.

R. E. Bruce left today for Houston to attend a special business meeting of bankers Friday.

\$250.00 Reward
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Wishing my friends a Victorious New Year and a pledge to bring you the finest entertainment possible for your hours of relaxation.

Respectfully

H. Ford Taylor

Ritz Theatre Ritz Club

On Heels of Rommel's Westbound Afrika Korps



Britain's eighth army has been hard on the heels of Gen. Erwin Rommel's much-vaunted Afrika Korps, pushing them westward towards Tripoli. Photo at left shows local Arabs, friendly to the once-again-invading British army, gathered around British armored cars when the British occupied a wrecked town in the Libyan desert. Dense smoke from a burning tank fills the background. Insets: Left, General Rommel, leader of Axis desert forces, and Lieut. Gen. Bernard Montgomery, commander of Britain's eighth army.

Surgical Dressings Work To Begin Here Monday

The Red Cross surgical dressing center here will begin operations Monday, making its first quota. In the first call there are 32,400 dressings to be made, the first 16,200 to be completed and shipped by January 25.

All materials have been received here and the county chairmen have called all local supervisors to meet at the work room on the third floor of the court house Friday evening to get final instructions on the first dressings to be made.

The first class will meet Monday evening and others will continue the regular work through the week. A room at Winters will also begin work on the same type of bandages and sponges. The supervisors have been schooled in the work and the complete organization is ready to begin functioning.

The following groups have been assigned for work here:

Monday Night
Twenty-three are registered for work under Mrs. Troy Simpson, Mrs. Arthur Giesecke and Mrs. Melba Lincoln from 7:30 to 10 p. m.

Tuesday Afternoon
A group of 24 has registered to work under Mrs. B. C. Kirk, Mrs. A. O. Bartlett and Mrs. R. T. Williams from 2 to 5 p. m.

Tuesday Night
Supervisors are Mrs. John Wagner, Mrs. H. T. Forson and Miss Griffie Atkins and a class of 24 is registered for work from 7:30 to 10 p. m.

Thursday Afternoon
Twenty-five have signed up for work in this group whose supervisors are Mrs. Rothal O'Kelly, Mrs. E. Shepperd and Mrs. James A. Wear. Hours are 2 to 5 p. m.

Thursday Night
Thirty colored women have registered for work under Mrs. C. (Continued on page 8)

Four Fires During Christmas Period Cause Slight Loss

The Ballinger fire department was called to four fires during the Christmas holidays, none of which caused much loss, and as a result the city's fire loss for 1942 will be held to a low figure.

Firemen were called to the home of Mrs. M. I. Rayburn on Tenth Street Sunday morning about 3:30 where a garage was completely destroyed by fire. The firemen kept the blaze from spreading, but this was the heaviest fire loss during the holiday period.

Saturday evening the trucks made a run to the Modern Food Market on Broadway where a short circuit in an electric wire caused an alarm to be turned in. No damage resulted.

An alarm was sounded Monday afternoon for 809 Broadway, where a trash fire got out of control. The firemen handled this with no loss to property.

Tuesday afternoon firemen were called to a house near the Abilene & Southern depot where a stove pipe had burned in two in the attic and started a small blaze. It was brought under control quickly with only small damage to the house.

During the past week members of the department have been called to help control several grass and weed fires and for these no alarms were sounded.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wear, of Fort Worth, are here for a holiday visit with Mr. and Mrs. James A. Wear.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Guin and son, Tom Henry, of San Angelo, were in Ballinger Tuesday for a visit with relatives and friends.

SERVING UNCLE SAM

Stephen Francis, son of Mrs. W. R. Clark of Ballinger, has been graduated from the army air force glider school at Dalhart and now wears the G wings of a glider pilot. He is now ready for duty with the troop carrier commands in allied and occupied countries. Francis graduated from the Ballinger high school and from the Baylor University school of pharmacy.

Major Ross Murchison, of Camp Hood, spent Christmas eve and Christmas day in Ballinger with his family and other relatives and friends. He is serving with an anti-tank division at the new Texas camp where thousands of men are being trained.

J. D. Reneau, who recently left Ballinger for military service at Fort Bliss, El Paso, is now a member of an infantry regiment at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was only at Fort Bliss five days before being transferred to the Georgia camp.

Andrew Block, who is stationed at Las Vegas, New Mexico, is at home for a ten-day furlough. He enlisted in the army air corps last May and has been in training since then.

Rex Nixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nixon, Sr., of this city, has completed the first phase of his training at a San Diego naval school and has been transferred to Jacksonville, Florida. He left San Diego during the Christmas holidays and arrived in Florida the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McDonald received a message the first of the week from their son, Harold McDonald, stating that he is coming home on a furlough and will be here soon. McDonald has been away from home for three and a half years and saw service at Pearl Harbor, Midway Island, and the Solomons. The message said he was feeling fine and that we would win this war.

Powell Wear was at home for Christmas and this week from Detroit, where he had been receiving naval training for several months. He recently completed the first phase of his training and has been ordered to report at Norfolk, Virginia, for additional work.

Mrs. W. E. Curtis has received word that her husband, Pvt. W. E. Curtis, has been stationed at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, where he will receive training as an aircraft mechanic.

Corporal Harry F. Ringle has been at home on leave from Bear Field, Fort Wayne, Indiana, visiting Mrs. H. A. Nease.

Lieut. Adeline Simecek, member of the WAACs and stationed at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa, was at home during the Christmas holidays on a ten-day furlough. After a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. (Continued on page 8)

Bond Sales in December May be Short of Bomber

Flight Instructor Crawford Killed In Accident Here

Bob Crawford, flying instructor at the Harman Training Center, was killed instantly Monday morning when he walked into the whirling propeller of an airplane on the flight line.

Crawford came to Ballinger last summer to be associated with the primary training school here and had served as a flight instructor ever since. He was preparing to begin his work Monday morning and walked on to the flight line where a large number of planes were being warmed up. The cold morning caused him to have his coat pulled up about his neck and his helmet on and in some way he failed to see a plane on the line moving in and was in the propeller before he heard or saw it and the impact caused his instant death.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford came to Ballinger from Lubbock and the body was taken there for funeral services Wednesday afternoon. Flyers in planes from the Ballinger field dropped flowers at the last rites in the Lubbock cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford returned to Ballinger Sunday from Lubbock where they had been for a short Christmas visit.

The fatal accident was the first of its kind at the local field and this was the first instructor lost in line of duty here.

Red Cross Field Representative Explains Service

Miss Mildred Fritz, home service field representative of the American Red Cross, is here today and will remain Friday and Saturday to do special work in this county. J. A. Killough, recently named home service chairman for Runnels county, will assume the new responsibilities tomorrow, January 1.

Miss Fritz is here to explain the many functions of her department pertaining to the army and other service men from this county. In recent months the work of the home service secretary has increased many times because of the large number in training camps and the necessary contacts between camp authorities and the men's families in emergency cases.

Mr. Killough will have aides in other sections of the county to assist him in making hurried investigations when called upon by army officers. The obtaining of furloughs on account of illness or death must be approved by the home service department before the men can leave camp. These duties and many others make the position important and one that requires considerable time.

DATES TO BE SET SOON FOR FOOTBALL BANQUET

Dates for the annual football banquet have not been set but committees of the Ballinger Board of Community Development will announce the time and place in a few days. As soon as Coach Felton Wright returns home from a Christmas visit to relatives and friends final plans will be approved and the sale of tickets started.

Invitations have been extended a number of prominent football men to attend the affair here and a delay has been necessary pending replies. The banquet will be held early in January and will officially close the 1942 gridiron season here.

Jack Bandy and Alexander McGregor and Robert Lowry left Sunday for A. & M. College to resume school work.

A check-up of war bond sales in Runnels county for December made the past week-end revealed the amount sold to that time about \$38,000 short of the bomber goal set for the month. All banks in the county were expected to have fair sales this week and additional amounts are to be credited to this county later from purchases made outside the county by men in defense plants and military service, and by large concerns that take monthly amounts from payrolls for this purpose.

Local leaders doubt that sales will total \$175,000 by the end of the month, but expected that figure to be crowded closely and possibly with other amounts to be credited later may permit the purchase of a bomber to bear the name of Runnels county.

R. E. Bruce, county chairman, stated that the December sales were sufficient to put Runnels county over the top with all regular quotas for the past year. Tabulations reported here Saturday by towns were as follows:

Ballinger	\$ 84,743.50
Winters	40,806.96
Rowena	6,210.50
Miles	5,437.50
	\$137,197.50

Training Pictures Shown Guardsmen; 10 More Men Sought

Members of company E of the Texas Defense Guard Monday night witnessed action pictures—a part of the training program for the regular army. The films, with full sound effects, were shown in the city hall auditorium to all members of the company and Captain K. V. Northington stated that other pictures would be shown here as a part of the training of the Ballinger unit.

A large number of these films, made by special units of the army and used in training regular soldiers, has been made available to guard companies that are equipped to project them. The picture screened Monday evening was "Operation of a Reconnaissance Patrol at Night" and presented real action of such units. Attendance was good. During the rest of the winter, when outside drill is not permitted, films will be shown indoors as a part of the training.

At this time there are 65 men in the local company and vacancies for about ten more enlistments. Officers of the unit stated they would welcome any who would like to become members and receive the training offered.

TAX PAYMENTS HEAVY AT THREE OFFICES HERE

Tax collectors for the state and county, school district, and city report payments about par or a little above at the close of the year. Each has the month of January in which to make collections before tax accounts become delinquent and are expecting the usual rush period the latter part of January.

During October payments of county and state taxes were heavy to take advantage of the discount offered. All collectors here expect final payments to be higher than in previous years. Payments of delinquent accounts also have been good during the past year.

DON'T MISS OUR BIG NEW YEARS EVE PREVIEW SOUVENIRS FOR EVERYONE TONIGHT AT 11:30 Texas Theatre

B. C. D. Directors to Plan Program for New Year

Directors of the Ballinger Board of Community Development will hold their first meeting of 1943 Monday evening. One of the first items of business is to receive a report from the nominating committee in which twenty-two men are to be selected for a post card ballot in which eleven new directors will be elected for a two-year term.

President Neil G. McAlpine will also appoint committees to make place for serving the annual banquet at some date in February and to arrange the program for this affair. At their meeting last week the directors voted that the annual banquet be held and that every effort be made to present a program equal to those of previous years in order to encourage large attendance of the membership.

During 1942 the B. C. D. has gradually devoted more and more of its time to war work. Calls have (Continued on page 8)

Income Tax Returns

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Women's Society and Club News

Important Program for Garden Club

Mrs. B. Fraser, who is an authority on gardens, will direct the program for the Civic-Garden Club next Tuesday, January 5, at 4:00 p. m. in the City Hall auditorium. This program, particularly timely with the announcing of increased food rationing, will tell in detail when to plant, what to plant, and how to cultivate.

Mrs. Agnew is Club Hostess

Mrs. Tom Agnew was hostess at the Triple-Four contract club Tuesday afternoon in her Wilke Terrace home.

Rooms were still festive in their elaborate holiday attire where Mrs. Claude Stone was winner of high score game award and Mrs. Ross Murchison of the bingo.

Mrs. Agnew was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Myrta Harshaw, and daughter, Marilyn, and Patricia Caudle in serving a salad plate with sand tarts and tea. Others were: Mmes J. A. Schnable, L. R. Tigner, J. B. Striplin, K. V. Northington, R. W. Earnshaw, E. W. Stansney, Nat Williams, Alex McGregor, Harry Lynn, E. L. Ingram, and Troy Simpson.

Music Club to Meet

The Ballinger Music Club will hold its next regular meeting Tuesday evening January 5, at eight o'clock in the home of Mrs. O. R. Lasater, 811 Sixth Street.

Christmas Affair for Harman Personnel

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harman were hosts on Wednesday evening at a Christmas dance given for the adult members of families of the entire army and civilian employee personnel at Bruce Field.

A huge Christmas tree, which touched the ceiling, was featured in decorations for the large front portion of the Seidel implement building on Strong Avenue where the affair was held.

Tom Murphy, violinist, and Bud Van Lier, accordionist, gave a group of familiar Christmas carols and other numbers. Music for dancing was provided by the Bruce Field Orchestra.

A Christmas basket containing a turkey with all the trimmings was the gift to every family from the Harmans. More than 300 attended the affair.

Mary Brian Woody and Charles Bailey, Jr., Host Dance

Mary Brian Woody and Charles Bailey, Jr., were hosts Friday evening in the banquet room at the Cactus Coffee Shop at a Xmas dance for a group of their young friends.

A lighted tree and other symbols of the Yule season gave decoration

and dancing was to nickelodeon music.

Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Woody assisted by Sally Bailey and Tookie Wade served punch with Santa Claus and Christmas tree cookies. Included were: Elizabeth Wear, Dorothy Ann Holliday, Betty Jean Lengefeld, Anna Sue Hembree, Lillian Ruth Keithley, Martha Saunders, Dava June Bell, Jo Ann Eubank, Elaine Williams, Virginia Baker, Nancy Guynes, Arline Miller, Martha Ann James, Mary Evelyn O'Neill, and Bonnie Davis. Everett Grindstaff, Buddy Wright, Diz Caskey, Bob Agnew, Joe Baker, Key Hoffman, Howard Martin, Jr., Charles Miller, Jr., Carl Black, Jr., J. W. Wington, J. H. Justice, and Francis Martin.

No-Host Dinner for Group

A no-host dinner dance at the Cactus Coffee Shop on Saturday evening was a Christmas affair enjoyed by a group who included added friends as guests.

Lovely white chrysanthemums centered the table where places were marked for twenty-four. The dinner, served in four courses, was followed by dancing to a nickelodeon.

Included were: Messrs. and Mmes. W. B. Woody, Julian Hadley, E. L. Ingram, Tommie Hall, Arthur Underwood, C. C. Stratton, Loyd Herring, Fred Harman, K. K. Hoffman, E. B. Clappitt, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Cheatham, Mrs. Alden Thorp, Mrs. Leslie Baker, and Lt. Luther Reese.

Christmas Eve Dance for Cadets at Bruce Field

A formal Christmas eve dance for Bruce Field cadets was held in the Army and Navy Club Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stone, and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Simpson as sponsors.

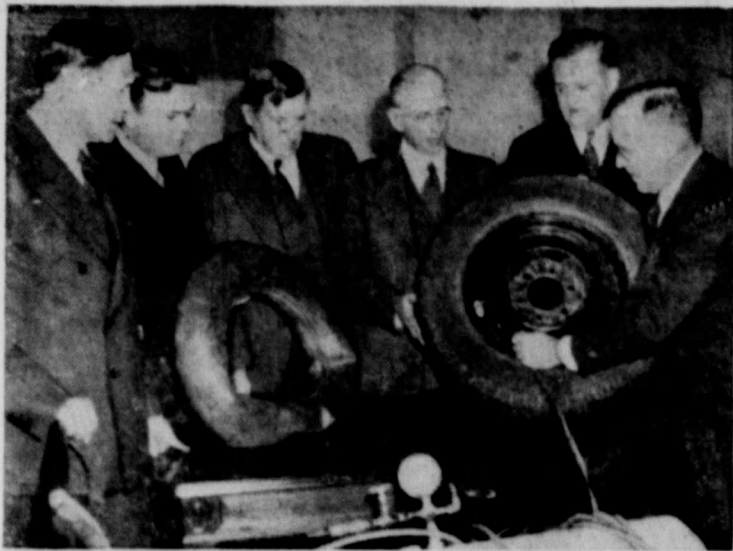
Lights were covered in red and green cellophane and sparkling Xmas bells were placed on each side of a brilliantly lighted tree on the stage, for decoration.

Dancing to nickelodeon music and two exhibition dances by Lt. and Mrs. George B. Davis gave entertainment. Mrs. Davis was lovely in a floor length dress of black chiffon velvet made with long full sleeves and a ruffled yoke of white embroidery. She wore a tiara of white starched lace in her hair.

NURSE MIXES BABIES

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 30.—Mixing of two baby girls in the maternity ward of a hospital in Mount Isa, Australia, has resulted in an award of \$350 damages to the parents of one.

Tubeless Tires Tested Before House



Fresh progress in the "Tulsa plan" to reclaim some 277,500 tons of rubber by debiting the nation's auto tires was demonstrated at the Capitol by John B. McGay, Tulsa manufacturer, who fathered the plan. The demonstrations were made before members of the house interstate and foreign commerce committee. Mr. McGay said a tubeless casing can be remounted, filled with 40 ounces of asbestos-type sealing fluid, and then can be as serviceable as the tubed tires with which 30,000,000 American cars are now equipped. Photo shows, left to right, Rep. Richard M. Simpson (Pa.); Rep. Lyle H. Boren (Okla.); Rep. Alfred L. Bulwinkle (N. C.); Rep. Clarence F. Lea (Calif.), chairman of the committee; Rep. Clarence Brown (Ohio); and John B. McGay, as he demonstrated the use of an ordinary auto tire without the use of an inner tube.

WOMEN AT WAR

Irene

When Irene got home from the airplane factory she was good and tired. This was the hour, after work and before dinner, that she always looked forward to. Her private name for it was "My sissy hour." Into it, these days, she packed all the lazy, luxurious little things she loved—things that used to take up a lot more than an hour of her peace-time days. She sat down at the little desk in her room. You could tell quite a lot about Irene from that desk. The water-glass filled with the small bouquet of flowers she sometimes bought on the way home. The paper-weight of pink marble. The thin, crackly blue air-mail stationery. And the big, framed photograph of a young man in a corporal's uniform—as good-looking a man as Irene was pretty. On the button pad lay the telegram that had come that morning just as she was leaving for work. With those long, well-shaped fingers she reached for a sheet of paper. She nibbled the end of her pen for a bit, and then she wrinkled up her nose at the picture of the soldier and began to write, "Dear Mr. Morgen-thau", but the corporal's name was Jackson, and she called him Pete. Her round handwriting spread across the page. "My boy friend is with the A. E. F. in Ireland. He has cabled me fifty dollars with which to buy a diamond ring. I've been thinking it over and decided to buy a War Bond to help Uncle Sam instead. This may help to bring my boy friend home sooner, and then he can help me select my ring." Slowly she began to sign her name.

"Irene —"
(Letter from an actual communication in the files of the Treasury Department.)
Let's all sacrifice as Irene has done. Bring final victory closer with the money you put into War Bonds. Make certain your family budget tops 10 percent by New Year's.
U. S. Treasury Department

ARGENTINE BANDITS FIGHT

MENDOZA, Argentina, Dec. 30.—Two bandits who preyed on women near Mendoza battled police fiercely when trapped and escaped in a shower of bullets. Dioniste Vera, a third bandit, was wounded and surrendered. The trio specialized in robbing farm women whose husbands were at work in the fields.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank each and every one who was so faithful during the illness of our loved one, husband and father. We are especially thankful for the beautiful flowers. May God bless each of you.

Mrs. J. W. Connor
Leonard Connor and family
Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dshman
and family
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Green.

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cleaned house, made over three dresses for herself and several for her nieces, tended the garden, canned 10 bushels of grapes and plums, raised 600 chickens, fed the hogs, did the milking, and, in addition, drove the tractor to cut feed so her father might be saved "hiring an extra hand."

The other story concerns Mrs. Rachael Snyder, victory demonstrator of the Keechi community in Leon county. This year she rabbit-proofed her garden and from it sold enough surplus vegetables to keep the family supplied with staples. She canned 500 containers for the family to eat this winter.

In addition, Mrs. Snyder took her steam pressure cooker to the homes of several of her neighbors and canned vegetables for them in exchange for fruit. She has helped meet the labor shortage by doing laundry work for her friends and this has supplied extra money for the family's needs. Although rearing six sons (two older ones are in the armed forces), keeps her busy, Mrs. Snyder finds time to keep her home beautiful with a flower garden.

Victory Leaders Get in the Scrap To Beat Dirty Jap

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 30.—Mobilization of farm and ranch families through the neighborhood leader system has contributed a great deal to the success of the various salvage campaigns in rural areas, according to reports reaching H. H. Williamson, director of the A. & M. College extension service, from county workers.

The "human chain" has been used to advise and encourage rural families in the contribution of scrap iron, rubber, and left-over fats. For example, victory leaders aided in the collection of more than 900 tons of scrap on Wharton county farms during the summer.

Scrap-free farms in Gray county are posting signs which read: "This farm has no scrap. It's gone to slap the dirty Jap." Mrs.

We Can't Equal Their Sacrifices, but We Might Try



Foreman Stubbs, Alanreed community victory leader, is the author of the sign. Thirty-two Gray county farms qualified to post the marker in September. Farmers in Dallam county have contributed an average of one ton of scrap metal per farm.

Proceeds from scrap collection in the Judson community of Gregg county were used to finance a community fish fry. The \$18 which remained in the fund was donated to the USO. Hewitt H. Wheelless, father of Menard county's national hero, was principal speaker at a scrap rally at the Menard football stadium. Members of the audience were sold war savings bonds and stamps as they left the field. Here are other "salvage" reports.

Terry county's per capita collection of rubber averaged 20 pounds. A total of 542 pounds of left-over fats was collected in San Saba county in one week. Victory leaders in Madison, Grimes, and Washington counties are leading drives to collect tin caps. Grimes county met its first month's quota of nine tons in short order.

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Every CHICK Raised Is a SLAP AT THE AXIS

America's strongest weapon is her ability to out-produce any other country in the world. That goes for chicks as well as tanks, and both are important cogs in our united war effort. So this year, let's "Slap the Axis" by starting more chicks and raising a bigger percentage to maturity. It is OUR job to produce healthier, better-bred chicks; and you can depend on them to produce high livability records as well as heavy egg production records. So take a big "Slap at the Axis" by managing and feeding those chicks properly after they reach your brooder house. In this way you will be helping your country and at the same time helping yourself to bigger poultry profits.

THIS IS THE YEAR . . . Poultry and egg prices remain at highly profitable levels, and the feed-egg ratio is unbelievably favorable for big poultry profits. So start an early brood of chicks, then another. Buy better quality-bred chicks and raise them better.

YOU'LL FIND THE QUALITY OF CHICKS IS EXCELLED ONLY BY THE SERVICE WE GIVE!

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Rita Hayworth Opposite Astaire In 'You Were Never Lovelier'

"You Were Never Lovelier" is said by an enraptured Hollywood to fittingly describe Rita Hayworth's latest screen appearance.

The title of the film, Columbia's newest musical, directed by William A. Seiter and coming to the Texas Theatre next Saturday midnight for a preview as well as the Sunday, Monday and Tuesday following, January 3, 4, 5, does not note that Fred Astaire is Miss Hayworth's dancing and romancing partner; nor does it note that Jerome Kern has penned for the Astaire-Hayworth team his greatest musical score since "Show Boat."

On the other hand, according to filmdom, if these things are not to be found in the film... and that is of far great entertainment consequence. Miss Hayworth's glowing beauty and exciting ability combined with Astaire's magnetic personality and entrancing rhythm to make "You Were Never Lovelier" a glittering whirl of gaiety and romance, surpassing their delightful success of last year, "You'll Never Get Rich."

The Kern tunes are presented by Xavier Cugat and his orchestra, who are featured with Adolphe Menjou in support of the stars. The songs, which already have thrilled millions of radio fans, include: "I'm Old-Fashioned," "Dearly Beloved," "You Were Never Lovelier," "Wedding in the Spring," and "The Shorty George" among several others. In addition Cugat and his band present a famous specialty number of their own, "Chiu Chiu."

"You Were Never Lovelier" is set in South America, where Miss Hayworth is the daughter of a wealthy impresario, and where Astaire is trying to recoup race-track losses by obtaining a job. He inadvertently becomes involved in the impresario's efforts to teach

YOUR DENTAL I. Q.

Q: What is wrong or lacking in a person who never grew any wisdom teeth? Is he more stupid or deficient than the average?

A: No. Sometimes teeth, including wisdom teeth or third molars, fail to develop. The cause or cause of this condition have not been fully determined. Frequently, what is spoken of as an absent wisdom tooth is really an impacted tooth. This is a tooth which has developed but which has failed to erupt because of its improper position in the jaw, lack of space or other impediment. In order to determine whether a wisdom tooth is absent, impacted or delayed in eruption, an examination by the dentist is required. The x-ray is necessary in this examination.

There is no known relationship between intelligence and the presence or absence of wisdom teeth. Apparently, the notion that such a relationship exists is based on the fact that the wisdom teeth generally come into place in the jaw at an age when mental powers are fairly well developed.

Send questions with self-addressed, stamped envelope, to American Dental Association, 7... East Superior street, Chicago, Ill.



Clean, healthy teeth add much to the child's appearance. They are an indication that the child is healthy and properly trained. If parents recognized the social and economic aspect of appearance, they would not permit their children's teeth to become badly decayed. If a child's teeth are broken down and decayed, someone else is to blame, but it is the child who will suffer.

Judy Garland is Vaudeville Star In M-G-M's 'For Me and My Gal'

Vaudeville in its glittering heyday, New York's historic Palace Theatre, haunting songs of an era gone by, form a kaleidoscopic background for a poignant romance in "For Me and My Gal," in which Judy Garland is presented at the Ritz Theatre next Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, January 2, 3, 4 and 5, in her first fully adult role. Recalling the glories of other days to elders who loved vaudeville, at the same time it provides a breathless new type of entertainment for youngsters of today, to whom this is new.

Miss Garland plays a young vaudeville singer, in the year 1915, in a small-time act, longing, as all varieties players did, for "the big time" and the Palace. She and Gene Kelly, becoming vaudeville partners, fall in love, vow to marry the day they play the Palace—then World War intervenes. Kelly is called. From then on the story rushes on to its climax.

Famous songs of the vaudeville era, "For Me and My Gal," "Oh You Beautiful Doll," "By the Beautiful Sea," "Oh Johnny," "They Go Wild Over Me" and many others figure in vaudeville acts in which Miss Garland, Kelly and George Murphy appear, and Maria Eggerth in her American screen debut, is glamorous.

Richard Quine, Keenan Wynn, Horace McNally and other principals are in the cast. Settings range from small-time theatres in the Middle West to the Palace in New York at the height of its glory.

Russians See Films of Their Allies' Effort and Cheer

MOSCOW, Dec. 30.—Newsreels and factual films from the lands of their allies are being seen by millions of Russians. Many of the films are edited in Moscow by Ilya Kopalin, a Stalin prize winner. He is a director of documentary films, one of the makers of "The Defeat of the Germans at Moscow." Recently he edited a full-length reel showing "The Life of Great Britain and the United States, Our Comrades-in-Arms."

Soviet audiences see Churchill flying over the Atlantic to meet President Roosevelt. They visit the flying schools of the United States, Britain, Canada and Australia. They cheer the films and call for more.

At Angleton, Texas, is a large chemical plant for producing magnesium and other chemicals from sea water.

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<p>Feature No. 1 DON AMECHE JOAN BENNETT BILLIE BURKE "Girl Trouble" Plus Cartoon and News</p>	<p>Feature No. 2 JOHN WAYNE BENNIE BARNES ALBERT DEKKER "In Old California"</p>
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IN
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With
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Indians Practiced Civilian Defense Before Columbus

SANTA FE, N. M., Dec. 30.—The white man's civilian defense program is "old stuff" to the Pueblo and nomadic Indians of the Southwest.

Long before Queen Isabella financed Christopher Columbus' voyage to the New World, many of measures now used by civilian defense authorities had been adapted by the red men as a protection against hostile attacks of warring tribes.

Ancient Indian communities were systematically organized in clans with each having assigned duties to perform in case of a raid. This program functioned under the direction of the chief priests, war captains and their assistants, an arrangement similar to present civilian defense practices.

Our air-raid wardens and block captains might well emulate the "civilian defense program" originated by the cliff-dwelling Indians of Arizona and New Mexico, who probably had the most impregnable system against attack of

their day. Known as America's first apartment house owners because their dwellings often had as many as 200 rooms, these tribes were creators of many ingenious devices for warding off the enemy.

All trails leading to their settlements had gigantic rocks at strategic points to be rolled down upon their adversary at a moment's notice. Ladders, instead of steps, led up the steep walls of their dwellings and in time of danger these could be pulled up behind them. In addition, openings to their living quarters were so small only one person could enter at a time, making it almost impossible for overwhelming numbers to surround them.

Adequately provisioned bomb shelters, such as are recommended by civilian defense heads today, obviously were not needed by the early Indians. However, in the event of a long siege, hunger became a problem and tribal leaders guarded against this eventuality by placing large reserves of food in storage places built for that purpose.

Such tribes as the Navajos in Arizona and New Mexico, the Taos, San Ildefonso, Santa Clara and Jemez Indians, now living in the vicinity of Santa Fe and Albuquerque, continue to maintain these centuries-old protective organizations.

Rotarians Discuss Resolutions and Prospects for '43

All local Rotarians participated in the program presented Tuesday, E. M. Lynn, program chairman, was in charge of the program and called on all members to count off—one, two, three.

The number one were asked to make at least one New Year's resolution and were given time to tell their first aim for the ensuing year.

The number two group told of their biggest thrill during the past year and this part of the program brought much entertainment as the talks covered a wide variety of experiences.

The number three group spoke on the future and what they hoped and expected to happen during the next twelve months.

The club enters the new year with a strong organization of which Rev. J. C. Johnson is president and L. R. Tigner is secretary. Attendance at recent meetings has been good and programs have been entertaining. Several new members have been received into the club during the past several months.

For Greater Safety

A Checking Account at the Winters State Bank will safeguard your dollars, and will help to keep your finances on a sound basis. It will save time, trouble and many steps. You will have a higher standing among people with whom you deal.

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APRICOTS Whole No. 2 Can 15c	PRUNES California No. 2 Can 15c
SYRUP Pure Ribbon Cane Gallon 69c	MUSTARD Imitation Quart 10c
Oleomargarine Rio Lb. 17c	
SODA Dial Baking 1-lb. Box 5c	HONEY Pure Strained 1-lb. Jar 29c
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SPUDS No. 1 10 Lbs. 29c	TANGERINES Dozen 29c
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Eggplants 2 Lbs. 25c	
AVOCADOS 2 For 25c	SPINACH Fresh Lb. 10c
CARROTS Fresh 2 Bunches 15c	APPLES Large Delicious Each 5c

Market Specials

ROAST Chuck Lb. 27c	STEAK Round Lb. 37c
ROAST Standard Rib Lb. 30c	STEAK Loin Lb. 35c
Plate Ribs For Stew or Roast Lb. 20c	
SAUSAGE Decker's Pure Pork Country Style Lb. 39c	SAUSAGE Summer Lb. 28c
SAUSAGE Smoked Ring Lb. 23c	HAMS Cured Half or Whole Lb. 43c

Oath of Office is Administered To Newly Elected

The Runnels county commissioners' court was in session here Wednesday to approve bonds of all office holders required to make them and to administer the oath of office to all men elected for a two-year term so they would be able to assume their duties on January 1.

Fred Bredford, commissioner for the Winters precinct, was unable to attend the meeting due to illness, and H. E. Pulcher was unable to attend the meeting in person but qualified for the office of commissioner, precinct No. 1.

The change in the office of commissioner, precinct No. 1, was the only one in the county's official "family" for 1943 and 1944. All other office holders have been reelected, qualified for their positions, and provided approved bonds.

The office of county surveyor is vacant at this time due to the death of J. E. Powell, who held the position for many years.

County Judge E. C. Grindstaff stated that he had received no information from state headquarters regarding a slash in WPA or welfare work in this county. Publicity has been given the order but to date no directive has been received here.

Frame Garden Said Best Way to Supply Family's Vitamins

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 30.—An area five by twenty feet, boxed in with planks twelve to eighteen inches high and having some sort of cover—otherwise a frame garden—can be depended upon as a source of home-grown vitamins. The cover, designed to protect young plants from cold, should be tacked securely to one side of the frame and means provided to hold down the cloth over the other side and ends. Small props should be available for providing ventilation when the cover is kept over the bed for two or three successive days.

According to J. F. Rosborough, horticulturist for the A. & M. College extension service, low-growing vegetables like mustard, turnips, lettuce, beets, carrots and onions are best suited for growing in frame gardens.

Spading is the first step in preparation. Mix rotted manure with the soil, but if this is not available add five to ten pounds of 4-12-4 commercial mixture, spading it about ten inches deep. Planting crosswise of the bed, put in four rows of leaf lettuce spaced about eight inches. Use Black Seeded Simpson. Then plant half a dozen rows of tendergreen or giant Southern curled mustard for quick greens, and 10 or 12 rows of carrots of the Chantenay variety. But carrots planted now will not be ready for eating until the latter part of January. Beets sowed at the rate of one or two to the inch in rows 10 inches apart, and a half pint of onion sets in rows spaced eight inches are desirable products of a frame garden.

All of these vegetables should be planted now. In 30 or 40 days make a second planting of mustard and radishes. This keeps fresh tender greens coming all throughout the winter.

BALLINGER SCHOOLS TO OPEN NEXT MONDAY TEACHERS BEING SOUGHT

Ballinger students will resume studies Monday after two weeks for the Christmas holidays. Supt. Nat Williams stated this week that all school work would begin on regular schedule Monday morning and that the faculty was ready with substitutes for several positions, these to serve until the end of the current semester, which will close in three weeks.

At that time there will be from four to six vacancies on the faculty and it is hoped to fill all these places by the beginning of the second semester. Several resignations do not take effect until January 15 and these will continue teaching until that time.

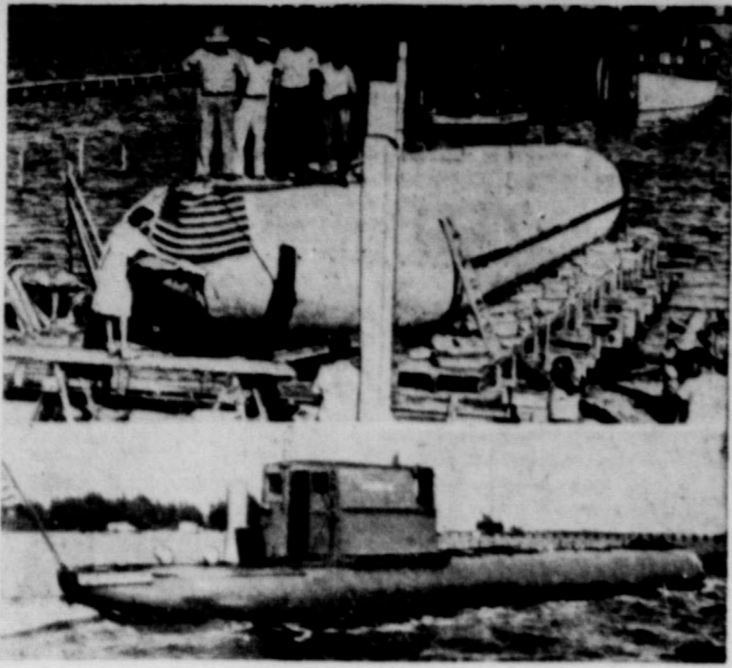
Quorthall Gilligan will move to Sweetwater about January 15 to begin duty with the flying school there. Mrs. Fred Harman will continue to teach science in the high school until the end of the present semester.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Williams and family spent Sunday in Putnam, visiting Mr. Williams' mother.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Woody and Mary Brian spent Christmas day in Balado.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Woods, of Mason, were guests of relatives and friends in Ballinger during the holidays.

'Phantom Ship' Takes to Waters



Here is the phantom of the sea, a concrete vessel, completely automatic, crewless, and designed to travel in convoys of ten or more operated by radio control from a master escorting vessel. Photo at top shows ship being launched at West Palm Beach, Fla. Lower photo shows ship on its way through inland waterways. The deckhouse is only temporary. This is a 91-foot model. The larger "phantom" will be 260 feet long, difficult to sight, and hard to sink.

Synthetic Soybean Wool May Furnish Auto Upholstery

DETROIT, Dec. 30.—When you buy your next automobile—whether it is in 1944 or 1949—you probably will be surprised at the texture of the upholstery. It probably will be a synthetic fibre made from soybeans.

The Ford Motor Company as long as six months ago installed machinery for full-scale production of such material. By a specially devised process, oil-free soybean meal is converted into yarn for fabrics.

Ford engineers say production of this new farm product may do much to help meet the demand for raw wool, which the United States has imported from distant lands. Shipments from abroad previously have run as high as thirty-five per cent, and already they have been cut to a minimum.

In the process of making soybean fibre, oil-free meal must first be produced. This operation is performed in the company's village industry plants at Milan and Saline, as well as at the Rouge plant in Dearborn.

The type of bean is first selected, and upon arrival it is cleaned, flaked and fed to extractors. A screw conveyor carries the bean flakes through the extractor unit containing a necessary solvent. This washing process removes about ninety-five per cent of the soybean oil.

After all trace of the solvent is removed from the crushed beans by a live-steam treatment, the meal is dried in preparation for the extraction of protein, which makes up about fifty per cent of the meal.

By agitating the meal for thirty minutes with caustic soda and water and treating the solution with sulphur-dioxide gas, the protein is dissolved. Precipitated in curd form, the mass is heated, causing the protein to dry in small granular particles.

The prepared protein, now ready to be put into the spinning solution, is soaked in twice its weight in water, and a special solvent mixture is added to bring the protein into solution. This molasses-like fluid is poured into a tank and subjected to sixty pounds of nitrogen pressure. This pressure forces the solution through a filter and into a spinnerette.

Resembling a straw hat in shape, this spinnerette is a circular piece of gold alloy an inch and a half in diameter, the front surface of

which contains small holes—500 to 1,000 of them. The protein solution is forced through these minute openings into an acid-coagulating bath that immediately precipitates and hardens the solution into thin fibres.

As the fibres set they are drawn from the bath onto glass reels and chemically treated for hardening and strengthening. The fibre is removed from the reels in skein form to be washed in water, cut to staple length and dried. By this time it resembles wool or cotton.

Transferred to the textile division, the fibre is made into yarn under carefully regulated conditions. The first operation is to open and loosen the fibre before carding. The unit that performs this task also compresses the fibre into yard-wide lap rolls two inches thick and forty-two yards long. Eventually this material is fed into trumpet-like tubes, condensing the fluffy, yard-wide layers into a two-inch thick rope.

After the material has been drawn and stretched, the diameter is reduced to an eighth of an inch. The fibre then is wound on spindles that are placed on the spinner, where the strands are made finer and twisted by spinning bobbins that revolve at 5,000 revolutions a minute. The twisters ply the yarns as they come from the spinner into single strands that are used in fabricating upholstery.

Aside from upholstery, the fibre can be used for felt for hats, for suits, topcoats or carpeting. The natural crimp tends to make it hold its shape.

Robert Boyer, who is something of an expert on soybeans in the Ford organization, says:

"Two acres of land devoted to sheep grazing will produce eight to ten pounds of wool a year. Two acres of land in soybeans will produce 400 pounds of protein for fibre."

STOWAWAY GETS BOAT DRILL

BELFAST, December 30.—James Thomas Stronge received the scare of his life on his bight from Belfast as a stowaway. Stronge was discovered in a lifeboat thrust into the water during a drill aboard ship after its departure from Belfast.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Schnable and Mrs. Lee Isom and son, of Shawnee, Oklahoma, are here for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schnable.

Misses Louise and Dorothy McMillan and Jimmie Joy Harris spent Sunday in San Angelo, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Roe.

SOCIETY

Rev. and Mrs. Erwin Fete Elders The Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Erwin honored elders of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church with a turkey dinner Wednesday evening at the manse on Eighth Street.

Seasonal greens interspersed with nandino berries and potted plants graced rooms which were lighted with burning red tapers.

Mrs. B. H. Erwin assisted in serving. Others present were: Messrs H. F. Demmer, J. A. Osterlag, E. S. Malone, Dee Oliver, Carl Black, W. A. Taylor, and Roy Hill.

Mrs. Hoffman Entertains Club Mrs. K. K. Hoffman was hostess to her contract club Wednesday afternoon, entertaining with a luncheon at the Central Hotel followed by games in her home on Sixth Street.

Yellow chrysanthemums formed the table centerpiece where the menu was served in three courses. Gay symbols of the holiday season, including the lighted Xmas tree, were much in evidence in the Hoffman home. Mrs. E. L. Ingram won high score prize, Mrs. Virgil Reynolds second, Mrs. Fred Harman low, and bingo went to Mrs. Julian Hadley and Mrs. W. L. Barber. Mrs. Roy Worley and Mrs. F. B. Mills were other guests.

Janice Church Hostess

Janice Church was hostess at a farewell party given Wednesday evening for Audrey Wormuth, who is moving to Sweetwater with her family. Games were played and a home movie shown. Each guest presented the honoree with a gift.

Present were: Ann Stasney, Jack and Billy Lynn, Louise Miller, Routh Ann Miller, Billy Moss, Dickie Murchison, and Jimmie Church.

DEE OLIVER EXPRESSES HIS APPRECIATION TO FRIENDS

To the People of Precinct No. 1:

I wish to express my appreciation to the people in Commissioner's Precinct No. 1 for their fine spirit of cooperation during the past eight years in which I served as your county commissioner.

As I retire from office on January 1, I do so with no ill will towards anyone and with a feeling of gratitude for the many friends made during the eight years' service to the people of this precinct. I am not ashamed of the work accomplished during that time, much of which will stand for a lifetime as a permanent improvement to our road system in the precinct.

To those men of my crew, I express my thanks for the fine help they have been and for their loyal work which has made possible the fine results shown.

The members of the commissioners' court have also been a great help to me in the performance of my work and I will always treasure their friendship and association.

As we enter 1943 may I express to all the wish for a good new year and the hope that our nation may be victorious in this terrible war which has broken so many homes as men go to the call of their country.

Respectfully,
DEE OLIVER
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Mrs. Roy Jacob, of Temple, is visiting in the O. K. Jacob home this week. Roy was somewhere in Northern Ireland on November 27, when the last report was heard from him.

Mrs. Crawford Lemburg and daughter, Jamie Ruth, of Menard, who visited relatives here during the holidays, returned home Tuesday.

For Allied victory—buy bonds.

Conference in Wilds of New Caledonia



Lieut. Gen. Henry H. Arnold (center), commander of U. S. army air forces, is shown in conference with Maj. Gen. Alexander Patch Jr. (left), commander of United Nations forces at New Caledonia, and Rear Adm. John S. McCain, U. S. navy, (right). New Caledonia is a vital link in protecting our shipping to Australia.—Soundphoto.

Mason Jar to Have New Cap Because Of War Conditions

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 30.—One of the war-time changes homemakers can expect soon is a new top-knot for the mason jar, a fixture in the home canning business. WPB recently prohibited the use of zinc in making lids for glass containers and this means that the old mason jar soon will wear a new cap.

The USDA bureau of home economics is working on a new lid. Meanwhile, says Winifred Jones of the A. & M. College extension service, homemakers can obtain porcelain closures with steel rims which give a secure seal and which are currently used as substitutes for zinc jar tops. In addition to the order prohibiting the use of zinc, a new WPB regulation is expected limiting the types of jars for home canning.

Miss Jones, who is specialist in food preservation, explains that the government is interested in farm families having an adequate food supply and will do everything possible to assure stocks of proper food containers.

Proper containers are necessary to quality canned foods. For example, pickles are better in glass, fruits are just as good in

glass, while meats and most vegetables should be canned in tin. The specialist says there are three kinds of tin. Plain tin is most common and is used for most meats and many vegetables. Corn, peas, chicken, and fish are better in C enamel. R enamel is used for red foods, such as beets and berries, and for pumpkin and squash.

Vacuum seal jars in which certain brands of coffee are sold are suitable for canned fruits and some kinds of vegetables. Miss Jones does not advise their use for canned meats, however.

YANKS VIE IN DARTS

BELFAST, Dec. 30.—Teams of American and British soldiers are vying in dart contests in a Northern Ireland barracks. As the game of darts is not well known in the United States the Yanks are only beginning to learn its finer points.

James Lasater left Wednesday for Dallas to attend the football game in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's day. He is a member of the University of Texas band.

AT FIRST SIGN OF A
COLD
USE **666**
666 TABLETS, SALVE, NOSE DROPS

CHAIRMAN TO BE NAMED HERE FOR PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Citizens of all counties in Texas have been asked to organize and make plans for the celebration of the president's birthday January 30. W. L. Clayton, of Dallas, has been named state chairman and he in turn is making an effort to organize every county and arrange for some kind of observance to raise funds for the fight against infantile paralysis in the state and nation.

The campaign is more important than ever this year because of outbreaks of the disease in many Texas communities. The state chairman stated that drastic steps were being taken to prevent the spread of the disease to other sections.

Neither a chairman nor committees have been appointed in this county but attention will be given the matter at once and an effort made to secure leaders to plan celebration and conduct other features of the money-raising campaign. It is expected that the "march of dimes" and perhaps a benefit dance will be held to help raise a quota to be given Runnels county by the state committee.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jacob and daughter, of Junction; and Mr. and Mrs. Chink Cathey and little daughter, of Wingate, visited in the O. K. Jacob home the first part of the week.

Alvin Simecek left Sunday for A. & M. College after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Simecek.

Chief and Mrs. J. D. McNutt returned home Tuesday after spending Christmas with their mothers at Brenham and Kenney.

Be wise—advertise.

TOP THAT
BY NEW YEAR'S
BUY WAR BONDS

1943

As we come to the close of 1942 we are reminded of those who have meant so much to us during the past year. We deeply appreciate each patron who has remained loyal to us during the year and at this season wish to express our thanks. We have done our best to serve you well and trust that the service rendered will warrant a continuance of business relations during the coming year.

As we enter 1943 with complicated business operations by additional rationing of foods, we promise to serve you in keeping with regulations as well as possible. First of all we wish to cooperate with our government in bringing a successful finish to the war.

1942 has brought a deeper realization of friends than ever before and we will strive at all times to keep our friends and to make others.

May We Wish You a Happy New Year and Express the Hope That This New Year of 1943 be one of Purpose and Courage and Progress for Us All—a Year That Will Help Us Lead the World to Peace and Freedom—and Bring to This, Our Land, a Triumphant Victory.

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RURAL NEWS

BENOIT

Deep and sincere sympathy is extended Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Green of this community. Mrs. Green's brother, John Connor, of Ballinger, answered the angel's call last Saturday morning at five o'clock. Mr. Connor spent most of his youth in this community and was well known and liked by everyone. His presence will be greatly missed in the years to come.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. King, of Coleman, stopped a short time on their way back home, for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hill Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gibson received word recently from their son, Buster Gibson, who is stationed "somewhere in England."

Emmitt Wade, who is stationed at Concho Field, San Angelo, returned Monday after a short visit during the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wade. Mr. and Mrs. C. Brookshier and family spent Christmas at Truitt with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Lockett.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McKay, of San Angelo, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Cox during Christmas.

Christmas Day here was very bright and warm and everyone enjoyed the holiday to the fullest extent. Many of the older ones were observed slipping off after lunch to take advantage of the ideal fishing weather.

Unfortunately for fruit trees, a bright Christmas indicates little or no fruit crops the following year.

Fred Spreen, who has been stationed at Camp Bowie, was at home during Christmas for a visit with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Ashton Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Pullian and Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Condra and daughter were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Hoffman Friday.

Dinner and afternoon guests in the A. W. Hill home Christmas day included: Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pennington, of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Steward and Nova Gayle, of Eldorado; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Elam, of Miles; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wood, of Crews; and Mrs. Dolores Morros and Elvas Ray Lane, of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Clayton and family spent Christmas day at Talpa with relatives.

W. W. McKissack and Whipmy, of San Angelo, stopped a short while at the C. C. Robinson home Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Pulliam attended church in Ballinger Sunday.

Henry Kelly, of Pecos, is the guest of Miss Jerene Helwig this week.

Neal Clayton visited in the C. C. Robinson home Saturday morning. 1943 will soon be here and industrious farmers will patiently make many New Year resolutions, most of them to be broken shortly. But may we all and everyone profit and gain from our mistakes and experiences we have had this year. 1943 will be the best and the worst year for all of us.

HERRING

We had our coldest weather for this winter the past week-end.

The past two Sundays have been so cold we failed to have Sunday school. We are hoping to have better weather next Sunday as it is our regular preaching day.

Our school resumes work Monday after one week Christmas holidays. We had three substitute teachers. The home making teacher, Miss Josephine Browning, of Coleman, resigned to accept a similar position near El Paso. Miss Raye Stone is filling that position at present, and her twin sister, Miss Faye Stone, is teaching in the elementary school. The other teachers hadn't finished their vacation.

There was quite a bit of visiting during Christmas. We failed to learn of all the visitors, and would appreciate any news items anyone can give at any time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Madison and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mullanax, all of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lindermann and son, Kenneth, of Ballinger; Mr. and Mrs. Owen Bragg and sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Bragg all visited Mrs. Zipporah Bragg and Jack during Christmas.

Miss Billie Gene White, of Coleman, visited home folks part of last week.

Miss Bettie Belcher, of Abilene, spent Christmas with her brother, Marshall Belcher, here, and an aunt, Mrs. Vernon Kelly, and family, in the Eagle Branch community.

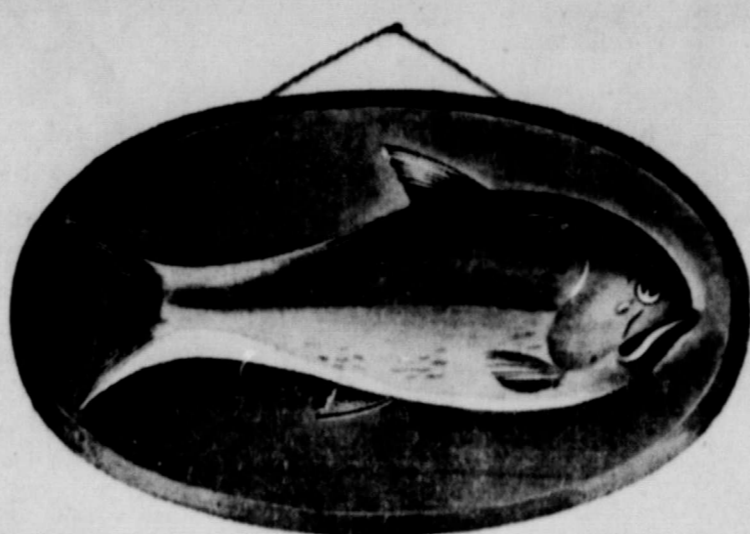
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hale, Sr., had as their guests during Christmas, Pvt. and Mrs. Noel Hale, of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hale and children, of Glen Cove; Mr. and Mrs. Flay Brevard and family, of Blanton; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hale, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Hale, all of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hale and son, Ira, D., of Fort McKavett; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Alcorn, of Crews; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Alcorn, of Talpa rural; and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fuller, Melvin and Neida, of San Angelo, spent Christmas eve with Mr. and Mrs. Welby Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Alcorn, Joe and Foy spent Christmas with relatives at Santa Anna.

Mrs. Bessie Wiesner and children, of Coleman, visited recently

Spreading Rumors May Lead to Death



"I Wouldn't Be Here Now If I Had Kept My Mouth Shut"

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LUBBOCK ARMY FLYING SCHOOL, Lubbock, Tex., Dec. 30.—The above friendly reminder is passed on to the civilian public that it will better serve the United States and her allies by keeping mum, as far as military

news is concerned. The poster is typical of the many decorating the walls at the Lubbock army flying school.

Little rumors, apparently harmless, when pieced together by foreign agents may lead to the

needless deaths of American soldiers and sailors.

During wartime the American public must curb its characteristic desire to hear and pass on gossip and rumor, said officials of this advanced twin-engine bomber training school.

with her mother, Mrs. Fannie Powe, and brother, Clifford, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Bragg visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Brookshier, of Benoit, Christmas eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Bragg, Harold Russell and Glynn visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Grounds, of Talpa, during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Colbert, Winnie and Minnie, of Colorado City, visited his cousin, Mrs. Marshall Belcher, Christmas. They also visited his cousins, Mrs. Berry Matthews, of Crews, and Mrs. Frank O'Dell, of Talpa, and their families.

MRS. A. R. JONES TURNS CAR OVER NEAR POST

Mrs. A. R. Jones, of Lubbock, spent part of the Christmas holidays here with friends and while en route home overturned her car, sustaining minor injuries. She was nearing Post when she hit ice on the pavement, causing the car to skid and turn over. She was picked up and taken to Post for medical treatment and was able to go on to Lubbock in a bus Christmas evening.

Glen McFarland has returned to his school work at John Tarleton College, Stephenville, after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harper McFarland.

Miss Norma Gene Bankston has accepted a position with the West Texas Utilities Co., and began work there a few days before Christmas. She will serve in the front office as bookkeeper.

French Troops Off to Fight Axis



French troops about to leave for the Tunisian front after joining the United Nations' forces, are shown being saluted by American troops at "present arms," in Oran. These were some of the first French soldiers to throw their lot with the Allies following cessation of hostilities in French North Africa.—Soundphoto.

Somethin's Cookin'—Japs' Goose, Mebbe



Like a coach engaged in skill practice with his team before a big game, Col. Merritt A. Edson (seated at desk) goes over the plan of campaign with his officers as he prepares for another move against the Japs on Guadalcanal. Staff officer in foreground is following planned moves on the map. Japs may be facing their own "Bataan" on this treacherous island.

Hypnosis Assists American Flyers Pass Physicals

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—One of the methods by which young men anxious to fight the war as pilots are being helped to pass their physical tests is hypnosis. There are about forty now who have been hypnotized into the United States air forces.

This is according to Dr. Thomas L. Garrett, psychiatrist of the American Flying Services Foundation, the organization started by the Aviators' Post of the American Legion to help young men to correct physical deficiencies which bar them from the air.

Dr. Garrett, a long-time advocate of hypnosis in psychiatric treatment, declared that most of the patients sent him by the AFSF are suffering from "a temporary anxiety neurosis." This shows up on the blood pressure and heart action, or, as Dr. Garrett put it, "they fall on the Schneider index test." In cases sent to him, the anxiety neurosis has been due to fear of falling the tests.

Dr. Garrett treats his patients on a couch. The patient closes his eyes. "Try not to pay attention to what I say," the doctor instructs him and then speaks in a low, monotonous voice that results in a state of semi-consciousness or even total unconsciousness. The doctor has the case history before him and speaks soothingly of whatever it is that is inducing the anxiety.

"Living only in the present" is a very practical mental technique;

in fact, the only useful technique in a combat service, according to Dr. Garrett, who was in the United States air force in France in the last war. Dr. Garrett served seven months in France as a pursuit flyer and then was detached for seven months' service with the medical research board of the United States army.

Dr. Garrett said the effects of twelve treatments spread out over a month are permanent.

All the "temporary anxiety neuroses" Dr. Garrett has treated thus far have been due to fear at being unable to pass the tests. He said he has not treated any who were afraid they would be able to pass. Dr. Garrett said he has had only "three or four" cases that failed to respond to hypnotic treatment.

PATROLMAN JACOB TAKES SERGEANT'S EXAMINATION

State Highway Patrolman W. A. Jacob, of Junction, together with Captain Ray Butler, Charles Rice, Glenn Warner and John Marion, of San Angelo, went to Abilene Tuesday to complete examination for sergeants, which were started at San Angelo two weeks ago.

The Abilene examination consisted mostly of oral interviews. The purpose of the test was to fill several vacancies in the posts of sergeants in Texas. Two years' service is required to qualify as a sergeant.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry McDonald, of Winters, were here for a Christmas visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Toney Nixon, of Camp Bowie, spent Christmas day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nixon, Sr.

Texans Warned Of Big Increase In Cancer Deaths

AUSTIN, December 30.—A steady increase of deaths in Texas from all forms of cancer is disclosed by the fact that over 45,000 people have died from this dreaded disease within the last ten years, according to Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer.

"The public should be warned against cancer 'quacks' and so-called cancer cures," Dr. Cox said. "Advertising of medicines and so-called cancer doctors puts dangerous, misleading information before the public. Undoubtedly," Dr. Cox declared, "there are many persons who being thus delayed in seeking proper medical advice unnecessarily lose their lives to this disease."

According to the state health officer there are two ways of treating cancer; namely, surgery, and the use of radium and X-ray. Treatment must be started early and be carried out by a competent surgeon. In almost two-thirds of the cases surgery is relied upon to remove cancerous growths, while X-ray or radium is used to good advantage in approximately one-third of the cases successfully treated. Frequently the two methods are combined.

"The greatest defense against death by cancer is early diagnosis," Dr. Cox stated. "Every case is an emergency and it is unfortunate that the majority of those persons suffering from cancer do not seek medical advice until beyond permanent cure."

Dr. Cox pointed out that any unusual bleeding from any part of the body, any lump in the breast, or any surface sores, especially on the face and mouth, and even chronic indigestion may be symptoms denoting the presence of cancer.

"Where cancer is suspected, do not delay but consult your physician at once," Dr. Cox advised. "Self-medication, serums, colored lights, pastes, salves, and diets are absolutely valueless."

FARMERS GIVEN SUGGESTIONS IN "SHARE-MEAT" PROGRAM; STAGGERING KILL ONE METHOD

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 30.—Butchering time has arrived and farmers are asking how to comply with the "share-the-meat" program when they have excess quantities of fresh meat.

Roy W. Snyder, animal industries specialist for the A. & M. College extension service, suggests an answer to this question.

First, he says, stagger butchering of hogs. Instead of butchering two or three at one time, butcher one then wait a few weeks to butcher another.

Second, share fresh meat with neighbors at butchering time. Families can "take turn about" in butchering, trading meat between them.

Third, cure hams, shoulders, bacon, and loins. Can the sausage. This leaves the spareribs, head and feet the only meat to be consumed at the time of butchering. The other parts of the animal such as the heart, liver, and tongue are not included in the weekly sharing allowance. Mr. Snyder says similar management should be followed when a family butchers beef, veal, and mutton.

Finally, the specialist says: "If these suggestions cannot be followed, farmers may find it necessary to consume larger quantities of meat in any one week, but the average of two and one-half pounds per adult should be maintained throughout the year. The important thing is: Don't waste meat and don't eat more than your share."

Free publications on killing, cutting, and storing are available from county extension service agents or from extension headquarters at College Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Caskey returned Saturday from Rising Star, where they visited relatives during the holidays.

Aid for War Blind



Plans for rehabilitating soldiers who lose their sight in the war were outlined for the army, navy and marine corps at a dinner in San Francisco, sponsored by the American Foundation for War Blind. Discussing training for sightless soldiers are, left to right, Lieut. Com. C. C. Troensegaard, Miss Mary Coward and Col. W. S. Wood.

1 minute, 40 seconds Reading Time

1942---

Is now a part of the unchangeable past.

History has been made that—as a Nation and—as a World will never be forgotten—by those who live today—or in the lives and very souls of those who shall live—in years to come.

SINCE—

The Bombing of Pearl Harbor—50,000 of Our Own Fighting Men have made the Supreme Sacrifice! May each of us—on the Home Front—make any—and every sacrifice needed—that will help those who fight for Freedom—

As

1943---

Dawns—on us—and—our hearts look to the Future—and—Hope—comes to our own country—and to those of Our Allies—as—our own and Allied Forces—gain on all fronts—Land—Air—and Sea—We—on the Home Front—must—see that—the Best Tanks—Guns—Planes—Bombs—Shot and Shell—as well—as Food and Clothing—are delivered to them. we are not going to say

Happy New Year---

to you—but— we do—wish that you may have the very best— **NEW YEAR** and 1943— that's possible for you to have. We have— appreciated your business—the past 36 years in Ballinger—and we assure you—that—we'll continue to do so. Mistakes—have been made—of course—but we are determined—as we begin the New Year—to try **HARDER** than ever—to **Serve You**— in the very best possible way. May God bless, protect, and keep you and yours—and may— **Victory and Peace** soon come!

Higginbotham's
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Happy New Year To All



At this season we should like to take each one of our depositors by the hand and express our best wishes for the happiest of Happy New Years, but time and circumstance often prevent us from doing some of the things we most want to do. And so we take this means to extend a word of greeting.

The New Year will be one of world-shaking events... a historic year in which the destinies of men and nations will take form. It will be a year of work and sacrifice, but in the distance there will be light, bringing hope of peace and more settled times.

We wish you all a very Happy New Year. As in the past our time and energies will be devoted to your service. We appreciate your business, loyalty and good will. To new depositors a cordial invitation is extended.



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**Only One Prisoner
Spends Christmas
In County's Prison**

There was only one prisoner in the Runnels county jail during the Christmas holidays and he was a man being held for Concho county officers. Sheriff J. L. Moreland stated that it was perhaps the quietest Christmas in the history of the county so far as crime was concerned and that the Yule dinner this year was a small worry for the jailer.

Officers were called upon for a number of investigations during the holidays. On Wednesday night of last week a pick-up belonging to Dick Johnson was stolen while Mr. Johnson and family were attending a show. Officers on the case found the car the next day, badly wrecked and in a ditch on a country road several miles from Ballinger. Later it was discovered where the machine had been crashed one mile north of Lowake and a number of leads are being followed.

HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED RECENTLY
Ledger subscribers are requested to notify the publisher of any change in their addresses promptly.

Under the new postal laws newspapers and periodicals must pay postage due for notices of any change in addresses furnished by the postoffice. Besides, there always is the probability that your paper will be delayed or fail to reach you altogether if you do not give immediate notification when you move.

The best plan for all concerned is to send the change of address in advance.

As the new year breaks upon us, we on the home front probably have more reason than ever to decide on resolutions that will carry us bravely through a period of war-time economy. Resolutions for 1943 will tend to be less personal and will bespeak our feelings for all mankind. Although many people have reasons to be sad as we begin 1943, there should be multiple reasons for thanksgiving. The exact contributions of those on the home front in winning the war may never be told, but there is a part for each one to play. More rigid war-time measures are being announced for civilians and must be obeyed if we want to help win this global war. Some will be harsh, some will reduce the standard of living, but such is war and those who sacrifice just a little should be glad of the opportunity to help in the over-all war effort and guarantee that our soldiers and our allies will be able to continue the fight with ever-increasing pressure.

Starting with 1943 Americans will begin to make their first heavy payments for carrying on the war. These will come in the form of new taxes and increased levies. The new victory tax will affect millions, the stepped-up income tax will call for systematic saving to pay the bill, and many other levies will be a constant drain on the pocketbook. All these taxes must be paid and paid without cessation in the buying of war bonds and stamps. Fighting a successful war is an expensive affair and it will dig deep into the incomes of all to keep up the pace and meet production goals set for 1943. There are so many bright spots on the war horizon that citizens should be more eager than ever to do their full share in bringing victory as quickly as possible.

Ballinger will begin 1943 with few if any changes in business. During the year just closing a number of firms discontinued business because their products were no longer available. These included first automobile houses, tire dealers and other concerns which were automatically out when rationing started. The past twelve months have not been too bad on others and most merchants have done a fair amount of business.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Dodge and family and Mrs. J. H. Goss, of Abilene, visited relatives in Ballinger during the Christmas holidays.

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Notice

Mrs. Ila Ferguson has resigned as collector for our company effective January 1, 1943.

Beginning February 1, 1943, Mrs. Gertrude Woods will handle all our collections. Please make all payments to Mrs. Woods at her insurance office, next door to postoffice.

J. M. Garlington is still local manager for Ballinger and will look after interests of the company in this city.

Southwestern Sewer Co.
"Guardian of Community Health"

J. M. Garlington Manager
Mrs. Gertrude Woods Collector

Anti-Aircraft Artillerymen 'Keep 'Em Falling'



Men behind our big anti-aircraft guns must move with clock-like and flawless precision. The heart of the anti-aircraft artillery is the battery commander headquarters (left). Here in the underground station Lieut. E. Seeleye, White Plains, N. Y., plots the progress of approaching planes. At his elbow Pvt. John Drina, Brooklyn, reports messages from the units on the range. Right: A 90-millimeter gun has just been fired. The gunner's last duty before firing a new round is to kick the shell case from the gun platform.



**WEST TEXAS
NOTES**

Making of surgical dressings in the Red Cross center at Sweetwater was resumed Monday after volunteer workers had taken off last week to look after their personal Christmas needs. The center is working on a large quota of several different types of bandages and sponges and shipments are due within a few weeks.

Junction city officials banned shooting of fireworks during the holiday period and instructed enforcement officers to arrest violators. The ordinance was passed to meet state fire law requirements and to have a safe and sane celebration during the Christmas season.

Announcement was made last week that classes would be resumed at the Miles school on January 4. Students were dismissed December 18 after Christmas programs were presented in the various rooms.

County Agent R. F. McSwain, of McCulloch county, has been granted a leave of absence by the commissioners' court in order to enter the army. McSwain will report as a first lieutenant in the coast artillery. He has been doing extension service work since 1924.

All county offices in Eastland county were closed Friday and Saturday, giving officials and their employees a three-day holiday. A number of business houses followed suit and took the extra day off, opening for business Monday of this week.

County officials at Robert Lee received personal letters this week from Governor Coke R. Stevenson, complimenting the citizens on the recent scrap metal drive. Coke county was one in which more than 100 pounds per capital was received at concentration depots. A special pennant will be mailed the county judge for the splendid accomplishment.

Stephenville merchants reported the heaviest buying period in December in the past twenty years. Stocks of gift merchandise were almost sold out several days before Christmas and streets were full and stores crowded nearly every day in the month. Stores were well supplied at the beginning of the month and most shoppers found their gifts.

All business houses at Brady were closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday, giving managers and clerks a three-day Christmas holiday. A petition to take the extra day off for Christmas got practically a 100 per cent sign-up. Merchants also reported one of the best Christmas business seasons in many years with most stores' stocks beginning to dwindle.

War bond sales at Eden in December were far over the top and brought the total for the year above the twelve monthly quotas set by state headquarters. For the past twelve months Concho county exceeded its quota by \$60,274.

After having served as a public official in the Coleman county court house twelve years, County Judge John R. Harris will retire January 1 to resume private life. He has opened an office in a Coleman bank building and will engage in the practice of law after the first of the year. Judge Harris was reared at Burkett and resided there until first elected to office.

Citizens of Winters saw the official pictures of the Jap bomb-

ing of Pearl Harbor on Christmas day. The film, a special booking at the State Theatre, was shown with a follow-up appeal to buy war bonds in the drive for Runnels countians to purchase a bomber in December.

The Brown county draft board announced last week that 40 youths had been registered for military service and that a quota had been received for December

30. The year-end call was one of the largest for the county since the draft law was enacted.

9,000 SPY GLASSES SENT

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Dec. 30.—Nine thousand binoculars and telescopes have been received by the New Zealand government for the fighting forces.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shepperd returned Monday from Waco, where they spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George Graves and children and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hambrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Parker and children, of Cleburne, have returned home after a holiday visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shepherd.

CIVIC-GARDEN CLUB TO SHOW PLANS FOR WAR GARDENS

The Ballinger Civic-Garden Club will meet at the city hall at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, January 4, and will study plans for a model war garden. Charts will show how to plant a small or a large plot of ground and what variety of flowers and vegetables to use for best results in this locality.

Members are advised to bring pencils and paper for taking notes during the program.

Interest in war gardens is growing and with the beginning of additional rationing of foods, gardens can help solve the food problem during 1943. The club will present programs that will be of great help to all interested in growing any size garden and especially will this be helpful to town people who are not experienced in this work.

Visitors are welcome at all meetings and those interested are invited to join.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Forman and daughter spent Christmas in Coleman, visiting relatives and friends.

Edward Heinze, of Miles, transacted business in Ballinger Monday.

QUARTERMASTER CORPS DEVELOPS BUTTER THAT STANDS TROPIC HEAT

WASHINGTON, December 30.—A new type food product, known as "army spread" and intended primarily for soldiers in tropical stations, has been developed by the quartermaster corps, the war department announces.

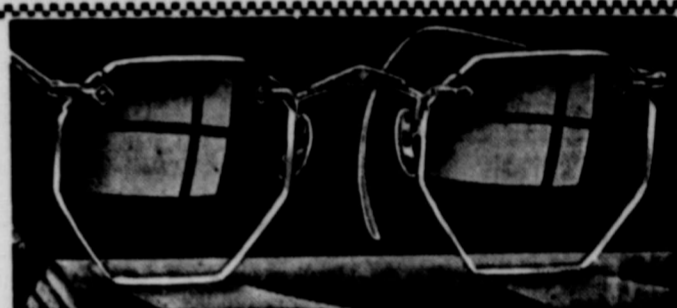
"Army spread" is a combination of creamery butter, fresh cheese curd, and skim milk powder. The butter-fat content of the new canned "butter" is not less than fifty-six per cent.

It will not melt when in containers below a temperature of 120 degrees, whereas an earlier butter substitute issued to the army, known as "Carter spread," melted at 110 degrees.

Mrs. Nile Broyles and children, of Corpus Christi, spent the Christmas holidays here with Mrs. Broyles' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Brewer.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Roe, of San Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McMillan and family, of Mason, visited relatives and friends in Ballinger during the holidays.

Typewriter ribbons at Ledger office.



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To our customers and friends:

In looking ahead we see one guiding star that shines brighter than all others. It is labeled Victory. All of our bank's policies, our thoughts, our actions, will be shaped to meet the needs of our country in its hour of peril. Everything that we can do to help win the war will be done.

While we serve our country directly in many ways, we feel that our major contribution is through service to our customers and our community. Behind our fighting forces must be a fighting nation. You—we—all of us, must be strong, resolute, efficient. We must work together, help each other in the common cause.

As the New Year dawns we thank you sincerely for your patronage in the past, and pledge our every effort to serving your financial needs in the future. We have the funds, facilities, ability and desire to help you so that you in turn may help your country. Whether you are engaged directly in war work, or in one of the numerous, essential home-front activities, we want you to know that we are

Your friend,
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
Ballinger, Texas

P. S.—According to our usual custom, we will have for distribution beginning Saturday, January 2, 1943, our CALENDARS for the New Year

"THERE IS A TAVERN"

Caleendars will not be mailed. Children must have written order from parent or guardian.

At This New Year Season We Wish You Health, Happiness,
Prosperity, Victory.

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Bank of Bradshaw And Winters State Are Consolidated

Consolidation of the Bank of Bradshaw and the Winters State Bank was announced last week after all legal matters had been settled. Liquidation of the Bradshaw bank, one of the oldest institutions in south Taylor county, was attributed to conditions growing out of the war.

Established in 1910 by the late D. T. Bomar, of Fort Worth, and others, the Bradshaw bank was owned and operated by Ocie Hunt and associates.

In giving written notice to the depositors of the Bank of Bradshaw, Mr. Hunt stated: "Feeling that it would be more convenient for a large majority of our customers, we have arranged to transfer your bank balance to the Winters State Bank of Winters."

The Winters institution is one of the oldest state banks in Texas. It was established by John Q. McAdams, present state banking commissioner, and is headed by J. W. Dixon, president, and W. S. Horn, vice-president.

SILK CULTURE BEING PROMOTED IN BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 30.—Silk culture in Sao Paulo state of Brazil is being actively promoted by the national and state governments. Sao Paulo now produces ninety-five per cent of Brazil's crop.

A service of silk culture has been created which supplies those interested with mulberry slips and silkworm eggs free. Whereas, in Japan, the greatest silk-producing country, two or three crops of cocoons are grown yearly, in Sao Paulo as many as eight successive crops can be raised, and even twelve crops have been grown in some sections of Brazil. In Sao Paulo silk culture is one phase of diversified farming, and the care of the silkworms depends largely on women and children.

"GOLD-BRICKERS" SENTENCED

GLASGOW, Scotland, Dec. 30.—Because they disliked their jobs and wanted to join the royal air force, two apprentice welders stayed away from work at the Clyde shipyard to get on the firm's blacklist and obtain their discharge. Frank McCann and David Eskdale, pleading guilty to absenteeism, were sentenced to 60 days in jail.

Judge and Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff and Everett James spent the holidays in Abilene, visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. R. D. Jones and Miss Nancy Jones, of Arlington, were holiday visitors in the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. Dexter Eoff. Mrs. Eoff is a daughter of Mrs. Jones.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Bailey, Charles, Jr., and Sally, were in Lampasas on Christmas day for a visit with relatives and friends.

Big Tin Can for Gen. Erwin Rommel



Resting his foot on a captured fuel can of General Rommel's defeated Afrika Korps, air vice marshal Arthur Coningham, air officer commanding the western front in the Egyptian desert, makes his report to Gen. Bernard L. Montgomery, commander of Britain's Eighth army. Picture was taken near Cairo, Egypt.

Fast-Growing Pigs Require More Protein

(Editor's Note: This is one article of a series, "Feed to Speed War Production," published by the West Texas Cottonseed Oil Company to help the "Food for Freedom" program.)

"Hogs have usually been more deficient in protein feed than any other class of livestock," the United States Department of Agriculture has said in a "Food for Freedom" release.

This, the Department added, was because many farmers thought they could be raised efficiently on corn alone. Swine, however, are fast-growing animals and especially need high-protein feeds up to 100 pounds in weight.

Protein also is highly important, feeding authorities agree, as a means of saving grain in hog rations. One hundred pounds of a protein supplement—such as cottonseed meal or peanut meal combined with tankage or fish meal, or a mixture of two parts cottonseed meal, two parts peanut meal and one part alfalfa meal—will save 400 to 600 pounds of corn or other grain. As much as one billion pounds of corn in the United States could have been saved in 1942, alone, by proper use of protein supplements in hog rations, it is estimated.

"Five to six bushels of corn fed with 50 pounds of protein supplements will add as much weight to a hog in less time than 10 bushels of corn fed alone," J. R. Hawkins, South Carolina Extension Livestock Specialist, points out. Increased supplies of cottonseed

meal, peanut meal and other vegetable protein concentrates make it easy for hog raisers to produce more pork and save grain this season, despite the estimated decrease of about 8 per cent in 1942 total supplies of animal-protein feeds, including skim milk (18 per cent less animal-protein feed per animal unit in 1942 than in 1941).

Practical methods of combining cottonseed meal and peanut meal with limited amounts of animal-protein feeds include the use of a protein-supplement mixture of parts cottonseed meal, one part alfalfa meal and one part tankage or fish meal, or a mixture of cottonseed meal, peanut meal and alfalfa meal may be used. Where tankage is available, a widely-used protein supplement for many years has been a half-and-half mixture of cottonseed meal and tankage, fish meal or shrimp meal.

Scarcity of labor on many farms is being overcome in part by following the plan of self-feeding swine, which saves both labor and time. Growing pigs and fattening hogs may receive whole grain in one compartment of the self-feeder, with the protein supplement in the other, or a mixture of grains and protein supplement may be fed. Pigs will start eating when about three weeks old, and will eat and gain well if a ration adequate in protein is kept in a conveniently-located creep-feeder.

Recognizing the increasing need for pork and pork products as "Food for Freedom," Extension Services, Vocational Agriculture Departments, many Branches of the United States Department of Agriculture and other agencies have special swine feeding information available. By obtaining this information from County Agents, Vocational Agriculture Teachers or other agricultural workers, farmers can profit from practical suggestions for producing pork more efficiently and more economically.

TOILET KITS MAY BE ISSUED BY U. S. ARMY

WASHINGTON, December 30.—Safety razors and blades, shaving cream, tooth brushes and powder and soap now may be issued to American troops in the field as part of their rations at the discretion of the commander of the field forces, the war department announces.

Other articles which may be issued as part of the daily ration include one ounce of candy, two books of safety matches and twenty cigarettes or one ounce of chewing or smoking tobacco.

Army regulations provide that in the theatres of operation, when such articles cannot be obtained otherwise by troops, their issue may be authorized by the commander from stocks supplied by the quartermaster corps.

Miss Helen Brewer left this week for Odessa to resume her school work after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brewer.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stowe and daughter left here Tuesday for Merton after spending the holidays at Abilene and with Ballinger friends.

Mrs. E. H. McMurtry and daughter, Kathryn, of Tulsa, are here for a visit in the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. Dexter Eoff.



First Presbyterian Church (301 Broadway)

Thursday: 11:30 p. m., New Year's watch service. Communion of the Lord's Supper. The public is cordially invited to worship with us in these beginning minutes of the New Year.

Friday: 10:00 a. m., prayer service. The president of the United States has requested that January 1 be a day of prayer. All are invited.

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, "Communion in Christ."

6 p. m., vesper service. Sermon subject, "Open Windows."

Monday: 4 p. m., Auxiliary business meeting. J. C. JOHNSON, Pastor

First Methodist Church

Sunday, January 3, 1943: Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11:00 a. m. Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Intermediate and Youth Fellowship, 7:00 p. m. W. E. SHIPP, Pastor

First Baptist Church (400 Eighth Street)

Begin the New Year right—attend church. Sunday, January 3: Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Judge E. C. Grindstaff, superintendent. 11:00 a. m., sermon by pastor, "For Such a Time as This—Book of Esther."

5:00 p. m., cadet fellowship hour. 6:30 p. m., Baptist Training Union, Theodore Whitehead, director.

7:30 p. m., sermon by pastor, "Why Do Good—People Suffer—Job."

ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK: Monday: 3:30 p. m., Sunbeams. 4:00 p. m., the W. M. S. meets at the church.

5:00 p. m., Junior and Intermediate G. A. 6:30 p. m., Y. W. A. Tuesday: Deacons' meeting. 7:00 p. m., Sunday school meeting.

Wednesday: 7:30 p. m., prayer meeting. Choir. The public is invited to worship with us.

CLARENCE A. MORTON, Pastor

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church U. S. A.

Sunday, January 3, 1943: 9:45 a. m., church school, Roy L. Hill, general superintendent. 11:00 a. m., morning worship. Communion of Lord's Supper. 7:00 p. m., evening worship.

W. A. ERWIN, Pastor

Eighth Street Church of Christ

Sunday: 9:45 a. m., Bible school. 10:45 a. m., preaching service. 11:45 a. m., communion service. 6:45 p. m., young people's meeting.

7:30 p. m., evening service. Monday: 4:00 p. m., ladies' Bible class. Wednesday: 7:30 p. m., prayer meeting service. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy these services with us.

Foursquare Church (104 North Twelfth Street)

"Where you're a stranger but once." This Week's Services: Prayer and Bible study, 8:00 p. m.

Friday, January 1, 1943, 7:30 p. m.: "Victory" Crusader Rally—Special singing. Miles and San Angelo ministers and Crusaders are attending this "special" service. Everybody welcome, old and young.

Sunday: Sunday school, 10:00 a. m., Dollie Bollier, superintendent. Classes for all. Morning worship, 11:00 a. m. Evangelistic service, 8:00 p. m. 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 H. HARRINGTON, Pastor

Church of Christ (1109 Ninth Street)

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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

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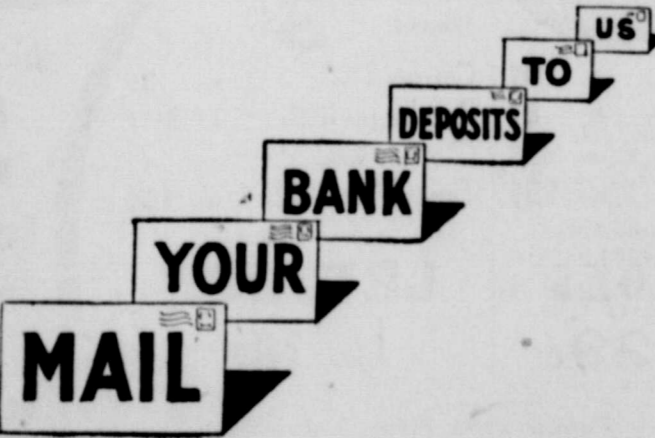
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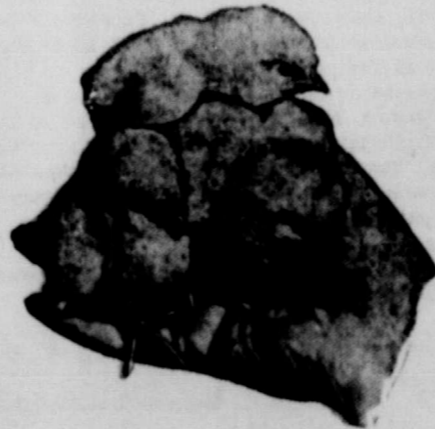
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BALLINGER FIREMEN GET TWO DONATIONS

The Ballinger fire department this week received a \$25 check from the Texas Compress Co. for helping to control a blaze at the company's warehouse here, also a check for \$5 from Ruel Boswell for assistance when a fire originated in a barn at his residence.

Mr. and Mrs. George P. Drope, of San Antonio, are here for a few days' visit with Mrs. J. Y. Pearce and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Pearce.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Reese and children, of Stephenville, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reese, of Houston, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reese during the holidays.

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School Gymnasium Will be Completed By End of January

A shipment of doors and door-facings is due to arrive here next week to be used in the new school gymnasium. This work is being rushed as much as possible and Supt. Nat. Williams stated Wednesday that he expected the building to be finished by the end of January or before.

Most of the interior work has been finished and as soon as doors and facings are installed a schedule for use of the new gym will be made up and started. School officials said it was not likely that a basketball schedule with other schools would be carried out this year, but inter-class games would be played as soon as the indoor court was ready.

Materials for the new school building have been difficult to obtain and this coupled with the shortage of labor has slowed construction during the past several months. Most of the building is now in use, however, and recently most of the effort has been devoted to the gym, the last section of the building to be completed.

Completion of the building will provide the first gym for use of Ballinger students and will fill a long felt want in the school system. The building is large, well-equipped, and has ample seating capacity for local crowds. A large stage will make band concerts, plays and other entertainments possible and the auditorium will provide a meeting place for large gatherings in the city.

TWO SPECIAL SERVICES AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. J. C. Johnson, pastor, has announced two special services at the First Presbyterian Church. The first of these will be tonight at 11:30 when a watch service and New Year's communion service is held. Those who plan to watch the new year in are invited to worship at this time. All believers are welcome to take part in the communion.

The second service will be held at 10 a. m. on New Year's day. President Roosevelt has asked that January 1 be observed as a day of prayer and all who will be asked to attend this special prayer service.

Surgical Dressings (Continued from Page 1)

C. Stratton, Mrs. H. G. Agnew and Mrs. Theo Bell from 8 to 10 p. m.

Friday Morning
From 9 to 11 a. m., Mrs. J. A. Schnable, Mrs. Lee Maples and Mrs. Bailey Mack will have charge of a large group of workers.

Any woman who has not registered and would like to participate in this work is asked to telephone Mrs. Fred Harman and give her name and she will be assigned to a class that will suit her convenience. More workers can be used in each group and to finish the first part of the quota on time will require a large number in every group.

The large room on the third floor of the court house has been prepared for the purpose and wash rooms and packing sections are ready for the work Monday evening.

Serving Uncle Sam (Continued from Page 1)

John Simecek, she will leave tonight for Des Moines to resume her duties.

K. K. Hoffman, check pilot at the Harman Training Center, has received word of the splendid work of one of his students in the North African theatre of war. Lieut. Robert Paulsen, a member of class 42-F who received primary training here under Mr. Hoffman, went from Ballinger to Goodfellow Field, where he joined the Caterpillar Club when he bailed out of his training plane.

A clipping from the Chicago Tribune reads as follows: "Led by one of the heroes of Major-General James H. Doolittle's raid on Tokyo, medium bombers of the 12th air force battered docks, warehouses, railroad yards and oil tanks in a night raid on the port of Sfax, Tunisia, and then swooped as low as 25 feet to machine gun their targets. Major David M. Jones, of Winters, Texas, was flight leader and Lieut. Paulsen was one of the flyers participating in the attack, the squadron's first operational flight."

Lieut. Luther Reese, of Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, spent Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reese.

Lieut. Francis Pearce, of Ft. McClelland, Alabama, came in Tuesday for a few days' visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Pearce.

Buy U. S. defense bonds and stamps every pay day.

DEATHS

Harold H. Wilder
The body of Harold H. Wilder arrived here Saturday morning from Tampa, Florida, where he had been in training with the 402nd signal company at the third air base for several months.

Wilder left Ballinger September 4 for Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, where he remained one week before being transferred to the Tampa base. First news of the death was received here Tuesday morning in a message from Lieut. Kermit E. Madden, commander of the signal company. A letter followed in which the commanding officer told how Pvt. Wilder met his death in a fall from a water tower about 7:45 a. m. Monday, December 21. The letter further stated that Pvt. Wilder was held in high esteem by the officers and men at the air base, that he was an excellent soldier with outstanding character.

Another letter was received the first of this week from Chaplain John P. Fitzsimmons which will be a great comfort to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wilder.

Pvt. Wilder was due home on a furlough for the Christmas holidays and would have left the camp within a few more days. His parents and relatives were planning a big Christmas celebration with their soldier son.

Funeral services were held at the King-Holt chapel Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Clarence A. Morton officiating, assisted by Sergeant Thomas A. Bailey, Jr., who escorted the body to Ballinger from Tampa.

The American Legion was in charge of the rites at the cemetery where the flag was taken from the casket and presented to the parents just before taps were sounded.

Survivors besides the parents include three sisters, Mrs. R. D. Beavers and Mrs. Homer Sharples, Ballinger; and Mrs. J. W. Mankin, Nashville, Tennessee. Pallbearers were Legionnaires K. V. Northington, O. C. Sykes, W. O. Wallace, W. B. May, E. V. Hays, and Troy Simpson.

King-Holt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

J. W. Connor

J. W. Connor, 58, died at his home, 707 Fifteenth Street, Saturday morning at 5:20 o'clock after illness of nine days but in failing health for some time.

Decedent had been an employee of the federal government for the past 16 years and until his health failed him some four years ago. He was a member of the Grace Baptist Church and of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Ballinger and had been an active Odd Fellow for more than fifteen years.

Survivors besides the wife include one son, L. L. Connor; one daughter, Mrs. R. C. Dishman, Maryville, Colorado; four grandchildren, one brother, P. H. Connor, Greenville; three sisters, Mrs. Joe Green, Benoit; Mrs. Bob Roberts, McGregor; and Mrs. Laura Raff, Roswell, New Mexico.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Grace Baptist Church, Rev. Raymond C. Wilson officiating. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Milton Clayton, Arch Brookshier, Andy Spreen, Arthur Hoffman, Otto and Albert Spreen.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

A. A. Morris

A. A. Morris, 67, of Lamesa, died at the Halley & Love Sanitarium at 1:15 a. m. December 24, following illness of 20 days and falling health for two years.

Decedent had come here to visit relatives when he became ill and entered the local hospital for treatment. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and of the Church of Christ, with membership at Gatesville.

Survivors besides the wife include three sons, Buster Morris, McGregor; J. H. Morris, Lamesa; and Gaston Morris, Lamesa; three daughters, Mrs. J. J. Carnette, Carlsbad, N. M.; Mrs. John Alexander, El Paso; and Mrs. Buster Henderson, Lamesa. Sid Morris, of Ballinger, is a brother of decedent.

Funeral services were held at the Agnew chapel Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. M. C. Golden and Rev. Raymond Wilson officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BROADCAST ANNOUNCES PARISH APPOINTMENT

A radio broadcast heard in Ballinger today noon announced that Judge O. L. Parish of Ballinger had been appointed to serve as judge of the seventh administrative judicial district of Texas.

Judge Parish has received no official notice of the appointment and nothing is known here other than the information contained in the broadcast.

Judge Parish stated that if such were the case, it would not affect his standing as judge of the 19th judicial district and that he would only be in charge of several districts with power to call meetings, assign other judges to special cases where there were disqualifications and attend to administrative business for the seventh district.

MRS. MAGGIE COKER DIES AT PAINT ROCK

Mrs. Maggie Coker, mother of Captain Frank Coker, died at her home near Paint Rock Wednesday night and funeral services were being held there this afternoon.

Capt. Coker was here from Camp Edwards, Massachusetts, several weeks ago for a visit with his mother, who was ill at that time. He was unable to return for the funeral service.

No particulars were received here on the death other than that funeral services were to be held at Paint Rock this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

B. C. D. Directors (Continued from Page 1)

been numerous in the past few months and the organization has employed paid forces, directors and committees at times having hired additional helpers to assist defense groups. In a discussion of future activities it was pointed out that war work would demand practically all the time of the organization for the duration. In this way it was felt, the greatest possible service could be rendered the community and those who are now in the armed forces.

In considering a speaker for the 1943 banquet it was decided to invite one of the most outstanding war workers it is possible to secure.

The new rationing program set up by the government for 1943 will require a vast army of civilians to register consumers and issue books and in this type of work the B. C. D. has been doing all it possibly can.

A large amount of other work also was done during the past year. Secretary J. A. Killough has looked after local programs and celebrations and at the same time attended a number of civilian defense schools to better prepare himself for leading the B. C. D. program for 1943.

All directors are urged to be present Monday evening at 8 o'clock to assist in closing the business of 1942 and to make preliminary plans for the next twelve months. The eleven new directors to be elected will be announced at the annual banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Barnett, who had been residing in Brown county several months, have moved back to a place near Ballinger.

Pvt. Robert Williams, of the 43rd school squadron, Randolph Field, was at home over the weekend to visit relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Agnew chapel Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. M. C. Golden and Rev. Raymond Wilson officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Lumpkin Infant

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Lumpkin died on December 17 and funeral services were held at the gravestone in Evergreen Cemetery. Survivors include the parents and grandparents.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. N. C. Baker
Mrs. N. C. Baker, 46, of Bronte, died at the Halley & Love Sanitarium December 17 following illness of twenty days.

Decedent had been residing at Bronte for about a year, moving there from Tennyson. She was a

MISS KIECHLE ENLISTS IN WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS

Miss Mary Jane Kiechle, teacher in the Ballinger schools for a number of years, has tendered her resignation and will begin service with the woman's army auxiliary corps. She was sworn into the WAACs by Lieut. Charles L. Kelly, third officer of the corps on duty in the San Antonio recruiting district during the Christmas holidays.

Prior to obtaining her B. A. degree at Simmons University, Miss Kiechle attended Texas Christian University and the University of Texas, and for the past three years has been teaching school.

"I am going to enjoy going back to school even though it is for so short a time," Miss Kiechle said. "Learning to do things in the army way during time of war is something I think all American women should do."

Lieut. Kelly, upon congratulating Miss Kiechle on enrolling in the women's army auxiliary corps stated: "You have a fine chance of being selected from the ranks of the auxiliaries and sent to an officer's training school. However, every woman who enters the WAAC has the same opportunity. It is up to each individual to prove she is capable of leadership."

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Mack visited relatives at Whitewright during the holidays, returning home Tuesday.

METHODISTS TO HAVE NEW YEAR'S SERVICE

The membership of the First Methodist Church will watch the old year out and the new year in tonight in a special service. The group will gather in the basement of the church in the early evening and enjoy a social, games, community singing and other entertainment as well as refreshments.

At 11:30 the group will assemble in the church auditorium for songs, prayers, readings and a brief message from the pastor, Rev. W. E. Shipp. All members of the church and others who would

like to attend are invited. Those in charge of the special service urge entire families to attend and stated there would be games and other amusement for the children the first part of the evening.

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